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Webb hopes experience is deciding factor for voters in Irving's District 3

By Tamarind Phinisee NDG Contributing Writer

For the past three years, Irving City Councilman Dennis Webb has dedicated his time and energy to responding to the needs of the citizens of District 3.

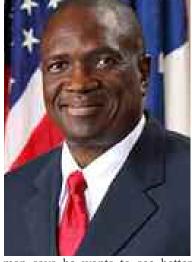
Now the 55-year-old incumbent is hoping these same citizens will allow him to continue his efforts with another term. He says he plans to do this without the mud-slinging and often seen in the political arena.

"I won't try to get people to vote for me by saying how bad my opponents are. I don't want to get elected based on me slinging mud," Webb says. "Rather I want it to be based on my character and leadership and on the fact that I've proven for over 30 years that I'm committed to the city."

His opponent, 33-year-old Billy Hickman says that he also plans to keep the campaign clean.

Hickman, who only met Webb this week, says he's heard nothing but good things about Webb and hopes Webb has heard good things about him. He adds he does not view himself as running against Webb, but as running for the people of Irving.

Hickman works in the Irving School District's athletics department and has worked on several community projects through his church, First Baptist Irving. Hick-



man says he wants to see better things happen in Irving. He says District 3 – which is located on the city's West side - is often overlooked by city officials who focus more on projects in the Las Colinas area or in south Irving.

"I've lived in Irving my entire life and I look around and think we can do a lot better than what we've been doing," Hickman says. "I'm raising my family here and I just want my daughter to love Irving as much as I

Webb knows the feeling. Webb's passion as a civic and community leader was inspired by his spirituality and by the work of Jackie Townsell - the first African American and second woman elected to the Irving City Council. Townsell fought to improve the Bear Creek

Community in West Irving - where

"I watched her fight this fight by herself and this motivated me to get involved also," Webb says.

Webb adds that he grew up in the Bear Creek Community which had housing and quality of life issues. Some of the elderly citizens, he says, lived in homes that were very substandard, without running water,

"My heart just went out to them," he says. "This and I watched some of leaders of the city start trying to take the Bear Creek community. At one point they wanted it to be an industrial district. They were trying to find ways to buy and take the community from the citizens. So, I became active in stopping that."

Webb says he realized that taking leadership roles in the city would give him a better platform in which to do this. In this vain, Webb has served in numerous civic capacities. These include serving on what later became the Bear Creek Development Corp, as well as on the city of Irving's planning and zoning committee, on the Mayor's human relations advisory committee, on the trustee board of the Renaissance Charter School and as one of the Irving representatives on the Urban League of Greater Dallas' community block grant board of directors.

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Schools more segregated now

By George E. Curry NNPA Columnist

As we approach May 17, the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education landmark decision outlawing "separate but equal" schools, several studies show that our schools are more segregated now than they were three decades ago. And there are no indications that things are likely to change for the better in

the foreseeable future.

A report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) titled, "Brown v. Board at 60," concluded, "Today, things are getting worse. The typical black student now attends a school where only 29 percent of his or her fellow students are white, down from 36 percent in 1980."

Brown decisions. The first, in 1954, outlawed racially segregated public

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Jaquay Johnson

Plano has always been home for Jaquay Johnson, who is now a Probationary Police Officer for the City of Plano and was sworn in on January 22, 2014. Officer Johnson was born and raised in Plano and attended Plano schools and places a great emphasis on continuing to be a part of the community. She stated being a Police Officer provides her a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community that she loves.

Having received a strong work ethic from her father, Officer Johnson started her

first job at the age of 15-16 years old at Drug Emporium in Plano after school. Upon graduating high school, she worked at MedQuest, AAA of Texas, and was employed by Brink's Home Security for 16 years before deciding to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Johnson attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. and Collin College before enrolling in the University of North Texas where she earned her Bachelor's in Science degree and later her Master's



in Science degree.

Officer Johnson is the first Police Officer in her family. After expressing an interest in the law enforcement profession, she attended the 1st Annual "Women in Law Enforcement" career event in 2012. Johnson stated "the conference was helpful. In fact is allows other women to see female officers in various roles."

Johnson also expressed that it was her perception that females were welcomed at the Plano Police Department as opposed to being considered a burden. The "Women in Law Enforcement" conference takes place this year on May 10 at the Plano/-Richardson Police Training Center located at 4912 14th Street in Plano. This is a free event where the department reaches out to women who might be considering a career in not only law enforcement, but also other careers within the Police Department. Women from various units will be on hand to provide information about what it is like to be a female in the law enforcement profession. For more information about the conference, contact the Professional Standards Unit at 972-941-2436 or toll free at 1-866-485-7777.

Officer Johnson stated that her experience has been unbelievable. She took part in the mentoring program

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William 'Bill' Blair, Jr.

NDG joins the community in honoring Mr. Blair and extending our sympathies to his family and the Dallas Elite News staff.

DALLAS - William "Bill" Blair Jr., former Negro League Pitcher and Founder of Dallas' Elite News died Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the age of 92. Mr. Blair was hospitalized over the past month recuperating from a lengthy illness.

A Dallas native, Bill Blair has been a community voice in Dallas for more than six decades. He attended Booker

Editor's Note: The staff of T. Washington High School and Prairie View A&M University. After six months at Prairie View A&M, Blair enlisted in the United States Army and became the youngest Black first sergeant in the United States Army during World War II.

> A Negro League Baseball Museum inductee, Mr. Blair pitched from 1946 to 1951 for the Indianapolis Clowns and other Negro League teams. His baseball career includes pitching a no-hitter in the Denver Post Tournament, playing with the late Winfield Welch, Jesse "Hoss"

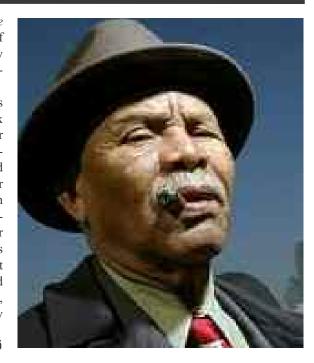
Walker and Buster Haywood. He toured with Jesse Owens and the Harlem Globetrotters. Mr. Blair was instrumental in the development of the African American Museum's Texas Sports Hall of Fame and served on the advisory board. He was inducted in 1996 as a member of the inaugural class.

