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## Texas State Teacher Association believes the Texas Senate TRS bill is significantly improved

The Texas State Teachers Association said the teacher retirement bill approved by the Senate today is significantly improved over previous versions.

“This TRS bill passed today provides a much better balance of contributions from the state and educa-



tional employees than pre-

vious versions of the bill,” said TSTA President Rita Haecker. “We will keep working to ensure all school employees and retirees are treated fairly in the TRS system.”

Under the version of SB1458 approved by the Senate, over the next two

years active employees participating in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas will pay less in contributions than the state. During the two years following that, they will pay less in contributions than the combined contributions

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## Parkland denies Dallas Morning News' allegation of a budget deficient cover-up

DALLAS – Parkland Health & Hospital System released the following statement today in response to an article published in the *Dallas Morning News* containing inaccuracies: Under the headline New Hospital Over Budget, the *Dallas Morn-*

*ing News* wrote that Parkland was \$156 million over budget on its new hospital construction and the system hid that overrun from the public.

This is not true.

The new Parkland Hospital project is not now nor has it ever been \$156 mil-

lion over budget. And far from hiding information from the public, the option of moving all Parkland facilities across Harry Hines at a cost in excess of \$100 million was discussed and rejected during public meetings of the Board of Managers' Facilities Com-

mittee at which the *Dallas Morning News* was present.

“As I told Commissioners' Court yesterday, Parkland staff did ask for estimates on what it would cost to discontinue use of

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## Survival of the Fittest – Extreme Edition kicks off soon

DALLAS - The Essence Of Fitness Charities, Inc. (EOF) has announced the launch of Survival of the Fittest –Extreme Edition, Health, Wellness and Weight Loss Challenge, an annual 12-week summer fitness program in its 4th year of operation. This year's challenge offers

\$2,500 grand prize for the individual winner and up to \$1,000 for team (community group) winners.

In 2010, the first year of operation, 33 participants lost a combined total of 440 lbs. The second year, 36 participants achieved together a total lost of 660 lbs. Last year, the program

saw significant growth with 70 participants losing 1,025 lbs. The reach of the program expanded further with more participants living outside of the “Great Southwest” service area, (like Arlington and Addison) than at any other time. In addition, anecdotal evidence

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COVER STORY



Harriet, from Uganda, holds her first baby, Pius, who was not breathing when he was born. A midwife trained by Save the Children helped Pius first start to breathe. Photo by Suzanna Klaucke.

## Save the Children report: 1 Million babies die the day they are born

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Lil Wayne is just the latest celebrity whose misdeeds catches up with him

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COMMENTARY

## Blacks Underrepresented in Immigration Debate

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

The Senate's Gang of Eight have put together an 844-page monstrosity known as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act, legislation that President Obama says he “basically approves” of. The crafters of this essentially unreadable bill was put together by Senators Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), Michael Ben-

nett (D-Col.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.).

On its surface, the bill provides much needed relief to many of the 11 million undocumented people who live in our country. The challenge is that it disadvantages some immigrants, especially African and Caribbean immigrants, while helping others.

Further, the Senators

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## Michelle Thomas

DALLAS — The finalists for Dallas ISD's 2013 Teacher Assistant of the Year were recently announced by the district. Five teacher assistants have made it to the final round and the winner will be announced May 14 at an event sponsored by Central Market. The finalists are:

Rose Davidson, a teacher assistant at Dallas Environmental Science Academy, focuses on students as well as parents as she tries to increase engagement be-

tween parents and teachers. She has worked in the education field for five years. Nancy Gonzales serves as a teacher assistant at Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center, where she strives to provide a supportive learning environment for each student. Gonzales has spent nine years working in education.

Teacher assistant Betty Martinez from Seagoville Elementary School has worked with students for 21 years and says she still en-

joys learning new ways to help students succeed. In her effort to continue learning, she takes the time to work through the second- and third-grade curriculum so she is familiar with what her students are expected to learn. Cynthia Nagy has served for 34 years as a teacher assistant at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School where she is an integral part of the school's deaf education program.

Through her work, she maintains a strong relationship with the students and their parents and conducts workshops on deaf culture



and sensitivity awareness. Charles A. Gill Elementary School teacher assistant Michelle Thomas has spent the last seven years working in Dallas ISD classrooms where she supports student success by collaborating with the teacher to reinforce each learning objective.

Finalists are selected by a committee of educators, community partners, parents and others.

The winner will be named May 14 at a reception and dinner sponsored by Central Market

## Oscar Chacon

DALLAS – The art of life is reflected in the art of music, painting, drawing, sculpture and writing, created by talented students who attend one of the seven colleges in the Dallas County Community College District. Their efforts have earned scholarships funded by the DCCCD Foundation and named to honor a family whose members have helped students build rewarding lives.

Students who either attend Brookhaven College or

who live in the Carrollton Farmers Branch area were honored. They are: Oscar Chacon and Youngmin Kim of Carrollton, Brookhaven College, and Alaina Tompkins of Colleyville, North Lake College.

Chacon, Tompkins and 12 other students recently were recognized during a special event at El Centro College that included an exhibit of works by visual arts students, plus a stage performance that featured music and writing awardees.



The Cecil Wallace Fordham Award in Visual Arts and the Alice Jones Berding Award in Music were awarded to one student at each of DCCCD's seven colleges. One student also received the Eleanor Jones Award in Creative Writing. The awards are made possible through endowments donated by Eleanor and George Jones and their family through the DCCCD Foundation, each carrying a cash award amount of \$500.

"The DCCCD appreciates so much that Mrs. Eleanor Jones and her chil-

dren and grandchildren have continued the tradition of honoring their family and our students through these scholarships," said Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., DCCCD's chancellor. "The family's dedication to creative and performing arts survives in the works and dreams of these outstanding students. Gifts such as such these are a lasting legacy honoring both the benefactors and the recipients."

Eleanor Fordham Jones and her husband, George Rather Jones, in memory of

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## Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Lewis

DALLAS - The Reverend Doctor Frederick D. Lewis, Senior Associate Pas-

Texas with 34 years ministerial experience and has been active in civic and social af-

ing but not limited to Harvard Law School, The National Judicial College and Southern Methodist University. He has earned degrees as a graduate of De Paul University, College of Law, Juris Doctorate; Trinity International Seminary, Master of Theological Studies; Illinois State University, Bachelor of Science; Illinois Central College Associate in Arts and Science; and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Monrovia College and Industrial Institute of the AME Church in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

Dr. Lewis was honored in 1986 when Bishop Samuel Solomon Morris, bestowed the Honorary Degree of Laws on him upon the recommendation of his pastor, Dr. H. H. Walker, in recognition of his work in the Civil Rights Movement including work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Ward Chapel AME Church gave him the Martin

Luther King Jr. Drum Major award that same year.

