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Irving City Manager saga continues

BY SHARON BARBOSA-CRAIN

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Irving City Council's Work Session Agenda included an Executive Session item entitled "Legal Advice-City Manager's Contract." This discussion was expected to yield a decision on whether the



Tommy Gonzalez

Council wanted to offer Irving City Manager Tommy Gonzalez a new contract. While the discussion was closed to the public, one thing is apparent, no decision was reached. Well-placed sources said no Council member offered a framework of a new contract for consideration, including Mayor Beth Van

Duyn, although two of the officials strongly supported a new agreement.

Following this meeting, with no Council meeting scheduled until the week of March 18, the Mayor set a special meeting for 11 a.m., Friday, March 8. Apparently several Council members were not consulted as

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Bank payday lending persists despite broad and growing opposition

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

In today's challenging financial times, the cost of living finds many consumers with an ongoing financial challenge to hold on until their next payday arrives. Even worse, when banks peddle predatory pay-

day loans, they pose serious threats to their customers' financial well-being. Marketed under names like "direct deposit advance", these loans are easy to get; but hard to pay off. As consumers get ensnared by the debt trap, banks reap repeating cycles of quick cash.

In its latest report on bank payday lending, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) found that although participating banks claim that their payday loan products are only for short-term emergencies and carry marginal risks, the real-life experiences were opposite.

Instead, the typical bank payday borrower:

- Is charged an annual percentage rate (APR) that averages 225-300 percent;
- Took out 19 loans in 2011, spending at least part of six months a year in bank payday debt; and

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Paul Quinn hosting Deferred Action Workshop on April 2

DALLAS – Paul Quinn College will present "Working Towards a Greater WE Legally: A Deferred Action Workshop" on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. on campus at 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd. in the Grand Lounge. The presenter will be Kendrea Tannis, the founding dean of the Work



Program at Paul Quinn College.

"This is an opportunity for community members to learn about the Deferred Action Program, which affects millions of families across cultures," said Tannis. "Paul Quinn College is working to ensure that all students, regardless of their legal statuses, are presented

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Immigration isn't just a Latino issue

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The federal government must step up

BY WADE HENDERSON

Forty years ago, the Supreme Court created an unmitigated disaster for our nation's school children when it ruled on the case of *San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez*.

The 5-4 decision allowed Texas to fund school districts on the basis of locally raised tax dollars, confining children in poor communities to underfunded schools. It was a triumph of states' rights

over human rights, holding that education was not a fundamental right under our Constitution and that citizens could not sue in federal court to when states underfund their schools. This has led to decades of expensive, drawn-out litigation in most states on behalf of students, parents, and poor communities thirsting for better schools.

Rodriguez's legacy runs counter to the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. See GOVERNMENT, Page 3

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Anise D. Wiley-Little

CHICAGO (BlackNews.com) -- Profitable Diversity: How Economic Inclusion Can Lead to Success by Anise D. Wiley-Little proves that corporate diversity is not only ethical, but a smart business move. Diversity is race and gender, but it is also so much more than that - and should be approached not as simply a number to be filled, but as a way to maximize success. Profitable Diversity, an easy-read guide for chief diversity officers, practitioners, and business leaders, will change the way the

corporate world approaches diversity.

Profitable Diversity addresses companies owned by women, veterans, and those certified by the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, giving special attention to the most overlooked aspects of diversity. This how-to guide uses real-life examples to make a compelling case: diversity is vital for maximum business potential. Profitable Diversity embraces the unconventional, reasoning that unconventional methods

lead to unconventional degrees of success.

Busy professionals will benefit from Profitable Diversity's readability and concisely stated arguments. With the help of Profitable Diversity, increased and maximized diversity will lead to increased and maximized business opportunities and strategic partnerships. This practical guide offers original ideas on how to translate diversity into ever-growing success.

Anise D. Wiley-Little is a human resource, diversity and inclusion, work-life strategist, life coach, sought-after speaker and former chief diversity officer.



She has spent more than 25 years in a Fortune 100 organization and serving the

community. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the

2006 Most Influential African Americans Freedom Award for her contribution to racial justice and equality and the People's Voice 2006 Leadership. Wiley-Little has also been selected as one of Chicago's most influential in Who's Who in Black Chicago, and as YWCA's 2010 Women of Achievement in Business. She has been widely quoted or profiled in many publications including the Chicago Tribune, Workforce Management, Investor's Business Daily, PR Week and HR Magazine. She currently lives in north suburban Chicago.

Velma Trayham

Described by her peers, clients and employees as a positive, influential and driven entrepreneur with a proven track record of success. Baltimore, MD-Houston transplant Velma Trayham is the owner of Houston's Jazzy Girls Beauty Boutique. The facility is a luxury upscale beauty services and retail boutique. Trayham is also the owner of the Jazzy Girls Luxury Hair Collection, which is a luxury elite multicultural blend of

human hair on one reinforced wefting system. Finally, Trayham is the owner of over 20 Go Daddy Tax service locations. This makes it one of the country's fastest growing income tax preparation franchises. The burgeoning mogul is also simultaneously branding her sought after sexy alter-ego Coco the CEO and solidifying plans for a full fledged marketing firm to assist others in amplifying their success.



The mother of two is a self described, God fearing CEO, business consultant, event host and noted speaker on the platform of success and motivation while overcoming hardships. While Trayham epitomizes the true essence of a Southern Belle, her corporate background and experience demonstrates her professional diversity. Her past entrepreneurial endeavors include ownership of a trucking and custom candle company and pain management clinic.

Trayham not only lends her brains to counsel new and transitioning businesses from concept to organizational development and producing events such the Jazzy Girls Beauty Boutique "Glam Beauty Bar" in Los Angeles and the 2013 NBA All-Star Luxury Gifting Suite; but also her beauty as a popular fashionista, socialite and event host.

In addition to building thriving companies, Trayham leaves no stone un-turned as it relates to other aspects of her life. She is dedicated to

living a physically fit and healthy lifestyle. Her most recent initiative is the introduction of the complimentary Coco The CEO presents Jazzy Girl Get it Right Get it Tight fitness camp during the month of April.

She has been featured in various publications such as *Rolling Out*, *Juicy*, *Sister 2 Sister*, countless blogs and more.

For these reasons and more many consider Trayham, a phenomenal trailblazer is most definitely ONE to WATCH!

Ingrid Saunders Jones

NEW YORK - UNCF (United Negro College

supporters of education from across the country on March



Fund), the nation's largest education organization and national advocate for education reform, was joined by over 1,000 educators, business and civic leaders, and

7 at its annual UNCF "A Mind Is" Gala at the Hilton New York.

The event, hosted by WNBC/New York anchor David Ushery, raised funds

to benefit more than 60,000 students who receive UNCF scholarships and attend UNCF's 38 member historically black colleges and universities and more than 900 colleges and universities across the country.

"We are deeply grateful to everyone whose support and participation has made this year's UNCF "A Mind Is" Gala such a success. That success is not just about one night, but about walking the walk and investing in a new kind of philanthropy; one that proves an investment in our young people today will pay dividends tomorrow, not just for them, but for all of us," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., president and CEO, UNCF.

The UNCF "A Mind Is" Gala also continued its tradition of honoring noted civic, education, and business

leaders for their game changing advocacy on behalf of education through partnerships with UNCF and their own work. This year, two longtime advocates on behalf of UNCF's mission to strengthen a college going culture received the organization's highest awards.