Mr. Blair founded the *Highlight News* (1947-1957). He later founded the Southwest Sports News, a newspaper that specialized in publishing scores from Black college games throughout the United States. The newspaper was renamed The Elite News (pronounced E-Light)

in 1960. To this day, the Elite News is considered one of the most influential weekly black newspapers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Mr. Blair was a civil rights activist for more than six decades. He was also a major force in local and state politics for many years and served as an advocate for pastors across the country. In 2004, he founded the Religious Hall of Fame to honor African American ministers and religious leaders. Most recently, Mr. Blair donated personal documents, memorabilia and the library

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Vera Kennedy

A 97-year-old Denison woman has been honored as the Texas winner of the Home Instead Senior Care network's Salute to Senior Service award.

Vera Kennedy is being recognized for her dedicated community service, including 28 years as a volunteer at the Texoma Medical Center. Kennedy is the oldest volunteer at the hospital, and has contributed more than 17,700 hours of service. She kindly greets patients in the ICU waiting room twice a week and brings joy to new mothers by putting together educational packets for them.

As one of 50 state winners, Kennedy earned \$500

for her charity of choice donated by Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network and contest sponsor. Kennedy also will have a spot on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame on SalutetoSeniorService.com where her nomination story has been posted.

"Vera represents so well the dedication and commitment that make senior volunteers such a value to their communities," said Jeff Huber, president of Home Instead, Inc. "She has proven once again that age is meaningless when it comes to making a difference. So many charities, nonprofit organizations and

faith communities could not do the work they are doing without selfless volunteers such as Vera."

A panel of judges se-

lected 97-year-old Thurman Havnes from North Carolina as the 2014 National

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Sung is right choice for Carrollton

The North Dallas Gazette believes Young Sung is the candidate for the Carrollton City Council, Place 2. He offers an inclusive vision for all members of the community, while seeking to promote economic growth and job opportunities for a strong future for Carrollton.

His opponent is a Tea Party incumbent running on a platform of government transparency. In these tough economic times, residents need someone who will help improve the economy and bring jobs to Carrollton, working with city governments, as well as, private entities.

Sung will fight to bring jobs to Carrollton. He offers international experi-



ence and contacts that will directly benefit taxpayers. As the only candidate with an international business background, only Sung can offer this unprecedented insight.

Thanks to the U.S.-Korea Free

Trade Agreement, Texas companies exported and imported over \$5 billion in goods with Korea in 2012. Sung will work to bring more of those dollars to Carrollton businesses.

We believe Young Sung is the only pro business choice for Carrollton, but his support for the business community does not come at the expense of the citizens of Carrollton.

The North Dallas Gazette strongly recommends that Carrollton voters vote Young Sung for Carrollton City Council in Place 2. It's time for a New Voice and a New Vision for Carrollton.

Young Sung is just the candidate to offer that New Voice and New Vision.

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schools, which had been defended as "separate but equal." Faced with footdragging by intransigent school officials in the Deep South, the Supreme Court issued a second ruling in 1955, sometimes called Brown II, declaring that the schools had to be desegregated "with all deliberate speed."

But speed was nowhere to be found. Two years after the court ruling, no Black child attended schools with a White student in eight of the 11 former Confederate states, including Alabama.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), a coalition of nearly 200 organizations, noted, "It took ten years after Brown, but beginning with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the nation committed to desegregation and it worked. Courts and executive agencies consistently supported desegregation plans and from 1968 to 1988, as more schools integrated, academic achievement increased for African American students."

However, that progress stalled.

"...The legal and political tide turned against integration during the 1980s," LCCR observed. "Courts stopped ordering desegregation plans and began dismantling existing plans – both court-ordered and voluntary. Federal agencies stopped aggressive enforcement and by 1989 schools were beginning to resegregate, reversing many of the academic gains of the previous 20 years."

Upon entering office in 1981, President Ronald Reagan set the political climate for retrenchment. And so did an increasingly conservative Supreme Court. But some African-American leaders also played a role in dismantling desegregation.

An investigation of resegregation in the South, conducted by ProPublica, focused on Tuscaloosa, Ala., my hometown. The city had been under a federal desegregation decree since 1979. In 1993, with Tuscaloosa vying for a new Mercedes-Benz plant, business leaders decided it was time for them to make a move.

"Publicly, the city's movers and shakers said the lack of neighborhood schools made the district unattractive ... Behind closed doors, they argued that if they did not create some schools where white students made up the majority – or near it – they'd lose the white parents still remaining," the investigation found. "Districts under desegregation orders aren't supposed to take actions that increase racial separation. And so the city's leadership decided the desegregation order needed to go, and they believed the time was ripe for a court to agree."

The court did agree to bow out after some Black leaders went along with the plan.

"The roster of witnesses lined up behind the school board shocked many in the black community," ProPublica reported. "It included some of the city's most influential black leaders, including a city councilman, a state senator, and Judge John England, Jr...Rumors spread within the community that England's and others' support had been part of a secret arrangement with white leaders."

A person with direct knowledge of the arrangement confirmed to me that a deal was indeed made whereby a new Black school would be constructed on the predominantly Black west side of town in exchange for supporting an end of the court-ordered desegregation. However, after extracting what they wanted from Black officials, Whites reneged on the deal and no new school was erected.

"Freed from court oversight, Tuscaloosa's schools have seemed to move backwards in time," according to the ProPublica report. "The citywide integrated high school is gone, replaced by three smaller schools. Central [the former high school that served the entire city] retains the name of the old powerhouse, but nothing more. A struggling school serving the city's poorest part of town, it is 99 percent black."

Other cities have undergone similar experiences.

A scholarly study at Stanford University found, "Over 200 mediumsized and large districts were released from desegregation court orders from 1991 to 2009. We find that racial school segregation in these districts increased gradually following release from court order..."

Another reason schools are being resegregated is that segregated housing patterns have remained intact.

"Schools remain segregated because neighborhoods in which they are located are segregated," said the EPI report. "Raising achievement of low-income black children requires residential integration, from which school integration can flow."

Without dismantling segregated residential housing patterns and getting federal courts or the Justice Department to retain some jurisdiction over court-ordered desegregation plans, public schools are on a path to return to their pre-Brown status of being separate and unequal.

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FDA gives Latinas tools to fight diabetes

Nearly 1 million Latinas aren't aware that they are at risk of developing diabetes. Many will likely not get the preventive or other care they need because they won't visit a physician or medical clinic, where they could take a simple screening test for the disease.

To help prevent the spread of diabetes, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) offers resources to help women of Latin American ancestry and all Americans reduce their risk or to find the most effective treatment

About 5.5 million Latinas have elevated fasting plasma glucose, and of those, nearly 4 million weren't told by a health care professional that they were at risk for diabetes, according to a study in the March 2014 edition of Hispanic Health Care International.