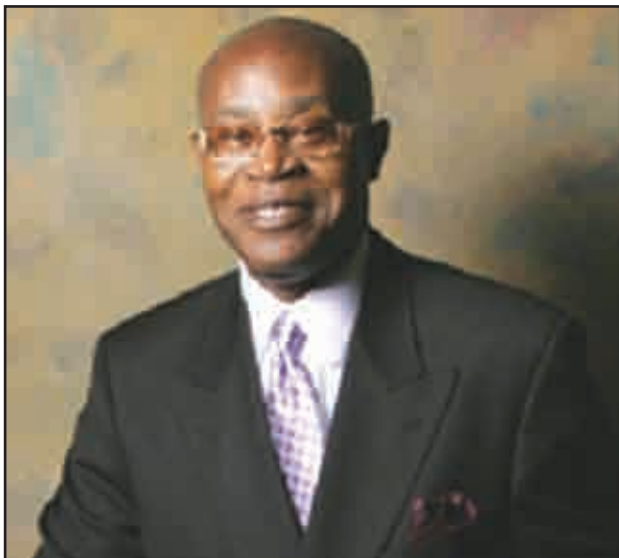
Dr. Lewis has served the community through participation in fraternal organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha (Life Member), Phi Alpha Delta (Law Fraternity), Phi Beta Lambda (Business Fraternity) and Prince Hall Mason and continues to serve the public today. The National Association of Counties in 1996 awarded him one of the County Courthouse Awards as one of the best mediators in the nation.

In 2012, Dr. Lewis was a Special Honored Guest at the Democratic National Convention; he is an active member of the Dallas Friends of Public Education since 2009 and was elected and continues to serve as the Obama Precinct Chair (3057) 23rd Texas Senatorial District. He served as Chairman of The Judiciary Committee, N. E. Texas Conference AMEC

from 2000 to 2007. Fred has been a member of the African American Pastors Coalition

since 1996 and was elected Vice-President for Educa-

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tor of Smith Chapel A. M. E. Church in Dallas will serve the Texas State Senate as Pastor for a Day on May 14.

Dr. Lewis is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church

fairs since he was a teenager in 1960 and was a runner for his Precinct Captain during the election of President John F. Kennedy

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## No Second Class Families

BY BENJAMIN  
TODD JEALOUS

African Americans have spent much of our history fighting for equal treatment. Just two generations ago, our parents and our grandparents were banned from eating at certain restaurants, attending certain schools, and working in certain professions.

So it is not difficult to empathize with the struggle of immigrants in our country. Like our ancestors who migrated from the former slave states of the Deep South, millions of undocumented immigrants move to the United States each year to find work and a decent

education for their children. But when they arrive, they are confronted with blatant discrimination and racial profiling - with hardly any legal recourse and little public outrage.

As people of color, we have a responsibility to stand up for social justice whenever it is violated. That is why the NAACP has joined other civil rights and human rights organizations, including the Rights Working Group and the Leadership Conference of Civil and Human Rights, to support comprehensive immigration reform.

Across the country, an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants live in

a permanent second-class status. Many immigrants come to the U.S. to find a

better life, but find themselves living in the shadows,

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## Letter to Editor: Urging candidates to support Irving candidates on May 11

We are organizing in the Black churches, The Islamic Center of Irving, in the Irving Babledeshi community, the Korean American community and the Hispanic community. We believe these candidates represent the best choices to move our City and our School District ahead. The slate of candidates we are supporting in the May 11 elections are:

### **City Council**

Allan Meagher, Place 2

John Dabish, Place 1

### **School Board**

Gwen Craig, Place 5

Mike Gregory, Place 7

We are tweeting, texting, emailing and calling folks to go vote for our slate. Please tell Black people in Irving that I said, GO VOTE LIKE YOU WENT TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA!

Anthony Bond,  
Irving

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crafting the bill put goodies into the bill that only serve to advantage themselves or their states. Senator Lindsay Graham wants more visas for the meat packing industry.

Senator Charles Schumer provided special provisions for Irish people with a high school diploma (why?), Sen. Marco Rubio, the much touted possible presidential candidate in 2016, asked for more visas for the cruise ship industry, and Senators Michael Bennett wants more visas for workers in ski resorts.

Meanwhile, the legislation would eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, which allows a visa lottery for countries that have low levels (less than 50,000 people) of immigration to the United States. Many African immigrants come here through this program (Ghana and Nigeria each had 6,000 immigrants through this program in 2011; African immigrants are 36 percent of those receiving diversity visas). Thus, while Senator Schumer pushes for special provisions for Irish immigrants, there is no one on the Senate side pushing for special provisions for African and Caribbean immigrants.

Instead of the Diversity Visa Program, the Senate Bill 744 creates between 120,000 and 200,000 visas to those who have future

employment opportunities. Because employers do not seek out African and Caribbean immigrants for employees (as they seek out Indian and Chinese employees), the merit-based point system is likely to provide fewer opportunities for those from Africa and the Caribbean.

Senator Schumer's special provision for the Irish carries no stipulation that these people be employed, essentially granting them a pass from the merit-based point system.

Many hi-tech companies use the H-1B visa program on the grounds that there is a shortage of skilled workers in the United States. There is evidence that this claim is specious and that employers prefer foreign workers who they can pay less and control more. The new legislation will prevent employers from holding workers hostage because their continuing employment is necessary in order to keep their visa.

The new legislation gives H-1B 60 days to find a new job. But why do we have H-1B visas at all. With unemployment over 7 percent, and Black unemployment over 13 percent, surely there are unemployed people who could work effectively in technology companies.

Howard University economist Bill Sprigs has written that there are proportionately more African American students majoring in

computer science than White. Many of these graduates cannot find jobs. Meanwhile, African and Caribbean immigrants get just a small percentage of H-1B visas.

The Immigration Modernization bill will spend \$4.5 billion in an attempt to secure the southern border, which will "secure" our country from Mexican immigrants, but ignores the northern border, which makes our country more open to Canadian immigration. Of course, Canadian immigrants are more likely to be White, and thus less feared, than Mexican immigrants. The Congressional Black Caucus is one of many groups that suggest that this \$4.5 billion could be more effectively spent, perhaps on STEM education.

The immigration bill is by no means final. The House of Representatives still has to vote on it, and many of them will add amendments and exceptions to take care of their "pet" causes. Meanwhile, President Obama has been urging Democrats to accept the immigration bill as it is, because too many amendments may jeopardize the bill. For example, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) would like to propose an amendment that would allow gay Americans to sponsor their partners for green cards. The Judiciary Committee is likely to pass

this amendment, but the whole Senate might not pass it.

President Obama has had a bad year, so far. He didn't get his way on gun control, and an obstructionist House of Representatives has kicked him around. He needs immigration reform to fulfill promises he made to the Latino community during his campaign. But the unwieldy 844-page piece of legislation contains lots of provisions that don't pass the smell test. It makes it more difficult for African and Caribbean immigrants to become citizens of the United States.

The African American community must take a closer look at this legislation. If Senator Schumer can give 10,000 Irish immigrants the open door, how many Africans and Caribbeans will he make exceptions for? At the very minimum, Congress should restore the Diversity Visa program. The bill is called the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act. Exactly who will have more economic opportunity? And is immigration really being modernized when it locks foreign-born Black people out of the process?

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

## Dallas Hilton Anatole now serving low calorie cocktails

In an effort to satisfy consumer demand for better-for-you foods and beverages, the Hilton Anatole Hotel has become one of the first large-volume food-service establishments in Dallas to offer reduced-calorie, reduced-sugar cocktails on its bar menu.

The Hilton Anatole is an early adopter to the "Turning the Town Truvia®", a consumer and foodservice marketing campaign in Dallas which promotes reduced-sugar, zero-calorie natural sweetness.

Now through May, consumers can visit the Truvia page on Facebook to nominate a bar, café or restau-



rant they'd like to see carry Truvia sweetener. Each nominee will have a chance to win a \$5,000 grand prize giveaway. As result, consumers may see Truvia sweetener on the tabletops of their favorite eateries in the near future.