Ingrid Saunders Jones, vice president for Global Community Connections of the Coca-Cola Company and chair of the Coca-Cola Foundation, was honored with the UNCF President's Award for her work with and support of UNCF. Ms. Saunders Jones is a member of the Board of Trustees of UNCF member institution Clark Atlanta University and the national chair of the National Council of Negro Women.

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of the his-

toric Abyssinian Baptist Church, was honored with

the UNCF Shirley Chisholm

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Support parental school choice by any means necessary

BY REV. KYEV TATUM

The politics of public education in Texas has become the center of attention at the statehouse and I'm concerned that many students, especially poor students of color, are not getting a fair hearing.

System leaders continue fighting to maintain the status quo, while demanding more money without demonstrating any record of academic success from African-American males.

With more than 650,000 in public schools, Texas leads the nation with the largest number of black kids in school. Yet the educational, developmental and disciplinary failure rate of our black children is the highest of any period in human history. Slavery produced better production outcomes than the current public school system. In fact, many of us have compared and described the

current public school and prison systems as modern day plantations.

The current economy of education we have built cannot continue at this rate. I'm convinced that our education economy will collapse within less than 20 years unless we take dramatic measures to reform our school system. We cannot afford the school-to-prison pipeline - economically or morally. The numbers do not add up and the cost in human capital is inhumane.

Parents of all colors, cultures and classes are desperately looking for other options to help their children receive a quality education.

My heart cries out when mother after mother asks me for help because school officials refuse to hear their cries of help for their children. Our public schools have turned thousands of children into criminals for nonviolent inci-

dents and the prison economy continues to benefit greatly because of our lack of concern for the human dignity of these families.

How do you tell a mother to send her child back into a classroom where an Arlington ISD teacher poured pencil shavings down his mouth? How can a student learn in a school environment where a teacher told him to "go back to Mexico"?

How can we with good conscience continue to ignore the huge mental health crisis that is expanding because we have embraced the foolish notion that children are criminal by nature and forget the fact that most of these children have a chemical imbalance impeding their educational, developmental and disciplinary interests.

The lack the proper nurturing and nourishing is causing the imbalance and our children do not deserve to be criminalized because

of this chemical imbalance.

Again, our moral economy cannot sustain this senseless burden of failure. Contrary to popular belief, we do not advocate funding for parental school choice because we are against public schools. We continue to fight for school choice because the failure of the public school system to improve the educational, developmental and disciplinary interests of poor children has caused economic, educational and mental health crises within our poor communities. Unemployment rates are high, dropout numbers are unmanageable and many non-violent children are spending far too much time in alternative, non-healthy learning environments.

It is discriminatory to force poor people to stay in schools that do not want them but in which they must stay because our state

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Rights in 1948 and in *Brown v. the Board of Education* in 1954, guaranteeing high-quality public education to all children on equal terms. The result is nothing short of a national crisis.

Since *Rodriguez*, educational attainment in the United States has become even more inextricably tied to social outcomes like employment and earnings, incarceration, and civic engagement. Yet as a result of inequities like persistent race- and class-based achievement gaps, unacceptably low graduation rates, and more than a million student drop outs each year, millions of people have become trapped in perpetual unemployment and underemployment. We know for a fact that educational outcomes are linked to resources, yet *Rodriguez* continues to thwart the possibility of a national solution to a nationwide problem.

Even though the vast majority of courts have made it absolutely clear that state funding systems violate students' rights to public education, states have been unable

or unwilling to remedy the violations. In fact, resistance to court orders on requiring greater equity in school funding is perhaps the one political position that has been uniquely bipartisan over the years.

In Colorado, a trial court ruled in 2011 that the state's public schools were both inadequately and inequitably funded. The judge ordered state officials to fix the problem. Despite this ruling, Governor Hickenlooper and a bipartisan group of public officials rejected the court order, took no leadership to craft a solution, and now litigation has resumed.

A few weeks ago in Texas, a district court judge held that the state's public school funding system is "arbitrary, inequitable and inadequate" under the Texas constitution. This victory follows a series of similar court decisions in Texas since *Rodriguez*. But Governor Perry immediately appealed the decision, which will likely have little impact on the education students receive in Texas.

In Kansas, the courts ordered the legislature to fully

fund its inequitable public education system. Instead of complying with the order, the legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to block the courts from ruling in school finance cases.

This state-by-state, zip code-by-zip code approach fails to ensure that all children get the education they deserve. It jeopardizes the nation's ability to compete in the global economy and threatens its guiding principles of justice, fairness, and equality.

History makes clear that simply following the practices of the past will not lead us to the outcomes we clearly need as a nation. Despite right wing calls for more local control and so-called "states' rights," the inconvenient truth is that the federal government must be able to step up and assume a greater role in providing equitable funding to schools.

The legacy of *Rodriguez* is a messy patchwork of state policies that underfund schools in poor communities, resulting in a child's zip code having primacy over a Constitutional guarantee of eq-

uality under the law. For the last forty years, state-based solutions have failed our kids. Without an established national right to education, we risk seeing more of the same over the next 40 years.

Wade Henderson is the president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition for more than 200 national civil and human rights organizations working to build an America as good as its ideals. This article - the eleventh of a 20-part series - is written in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity - work that continues to be vital today. For more information, please visit www.lawyerscommittee.org.

Texas Democratic delegation issue response to Perry on Medicaid expansion

WASHINGTON - Congressman Pete Gallego (TX-23) authored a letter to Governor Rick Perry in response to the Governor's correspondence to Texas members of Congress on Medicaid expansion.

"Medicaid expansion is the right thing to do," said Congressman Pete Gallego (TX-23) "Chambers of Commerce, hospitals across our state, and a majority of Texans are in favor of Medicaid expansion. It is both compassionate and efficient - and that is the Texas way. Texans shouldn't lose their hard

earned tax dollars to other states. Let's hope our Governor agrees."

"Medicaid serves the neediest of families, providing critical services to those who would otherwise not have access to health care," added Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33). "Many of my constituents and Texans across the state depend on Medicaid as a critical safety net, especially during this time of economic hardship. Governor Perry needs to put the health and well-being of Texas families first and put politics aside. His decision to

turn down \$25 billion in funding is irresponsible and will only keep our state number one among the uninsured. Expanding Medicaid is the right economic decision and will ensure the well-being and vitality of our state."

The full Texas Democratic Congressional Delegation- Representatives Pete Gallego, Marc Veasey, Filemon Vela, Beto O'Rourke, Gene Green, Henry Cuellar, Al Green, Lloyd Doggett, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Ruben Hinojosa, Joaquin Castro, and Sheila Jackson Lee - signed on.

Little Elm Town Council begins planning for WNV

LITTLE ELM - Officials in Little Elm are already planning on ways to deal with what is being widely recognized as an inevitable recurrence of West Nile Virus in the local area, according to Public Works Director Kevin Mattingly and Fire Chief Joe Florentino.

Mattingly and Florentino have been tasked by the Town Council to develop a plan to deal with the expected occurrence of the mosquito-borne disease, and to implement that plan Town-wide.

"We're taking a 'hope for the best, but prepare for the worst' scenario, since we don't know how we will be affected in this area," said Mattingly. Last year, at the height of the local outbreak, incidences of the disease were detected in local citizens relatively late in the season.

Chief Florentino says we may not be as fortunate this year. "We could see anything from a serious situation to a non-existent situation, but health officials tell us that once the local population of mosquitoes is infected, the chances of an outbreak increase," he said.