The study, "Latinas With Elevated Fasting Plasma Glucose: An Analysis Using NHANES 2009-2010 Data," was co-authored by Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D., an optometrist and health programs manager at FDA. NHANES is the



National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which assesses the health and nutritional status of U.S. adults and children.

Fasting plasma glucose is the level of sugar in the blood after a fast of at least eight hours, indicating how the body processes sugar. For people with diabetes, their glucose levels may remain high even after they haven't eaten for hours, says Bruce Schneider, M.D., an endocrinologist at FDA. 1,500 Hispanic, non-Hispanic This is an indication that a patient either has diabetes or is in danger of developing the disease.

Why are so many Latinas at risk of developing diabetes? In addition to susceptibility, many people are not routinely visiting their primary care physician or gynecologist and aren't aware of their diabetes risk, according to the study. Thus, they aren't getting the diabetes screening and medical care they need. Early screening and proper care can delay or prevent diabetes in at-risk people.

Overall, diabetes affects nearly 26 million Americans (8.3 percent of the population). In addition, about 79 million adults (35 percent) are at risk of developing diabetes. According to the study, there's a significantly higher proportion of undiagnosed diabetes among Mexican American adults (34.6 percent) than non-Hispanic whites (17.1 percent) and non-Hispanic blacks (15.7 percent).

Detection Is Kev

The researchers studied almost

white and non-Hispanic black women. They found that fear of and cultural misperceptions about diabetes put Latinas at considerable risk for developing long-term complications of diabetes.

"Early detection helps even the playing field," says Clayton-Jeter. "As doctors, we need to talk with our patient about diabetes no matter what she is coming in for. Doctors shouldn't be so focused on the chief complaint that we forget to look at the whole person. We should also look into the whole family, not only because diabetes runs in families but because families live together, eat together and are connected in so many ways."

The screening test involves the taking of a small blood sample, which is a routine procedure, says Schneider.

"It's a very easy test to conduct, and it should be part of a routine physical exam - even if you are perfectly healthy," he says. "Like getting your blood pressure measured, this test is very important because diabetes is often a silent

destroyer of multiple organs."

Complications of diabetes include heart attack, stroke, blindness and kidney disease. Normalizing blood glucose levels through diet, exercise and medications can help prevent many of those complications.

To increase the rate of diabetes detection in Latinas, the study recommends making the test more convenient—via mobile health vans, places of worship and other non-traditional sites. "We need to break down barriers to access so more women can take this simple finger-prick test outside a doctor's office-at pharmacies, gyms, health centers, dental offices and eye clinics," Clayton-Jeter says.

Many Latinas don't see a doctor until they develop symptoms or are in a crisis, she says, adding that optometrists detect many cases of undiagnosed diabetes.

"That's because when your sugar level is too low or elevated, it affects your vision. And when people aren't seeing clearly, they

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UTA earns 'Hispanic-Serving Institution' status

ARLINGTON — The University of Texas at Arlington has met U.S. Department of Education requirements to be considered a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a status that makes it eligible for federal grants supporting and strengthening institutions with large numbers of Hispanic stu-

UT Arlington becomes the highest-profile public research university in North Texas to receive the designation and one of about 300 nationally.

A school must have a Hispanic population of at least 25 percent full-time undergraduate enrollment to qualify for the designation. UT Arlington's Hispanic population has climbed steadily in recent years as total global enrollment has swelled to about 38,000 students. Hispanic enrollment stands at 25.2 percent of the University's 25,000 undergraduates.

While the HSI designation does not provide institutions with a direct award, UT Arlington. it makes them eligible for funding from specific programs and initiatives aimed at promoting academic success not only for Hispanic students but for all those enrolled at the institution. For fiscal year 2014, the total appropriation for the federal HSI Program is more than \$100 million.

Such grants may be used

- Enhancement of academic offerings, program quality and institutional stability, all of which benefit the entire student popula-
- Mentorship programs to enhance retention and graduation rates of first-generation college students.
- · Recruitment of Hispanic students in STEM fields
- · Identification and recruitment of high-performance students from high school and community colleges to create a pipeline to

- Internship opportuni-
- Recruitment of new international students.

David Silva, UT Arlington vice provost for faculty affairs, guided the application process and said that the status means that the funds are applicable to their work and research needs,

Universities must reapply for the Hispanic-Serving Institution designation annually. To learn more, visit the Department of Education website at www.ed.gov.



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that is offered which allows recruits and newly appointed officers the opportunity to become acquainted with the department. This program reduces the pressures and stresses that are commonly associated with new officers and allows them to speak to people openly about things in an effort to enhance their success. These mentors "take an interest in your progress" says Johnson. She added by saying "as a woman, I don't feel there is a double standard of treatment for men versus women and from my point of view, racial diversity is welcomed just as much."

The City of Plano is a very diverse community. Currently, the Plano Police Department employs 348 Police Officers. Twenty-eight percent of those officers with the Plano Police Department are minority and females make up twelve percent of Police Officers. Both of those are numbers they would like to increase. "The Plano Police Department is a dynamic and progressive organization poised to continue our efforts to mirror the cultural and racial diversity within our community" stated Plano Police Chief Gregory W. Rushin. He added by saying "diversity is something we feel is very important because we depend on the support and assistance from our community. Working in partnership with our community is not only an important part of our mission statement, it is our true belief that is what makes us the safe city we are today."

The Department takes pride in its' operational approach to inclusive policing that not only engages citizens, but also involves them in our efforts to police in an unbiased manner that consistently represents everyone in our community. We remain transparent in our policies, procedures and practices in order to maintain and build trust with our diverse citizenry. We recognize that our work in reducing disparity is never complete and we commit to those actions that contribute to all members of our community being treated with dignity, respect, equal protection, and representation. We must challenge ourselves to keep the issue of cultural and racial disparities in front of us as we continue to police in our free society. It is what we expect of ourselves and what is expected of us.

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of *Elite News* to the University of Texas at Arlington Special Collections Library.

This past January, Mr. Blair participated in the 28th Annual Elite News Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and was in attendance at the accompanying festivities that included the press conference and corporate breakfast. He greeted all of the parade marshals, sponsors and attendees shaking hands and taking pictures. His final public appearance was on February 28, 2014 at the Annual Elite News Awards that he founded years ago to honor Dallas community leaders and citizens for the work they do for the community that is most times overlooked.

On Saturday, hundreds gather at the William "Bill" Blair Jr. Park, formerly Rochester Park that was renamed in his honor in 2011, for the Elite News Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt.