As part, Mixologist Robin Jackson at the Hilton Anatole's Gossip Bar is featuring four "skinny" cocktails sweetened with zero-calorie simple syrups

made from Truvia sweetener, outlined below:

**Slender Mojito-** Bacardi Superior Rum combined with Truvia® simple syrup, freshly muddled mint and lime, and splash of club soda.

**Lemon Drop Lite-** A combination of Absolut Citron Vodka, Truvia® simple syrup, and freshly squeezed lemon juice.

**Slende-Rita-** Patron Silver tequila, Truvia® simple syrup combined with fresh lime juice and club soda.

**The Skinny Berry Mojito-** A mixture of Bacardi Superior Rum, Truvia® simple syrup, freshly muddled mixed berries, lime, mint, and splash of club soda.

## Talk to your kids about risky online behavior makes a difference

What's your teen doing online? What are their privacy settings? The more parents know and the more they talk to their children about it, the better. A study looking at the behavior of teenage girls online showed that their profile says a lot about them.

Dr. Jennie Noll is a professor of pediatrics at the

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

"Parents need to be able to talk to their adolescents in a non-threatening and non-shaming way, so that they can keep the lines of communication open about the dangers of high risk behaviors on the internet."

Noll suggests these conversations start earlier, because kids jump online at younger ages.

Her research showed that parental control devices did nothing, but being involved with a child's online presence proved key.

Learn more at healthfinder.gov.

## Republicans less open about support for benefit cuts to Social Security, Medicare

Reining in spending on Social Security and Medicare remains an important policy goal for the GOP, according to *The Washington Post*. However, Republican members of Congress are becoming increasingly ambivalent about their party's demand to cut Social Security and Medicare. While Republican Party leaders state that these cuts remain a major goal of the party, they are

currently choosing to be more vocal about other issues, such as tax reform. Republican Representatives admit that they are concerned about losing the votes of seniors in their districts due to their support of the benefit cuts, and therefore do not want to make these cuts a prominent talking point.

"Republicans are realizing that seniors will not sit by quietly while vital

programs like Social Security and Medicare are cut," said Barbara J. Easterling, President of the Alliance. "While this is unfortunately largely a change in rhetoric and prioritization, not a change in position, it is a signal that members of Congress are learning how great the political cost will be to them if they cut our benefits. We must continue to remind them regularly."

## Mosquito samples test positive for West Nile Virus in Lewisville

Two trap locations set last week captured mosquitoes that tested positive for the presence of West Nile Virus. Locations were the 800 block of College Street and the 1700 block of South Edmond (behind Renaissance Village Retirement Center) in Lewisville.

Based on those test results, and the fact that cases of human infection did occur near both locations during

2012, the City has decided to treat both areas with a combination of ground-level spraying to kill adult mosquitoes and aggressive larvicide treatment to kill eggs and larva. Spraying was scheduled for this week.

More than 30 people in Lewisville came down with WNV last year. Public health officials declared 2012 the worst season ever for WNV in North Texas, and there is concern that 2013 could be

comparable. However, there are simple precautions people can take to protect themselves and their families from the disease. Many of those steps are described below. Additional information also is available from the Denton County Health Department and Texas Department of Health at telephone hotlines and Internet hyperlinks provided at the bottom of this page.

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her father, endowed the Cecil Wallace Fordham Award in Visual Arts in 1979. The award honors Cecil Fordham, an automotive mechanical engineer and veteran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who built furniture as a hobby and had a lifelong appreciation for beautiful design. The award is given annually to outstanding visual arts major at each of the seven colleges in DCCCD's system.

This year's visual arts honorees (listed with home town, college and major or field of study – with the exception of Mountain View College) are:

Oscar Chacon of Carrollton, Brookhaven College, painting and drawing; Marco Torres of Lancaster,

Cedar Valley College, printmaking; Alexandra Gilbreath of Sachse, Eastfield College, drawing; Raymond Pratt of Dallas, El Centro College, art; Arjoon

K.C. of Irving, North Lake College, art; and Janette Sanchez of Garland, Richland College, art and psychology.

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all buildings on the current campus and move everything including the outpatient clinics and administration offices across Harry Hines Boulevard to the location of the new hospital," said Parkland Interim CFO Ted Shaw.

"It was eventually determined that such an effort

would add an additional \$156 million to the cost of the project. Given the cost, we did not consider that a viable option and we recommended a different path to the Board of Managers in which buildings on the current campus, which were constructed in the 1980s, are renovated for outpatient

services. No one at Parkland has authorized any expenditure beyond the resources we have currently identified. We have discussed this issue at numerous public meetings of the Board's Facilities Committee."

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## Books Matter @ Irving East Branch Library

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## Host families needed for Colombian orphans

DALLAS—Seven Colombian orphans will make the trip of a lifetime as they travel to Dallas for a three-week visit with American host families this December.

The Angels from Abroad program provides older children a chance to learn about American culture, share their Colombian culture, and experience living in a family. It also helps raise awareness about the need for adopting older children and children who are part of a sibling group, said Denise Schoborg, director of Dillon International's Colombia program.

"Every night in Colombia, approximately 60,000 children in the care of the country's child protection system fall asleep uncertain of what the future holds for their lives. Sadly, adoption for most of these children will never come

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**Curtis Report**  
by Barry Curtis

I remember interviewing the great civil rights icon Dale Long recently, where he casually mentioned to me in passing, and I quote, "Dr. King was a Republican, you know that right?" I did indeed know that and history supports that position. That to me is not so startling as much as the liberal media's push back on that fact.

We know Martin Luther King Jr.'s father, Martin Luther King, Sr., was not only a registered Republican but also actively supported Richard Nixon for president. Would it be a stretch or a

## Dr. King: A solid Republican

surprise that his son and namesake was also a Republican?

History proves the King's right in supporting the Republican Party, after all the Republican Party was the party that supported blacks thru most of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It was the Republican Party that amended the constitution to free all men from the shackles of slavery thru ratification of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. Those amendments abolished slavery, made blacks citizens and outlawed involuntary servitude. The Republican Party stood firm by ratifying the civil rights act 1866 and the reconstruction act of 1867. In fact the Republican Party was

founded in 1854 as an anti-slavery party.

Contrast those accomplishments with the Democratic Party's passing of the sickening Jim Crow laws and the so-called civil codes that gave us separate but equal schools, bathrooms and drinking fountains. History shows us that the Democratic Party universally opposed every civil rights bill adopted in the 1950's and 1960's, with the notable exception of President Lyndon Johnson.

Some notable Democratic icons such as Senator Al Gore senior and then Senator John Kennedy voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

It was black Republicans that founded the NAACP. Richard Nixon

created "the Philadelphia plan" that was the blue print for affirmative action.

Why would the liberal media fail to give Republicans our due in the history of civil rights? Why is the liberal media so afraid of the many contributions of black and white republicans to the cause of civil liberty and freedom?

It is clear that we all should proudly herald the contributions of all Americans black or white, republican or democrat. On the next MLK day give thanks to the contributions of Dr. King, the Republican and Ronald Reagan the former democrat turned Republican that signed the law making MLK day a national holiday.

## Richardson to implement Stage 3 water restrictions

The City of Richardson will implement its Stage 3 water restriction measures Saturday, June 1. The implementation of Stage 3 comes at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which is facing critical shortages in its water supply. The City of Richardson has developed the following plan based on the guidelines requested by the NTMWD:

Outdoor watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or during times of precipitation. Excessive water runoff from any landscaped area onto any impervious surfaces is prohibited.