This year, the Town will be using the "who, when, where" approach, and continuing to strongly emphasize the effectiveness of the four Ds method of prevention.

The "who" refers to the offices to call when dealing with West Nile Virus, including the Town's Health Service Officer at 972-731-3276, Emergency Management at 214-975-0420 or the Public Works Department at 972-377-5556.

The "when" includes an April to October schedule of applying larvicide to drainage culverts and other storm water-retaining infrastructure as well as constant surveillance and monitoring. And starting in May, ensuring a flow of information regarding confirmed cases in Little Elm is shared with the residents.

The "where" refers to the locations that larvicide dunk pellets will be available for distribution. These locations include the Customer Service Office on the second floor of Town Hall, the Public Works Center at 1600 Mark Tree Lane and the Little Elm Recreation Center, 303 Main St.

Mattingly also reminds residents that information on the Town's response to West Nile Virus is available on the Town web site www.littleelm.org in the Citizens Knowledge Base tab. From there, residents should click on Health Services and select West Nile/Mosquito.

"Of course," adds Chief Florentino, "exercising the four Ds of prevention is the

best way to lessen one's exposure to the mosquitos, and thus to the disease."

The four Ds represent 1) Dawn and dusk, when mosquitos are most active, 2) Dress in ways that keep exposed skin at a minimum, 3) Drain all standing water and overturn receptacles, and 4) DEET-based insecticides are best when combatting pests.

"It's not too early to begin developing a personal game plan against the disease. While it is not usually fatal, in its extreme cases, it can be very debilitating," concluded the Chief.

Parkland provides healthy meal planning tips for National Nutrition Month

DALLAS — As part of March's National Nutrition Month, Parkland Health & Hospital System staff is emphasizing the importance of engraining healthy food choices into daily menu options to promote a lifelong commitment to healthy living.

Themed, "Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day," the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' national campaign focuses on developing sound eating habits and promoting physical activity, something Parkland nutritionists mirror in their daily interactions with patients.

"Sometimes we eat for different reasons, for taste, comfort, convenience, or emotional eating, but not for the nutritional value of the food for health," said Sharon Cox, a Registered Dietitian at Parkland. "We should eat to give our body the nutrition it needs for good health."

Cox says a healthy meal plan consists of a balance of lean proteins, whole grains, vegetables, fruits, low-fat dairy, fiber and calcium. She suggests the following tips to help jump-start a healthy meal plan:

- Don't skip meals. It's important to eat three planned meals every day. Skipping meals may slow down your metabolism and cause you to over-eat at the next meal.



- Plan your meals in advance to avoid over-eating and making unhealthy eating choices.

- Eat two to three healthy snacks (fruit, yogurt, graham crackers) between meals. Make sure each snack is at least two hours after your last meal.

- Drink six to eight glasses of water daily.

- Avoid fried food. Try baking or grilling instead.

- Be mindful of portion sizes. Train yourself to take home leftovers when you eat out.

"If you're on a tight budget, look for sales, buy in bulk, cut coupons, buy frozen fruits and vegetables and choose store brands," Cox said. "One of the biggest misconceptions is that it's more expensive to buy healthy food. That's simply not true."

Parkland also supports healthy living in the community by offering weight management groups, dia-

betes meal planning classes, one-on-one nutrition counseling, group nutrition counseling, cardiovascular classes and diabetes weight management groups - all free of charge to patients at Parkland's network of Community Oriented Primary Care health centers.

Additionally, Parkland partners with the Dallas Independent School District each summer to offer boys and girls the opportunity to attend a summer camp called Choosing Healthy Activities, Meals and Positive Self-Esteem (CHAMPS). Camp CHAMPS teaches children ages 7 to 16 about positive self-esteem, nutrition and exercise. The program is free and parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

For more information about nutritional support groups or Camp CHAMPS, please call Jeff Howard at 214-266-1120.

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Frisco selects new fire chief

FRISCO - Following a three month search, the City of Frisco has hired a new Fire Chief.

Mark Piland, 53, currently serves as Chief of Volusia County Fire Rescue. He will start his new job in Frisco April 15. Chief Piland was selected from a pool of 101 candidates.

"I am excited for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Frisco, as well as the men and women of the Frisco Fire Department," said Chief Mark Piland. "I look forward to continuing the great tradition of excellence that Frisco is known for."

Chief Piland began his career in 1979 with the Virginia Beach, Virginia Fire Department. Chief Piland worked his way up through the ranks and retired as an Assistant Chief in 2011.

While at Virginia Beach, Chief Piland served as the Team Leader for Virginia Task Force 2, which deployed to a number of disasters including the Pentagon on 9-11 and the Haiti Earthquake in 2010. After retiring from Virginia



Chief Mark Piland

Beach, Chief Piland became the Fire Chief for the Volusia County Fire Service in Florida where he has served since 2011.

"I'm impressed with the credentials and experience Chief Piland will bring to Frisco," said Todd Renshaw, Frisco Director of Public Safety. "I think he'll be a valuable addition to the Frisco Fire Department."

Chief Piland earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Old Dominion University and a Master of Public Health from East-

ern Virginia Medical School. Chief Piland also received the designation of Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Chief Piland and his wife, Wanda, have a 7-year-old daughter.

Chief Piland assumes the role previously held by Mack Borchardt, who transitioned to his current role on October 1, 2012 as Special Assistant to the City Manager after serving as Frisco's Fire Chief for more than 30 years.

FREE Workshop for aspiring authors

8th Annual Writer's Breakthrough Workshop is scheduled for May 25 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Grace LaJoy, in partnership with The TurnAround Agenda of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, where Dr. Tony Evans is pastor. The Workshop will be held at

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship located at 1801 W Camp Wisdom Road in Dallas. The workshop will answer questions for aspiring writers who have no idea where to start on their journey to publish their book.

To register, please RSVP by e-mailing your

name, address, and phone number to poetry@gracelajoy.com. Registration for the workshop is free, but you must RSVP. Vendor spots are also available. Vendors must register at

www.gracelajoy.com.

For more information call 816-318-1388.

Carrollton launches centennial website

Carrollton's Centennial website is officially up and running to help commemorate the City's 100th Anniversary this summer. The website features information about special commemorative events coming soon including a Centennial Gala and Community Picnic and Vintage Baseball Game. The website also contains opportunities for citizens, both current and former, to share their memories about Carrollton and participate in our ongoing Centennial Digital Photo Contest.

The city is celebrating 100 years and are inviting you to share your story. Share what makes you feel connected to Carrollton. Fond memories of your neighborhood? Family traditions? A favorite tea-cher? Best park? Send it in. Stories should be 600 words or less and include the year the story took place. Photos welcome! Email story and any pictures to: centennial@cityofcarrollton.com. For more information and to review some of our own stories, visit carrolltoncentennial.com.

To commemorate 100 years of excellence we're reaching out to our residents to showcase our community through our most valued asset: our citizens! Show why you are proud to call Carrollton home. Each week, they will post a different theme on the City Facebook page that they hope to capture through the art of photography. The favorite photograph from that week will be featured as the Facebook album cover and entered as a finalist for over-

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The judge issues a ruling in lawsuit against City of Irving

By SHARON BARBOSA-CRAIN

On Monday, March 4, a hearing regarding the cross Motions for Summary Judgment and the Defendant's Plea to the Jurisdiction were held in the 193rd District Court in the Las Colinas Group LP (LCG) lawsuit against the City of Irving. That same day State District Judge Carl Ginsberg signed an order ruling on these motions.