Bill Blair loved people, enjoyed being in the community and was known for planning parades and events to recognize achievements in the Dallas metroplex, most notably high school championship teams.

Memorial and funeral arrangements are pending.

Dallas Police Academy to resume Field Sobriety Training curriculum

In response to concerns of disparate treatment in the application of the Dallas Police Academy Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Curriculum, a review of the process was conducted. This review led to questions about the sequence of the proficiency and written exam resulting in the Basic Academy being directed to suspend SFST classes in order to ensure compliance with state and national requirements.

The Department consulted with Mr. David McGarah, the state administrator for the DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing program.

This program was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Dallas Police Department has determined that its curriculum, including the written and proficiency tests, meets established standards.

Satisfied that the curriculum meets the state and national standards and that steps have been taken for consistent application, Chief Brown has ordered that SFST training resume at the Basic Academy.

The Department is committed to providing its recruits and veteran officers with training that is fair and unbiased; yet, uncompromising in its dedication to meet or exceed state and national standards.

Barron named Lewisville city manager

Lewisville City Council voted unanimously today to name Donna Barron as the city's next city manager, replacing long-time manager Claude King who is retiring at the end of this month.

Barron, who has served as an assistant city manager in Lewisville since 1996, will become the seventh city manager in the city's history and the first woman to hold the post.

"Donna has tremendous experience and professional ability, and also has earned the respect of City Council and city staff," said Mayor Dean Ueckert. "There are many major projects going on right now that are very important to the future of Lewisville, and this change in leadership will help ensure a smooth transition as we continue to grow and prosper."

Barron joined the City of Lewisville as Human Resources Director in 1990, and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 1996

Lewisville City Council by then-manager Chuck

A native of West Texas, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas Woman's University in 1982 and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas Tech in 1984.

She previously worked for the cities of Lubbock and DeSoto before coming to Lewisville.

"I appreciate the confidence in me shown by the City Council by appointing me to replace Mr. King," Barron said.

"I see this as a vote of confidence for a staff that has worked together for many years.

"We have always taken a team approach in solving issues and providing topquality services to our residents, and we will continue to do so."

King has been Lewisville's manager since 1998 and has been with the city since 1989. He held the po-

sition longer than any of his predecessors. Monday night marked his last City Council meeting as manager.

"I would like to express my appreciation to the citizens and organizations of Lewisville for their support and confidence over the past 25 years, and I would like to thank the many councils and councilmembers over that time," King said during Monday's meeting.

"I especially would like to thank a dedicated staff, right from the entry-level maintenance worker all the way up to department heads and assistant city managers, for consistently getting the job done and making my job so much easier. It is them that I will miss most of all."

McDonald's of North Texas offering free breakfast to students during STAAR Test week

For the second year in a row, McDonald's of North Texas is providing free breakfast for students in grades 3rd to 11th taking the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) Test the week of April 21-25.

Schools across North Texas are currently being contacted to participate in this program. The schools and distribute to the students' parents/guardians. When an adult redeems the coupon for their child at a participating McDonald's restaurant, they will receive their choice of a Fruit & Maple Oatmeal or Egg White Delight McMuffin, apple slices, and their choice of 1 percent low fat milk or apple juice box.

will receive the coupons



UT Dallas Alumni hook a big deal on 'Shark Tank'

UT Dallas alumni Corey Egan MBA'10 and Swapnil Bora MBA'11 have emerged from the "Shark Tank" reality television show with a \$350,000 deal with entrepreneur and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Egan and Bora, who appeared on the episode of "Shark Tank" that aired April 18, developed the idea of smartphone-controlled light bulbs for their Planobased business, ilumi, as students in the Naveen Jindal School of Management Full-Time MBA Program. The company makes LED "smartbulbs" that allow users to control lighting levels and colors through a mobile app.

They asked for \$350,000 from the "sharks" (who are well-known business people and investors) in return for 15 percent ownership.

"Your money gets our products into customers' hands," Egan told the investors, explaining that the product was in the final stages of development.

Cuban offered \$350,000 for 25 percent. He then backed out after seeing Egan's hesitation, but then gave the men a second chance.

"Mark, would you be willing to meet in the mid-

dle at 20 percent?" Egan asked.

"I'm going to stick to the 25, guys, because you know I can bring a huge amount of value," Cuban said.

In the end, the class-mates-turned-business-partners accepted the deal and have now welcomed Cuban to their newly formed team. The product began shipping this week.

"The great thing about getting Mark Cuban on-board is that we're able to grow our team," Egan told a group of about 100 Jindal School administrators, professors and friends who attended a watch party the school hosted Friday. "This is not the destination. This is just one of the milestones along the way."

Egan, his family and ilumi employees cheered for Egan and Bora throughout the television reality show at a Plano restaurant while Bora, who was in India, joined via Skype.

"This is absolutely as good as it gets," said Lisa Shatz, Jindal School assistant dean of MBA programs and director of the Full-Time MBA Program. "You guys rolled up your sleeves. You did not give up. You kept going... We are so incredibly proud of you."

The entrepreneurs met at the Jindal School while earning their MBAs. Egan earned his MBA in marketing with a focus on product development and Bora's focus was finance and strategy.

"The minute you meet Swapnil, you can tell he's brilliant; he's just so bright," Shatz said. "And Corey is just one of those people that you see so much potential in because he just has it all put together. When I first met him, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do or how he was going to get there, but I had no doubt that he was going to be successful."

The "Shark Tank" victory is not the students' first. Ilumi won the 2010 UT Dallas Business Idea Competition.

After they graduated, Egan and Bora continued to seek input from professors as they developed their business. They were open to feedback and didn't give up when faced with setbacks, said Jackie Kimzey, executive director of the Jindal School's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

"Number one, they were very passionate about their idea," Kimzey said. "And they were very serious and persistent."

During the "Shark Tank" presentation Egan explained that users of the product can program lights to create

a sunrise effect, romantic candlelight or even a post Dallas Mavericks game celebration.

"Mark, represent your team and ours by lighting it up blue and green on game day," Egan said. "After the Mavericks win, let the celebration begin." Then, Egan

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Corey Egan, ilumi co-founder and CEO, answered questions during a watch party for his company's appearance on "Shark Tank." Egan is shown with Jackie Kimzey (right), executive director of the Jindal School's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

(Photo: UT Dallas)

Young Sung for Carrollton City Council Place 2 New Voice and Vision

Community Involvement

- · 30-plus year Carrollton resident
- Fluent in both English and Korcan
- Active member of the Korean Chamber of Commerce
- Children attend Killian Middle School and Carrollton Christian Academy



- · Court Interpreter and Mediator
- · Real Estate Broker
- Department of Justice Language consultant
- Holds an MBA degree
- · Endorsed by the Korean Chamber of Commerce
- Former un All American collegiute soccer nominee
- Interpreter/Translator for Korean World Cup National Soccer Team in 1994

"My family came to America for a better life. I am living the American dream and have been blessed beyond description. I now want to give back to this community. I offer international business contacts and insights that will help Carrollton get more jobs. I ask for your vote on May 10th and look forward to serving you."