Exemptions include the use of drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses to protect foundations, hand watering of orna-

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Lawn irrigation schedule (1 time per week until further notice)

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0, 2, 4, 6, 8 (even)	<b>Saturday</b> (Irrigation prohibited between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	<b>Sunday</b> (Irrigation prohibited between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

mental flower beds, the operation of ornamental fountains, washing of vehicles, the filling of newly-constructed pools and the refilling of pools drained for repairs.

Both Lavon and Chapman lakes, two key NTMWD reservoirs, are down almost eight feet below normal conservation levels. In addition, the district still cannot draw water from Lake

Texoma because of a zebra mussel infestation.

Richardson's Community Services Department inspectors will proactively canvass neigh-

borhoods and commercial areas to identify violations as well as respond to citizen complaints. They will also send notices when evidence of watering is observed.

A defendant will not be required to appear in court if issued a citation for a first offense. A defendant may instead elect to plead "guilty" or "no contest" and pay a window fine of \$150. If a second (or subsequent) citation is issued or if a citation is written as an "aggravated offense," the defendant will be required to appear before a mu-

nicipal court judge to have the case resolved.

Residents are encouraged to report violations via the

MyRichardson mobile application, online at www.cor.net or by calling 972-744-4111.

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## DISD Board honors outstanding volunteers

DALLAS— The Dallas ISD Board of Trustees recently recognized outstanding school district partners and volunteers for their support to schools in the 2012-2013 school year at the monthly board meeting in April. Members of the audience joined in to say thanks and recognize the award winners who are helping Dallas ISD meet the Destination 2020 goals.

Volunteers and partner groups annually contribute thousands of hours of time and numerous in-kind dona-



The Outstanding Community Liaison/Partnership Coordinator Award was presented to Tonya Mayberry from Amelia Earhart Learning Center. Mayberry was accompanied by Earhart Principal Andrea Nelson and Dallas ISD Superintendent Mike Miles.

tions and financial resources to help schools extend learning experiences for students. This year alone, district schools have registered 26,159 volunteers and involved 1,200 school partners.

Below is the list of awards presented as well as a description of the honorees:

### Outstanding Elementary Community Volunteer

Our 2013 Outstanding Elementary Community Volunteer is Ms. Sheryl Callandret. Ms. Callandret's ongoing service in the workroom,

the office, the library and classrooms has had a definite impact on R.L. Thornton Elementary School. She extends her volunteer efforts to tutoring, PTA, chaperoning field trips and encourages others in the community to devote time, money and services to our schools. She has faithfully served for 13 consecutive years.

### Outstanding Elementary Parent Volunteer

Traditionally one elementary volunteer was selected for special districtwide

recognition; to spotlight the importance of Dallas ISD parent volunteers a separate category was created this spring. This year's winner is Rosalinda Salinas. Mrs. Salinas has volunteered at Moseley for the past seven years. Currently, she is PTA President and is one of the first Parent Leaders in the district's PREP U Leadership Academy in which she serves two additional schools: Balch Springs Middle School and H. Grady Spruce High School.

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## Why are minority children placed in special ed programs at a higher rate?

AUSTIN – Last week Texas State Rep. Nicole Collier submitted House Bill 3816, which will create a task force to study Special Education referrals in public schools. The Representative felt compelled to pursue the task force after speaking to numerous concerned parents while on the campaign trail as well as at a recent Town Hall meeting.

Many Special Education parents were concerned that their student's minority and cultural status played a role in their child's referral to the program. Upon examination

of the data gathered from around the State provided by the Texas Education Agency, it was apparent that their concerns were meritorious.

African-American students make up 13.7 percent of the total population in Texas but make up 17.4 percent of students in Special Education. Closer to home, it is even more troublesome. African-American students in Fort Worth ISD are 20 percent more likely to be referred to Special Education than any other student. Area district discrepancies are also listed below.

School District	African American students in total population	African American students in Special Education population	Percentage difference in representation
Arlington	24.4%	28.7%	15%
Dallas	24.8%	36.9%	32.8%
Everman	44.6%	50.2%	11.2%
Fort Worth	24.0%	30.0%	20%

Source: Texas Education Agency 2012 Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System: District Reports

"I could not ignore the overwhelming concern from the community that children are being mis-diagnosed or treated differently because of racial and/or culture differences," said Representative Collier. "Devastating cuts to public education

means that our education resources are limited and our teachers are often overwhelmed. We must direct Special Education resources to those who truly need it and not allow culture or race to affect children's placement. Only by objectively exam-

ining the referral process with a group of professional educators and advo-

cates will we be able to seriously address this undeniable trend."

## White House seeking African American students for internship program

WASHINGTON -- The 2013 White House Initiative's Year-round Internship Program provides current undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity to learn about African American-focused education policy, communications, and outreach at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Collecting and compiling research and data on African American education, institutions and communities; Performing data entry and managing the office database; Greeting and escorting visitors to meetings; Participating in strategic planning and staff meetings and other Department policy

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## Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Attends the Groundbreaking of the Union Station to Oak Cliff Streetcar Project

Last week Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson participated in the groundbreaking of the Union Station to Oak Cliff Streetcar project. The Streetcar project is a result of a \$23 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in 2010.

"I worked diligently to get federal funding for this project, but all of you made this happen," said Congresswoman Johnson. "The Dallas Union Station to Oak Cliff Streetcar project is a great example of everyone coming together to pursue a multi-modal transportation system in North



Congresswoman Johnson and members of the Dallas City Council at the streetcar groundbreaking ceremony

Texas," said Congresswoman Johnson.

This project was a collaborative effort between the City of Dallas, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, and the FTA.

The streetcar track is approximately 1.6 mile, extending from near Union Station in downtown Dallas to the Colorado Boulevard and Beckley Avenue intersection in Oak Cliff.

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showed members were sharing by having their entire offices or families following the meal plan. As a result, friends and family from California to North Carolina were benefitting, as well.

The Survival of the Fittest challenge follows a comprehensive, rigorous, structured protocol designed to facilitate weight loss of up to 50 lbs. in a 12-week period – strictly through diet (specialized meal plans are provided) and exercise. Organizers indicate compliance is the critical success factor for participants; it is designed so someone who only needs to lose at least 10 lbs. can win.

"Traditional programs, on the contrary, largely cater to those who have significant weight loss hurdles", states Deedra Walker Penny, the Executive Director, creator and program facilitator.

To discourage attrition, which can be very high in these programs, EOF refunds, \$100 of the \$150 entry fee, at the conclusion of the program, just for completing the requirements with 75 percent compliance to the program guidelines. The remaining \$50 is utilized to pay for the celebration banquet, t-shirts, gifts and prizes.

"It becomes very diffi-

cult to qualitatively assess the impact when members drop out. Therefore, we pay the participants to stay in so we can gather data." Although there are others who attempt to emulate this program, it is difficult for other fitness trainers to model because the profit incentive for the organization is absent.

There are four phases to the challenge, that Penny describes as "East meets West" in terms of key program elements. The preparatory phase starts with a mandatory orientation meeting on May 18 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at A Village Now, located at 1200 South Pointe Drive, in DeSoto.