The Judge denied the Plaintiff's request for reconsideration of LCG's removal of "lost profits" as a claim. The Judge granted Plaintiff's motion for Partial Summary Judgment in ruling the City's immunity defenses are limited to the claims for lost profits, and Plaintiff's remaining claims are subject to the limitations on legal relief found in Texas

Local Government Code Chapter 271. The Judge also concluded Local Government Code Chapter 271 does not prohibit Plaintiff from seeking specific performance relief. These ruling are appealable to the Court of Appeals. It is expected the City's attorneys will recom-

mend an appeal at the briefing on March 20. It is estimated that appeals process could take a year or longer.

The Judge and the parties have agreed to mediation, in hopes a settlement will forestall a lengthy and costly appeals process. That

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1477	Dazzling 7's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.13	\$2	4/28/2013	10/25/2013
1217	Bonus Word Crossword - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.44	\$3	5/29/2013	11/25/2013
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1461	Diamond Mine - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.24	\$5	5/29/2013	11/25/2013
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New agency hosting a reception on March 28

That A Girl & Friends Speakers Agency is a new fresh agency with forward thinking speakers under the direction of Thelma and Vikki Wells. They are hosting a reception on March 28 at Gospel for Asia (Corporate Office) located at 1800 Golden Trail in Carrollton from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., to RSVP email Nadine@That-girlspeakers.com

The acronym GIRL stands for GIFTED, INTELLIGENT, RESILIENT LEADER which is embodied in the presentation of each one of their expert speakers as they train, teach



Thelma Wells, Author and Writer

and empower from Fortune 500 companies to small network groups. The agency provides individual speakers as well as training

packages that create immediate results within organizations.

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Cute & Kinky provides moisturizing solution for natural and chemically-treated hair

Rapidly gaining popularity amongst the upwardly-mobile, long-term and newly natural, 25-50 year-old demographic, Cute & Kinky Hair Moisturizer was conceived out of personal necessity by creator Kristen Muldrow, a Texas native who has worn her own natural texture for over a decade, and sought a product that could withstand an athletic lifestyle and the state's volatile climates.

"A lot of the product lines that target those with ethnic hair are not owned by people with afro-textured hair, and that's where you get the petrolatum, drying alcohols, mineral oil and other ineffective ingredient profiles. I've been using the same products that are in the moisturizer for years since, as a swimmer, I wanted to

maintain the moisture in my hair and the length despite the chlorine and other chemicals. While I was doing the research, I learned that customers still had a hard time with products failing to 'do' what they claimed they would, like promising to make their hair grow or look and do something their hair wasn't made to do."

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Mothers are now able to more easily navigate marathon detangling sessions on their children's hair and African-American men say it often softens their beards and keeps freshly-shaven skin from becoming irritated.

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courage to buck the system and support school choice. The research is clear: parental school choice, regardless of public or private, improves the educational, developmental and disciplinary interests of poor children.

Our great state currently gives poor parents money or vouchers to send their children to public or private child-care institutions and the state also give parents of economically disadvantaged students state funds to attend public or private colleges and universities such as Baylor, Paul Quinn, Rice, SMU, Texas Wesleyan University and TCU.

Yet this same state leadership refuses to give poor parents more K-12 options to help improve the educational, developmental and disciplinary interests of poor children. This is racist public policy and it's destroying our black children, especially our black boys, beyond repair. Texas must rethink its position on education funding for school choice or risk a revolt of parents and children whose backs are against the wall.

Texas can and must do better. We cannot continue to support and embrace the complete collapse of public education system's inability to properly educate, develop

and discipline our poor children. We demand school choice and we believe as Malcolm X once said, "We declare our right on this earth...to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, to be given the rights of a human being in this society, on this earth, in this day, which we intend to bring into existence by any means necessary."

Rev. Kyev Tatum is an ordained Baptist minister and president of the Texas Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. He can be reached at the Harmony Missionary Baptist Church.

CW Whitaker hosting a fundraiser in his race for Dallas County School Board District 3

The CW Whitaker Campaign for Dallas County School Board is hosting a campaign fundraiser on April 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Bellagio Entertainment Center, at 1701 South Lamar in Dallas. Whitaker is a member of Friendship West Baptist Church and worked for South-

western Bell/AT&T for 31 years.

The Dallas County School Board District 3 represents Balch Springs, Cedar Hill, Combine, Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Ferris, Garland, Mesquite and other suburbs. However, it is important to note this is not for the Dallas

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The Big Read Dallas will unite the city behind reading Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, this April, thanks to the Friends of the Dallas Public Library, D Magazine, D Academy, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. It's also the 60th anniversary for this book, selected because of its themes of courage, anti-censorship, and access to free information.



Former Dallas Cowboy Russell Maryland celebrates students, aviation education efforts

ARLINGTON – A year-long school tour with former Dallas Cowboy Russell Maryland and aviation professionals culminated March 23 when students selected through an essay competition will fly a full-motion aircraft simulator at CAE at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the largest corporate aviation training center in the world.



Local students and former Dallas Cowboy Super Bowl winner Russell Maryland

CAE provides civil aviation, military and helicopter training services in more

than 45 locations worldwide and trains approximately 400,000 pilots annually. See AVIATION, Page 8

Lupus patients to release live butterflies at Walk To End Lupus Now

DALLAS - A group of lupus patients representing 55,000 individuals with lupus, will release live butterflies at the March 30th Walk To End Lupus Now to honor those affected by lupus, an autoimmune disease that is unpredictable and misunderstood. The Lupus Foundation of America, North Texas Chapter's also has a new identity campaign *Help Us Solve the Cruel Mystery* that was developed to promote a deeper understanding of the mysterious, unpredictable, and devastating ways that lupus can impact any organ of the body, and its programs and services to support people affected by the disease.

On Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m., the Foundation is hosting the sixth annual Walk To End Lupus Now event to take place at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Selected walk participants will release live butterflies



to honor their lives and those who have lost their fight against lupus. The event also raises funds toward programs, such as

support groups, education materials, and research for lupus.

This year's Walk To End Lupus Now is expected to attract more than 3,500 walkers and has a goal of \$200,000 to support local programs and services. Walkers can register on line at <http://lupuswalkdallas.kintera.org>.

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The Greater Southwest Black Chamber of Commerce (GSWBCC) on Mar. 18 recently held a luncheon

focused on "The Impact of Women's Business Enterprise Certification". Founder of the GSWBCC, Linda

Gray, hosted the women's empowerment event at the Holiday Inn Select in Desoto.

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mately 100,000 crew members yearly. High school students who attended one of approximately 15 aviation outreach events in the last year and submitted an essay about why an aviation and aerospace career is of interest were eligible for the event at CAE with Maryland and aviation professionals.

The effort, also intended to generally pique students' interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, complemented the launch of the new North Texas aviation and aerospace career website.

The website, www.nc-taviationcareers.com, was developed to show students a path to a successful career in aviation. An interactive career planning tool allows students to quickly explore information such as job descriptions, salary, projected job growth and educational requirements. The goal is to make it as easy as possible for students to discover which aspects of aviation interest them and options for pursuing education needed in those careers. The website highlights more than 25 types of aviation-related careers, and it includes information on how to fund a student's education, a list of potential grants and scholarships, internships, and even resources for parents and educators.