Young Sung

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Salute to Senior Service award recipient. Haynes earned the recognition for his volunteer efforts with the Haynes-Inman Education Center, a school for children with disabilities. As the national honoree, Home Instead, Inc. will donate \$5,000 to Haynes' designated nonprofit charity.

The results of a Marist poll sponsored by Home Instead, Inc. indicate that 62 percent of seniors age 68 and over volunteered their time in the last year, with 13 percent of those reporting that they volunteer in order to stay active.

"It's important for seniors to remain active and engaged as they age," Huber said. "However, it is possible for frail or isolated seniors to give back to their communities as well. The Salute to Senior Service program includes free "give back" activity resource sheets with ideas to help seniors who are homebound or have limited mobility continue to contribute to their communities through volunteerism."

For more information about the Home Instead Senior Care network's Salute to Senior Service program or to download the "give back" resource sheets, visit Saluteto Senior Service.com.



Spring into Action: Adopt a Pet at PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend, May 2-4

PHOENIX - Start this spring off on the right paw. Spring into action and adopt a pet at the PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend, sponsored by PetSmart, from May 2-4 at your local PetSmart store. The weekend-long event allows people to meet thousands of friendly, lovable dogs and cats waiting for someone to spring into action and adopt them. Whether it's a clever cat or a playful puppy, you are bound to find a new best

More than 2,000 animal welfare organizations will be on-site at all 1,300 PetSmart stores in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Prospective pet parents can meet the dogs and cats available for adoption and talk with volunteers about



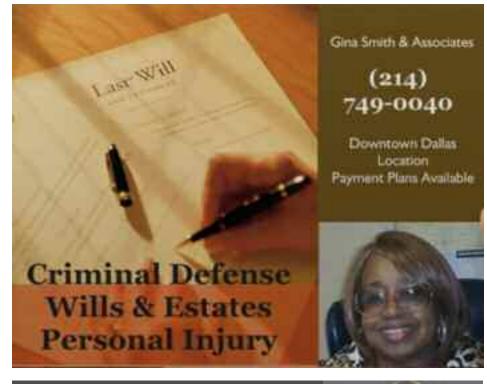
the adoption process and how to prepare to bring a new pet into their home.

"If you are interested in adding a new furry companion to your family, you may be considering buying. But, homeless cats and dogs can be even more rewarding and a better choice," said Jan Wilkins, executive director of PetSmart Charities, Inc. "Adopting a cat or dog is sure to bring you a lifetime of unconditional love."

"At PetSmart, we believe pets make us better people,"

said David Lenhardt, chief executive officer, PetSmart. "Partnering with PetSmart Charities for National Ad-

option Weekend events allow us to create more moments for people to be inspired by pets."



Dallas Arboretum 'Artscape' show this weekend

The Dallas Arboretum will host Artscape, a juried fine art and fine craft show on April 26 and 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Artscape will feature over 75 national and local artists and their nature-inspired artwork on display and for sale including paintings, sculpture, 2-D and 3-D mixed media pieces, photography and more.

On both days, artists from the Creative Arts Center of Dallas will demonstrate a variety of art mediums, while acoustic music fills the garden with sounds of spring. Artscape is free with paid garden admission.

Larry Waisanen, Artscape committee chair, said, "Artscape will transform the ArONE MONTH
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and Bora danced as the lights changed col-

The pitch worked.

"Mark's going to be just like fuel on the fire," Egan said in an interview on the show. "This thing is going to spread like wildfire and ilumi's going to shine across the world."

During the watch party, Egan thanked his professors and other mentors for their assistance and support during years of hard work developing the business idea.

"In the end, we're very excited with the outcome that we hooked a big one," he said.

Important Dates

April 10 Last day to reglater to vode

April 28 First day of early voting

May 6 Last day of early voting

Saturday May 10

Election Day"

VOTE EARLY AND TAKE SOMEONE WITH YOU



Corey Egan MBA'10 and Swapnil Bora MBA'11 pitched their business idea on the reality television show "Shark Tank." (Photo provided by ABC)

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- Irring youth. Was crelptent of the HSD Golden Apple Award for support of HSD youth. One of several arguments and Stream President of the Grand Profile Firefighters Association
- Served on the Trustee Board of the Beauteoner Charter School.
- One of the founders of the Bear Crock Development Corporation (First Community Housing Development Corporation in the City of Irving.)

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF DISTRICT 3 AND THE ENTIRE CITY OF IRVING

"In my first form I learned a lot about municipal government that will enable me to be an even more effective council momber next term. It's Important we elect experienced leadership to guide trying's future in this very competitive environment."

Some first term achievement I Initiated

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- Responsible for Fire Dept. EMS personnel covering (ISD Studium during High School football games instead of private contractor, saving the HSD money and providing more
- Prevented the closing of Sam Homeion and Austin middle school recreation centers
- Pushed for LCG Largoit mediation/settlement
- Organized and chairs the new Council Public Safety Cummittee
- Worked to increase the Therapeutic program (program for disabled residents) from 3 days a week to 5 days a week starting the summer session
- Established, lossed, and presonally funded the first of 4 citizen's water tours of the city's water utility system. (7 hour tour)
- Working with staff to errote a new bourding home ordinance to address rehabilitation homes coming to frying,
- Help establish the first scatalizable Community Garden in Irving on my-church property
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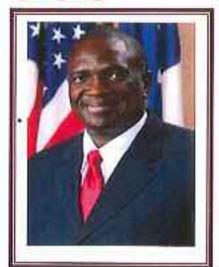
victory in my first term. As you com see from some of the accomplishments above I have been focused on the community despite the tremendous amount of time and effort the other duties the office entails. I desire to return to the council to continue my advocacy for district three and initiate new ideas that will benefit

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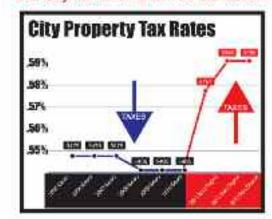


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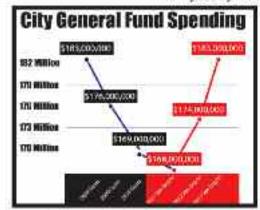
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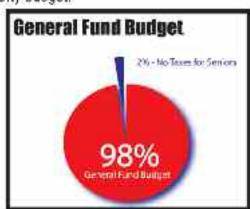
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Gear's current proposal to cut taxes by \$5.2 million will minimally impact the City budget.