Actual program implementation will begin June 1 and end on August 24. Weekly guest speakers/workshop facilitators include nutritionists, naturopathic practitioners, mental health counselors, fitness instructors and professionals in other health related fields. Topical content may include supplementation, fitness knowledge, and educational videos, i.e. Food, Inc. Contestants / participants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Pounds lost
2. Inches lost

3. Body fat lost
  4. Attendance
  5. Fitness Wellness Knowledge Exam
  6. Accountability Partner Rating
  7. Decrease in blood pressure
  8. Decrease in heart rate
  9. Two (2) community service projects:
    - a. SolJazz Festival Diabetes Walk June 8, 2013
    - b. SOTF – Extreme Edition- 12 Hour Dance Marathon August 3
- The program is more than just a boot camp. EOF stresses the fact Survival of the Fittest is the most comprehensive program many participants have attempted - addressing the mind, body and souls of competitors.

In two of the three previous years, the contest winner was not the person that lost the most weight. The winners generally had the best attendance and compliance with all aspects of the challenge. Additionally, the challenge is based on Christian principles, encouraging the use of daily prayer and weekly scriptures to create spiritual, bonding and support opportunities.

For more information visit [www.essenceoffitness.org](http://www.essenceoffitness.org).

## Is your child at risk for Type 2 diabetes?

BY GRACE A. DEROGHA

Children today are being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes more frequently than ever before. Michigan ranks 15th in the nation for prevalence of diabetes, and diagnoses have increased by 15 percent in the last five years. In fact, diabetes is now considered to be one of the most common chronic diseases in children and adolescents. Like many chronic diseases, some groups, including African Americans, have a higher risk for developing type 2



diabetes.

Wondering how to determine whether your child

could potentially be affected by this preventable disease? See **DIABETES, Page 8**



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## Mother's Day shopping list should include affordable beauty care and rum cake

BY RUTH FERGUSON,  
NDG EDITOR

I love giving (and receiving gift baskets) and if I received one (birthday is around the corner – just saying!) these would be delightful items to find in a Mother's Day gift basket.

First, I received a couple of affordable beauty care products from Every Beauty. When I opened the box it contained products gift wrapped in a washcloth



Affordable pampering products from Every Beauty

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## Get Mom The Right Gift



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**Achievers** (34% of moms)  
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Gift Ideas: Dinner date just you and Mom, Day trip together

**Explorers** (14% of moms)  
Bubbly, Impulsive, Highly Social, Open  
She'll Like: Experiences, family surprises  
Gift Ideas: Hand-logged reservations, hot theater tickets

**Balancers** (18% of moms)  
Deliberate, Highly Curious, Routine Rigid  
She'll Like: Commemorative dinner, day trips, time-saving experiences  
Gift Ideas: Latest technology, maid service, personal chef

**Independents** (12% of moms)  
Cautious, Slow to Trust, Introverted  
She'll Like: Personalized, personalized gifts, smart indulgences  
Gift Ideas: Family scrapbook, handmade treats, an experience

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disease? If your child is overweight or obese, his or her risk of being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes increases dramatically.

### What you need to know about type 2 diabetes

The American Diabetes Association defines diabetes as a group of diseases characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to produce enough insulin or use it effectively. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life.

Type 2 diabetes, previously referred to as adult-onset diabetes, is the most common form. In type 2 diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin.

Before 1990, type 2 diabetes was rarely seen in children. Since then, the number of diagnoses in children each year has increased at a rapid rate – a trend doctors believe to be the result of the high prevalence of obesity in youth. As more children become obese, the number of children diagnosed with type 2 diabetes increases at a similar rate.

Untreated diabetes can be extremely dangerous and even fatal, so it is important for parents to be aware of some of the warning signs associated with this disease.

### Here's what to be on the lookout for:

- Extreme thirst
- Frequent urination
- Sudden vision change
- Sugar in urine
- Fruity, sweet or wine-like odor on breath
- Increased appetite
- Sudden weight loss
- Drowsiness, lethargy
- Heavy, labored breathing
- Stupor, unconsciousness
- Frequent infections
- Blurred vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
- Recurring skin, gum or

bladder infections  
People with diabetes often display no early warning signs, making it extremely important to consult with your doctor to determine if you have diabetes.

Remember – you do have control by making healthy choices – a valuable lifestyle you can, and should, share with your children. Families can help prevent childhood obesity, and even type 2 diabetes, by encouraging everyone to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their diet. It is also important to choose whole grains and lean protein sources when planning meals. Portion control is a key component to a healthy lifestyle, along with plenty of exercise and daily, physical activity.

*Grace A. Derocha is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and wrote article for the Michigan Chronicle.*

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of the state and school districts.

The increase in the employee contribution rate will be phased in and set at 6.4 percent in FY2014 and 6.7 percent in FY2015, instead of the 7.7 percent rate that would have taken effect in

FY2015 in the previous version of the bill.

The employee contribution rate would increase to 7.2 percent and 7.7 percent in FY2016 and 2017 but could not exceed the combined state and school district contribution.

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briefings and meetings relevant to the work of the Initiative; Responding to constituent inquiries verbally or in writing; and more.

Throughout the course of their internships, students will have the opportunity to attend and potentially lead in the planning and management of meetings, briefings and other

special events on the Hill, at the White House and in other federal agencies.

To apply for the 2013 White House Initiative's Year-round Internship Program, visit: [www.findinternships.com/2013/04/white-house-initiative-year-round-internship-program.html](http://www.findinternships.com/2013/04/white-house-initiative-year-round-internship-program.html)

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# Save the Children report: 1 Million babies die the day they are born

*More U.S. babies die on birth day than in rest of industrialized world*

WESTPORT, Conn. -- A baby's birth day is the most dangerous day of life in the United States and almost every country in the world according to Save the Children's *State of the World's Mothers* report, released this week.

More than 1 million babies die the day they are born yearly, according to the first global analysis of newborn day-of-death data.

In addition to new findings on newborn survival, the report also features Save the Children's *Mothers' Index*, released annually in the run-up to Mother's Day. This year it ranks Finland as the best place in the world to be a mother, and Democratic Republic of the Congo as the toughest.

The United States ranks as the 30th best place to be a mother, just above Japan and South Korea but below all of Western Europe, Australia, Slovenia, Singapore, New Zealand, Estonia, Canada, Czech Republic, Israel, Belarus, Lithua-



*Karin Sivelä recently gave birth to her second daughter at Porvoo Hospital in the south of Finland. Sivelä says she has benefitted from the Finnish health care system. Photo by Heidi Söyrinki.*

## Surviving the First Day

The 2013 *State of the World's Mothers* report focuses in on newborn health and the theme "Surviving the First Day." A new *Birth Day Risk Index* ranks 186 countries by the chances a baby will die on the first day of life.

The United States is a

In the industrialized world, the United States has 60 percent of all first-day deaths, but only 38 percent of live births. Approximately 11,300 U.S. babies died on the first day of life in 2011, the report says. Some U.S. counties have first-day death rates common in the developing world, where 98 percent of all first-day deaths occur.

"It is hard to imagine the depth of one mother's pain in losing her baby the very day she gives birth, let alone a million times over," said Carolyn Miles, President & CEO of Save the Children. "Yet, this report is full of hope. It shows there is a growing movement to save newborn lives and growing evidence that we can do it saving up to 75 percent of them with no intensive care whatsoever."

## As child mortality drops, newborns left behind

Since 1990, overall child mortality has dropped dramatically around the world, from 12 million annual deaths to less than 7 million. But the report shows lack of global attention on newborns has translated into a much slower decline in newborn mortality. In sub-Saharan Africa,

as many newborns die now as two decades ago.

Globally, 43 percent of child deaths occur in the newborn period, or first month of life. The new report finds that more than a third of newborn deaths, or 15 percent of all child deaths, occur on the same day - their first.