Attracting students to become part of a qualified aviation workforce is important to the aviation industry and region. A study of local demand for aviation jobs reveals shortages are expected for avionics or aircraft electronics professionals as well as technicians, pilots, flight

engineers and air traffic controllers as current professionals near retirement. In North Texas, aviation activities are expected to increase through 2035, according to the long-term general aviation and heliport system plan.

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The McKinney Housing Authority will accept applications for the Public Housing waiting list on April 1, 2013 thru April 30, 2013.

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MHA Annual/Five Year Plan Input Opportunities

Notice of Public Hearing

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

A draft of the proposed Annual/Five Year Plan 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. A public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30pm - McKinney Housing Authority community center.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Immigration isn't just a Latino issue

BY FREDDIE ALLEN

WASHINGTON (NN-PA) — As lawmakers and special interests groups paint immigration reform as a critical component in shaping the future of Latinos living in the United States, Black leaders say that there is too much at stake, economically and politically, for Blacks to allow the debate to be framed in narrow terms.

Despite many reports, the pathway to citizenship for undocumented individuals is just one ingredient in the multi-layered immigration policy, yet to be written, that will have far-reaching impacts for Blacks and African descendants in the United States and abroad.

"This is a very controversial issue on the ground in the Black community," said Ron Daniels, president of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, an organization that works to advance the social, political economic growth of the

crowding out American-born workers, driving down wages and contributing to high rates of unemployment, nationally and in the Black community.

It's not just disgruntled, out-of-work Blacks that feel that way.

According to a recent Angus Reid Public Opinion poll, more than half of Americans oppose immigration and say that illegal immigrants "take jobs from American workers." Thirty-nine percent said that the number legal immigrants should be decreased.

The Labor Department reported that the national unemployment rate was 7.7 percent and the Black unemployment rate was 13.8 percent in February. The jobless rate was 6.8 percent for Whites and 9.6 percent for Latino workers over the same period.

According to Daniels, opposition to immigration and the misconception that immigrants are to blame for



"Immigration affects us all, immigration is local, national and international," said Waldaba Stewart, economic advisor for Southern Caucus of Non-Governmental Organizations for Sustainable Development. "Immigration involves economics and political power."

Stewart said that right now Blacks and African descendants are not being considered and it's the fault of the Black leadership for not explaining the significance of the legislation.

"That was our fault," said Stewart. "We as a people acted as if immigration was someone else's concern."

The group said that any immigration reform needs to address a number of key issues important to the economic and political future of Blacks and people of African descent that reside in the United States.

The group wants the U.S. Commerce and Agriculture departments to foster partnerships between Blacks in the United States and Blacks in the countries where the federal government is already working to advance its own interests in agriculture.

The group said that all legislation for immigration reform must include provisions that "are applicable to Blacks and other groups that are historically victims of racism."

Companies and organizations that utilize the special visa and guest worker programs must make those same opportunities available to Blacks and documented workers before new permits are granted, stated the group. The group also wants to make sure that the immigration process provides equitable allocation of visas to Sub Saharan African countries, to the Caribbean and to countries in Latin America that are underrepresented.

Experts say that both the powerful business lobby and labor groups want to change the way the guest worker program works. Business owners want more visas and a streamlined process, while unions want more control over the number of special visas that are allocated during tough economic times.

Utilizing the special visas, companies import foreign workers to perform housekeeping, landscaping, food processing and other low-wage jobs that they

claim that Americans no longer want. PAUD said that the government needs to apply more pressure on those companies to pay a living wage and hire American workers.

The group also asserted that the immigration process should provide equitable allocation of visa quotas to Sub Saharan African countries, to the Caribbean and to countries in Latin America that have a disparity in processing of visa applications by people of African descent.

Daniels and the PAUD group also want provisions included in the immigration bill that will protect the interests of Black farmers in the United States and around the world. Stewart said that because of globalization and discrimination in the industry, Black farmers who once controlled a quarter of agriculture industry in the U.S. now only make up about 7 percent.

Although Daniels said that he looks forward to working with leading Latino and Asian groups to address immigration reform, it was important for Blacks and African descendants to develop their own agenda first,

so that all parties can benefit from a future coalition.

Latino interest groups are greatly concerned with any pathway to citizenship language that will ultimately go into the final bill.

According to 2009 Pew Research study, Hispanics account for 76 percent of the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, including 7 million from Mexico alone. If those immigrants became legal citizens, the nation could see a dramatic shift in economic and political power.

Daniels acknowledged that the road ahead isn't going to be easy and that educating the Black community about immigration reform will be important in gaining their support, but it's something that must be done.

"The worst thing that we can do is to not have this conversation or have this struggle because the power elites, the business community will end up pitting, the different groups against each other," said Daniels. "But to act as if there are no consequences, politically or economically, would be disastrous."

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Black community in the United States and around the world. "If you hear the leaders talk about [immigration reform], it sounds like everything is hunky-dory and it's all kumbaya."

According to Daniels, everything isn't hunky-dory and Blacks aren't singing old feel-good songs. He hears the grumbling voices opposing immigration and the misconception that "illegals" flood the job market

depressing wages and taking jobs could hinder progress and support for any immigration bill that is crafted by Congress.

Daniels and the Institute partnered with a number of groups from the African diaspora to form the Pan-African Unity Dialogue to develop an immigration agenda tailored to meet the needs of Black Americans and Blacks of African descent in the U.S. and abroad.

Michael Ealy: Unconditionally Ealy

BY KAM WILLIAMS

(NNPA) Michael Ealy's feature films include *Think Like a Man*, *Barbershop*, *Seven Pounds*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Never Die Alone*, *For Colored Girls*, *Miracle at St. Anna*, *Takers* and *Underworld: Awakening*. In 2007, he received a Golden Globe Award nomination for his role in Showtime's *Sleeper Cell*. Meanwhile, on TV, he's appeared in ABC's *Flash Forward* and CBS's *The Good Wife*.

Here, the versatile thespian talks about starring in *Unconditional*, an inspirational, faith-based feature. In this bittersweet tale of redemption, he portrays Papa Joe Bradford, a real-life role model who, despite kidney disease, teams with a recently-widowed, childhood friend (Lynn Collins) to make a difference in the lives of needy kids in Nashville.

Los Angeles Sentinel (LAS): Hey Michael. Thanks for another interview.

Michael Ealy: I'm good, How are ya?

LAS: What interested you in *Unconditional*?

ME: It started with the script. I kind of fell in love with some of the miraculous, lyrical and poetic nature of the writing. Ultimately, I still had to respond to the role. And I did



Michael Ealy

respond to the character. The fact that this guy was a real person, someone who, after turning his own life around, was doing everything in his power to influence the development of youth in his neighborhood made me feel like this was an important movie to do.

LAS: Did you get to meet the real Papa Joe Bradford in the process of making the movie?

ME: Yes, sir, and we're still good friends to this day.

LAS: Editor/legist Patricia Turnier says she loves your performance in *Think Like a Man* because you made your character really believable. She asks: What does Papa Joe's philanthropy mean to you?

ME: It's tough for me to see Papa Joe as a philanthropist because I generally think of philanthropy on a grander scale. For instance, I consider Bill Cosby a phi-

lanthropist because of all the colleges and charities he supports. I see Papa Joe as more grassroots. With him, it's not so much about big changes as it is about an individual's daily effort. It's a lot like what a teacher does. When I visit a school, and students get excited, I always tell them, "It's not me you should be listening to, it's your teachers, because they're here every day." It's that sort of commitment that Papa made, even though he had his own family, seven kids. Yet, he still finds the time to be daddy to a lot of other children, too. He's there on a daily basis. I can't give that. That means a lot. That is special. That is extraordinary.