We need a better direction in the mayor's office.



Higher education too important to fair

By James Clingman NNPA Columnist

We may as well call it "Edupay-tion," as far as many prospective students are concerned. The cost of a college degree has risen 1,120 percent since 1978, but wages have increased a mere 6 percent during that same period. The national collective college debt is more than \$1 trillion. We have college grads mired in \$29,000 of debt, on average, while they are looking for jobs that do not exist. Parents and grandparents of those grads are also saddled with much of that debt. which is immune to bankruptcy, and they will have to make the payments until they die.

What have we gotten ourselves into?

The greed that accompanied those easy-to-obtain, just-signhere college tuition loans, borders on immoral. Financial institutions were like Black Friday crowds, trampling one another to get in on the act. New lending operations cropped up every day, and new proprietary colleges and universities opened their doors throughout the nation, advertising their degrees and easy to get loans for tuition. What would happen if students and parents just stop paying on that \$1 trillion debt? Who would pay then? Bingo! I can see another bailout coming, and this time it will be for student loans.

Ethical implications exist on both sides, the lenders and the borrowers. But no matter what side you take the problem is still here and is looming as yet another bubble about to burst in the near future. As many schools are raising their tuition costs, despite the ominous specter of a meltdown, many prospective students are opting out of their plans to attend college. But where does that leave them in today's "jobless market"? Sounds like a catch-22.

This nation trails many other countries in various fields of education, and we will find ourselves even further behind if this tuition bubble is not deflated very soon. Our young people will not be able to compete on a national level, much less on an international level, without access to adequate, relevant, and higher educational experiences. In other words, the famous mantra, "Leave no child behind" will soon become, "Help every child catch up."

We have smart bombs and dumb children. We have the ability to kill people with drones without even seeing them, but we cannot – but will not – provide adequate education for our children whom we see every day. We have spent trillions destroying and rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan, but a meager amount to secure the future of our own youth. Now we are sending money to Ukraine, along with all the other places to which our dollars flow, while our young people slip further down the education scale. Our priorities are all screwed up.

This is not to say that money alone will solve all of our education problems, but more of it, pointed in the right direction, sure would make a positive difference in our current educational crisis and that's exactly what it is. Simply throwing money at a problem only results in it being caught by folks for whom it is not meant. The students are at the bottom of the food chain and see little or no benefit from money meant to help

Meanwhile, as we teach our children how to take tests rather than how to use their critical and analytical thinking skills, we are doing them a gross disservice. And similar to what we saw with the sub-prime housing debacle, if we continue to make financial institutions even wealthier by allowing them to make outlandish loans to college students who cannot afford to repay them, we will soon have another piper to pay.

So what do we do? Prospective students should start looking at less expensive alternatives to attain their college degrees. For instance, go to a local school and live at home (I know that's a tough one, but it beats having to go back to live with your parents when you graduate); stop treating your student loan like it's a free monthly check that you can use to buy everything but educational necessities; and, here's a novel idea: work while you are in college. It may not be the most glam-

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boretum into a unique gallery of artistic creations, set amidst an explosion of spring color that is nature's own canvas.

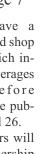
In the splendor of our gardens, Artscape offers our guests the opportunity to both view and acquire beautiful works of art."

A members-only preview will take place on April 25 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Members will have a chance to preview and shop at a sneak peek, which includes music and beverages for purchase, before Artscape opens to the public on Saturday, April 26.

To attend, members will show their membership cards at the ticket booth for complimentary admission.

Artists of note who have juried into this year's show include Fred Prescott of



Santa Fe, N.M., whose colorful, kinetic sculptures have been commissioned by

Warner Brother Studios and Walt Disney Company; Lyn Foley of Round Top, Texas,

who is an award-winning glass artist and jeweler; Kathy Steckel of Crawford,

Colo., whose oil, pastel and kiln formed glass have won awards around the country.



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Building a legacy

Webb took office as City Councilman for the first time in 2011. During this three-year term, he worked on a number of projects, including the renovation of Doris Park – a park which had become dilapidated and overrun with sexual and drug dealing activity. The \$125,000 cleanup of the park, which Webb spearheaded, yielded a walking/ jogging trail, lighting and modern playground equipment that was closer to the parking lot.

He also worked to save two recreation centers located in the Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin middle schools outside of his

district. The recreation centers, Webb says, had been slated for closure as part of cost-cutting and consolidation efforts by the city. These efforts, he says, would've moved the afterschool programs too far away for students to access.

In addition, Webb pushed for mediation/settlement of the Las Colinas Group lawsuit. The highly publicized lawsuit involved the proposed development of a \$250 million multi-use entertainment center in the Las Colinas Urban Center. The project purports to create more than 2,700 jobs, increase tax revenues and property taxes in the area and spur new development.

If re-elected, Webb says he will continue to respond to citizen needs and also plans to look into the airport's plan for vacant property that it owns just off of Esters Road.

Responder by nature

Webb says District 3 citizens seek him out with their concerns and needs, which he works to respond to. He also looks around the district to ascertain additional areas of need and makes it a point to be visible in the community among his constituents regardless of race or religion, a fact not lost on his peers.

Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner for District 4, has worked with Webb on a number of proj-

ects and says she respects his involvement in the community.

"Honorable Webb (is) one of those members that you see in events all over the city," Garcia says. "I have seen him not only with the African American community, but also with the Muslim, Anglo, Latino and Asian communities. So he is someone that really, in my opinion, has worked hard to bridge the diversity within the Irving city coun-

Webb also founded and serves as pastor of the Bear Creek Community Church in Irving. Initially, he launched a support group for drug addicts and later a support group for all who needed help. This group

morphed into a church, which officially started in 1996. Webb's church is known for its community outreach efforts, such as the establishment of the city's first sustainable community garden, its summer math and reading enhancement program and a night to feed the homeless.

Aside from all of this, Webb's natural passion for helping others has been highlighted in his 30-year career as a firefighter for the Grand Prairie Fire Department – 20 years of which he served as an officer and a lieutenant. During this time, Webb helped lead and mentor a number of new firefighters, including William Buckley.