The three leading causes of newborn death are prematurity, birth complications and severe infections. Among wealthier countries, higher U.S. rates of prematurity contribute to higher newborn mortality. Whether in the United States or the developing world, the poorest mothers are more likely to lose a newborn baby, the report finds.

The largest numbers of first-day deaths occur in India (more than 300,000 a year) and Nigeria (almost 90,000). The report identifies Somalia as the country with the highest first-day death rate (18 per 1,000 live births), while Luxemburg, Singapore and Sweden have among the lowest (less than 0.5 per 1,000).

## New hope for newborns

A new Save the Children analysis shows that four underutilized products costing between 13 cents and \$6 each could save 1 million newborns a year many on the first day of life. They are:

- resuscitation devices to help babies breathe;
- the antiseptic chlorhexidine to prevent umbilical cord infections;
- injectable antibiotics to treat infections; and
- antenatal steroid injections to help preterm babies lungs develop.

Other factors the report says will save more newborns are:

- early and exclusive breastfeeding,
- kangaroo mother care to keep preterm babies warm against their mothers skin, and

- skilled attendance at birth (40 million women a year now go without).

Addressing the global health worker crisis is key, as is investing in girls and women. Their improved nutrition and empowerment to attend school, delay mar-

Save the Children Artist Ambassador Jennifer Garner says, "Even with all of the care I had, even with monitoring the babies all the way through, I still had fears. So it's hard not to think about women who don't have all of that care,



*Carolyn Miles, President & CEO of Save the Children, holds a newborn baby in a medical facility near New Delhi. India has more first-day deaths annually than any other country. Photo by Save the Children.*

riage and plan and space births all lead to healthier mothers and babies.

## Celebrities speak up for Moms everywhere

Save the Children also debuted a video of celebrity and everyday moms celebrating the magical first moments with their babies and wishing the same for all moms.

"I'm grateful for the midwives who delivered my three children," Save the Children Artist Ambassador Jennifer Connelly says in the video. "I hope that pregnant women everywhere are given the opportunity to give birth safely."

and how scared they must be."

The *State of the World's Mothers* report highlights several very poor countries making great strides to save newborns including Nepal, Bangladesh, Malawi and Ethiopia and calls on all nations to act for mothers and babies.

See the full rankings, learn more and take action at [www.savethechildren.org/mothers](http://www.savethechildren.org/mothers)

Save the Children is the leading independent organization for children in need, with programs in 120 countries, including the United States. Follow on Twitter and Facebook.



*In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tshikati Esther's first child died of malnutrition, but she's gone on to have 3 more with help from Save the Children programming. Photo by Jodi Bieber.*

nia and Poland. The *Mother's Index* rankings are determined by five indicators on education, income, women's political representation and the chances a mother and her baby will survive.

riskier place to be born than 68 other countries, according to the new analysis conducted by Save the Children and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.



## NDG Gossip: Lil Wayne is just the latest celebrity whose misdeeds catches up with him

BY: SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

Most celebrities when they are not in the media spotlight live or try to live normal lives, but when your life is in the public eye 24-7, that can be a little hard to do. Everything you say or do will be criticized rather it's good or bad.

Lil Wayne lyrics have finally caught up with him, and an apology can't solve the situation. The rapper has officially been dropped from an endorsement deal with Mountain Dew over scandalous lyrics that he added to a remix with artist

Future Karate Chop.

The words stated, "beat the p—y up like Emmett Till," a reflection of the 1955 beating and murder of Mississippi teenager Emmett Till.

PepsiCo released an official statement declaring that Weezy's "offensive reference to a revered civil rights icon does not reflect the values of our brand."

Earlier this week, PepsiCo pull an ad that was created and directed by Odd Future's Tyler, The Creator. The ad receives much press after Dr. Boyce Watkins referred to it as perhaps "the most racist commercial in history."



Image: Mountain Dew

Lil Wayne

Almost two months after the record was released, Lil Wayne has finally taken action and apologized to the Till family for his lyrics. In the letter he as-

sured them he will no longer reference Emmett Till or the Till family in general in any future song.

Wayne's apology has not fixed the situation, Air-

icka Gordon- Taylor Till's cousin has publicly released a statement on Facebook stating "the statement falls short of an apology, as none is mentioned."

Other celebrities have also let their behavior get the best of them.

Singer/dancer Chris Brown lost his profitable endorsement deal with Doublemint chewing gum after his arrest for assaulting than girlfriend Robyn Rihanna Fenty back in 2009.

Top Model Kate Moss loss her major endorsement deals from H&M, Burberry and Chanel, after the media expose her as a cocaine user.

Even world famous Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps has been in the hot seat. After pictures were released of what appeared to be the athlete smoking marijuana, The Kellogg's company decided not to renew their endorsement with the swimmer.

By far the biggest celebrate gone bad is none other than Tiger Woods. Back in 2009 after the cheating scandals came out Woods lost a reported \$22 million in endorsements from Gatorade, AT&T and Accenture.

It's safe to say that even celebrities go from being good to bad.

## Feel the rhythm of FELA!

BY IVY N. MCQUAIN,  
NDG CONTRIBUTING  
WRITER

With any theatrical production, you never really know what to expect. You never know if it's going to be worth your time, money and energy to stay awake. But the Broadway production of *FELA!* is well worth the time, money and definitely the energy! This colorful movement, melodic choruses, rhythmic dances and breathtaking expressions of passion captivated the audience from the first scene.

Let me explain what I mean... I only knew that I loved theater when I saw this play and that I hold a fondness for the creativity of Shawn "Jay Z" Carter and Will and

Jada Smith. So I wanted to see *FELA!* for nothing more than to see their creativity unleashed on and in Dallas. I didn't expect to be wowed by the cast and it's powerful messages!

The play was set in the Shrine, a club in Lagos, Africa that was owned by Fela in 1978. The set up was minimal at best, but you felt as if you were in the Shrine watching Fela and his band perform. There were nine beautiful dancers, who in real life, well Fela's real life, were all his wives. They performed with Fela and were fiercely loyal to him. These dancers were phenomenal as they danced in unison and even sporadically across the stage.

This two-act play started with Fela going away to col-

lege in London for music and finding his own sound, Afro beats. Upon finishing college he returns to Lagos and attempts to change the musical culture but was met with strong opposition from the Nigerian government. Relentless and persistent, Fela, who's real name is Fela Anikulapo Kuti, refused to conform and continued to play his music until it began to garner attention from individuals outside of Nigeria.

Keep in mind that Fela's mother, activist Funmilayo was murdered by the Nigerian military and Fela struggles throughout the entire production to ask her for permission to leave Lagos to pursue his music in other parts of the world. Her spirit was present throughout the entire perform-



ance and Melanie Marshall powerfully delivered her songs and chants from the grave.

Fela, played by Adesola Osakalumi, was captivating. He fought against the sanctity of marriage. He loved nudity and sex. And he was quite fond of marijuana. So much so that he named a song about his arrest over the illicit drug. It was hilarious! The songs were

amazing and the audience was even encouraged to participate with hip thrusting movements. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of the play.

A couple of things stood out, including Michelle Williams, formerly of *Destiny's Child*. Her voice perfectly complimented Osakalumi's performances. Though her dances were not as expressive as the ensemble, she de-

livered great energy and captivated the audience with her solo performances. The ensemble was phenomenal. These women twirled their hips, gyrated across the stage and excited all members of the audience. Watching them made you feel as if you could dance like them, even if it was in your mind. Not sure of her name but watch for the dancer with the long ponytail ... she is amazing!