LAS: Patricia goes on to say that friendship is one of the main themes in *Unconditional* where the lead character reconnects with

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Blogging contest in honor of Angela Davis and upcoming movie

(BlackNews.com) --

Black Bloggers Connect, the leading social network for Black bloggers, has teamed up with Codeblack Films to launch The "Free Angela" Blogging Contest. Codeblack Films is a division of Lionsgate Entertainment, distributor for the highly anticipated film, *Free Angela And All Political Prisoners*. The film's executive producers are Jada Pinkett Smith with Overbrook Entertainment and Shawn "JAY Z" Carter's Roc Nation and will open in select AMC theatres on April 5.

The film focuses on the events that propelled Davis into the national spotlight after she joins the Communist Party, protests with the Black Panthers, and becomes a lead spokesperson for the up-and-coming prison reform movement. Davis was then falsely accused of being involved in the murder of a judge in 1970. Afraid she will not receive a fair trial, Davis flees California and is placed on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.



Two months later she was captured in New York City. Consequently, the "Free Angela" movement ignited. She endured a two-year legal battle that eventually leads to her acquittal by an all white jury. Angela Davis has since become a symbol of freedom. Her story of political empowerment and social change still inspires millions around the world.

BlackBloggersConnect.com and Codeblack Films will award \$1000 to the blogger that best blogs about why the "Free Angela" film is neces-

sary. The contest runs from March 7th to April 1st. The winner will be announced on April 5th.

"We are very excited about this contest. The story of Angela Davis is an inspiration to all of us and we're happy to give the opportunity for Black writers, bloggers and journalists to lift their voices in this dialogue of history," says Jessica Ann Mitchell, founder of Black Bloggers Connect(TM).

View complete "Free Angela" Blogging Contest rules on BlackBloggersConnect.com.

ArtsPark is April 6

Business Council for the Arts and NorthPark Center present the 4th annual ARTSPARK. This free, one-day event on Saturday, April 6 from noon to 4 p.m. will feature arts and cultural organizations from across North Texas coming together to encourage citizens to make art a part of their everyday lives. There will be opportunities to learn a new creative skill, hone a talent, join a like-minded group, volunteer for a favorite art form and explore what makes North Texas a great place to live.

Special live performances, programs and



Young dancer prepares to perform

demonstrations will take place throughout the one-day event. ArtsPark takes place during the first Dallas Arts Week, April 7-14, a community-wide celebration of Dallas arts through

conversations, events and photos.

Participating organizations include: Art & Seek, AT&T Performing Arts Center, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Dallas Children's Theater, Dallas Museum, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas Summer Musicals, and Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

Presented by Mayor Mike Rawlings and the Dallas Cultural Affairs Commission, Dallas Arts Week is designed to build awareness and appreciation for the cultural renaissance occurring in our city.

2013 KNOWLEDGE IS POWER CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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Bill J. Priest Center, 1402 Corinth Avenue, Room 1530, Dallas, TX, 75215

This conference will provide information about doing business with public entities; workshops aimed to stimulate the growth of minority and women-owned businesses; and business to business networking.

There is no cost for this event; however, registration is required.

Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided.



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• Is twice more likely to incur overdraft fees than bank customers as a whole.

• In addition, over one in four bank payday borrowers is a Social Security recipient.

This last finding comes on the heels of a key administrative change for seniors on Social Security. As of March 1, all Social Security payments are issued electronically. And although seniors have specific protections from payday lending on prepaid cards, no comparable protection exists on checking accounts.

CRL's report also calls for regulators to take immediate actions to stop banks now offering payday loans from en-

gaging in this form of predatory lending. Additionally, CRL calls for the following terms on small loan products:

1. A minimum loan term of 90 days with affordable installments;

2. An APR of 36 percent or less;

3. Underwriting based on an ability to repay; and

4. No mandatory automatic repayment from the consumer's checking account.

Over a year ago, 250 organizations and individuals sent a letter to federal banking regulators expressing concerns with bank payday lending. Also last year, and in a separate action, over 1,000

consumers and organizations told the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau about elder financial abuse, including bank payday lending.

At that time, CRL advised, "More than 13 million older adults are considered economically insecure, living on \$21,800 a year or less. Senior women in particular face diminished incomes because of lower lifetime earnings and therefore lower Social Security and pension benefits."

As opposition to bank payday and elder financial abuse grows, banking regulators are continuing to hear from advocates, experts and concerned citizens. Fortu-

nately, advocates are determined to press this issue in growing numbers: in a letter dated March 13, 278 organizations and individuals signed a second letter to regulators.

In part, the March 13 letter states, "Payday lending has a particularly adverse impact on African-Americans and Latinos, as a disproportionate share of payday borrowers come from communities of color. High-cost, short-term balloon repayments, and the consequent series of repeat loans, have long been identified by regulators as features of predatory lending."

"Ultimately, payday loans erode the assets of bank customers" continued the letter, "and, rather than promote savings, make checking accounts unsafe for many customers. They lead to uncollected debt, bank account closures, and greater numbers of unbanked Americans. All of these outcomes are inconsistent with both consumer protection and the safety and soundness of financial institutions."

Space will not allow for the full 278 signatories to be identified. But they do include many national and statewide organizations including: AARP, AFL-CIO,

AFSCME, the Black Leadership Forum, NAACP, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and CRL.

In closing the coalition of concern warns, "Please move quickly to ensure that payday lending by banks does not become more widespread and to ensure that those banks currently making payday loans stop offering this inherently dangerous product."

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

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Community Service Award. Named for the former New York Congresswoman and the first major-party presidential candidate, the award was presented to Dr. Butts in honor of his longtime work addressing and solving educational challenges in Har-

lem and New York City. Russell Short, a student at a UNCF member HBCU and member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, assisted in presenting Rev. Butts with his award. Past honorees have included Teach for America Corp members,

Vernon E. Jordan, Young & Rubicam and the Ad Council. David Sable, global CEO, Young & Rubicam, and Peggy Conlon, president and CEO of the Ad Council were present at the event to discuss their longstanding partnership with UNCF.