Buckley, who serves as a

firefighter in Station No. 6, says he first met Webb 15 years ago when he became a firefighter. What he admires most about Webb, Buckley says, is his humility, leadership and charac-

"He doesn't give in to gossip. He tries to get to the truth of what's been said before he forms his opinion," Buckley says. "If I were to sum it up I would say that he has always done the right thing instead of just buckling to the opposition. He's always true to his word and stays the course in the best interest of everyone."

Webb retired this past January to devote more time to his post as city councilman.



Keke Palmer to be youngest TV talk show host in history with new BET debut

I remember meeting the very young Keke Palmer when the 12-year old came to Dallas to promote her first film Akeelah And The Bee.

Now she is set to become the youngest talk show host in TV history as BET announces her show set to premiere in

millenials with a new daily talk show hosted by actresssinger Keke Palmer.

The Keke Palmer Project (working title), which has been picked up for an initial four-week run, will premiere in July, airing Mondays-Fri-

Her show will cover such BET Networks is targeting topics as fashion, pop culture, social issues, sex, and will feature celebrity interviews, "on the street" bits and undercover segments. It stems from Palmer's interaction with fans on social media.

"I like to read quotes that touch on how I am feeling,"

"If I am dealing with confusion, I will read quotes about clarity and peace of mind. I started posting these quotes on my Twitter page, and the fans responded so positively! I realized that many of them were dealing with similar issues, and the quotes helped to open up a genuine dialogue between

More info available at Essence.com.

NDG Book Review: The Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living is a soothing read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Lately, it seems as though everything sets your teeth on edge.

The neighbors are way too noisy. Customer service... isn't. Your in-laws are a bunch of ingrates. And your co-workers? Let's not

You're over just about everything: overworked, overloaded, and overwhelmed. But when you read The Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living by Amit Sood, M.D., M.Sc, you might start to feel overall better.

In today's world, it's nearly impossible not to feel strain. At least that's how it seems, and it only gets

worse as we "get hijacked by impulses, infatuation and fear," the brain wants to "escape the present moment," and the mind thinks everything's a danger. Says Sood, we "struggle with what is," which is the very definition of stress.

Part of the reason for the struggle is that, when you're awake, your brain operates in one of two ways: default or focused. You've undoubtedly experi-

In focused mode, you're so immersed in the task at hand that you forget about almost everything surrounding you.

In default mode, your brain wanders like an idle shopper, moseying from problem to worry to idea,

spinning and projecting future scenarios. The key is to teach yourself to stay on "focused" mode and out of the "black hole" of meandering default.

Part of that can be done with "attention training," which has many facets and which "speaks to the child" in you; and by "refining interpretations," which appeals to the adult within.

Learn to pay "joyful attention," which helps with calming and keeps your mind occupied so it doesn't wander. Learn CRAVE, patience, and CALF when relating to others. Free your prejudices in order to "open to the world." Accept that nothing is perfect and that

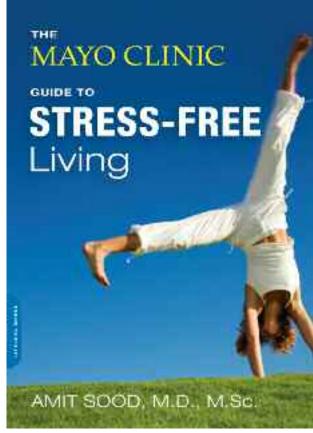
there are times when forgiveness isn't required. Begin each day with thankfulness. Learn pride in work. And remember that compassion for others should extend to compassion for yourself.

When an institution like the Mayo Clinic attaches its name to a book, you kind of expect it'd be totally serious stuff, right?

Nope. Author Amit Sood has quite a bit of fun in this book, which certainly supports its title and its joyful cover

But first, The Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living opens in a classroom then turns to the science of

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Student loans vary in type, terms and costs

By Charlene Crowell NNPA Columnist

As graduation day nears for high school seniors, students and their families are also weighing choices for college and financial aid. With college costs rising faster than most family incomes, schools are often compared to the level of financial aid each offers. How much assistance and how long it is available can be the final

deciding factor for families.

Already, the nation's student loan borrowers owe more than \$1.2 trillion dollars. So before adding to that enormous debt, it's best to know how to reduce the need for loans and equally important, the different loan options including their cost and repayment terms.

Pell Grants, based upon financial need, can provide financial aid up to 12 semesters or its equiv-

alent. The level of need is determined by family finances, cost of attendance and whether enrollment is part-time or full-time. For the 2014 – 15 award year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), the maximum award will be \$5,730. None of these funds require repayment.

All student loans require repayment and can include applicable interest rates and fees. As a rule, federal loans generally offer better terms than private ones. But

even among federal options, terms and availability vary. Borrowers typically incur penalties for skipping payments, or making either partial or late payments.

Direct loans, also known as Stafford Loans, are the most common type of federal student loan and are available in two forms: subsidized and unsubsidized. As of July 2012, Stafford Loans are limited to undergraduate students. Depending upon the cost of en-

rollment, and the level of financial need demonstrated, undergraduates can borrow from \$5,500-\$12,500 per year on both kinds of Stafford Loans.

On a Subsidized Stafford Loans, the government determines financial need and then pays loan interest while the student is enrolled at least part-time. Borrowing an unsubsidized Stafford Loan means that interest on the loan be-

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Dallas one of the 100 cities announced by AT&T for ultra-fast fiber network

DALLAS -- AT&T have announced a major initiative to expand its ultra-fast fiber network to up to 100 candidate cities and municipalities nationwide, including 21 new major metropolitan areas. The fiber network will deliver AT&T U-verse with Giga-Power(SM) service, which can deliver broadband speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second and AT&T's most advanced TV services, to con-

sumers and businesses

AT&T will work with local leaders in these markets to discuss ways to bring the service to their communities. Similar to previously announced metro area selections in Austin and Dallas and advanced discussions in Raleigh-Durham and Winston-Salem, communities that have suitable network facilities, and show the strongest investment cases based

on anticipated demand and the most receptive policies will influence these future selections and coverage maps within selected areas. This initiative continues AT&T's ongoing commitment to economic development in these communities, bringing jobs, advanced technologies and infrastructure.

The list of 21 candidate metropolitan areas includes: Atlanta,

Augusta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Fort Worth, Fort Lauderdale, Greensboro, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Nashville,Oakland, Orlando, San Antonio, San Diego, St. Louis, San Francisco, and San Jose. With previously announced markets, AT&T now has committed to or is exploring 25 metro areas for fiber deployment.

"We're delivering advanced services that offer consumers and

small businesses the ability to do more, faster, help communities create a new wave of innovation, and encourage economic development," said Lori Lee, senior executive vice president, AT&T Home Solutions. "We're interested in working with communities that appreciate the value of the most advanced technologies and are willing to encourage investment by offering solid investment cases and policies."