My recommendation? GO SEE *FELA!* It's in town from May 7-19 at the Winspear Opera House. You can purchase your tickets at <http://www.attpac.org/>, which are reasonably priced. Also, you can use the code TALLEN for a \$20 discount for a limited time. Enjoy a night out at the theater!

## Irving ISD Vendor Fair May 10

The Irving ISD Purchasing Department will hold a MWBE (Minority or

Women-owned Business Enterprise) information session on Friday May 10 at

9:30 a.m. at the district's administration building. The office is located at 2621 W.

Airport Frwy. in Irving. The Purchasing Department staff will share how to

register as a vendor in the district's vendor self service system and provide infor-

mation on their MWBE policy. Visit [Irvingisd.net](http://Irvingisd.net) for registration forms.

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inviting me to take time for a manicure and pedicure using their 3 in 1 Nail File and their Flexible Foot Smoother. The 3 in 1 Nail File which I received in snow white, is available in bubble gum pink and green apple for only \$4.99. So often brands boast about being ergonomically de-



Tortuga rum cake

signed but this really fits comfortably in your hand. The unique shape features a straight stainless steel nail file that turns into a curved stainless steel nail file. Files nails to any shape including flat tips, rounded corners and pointed tips. It neatly fits in your purse too for a nail 9-1-1.

Later I received a box from Tortuga which promises to provide a taste of the Caribbean, and what a taste it is! My samples included individually boxed and vacuum wrapped mini Original Rum Cakes with Walnuts and the Chocolate Rum Cake, which co-workers enjoyed. Trust me when I say these cakes

should come with a warning – do not eat and drive! When you open the vacuum sealed package, the aroma of the rum greets you. The cake is unbelievable moist and I am fairly certain Mom will not be interested in sharing.

When it is all said and done, Mom will always enjoy whatever you surprise her

with, but these gifts will be a little bit beyond the usual perfume and flowers and will get bonus points for your creativity. A combo pack like Every Beauty and Tortuga will give her a chance to pamper herself and enjoy a delicious dessert, giving her a much needed time out.



## Minority Business Expo highlights council's 40th Anniversary May 13-14

DALLAS – Showcasing a signature program as part of its 40th Anniversary, the Dallas/Forth Minority Supplier Development Council will hold its annual Business Expo, ACCESS, on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14 at the Irving Convention Center. With more than 1000 Expo attendees in 2012, ACCESS is the largest regional business Expo connecting corporations and public sector agencies with certified minority owned businesses. This year's signature sponsors are Oncor, as corporate member and MBE, Fortis Foods International.

“Oncor celebrates and promotes supplier diversity

because it matters to us, to our customers and to our state,” Oncor Chief Executive Officer Bob Shapard said. “The dollars we invest with diverse companies positively impact the communities Oncor serves; the same communities where we all work and live.”

Rhod Williams, Fortis Foods International CEO and Managing Partner added: “As an MBE, Fortis believes supplier diversity is an economic imperative for the 21st century -- and a valuable source of competitive differentiation. Our ability to meaningfully participate within major supply chains, as well as our

continuous support of other MBEs in their commercial endeavors, underscores the purpose of the Expo.”

ACCESS 2013 will feature over 50 confirmed State of Texas agencies recruited by State Senator Royce West, conducting on the spot bidding; a *Federal Connection Track* to introduce firms to Prime federal contractors and provide information about how to do business with the federal government; a *Marketing Madness Business Solution Pavilion*, offering small business solutions and product demonstrations; and over 40 major corporations seeking suppliers. As part of its 40th anniversary,

the organization is also issuing a “40 for 40 Initiative” among its members.

“The D/FW MSDC 40 for 40 Initiative is a challenge to every Buying Entity Partner and certified MBE to complete 40 business transactions with a certified MBE this year,” said Margo J. Posey, Council President. Posey added: “The Council will keep a tally through the remainder of the year and recognize the challenge leaders at its Annual Meeting in December.”

The two-day expo will also feature Corporate/MBE round tables and one-on-one business matching sessions between corporations, public sector entities, institutions and minority business suppliers looking to discuss immediate and near term opportunities.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the effort by the Council to facilitate the connections, last year 200 one-on-one sessions were held by 73 buyers from 32 buying entities. An opening reception, luncheon, busi-

ness demo center and seminars are also part of the program. “Both MBE’s and Corporate members should be excited about this event. Each year we continue to challenge ourselves to come up with multiple opportunities for exhibitors, sponsors and attendees to meet, connect, identify opportunities and conduct real business,” said Posey.

Registration and sponsorship information is available at the Council’s website at [www.dfwmsdc.com](http://www.dfwmsdc.com) or by calling 214-630-0747.

## Community Trust Bank opens Allen branch, 7th in DFW

ALLEN – Community Trust Bank’s Allen Banking Center is located at 384 East Stacy Road, opened its doors May 6. This location marks the seventh banking

center to open in the area, further increasing the bank’s footprint across the Dallas-Fort Worth market.

The full service-banking center features “dia-

logue towers” in the lobby, which serve as a customer-focused retail delivery platform. A customer is greeted by a personal banker imme-

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in constant fear of arrest and deportation. This segregation has a cost.

Undocumented workers are exploited on a regular basis. Many business owners pay low wages and provide dangerous working conditions for their undocumented workers, with little fear of retaliation. They know that their employees have too much at stake to risk contacting the proper authorities.

Undocumented immigrants are also targeted by police. Racial profiling has been legalized in states like Alabama and Arizona under the guise of immigration enforcement. Our national immigration laws, in conjunction with these state laws, encourage local police to stop people of color, whether they are undocumented or not.

Right now Congress is debating a comprehensive immigration bill that will offer a roadmap to citizen-

ship and also deal directly with workplace discrimination and racial profiling. One proposed provision allows undocumented immigrants to have the full protection of American labor laws. Another one explicitly prohibits racial profiling by Homeland Security agents - which would make it the first federal law to do so.

The bill in its draft form is not perfect. The racial profiling provision needs adjustments that are being debated at the time of this writing. The draft bill also contains provisions that would eliminate the diversity visa program - which helps many African and Caribbean immigrants come to America - and dramatically expand the guest worker program. The NAACP and our allies will continue to make our voice heard as Congress debates the bill.

In August 1963 a sea of diverse activists stormed the

National Mall to demand social justice and an end to segregation. In April 2013 a similarly diverse wave of legal immigrants, undocumented immigrants, and activists of all backgrounds gathered at the United States Capitol to call an end to second-class citizenship. The March on Washington pressured Congress to pass the Civil Rights Acts. This year, we need to show Congress again that American of all stripes care about progressive reform.

As Dr. King said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. African Americans have spent much of our history fighting for fair treatment and equal opportunity. We must also offer support to our immigrant brothers and sisters. If we want to escape the sins of our past, we must ensure there are no second class families today.

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**May 10-11 Full Moon Fever: A Tribute to Tom Petty DSO Pops Series** at 8 p.m. Tickets: 214.692.0203 or DallasSymphony.com.

**May 11 FREE Bancroft Family Concert** at 3 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Arts located at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas [finearts-chamberplayers.org](http://finearts-chamberplayers.org)

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**May 12**

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**May 19 The Singers Celebrate!** at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway in Mesquite

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**May 30 Buckner International Community Health Fair** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wynnewood Community Transformation Center located at 2006 Didsbury Circle in Dallas

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nity Trust Bank. "With the dialogue towers serving as the heart of our unique retail platform, we look forward to providing our customers with an unparalleled, one-stop, one-person transaction experience."