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<p>Daily</p> <p>Activity Time Highland Hills at Highland Hills Branch Library, 3624 Simpson Stuart Rd.; 214-670-0987</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>Kite Flying Festival in Plano at North Pavilion - Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Drive, in Plano; 4 p.m.; FREE; 214-267-8424</p>	<p>April 7</p> <p>Dog Bowl at the Cotton Bowl on April 7 from 1 - 5 p.m. the event is free and open to the public</p>	<p>DSO on the GO at Stonebriar Community Church, Frisco at 2:30 p.m. DallasSymphony.com/DSOontheGO for details</p>	<p>May 5</p> <p>Nasher Sculpture Center and Dallas Architecture Forum present Design Symposium features The <i>New York Times</i> Chief Architecture Critic Michael Kimmelman at 2 pm.</p>	<p>May 19</p> <p>The Singers Celebrate! at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway in Mesquite</p>
<p>Personal Views: Texas Black Folk Artists at African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave.; 214-565-9026</p>	<p>April 2</p> <p>"Lend A Hand" Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Omni Hotel Fort Worth, tickets start at \$50. Info: 817-866-7102 or www.achser-vices.org/lend-a-hand.</p>	<p>April 16</p> <p>Rihanna: Diamonds World Tour at American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sharepoint 2010 for Business Intelligence training at 320 Decker Drive, Suite 100; Irving; 800-540-3192</p>	<p>May 10</p> <p>Visionary Women Luncheon at Omni Hotel Dallas, 555 S. Lamar Street at 12 p.m.; 214-827-0813</p>	<p>May 25</p> <p>8th Annual Writer's Breakthrough Workshop at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RSVP to poetry@gracelajoy.com or 816-318-1388.</p>
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<p>March 29</p> <p>Dallas Black Dance Theatre: Dancing Beyond Borders at Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St in Fort</p>	<p>April 5</p> <p>16th Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon at noon at the Dallas Convention Center, Ballroom "A" at 650 South Grif-fin Street in Dallas.</p>	<p>April 18</p> <p>Lecture and book signing: Novelist Joe Coomer, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. lecture will read from his first novel, The Decatur Road, which is being republished by De-Golyer Library at SMU http://smu.edu/cul/degolyer/</p>	<p>Fort Worth March for Babies at Farrington Field to Trinity Park at 9 a.m.; 682-201-3037</p>	<p>May 11</p> <p>FREE Bancroft Family Concert at 3 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Arts located at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas www.fineartschamberplayers.org</p>	<p>May 31-June 2</p> <p>Wicked Divas DSO Pops Series brings the best of Broadway to the Meyerson with diva showstoppers highlighted by selections from the Tony Award-winning musical Wicked. Featuring Elphaba and Glinda from the Broadway production. Tickets: 214.692. 0203 or www.DallasSymphony.com.</p>
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with opportunities to better themselves by furthering their education. In the Quinnite Nation we believe in working towards a greater WE." Paul Quinn's institutional ethos is WE Over Me.

"This is another example of our brand of servant leadership" said Michael Sorrell, Esq., president of Paul Quinn. "A number of our students and

their families are affected by this legislation and the other issues surrounding immigration reform. We are proud to support their efforts to qualify for residency and citizenship."

In June of 2012, the Obama administration announced a program officially titled, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals". Under the program, the Department of

Homeland Security agreed to grant undocumented young people a renewable two-year work authorization and reprieve from deportation. It is estimated that more than 1.4 million young people could qualify for Deferred Action; and as of August 2012, the Department of Homeland Security began accepting applications. If candidates meet the specified

criteria, they are issued a social security card, which acts as their temporary work authorization, and reprieve from deportation. Recipients of Deferred Action must apply for a renewal of their documents every two years. In many states, including Texas, acquisition of the social security card also makes it possible for recipients to obtain a driver's li-

cense. Though not a path to residency or citizenship, the Deferred Action program gives many undocumented young people and official protected "status" in the United States.

The Work Program at Paul Quinn College is one component of an innovative educational model that helps students get real-world work experience by working in campus offices

and departments as employees while reducing their student debt. Modelled after the country's seven federal work colleges, Paul Quinn is looking to become the eighth work college by 2014. Once that is accomplished, Paul Quinn will be the only work college in Texas and the only HBCU to be included in the federal work college consortium.

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to the convenience of the date and they had conflicting responsibilities. The meeting was cancelled on the prior Thursday.

Prior to that date, on March 5, the City Council received a letter from the City Attorney's office advising them Gonzalez's attorney, John Lynch, had contacted the City Attorney's office with allegations of ongoing conversations and correspondence among Council members regarding the Manager's contract, which Lynch believed to be in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Council me-

mbers asked were at a loss as to what the attorney was talking about.

On Wednesday, March 20, in a Council work session, another executive session was held and the matter discussed. This discussion included the Manager. Council members, with the exception of the Mayor, have declined to comment on details. However, from the Mayor's interviews and private conversations, and other reports, it appears the Council agreed to offer the Manager a severance in line with what was in the contract. It was discussed with the Manager and, reportedly, he was in agreement. The City Attorneys then sent over specifics to his attorney. The City Attorney was expecting a response the first of the week.

In the meantime, three Council members called a special meeting for Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., with agenda items to discuss the contract and em-

ployment of the Manager in executive session and a public item to take any required action. The three Council members were Dennis Webb, Rose Cannaday, and Roy Santoscoy.

Whatever the extent of conversation among Council members, there is a great deal of conversation between Council members and the public. The reports and accompanying gossip have generated a great deal of consternation as many people do not understand paying a severance when the contract runs out in May.

Councilman Joe Putnam was very blunt in his response: This is the only alternative at least five council members were in agreement with. He stated his preference was a separation on May 1 with no severance, but that was not the preference of a majority of his colleagues. At the same time, there was not an agreement to offer a new contract.

While there are those in the public who understand the necessity of the action contemplated, others have attacked the City Council, accusing them of all kinds of illicit behavior. Still others say

they want the Manager gone, but just do not want to pay a severance.

The matter intensifies as the hours pass as Council members wait for the Man-

ager's response and process the public reaction. Rumors abound. And May 1 looms large with only two Council meetings and one called meeting between now and then.



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March 31, 2013 8 a.m.
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praise God; worship Him and Study His Word.

March 30, 9 a.m.
Join us for Men's Fellowship as we worship and praise God; and we study His Word.

March 31, 9:35 a.m.
You're invited to our Sunday School at 9 a.m. and to stay for our Easter Morning Worship at 11 a.m. as we worship and praise God.

April 3, 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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April 3, 7:30 p.m.
Come to Bible Study as we go further in and deeper down into God's Word and we give Him all of the glory, honor and praise.

April 5, 7 p.m.
Join us for the viewing of The Passion of Christ.

April 6, 8:30 a.m.
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April 1, 7 p.m.
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**March 31, 8 a.m.
And 9:30 a.m.**

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April 3, 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 31
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April 3, 7 p.m.
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March 31, 7:30 a.m.
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April 1, 7 p.m.
Come to Monday School as we study the Word of God. We will worship Him and praise His Holy name.

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March 31, 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.

April 2, 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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Constance Motley was the first Black woman to be appointed to a federal judgeship in the United States.

Her parents had been emigrants from the Caribbean Island Nevis. Motley's father was a cook at Yale University and her mother founded the New Haven chapter of the NAACP. This gave Constance Motley both an academic background and an insight into American civil rights.

In 1946 she became the first Black woman to receive a law degree from Columbia Law School. She argued a number of cases at the Supreme Court level winning nine out of ten decisions.

One of Motley's best known decisions occurred when she helped James

Meredith break segregation at the University of Mississippi. Motley decided to enter politics, and in 1964 became the first Black woman to win a seat in the New York State Senate. Her political career was relatively short when, in 1966, she was made a federal judge by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

She was appointed to a Chief Justice in 1982 and then to the role of a Senior Justice in 1986. Motley was presented with a Presidential Citizens Medal by President Clinton in 2001.

Hallie Quinn Brown was a Black educator, writer and activist. Born March 10, 1850 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, one of six children. Her parents Frances Jane Scroggins and Thomas Arthur Brown were freed slaves.

She was a frequent lecturer on Black issues and the temperance movement, speaking at the International Woman's Christian Temperance Union conference in London in 1895; and representing the United States at the International Congress of Women in London in 1899.

Brown was a founder of the Colored Woman's League of Washington, D.C., which in 1894 merged into the National Association of Colored Women.