Community Trust Bank also has full service centers in Frisco, Plano, Dallas, and Fort Worth, and has recently announced entry into Houston.

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true in their birth country where the majority of adoptions involve young, healthy children," Scho-borg said.

"We have the opportunity to change these children's lives dramatically through adoption," Scho-borg added. "Every child deserves to know the love of a family."

The children who will be visiting through the Angels from Abroad program are ages 8 to 15, and include a sibling group of two and a sibling group of three children.

Host families are still needed for the program. Interested families can attend free meetings May 21 and May 30 at the Dillon International office/Buckner Children and Family Services Campus in Dallas.

**WHAT:** Free Interest Meetings for Angels from Abroad Program Host Families

**WHEN:** May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and May 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Buckner Children and Family Services campus (Calabria Building/ Training Room), 5200 S. Buckner Blvd., in Dallas

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# Happy Birthday Philip! And Happy Mother's Day to All!

Today is Philip Immanuel Lott's birthday. Nine years ago Mother's Day was on Sunday, May 9th; and on the way to bringing me my Mother's Day gift and corsage to wear all day, my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott and family, made an unscheduled stop.

One of the greatest and most wonderful gifts that I could ever receive for Mother's Day was given to me with the birth of my last grandson, to date. **Happy Birthday Philip!** You are loved dearly.

Mother's Day 2013 is Sunday; I now take the time to wish every mother, grandmother, great grandmother, god-mother, step-mother and any lady that is a caretaker of a child or children, a most wonderful day.

A Special Mothers Day's wish to Minister Sheila, my

sisters, Eloyd Avery, Billie Daye, Evangelist Ida Egging and Rose Fielding. To my aunts, Elnora (Toby) Baker Childs, Willie Mae Baker Thomas, Lila Baker and Eva Joyce Baker; my sister-in-laws, Dorothy Tarpley Henderson and Laverne Tarpley Solomon.

To all family, cousins, church members and friends, including Denise Avery, Sherlene (NaNa) Avery Brown, Vina Williamson, LaKieth Robeson, Vanessa Raymond, Eleana Demus, Sherry Gambrell, Phemia Tinner, Esther Dugay, Angela Dugay, Theresa Simpson, Barbara Lewis, Vivian Evans, Eloise Joiner, Annie Pearl Williams, Joyce Evans, Renee Tinner Allen and Regina Tinner Green.

Also, I honor and pay tribute to all Godly mothers with this repeat 'Job Description' given to me by my daughter sometime ago.

**Position:** Mom, Mommie, Mama, Mother, etc. **Job Description:** Long-term team player needed for some challenging and permanent

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Philip Lott, Happy Birthday to You!

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**Previous Experience:** Unfortunately, none required. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

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When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

**Benefits:** While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right!

## LEWIS, continued from Page 2

tional Affairs in 2002 and Political Action in 2007 through 2011 and is the current Parliamentarian. Dr. Lewis has served on the National & DFW Board of Directors for One Church One Child in Texas and Illinois; the Peoria Branch of the NAACP; Alpha Homes, Inc., and the Peoria Urban League. Politically active, Dr. Lewis served on the Legislative Committee of the Tenth Episcopal District AME Church in 1996; participated in the Million-Man March in Washington, D. C. in 1995; ran the statewide efforts to all religious denominations in the U. S. Senate Campaign for Carol Mosley Braun in 1986 and the statewide efforts outside of Cook County in the Campaign To Elect Roland Burris Illinois State Comptroller.

Dr. Lewis was Elected Trustee of Illinois Central College in 1978, the first time in Illinois history that an African American was elected to public office in a multi-county race. Illinois Governor Daniel Walker to the Governor's Advisory

Council on Education and Training in 1973 and Chairman of the Peoria Committee for Legislative Reform appointed Dr. Lewis. Fred was appointed by Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogelvie to the Governor's Advisory Committee and served the local Peoria community as a mem-

ber of the Police Community Relations Commission. He was appointed by Mayor Lenhausen to the Board of Directors of the Peoria Anti-Poverty Program and served on the Housing Committee of the City of Peoria Human Relations Commission.

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Judy Wicks started her first business at age six when her family moved to a quiet lane in Ingomar, Pennsylvania. Wicks was looking for community, so she dragged her child-sized table and chairs and a record player down the end of the driveway and thus opened her first "restaurant."

As a bit of a tomboy, Wicks loved to build things in the woods behind her house, using reclaimed and recycled materials lying around her neighborhood.



She played baseball and loved sports (both things that little girls in the early '60s were discouraged to do), and she hated when anybody said she couldn't do something. Those things gave her a foundation for later endeavors.

Right out of college, Wicks was married in her beloved woods, joined VISTA with her husband, and taught school in an Eskimo village in Alaska. When their service was up, they decided to open a store that would cater to anyone "under 30," so they set up shop near the University of Pennsylvania campus. A few years later, the store successful, Wicks left her husband and was hired, literally within moments, to be a waitress at a local restaurant.

There, she began "twelve years of on-the-job training for opening my own restaurant just down the street." Her tenure also taught her that business "is about relationships. Money

is simply a tool." And that led her to activism for her community and suppliers, and to "ultimately work collaboratively to build a compassionate and caring economy."

There's a lot of good inside *Good Morning, Beautiful Business*. And there's a lot that made me say, "Meh."

It's always interesting to see how someone takes a grain of an idea and turns it into a living, and author Judy Wicks does that well. Her memoir of entrepreneurship and eventual activism is gentle and thoughtful, and she obviously relishes sharing the joys that come with strong ties to the community in which a business lies.

But there were two things that lost me: an alphabet soup of acronyms, and relentless names of dozens of people that most readers won't know. The former knot is common and is generally forgivable because it can be untied easy enough; the latter issue may make this book hard to stick with.

Overall, I think it may demand a special kind of reader: one who can remain heavily focused on business sustainability, locality, and community. If that is you, then you'll find *Good Morning, Beautiful Business* to be good to you.

*Good Morning, Beautiful Business* by Judy Wicks, Chelsea Green, \$17.95, 301 pgs

## VOLUNTEERS, continued from Page 6

### Outstanding Secondary Community Volunteer

This award spotlights the impact of one outstanding secondary school volunteer. Susan Schuerger, the district's Outstanding Secondary Community Volunteer 2013, a faithful Dallas ISD volunteer since 1990, was nominated by Woodrow Wilson High School. Ms. Schuerger has presided over various committees including site-based decision-making committee, curriculum committee, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the Woodrow Community

Council, as well as past leadership positions with PTA and Choir Booster Association.

### Outstanding Secondary Parent Volunteer

The 2013 Outstanding Secondary Parent Volunteer is Rebecca Ordinario of W.E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy. For the past three years, Ms. Ordinario has donated time, energy and funds to Greiner, and is the president and co-founder of Friends of Greiner, a non-profit group developed to support the school. She

serves as a mentor, brought the Graffiti Arts Club to create an amazing mural, and launched an after school program to help at-risk students.

### Outstanding Community Liaison /Partnership Coordinator

This award is presented to one liaison whose work results in the greatest percentage of newly recruited volunteers, utilization of volunteers, the best ratio of volunteers to students, and documented partnership contributions. The 2013 award winner is Tonya Mayberry,

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