Elizabeth Duncan Koontz served as president of the National Education Association (NEA) in 1968-69 and set as her theme, "A time for Educational Statesmanship." She called on teachers "to make use of their united power to bring about change." In her acceptance speech in Dallas, Texas, she further emphasized "that educators ... men and women ... young and old ... Black and White ... stand together."

Born in Salisbury, North Carolina, on June 3, 1919, to Samuel and Lean Duncan, she attended the Salisbury public schools and Livingstone College. Koontz received a Bachelor's degree in English and elementary education in 1938, and a Master's degree in elementary education from Atlanta University in 1941.

Koontz pursued additional training in education for the mentally retarded at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). She devoted her entire life to the field of education.

Other firsts for Koontz included being the first North Carolina Teachers Association member appointed to the NEA Commission. In 1968, she was elected president of the NEA, another first for her and for African-Americans.

As NEA president, she outlined a nine-point program for her tenure in which she called for a unified, secure, respected, informed, and socially aware profession; a profession undivided by artificial differences.

During the presidential Administration of Richard M. Nixon, Koontz headed the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor and served as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1970.

Jean Blackwell Hutson Born in Sommerfield, FL; daughter of Paul O. and Sarah Myers Blackwell. She earned a B.A. from Barnard College, 1935; M.L.S., Columbia University, 1936; Teacher's Certificate, Columbia Univ., 1941.

Housed in the Schomburg is a vast collection of manuscripts and artifacts from the Caribbean, America, Europe, and



Sister Tarpley and Officer David Brown, Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas at the first ever "Men Against Violence" in front of Dallas City Hall

wherever else the slave ships offloaded their tragic cargo. Some items, like lists and diaries from the old Southern plantations, are records of the places Black people once occupied in a world which refused to acknowledge

their rights or their talents. Hutson an official Schomburg curator from 1948-72, built the collection into one of the best resources on Black culture to be found anywhere in the world.

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NDG Bookshelf



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That could've been the motto for you and your two best friends. Growing up, you were the Three Musketeers, sharing gossip, secrets, crushes, families, and truths. Everybody knew that you three were close as paint on a wall and where there was one, the other two weren't far away.

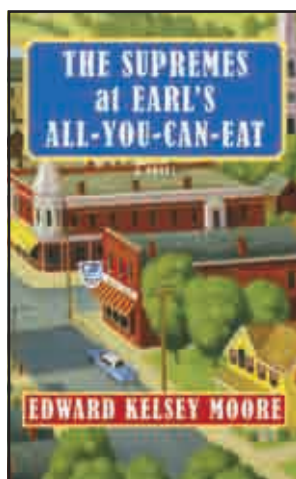
You were lucky to have those friends when you were young and if you're lucky

NDG Book Review: 'The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat' by Edward Kelsey Moore

now, you've still got them around. As you'll see in the new novel *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore, those longtime friends may be life's best souvenir.

If it was Sunday after church, then everybody in Leaning Tree knew where they'd find Odette, Clarice, and Barbara Jean: at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat. They'd been gathering there for forty-odd years but food wasn't all they got.

The diner's owner, Big Earl, had been like a father to just about everybody in town. He practically raised Odette's husband, James, and he'd taken in Barbara Jean when her mother died. Big Earl was



generous with advice and compliments and everybody loved him.

But now he was dead. Odette learned it from her mother, who came visiting in

the middle of the night, along with a well-dressed white woman who seemed a little tipsy. Odette wasn't surprised to see her Mama at that time of day. Ever since they'd buried Mama six years before, she'd been visiting Odette real often.

But Odette didn't talk about that. No sense in worrying James, the love of her life for more than thirty years. No reason to make Clarice fret, since she had enough problems with a philandering husband. And since Barbara Jean carried loss heavy in her chest, there was no sense in stirring up bad memories.

Yes, Big Earl was dead but life went on in Leaning Tree, Indiana. Life went on,

Clarice kept turning a blind eye on her husband's affairs; Little Earl kept the All-You-Can-Eat running; Barbara Jean drank herself stupid every day, like she had for years; and Odette passed the time with those who'd passed on.

Until one day, Mama had something to say that Odette didn't want to hear...

Have you ever read a book that made you feel so at home that you never wanted it to end? Yep, that's what reading *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* is like: comfortable from the first page, delightful to the last.

Author Edward Kelsey Moore made me laugh out loud in parts of this book with

characters that are snide and sarcastic, strong yet delicate. Then he turned around and made me feel bad for what was coming. I loved his turns of phrase and his sense of humor, and I loved the fact that he made me forget that his characters weren't flesh-and-blood. Overall, I just plain loved this book.

If you've ever had a friend (or two) that you knew better than you know yourself, then you need to share this book. *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* is great for one, but better for all.

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat by Edward Kelsey Moore (2013, Alfred A. Knopf, \$24.95, 313 pages)

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an old friend. She's wondering whether you have a best friend with whom you would like to reconnect.

ME: No, me and my three best friends from childhood never stopped being boys.

LAS: Patricia also recognizes you as the love interest in music videos by both Beyonce' and Mariah Carey. She wonders whether you plan to play the hunk again opposite a pop diva in another upcoming video.

ME: No, not really.

LAS: On a similar note, children's book author Irene Smalls asks: Is

being so good-looking ever a drawback because people try to typecast you in your career?

ME: [Chuckles] Yes.

LAS: Irene would also like to know what's up next for you.

ME: I am about to start shooting the remake of *About Last Night*, an adaptation of David Mamet's play *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*.

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

ME: If you could change anything about yourself, what would that be?

LAS: Last time we spoke, I asked you to come up with a generic Michael Ealy question. Did you think of one yet?

ME: Yeah, if you could talk to anyone who has passed on, who would that be and what would you say?

LAS: Great, thanks. The Pastor Alex Kendrick question: What motivates you at this stage of your career?

ME: Good question. It's important to me to start challenging myself more as an artist. I'd like to try different genres, and not always take the popular role

or the favorite part. I'm highly motivated to be flexible. I don't always have to play the picture's moral compass. And I also want to have a lot more fun.

LAS: What would make your life easier?

ME: [LOL] What would make my life easier would be being able to keep my private life private as long as possible.

LAS: Thanks again for the time, Michael, and best of luck with the film.

ME: Alright, Kam, I appreciate it, man.

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mediation will take place on April 5. The City Council has agreed to provide up to four members to represent the City in the mediation, as the Judge had required decision makers be in the mediation. Although that is frequently done with elected

officials, the mediation being posted as an executive session to avoid any potential violation of the Open Meetings Act, the City preferred the reduced number. It would take five to constitute a quorum of the Council.

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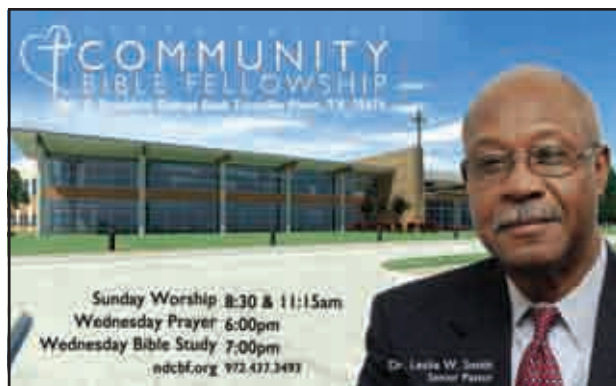


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