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gins to accrue while students are enrolled.

Repayment for both types of Stafford Loans begins six months following graduation or the end of enrollment – whichever comes first.

Another option may be a Perkins Loan. Designed to serve full- and part-time students with the most acute financial need, a Perkins Loan can be used to support undergraduate, graduate or professional programs. Although these loans are free from origination fees, they are not available at all schools.

Where available, Perkins Loan borrowers who are undergraduate students could receive up to \$5,500 per year and up to a total of \$27,500. As long as students are enrolled at least part-time, interest on these loans is subsidized by the government. Graduate and professional students for these loans may be eligible for up to \$8,000 per year. Should a student use a Perkins Loan for both undergraduate and graduate studies, the loan cap is \$60,000.

On the repayment side of Perkins Loans, full and part-time students have nine months from graduation or the date of leaving school before repayments are scheduled to begin – three months longer than the requirements for Stafford Loans

One other federal loan, Parent PLUS, offers funds for education expenses not covered by other forms of financial aid. To qualify for this loan, parents or guardians of enrolled students cannot have an "adverse credit history." Credit reports showing recent foreclosures, tax lien or other credit delinquencies would reflect adverse credit.

In recent months, Parent PLUS has come under attack by education advocates, including the United Negro College Fund. Currently and in reaction to critics of the Parent PLUS loan, the Department of Education is considering adjustments to loan criteria and adverse impacts.

A future commentary will be dedicated to additional information on private loan terms and characteristics. But what should be clear is that federal loans are generally cheaper and may offer more options for repayment than private loans. Additional information on federal loan options is available at: http://studentaid.ed.gov/.

In today's economy, even young professionals equipped with degrees and marketable skills can face a difficult and uncertain job search. Income-based repayment, loan forbearance and forgiveness can be options for federal loans.

Take the necessary time and effort to ensure that your student loan decisions are right for you.

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orous job, but if it helps pay your tuition and keep you out of thousands in debt, that's a good thing.

Government and financial institutions worked so well when it came to the bailouts. Banks were too big to fail and had to be

helped with \$780 billion or so.

Aren't our children too important to fail? Maybe they are not; at least not in this country, huh? Anyway, if they care to listen, banks, proprietary schools, and government officials should get together and stop the madness that has led to \$1 trillion in student loan debt while graduates cannot get commensurate employment and cannot compete in a global society.

We have to stop education from turning into "educ-pay-tion."

Jim Clingman, founder of

the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people.

He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Website, blackonomics.com.

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Texas unemployment rate dips to 5.5 percent

AUSTIN — The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas fell to 5.5 percent in March, down two-tenths of a percentage point from February's rate of 5.7 percent. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 6.7 percent.

Employers in Texas added 9,100 jobs in March for a total of 310,000 jobs added over the year. The annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment has remained at or above 2.6 percent since January 2012.

"The Texas economy continues to move in the right direction with Texas employers adding 310,000 jobs over the year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "All 11 of the major industries experienced annual job growth, with five industries exceeding growth rates of 3.0 percent."

Employment in Texas continued to grow across a

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the brain, which serves as a nice reminder but — since bookstore shelves are packed with brain books — might be unnecessary for some readers.

That's okay, though, because what comes next is worth it: Sood teaches us to "train" our minds to stress when appropriate, live with acceptance, and appreciate others.

This, too, might be repetitious for readers who've filled up on motivational-type books like this one, though I took great delight in this particular handling of the subject.

I also liked that Sood didn't pretend this is easy, but reducing stress and lessening worry sure sounds appealing and that's enough for me. If it is for you, too, then *The Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living* is a book you can really sink your teeth into. wide range of industries, with seven of the 11 major industries adding jobs in March. Professional and Business Services added 5,600 jobs in March, more than any other major industry.

"Many industries in Texas continue to post impressive annual growth, including Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, which added 73,400 jobs over the last year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Texas job seekers looking to tap into careers in this and other thriving industries should take advantage of the training opportunities provided through Workforce Solutions and our education partners."

The Information industry also posted strong monthly growth with 2,300 jobs added in March. This was the best start to a year for the Information industry since 2000, with 2,400 jobs

added in the first quarter of 2014. The industry grew by 3.2 percent over the year and added 6,400 jobs.

"In Texas, we acknowledge that it is our employers, both small and large, that are the economic en-

gine of this great state," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "Private employers added 278,400 total jobs over the last year for an annual growth rate of 3.0 percent."



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April 30,

Join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Class at 10:30 a.m.; and come back for Evening Bible Classes at 7 p.m.

Brother Ramon Hodridge, Minister of Education 1026 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-423-8833 www.avefchurchofchrist.org

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April 20, 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to worship Service as we praise and worship Jesus for all of His blessings. Our mission is to empower individuals to live like Christ.

April 30, 7 p.m.

Join us for Bible Study Night; we are studying the Book of Matthew at this time.

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What's on Your Mind? Don't copy the behavior, attitude and action of the world. Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Romans 12: 2a. Join us for one or both of our Worship Services as we praise God for the victories in our lives.

April 27

Join us for a day of Worship at 9:30 a.m. at 1550 Edelweiss Drive in Allen for Sunday Morning Worship.

Also at 2 p.m. our Theater & Arts Ministry presents, "Break Every Chain. "A Story of Redemption and Forgiveness Which Applies to all of us". "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:22.

April 30, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live Bible Study to learn more about God's Word.

May 11, 9:30 a.m.

You're welcome to join us for our Mother's Day Celebration.

Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed.D. Senior Pastor 1550 Edelweiss Drive In Allen for Sunday Morning Worship. Admin. Building Address Is 200 W. Belmont Drive Allen, TX 75013 972-359-9956 www.theship3c.org

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April 27, 10 a.m.

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April 27, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join us for one or both of our Worship Services as we praise and honor God. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. After each service ministers and deacons are available to meet with you for prayer or questions.

April 30, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word.

May 12-18

Join us for our Annual Women's Day Celebration 2014. Theme: "Mirror,

Mirror: Am I a Reflection of God's Image?" James 1:22-25. Ladies are asked to wear white with the lime green scarves from last year.

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But if you'll look closer, you will see that there was more to it than that. When Sarah laid hold of the promise of God by faith, it restored her physically to such an extent that when King Abimelech saw her, he wanted her for his wife.

At 90 years old, she was so beautiful that a king wanted her in his harem. After she gave birth to

Isaac, the Bible says, she nursed him till he was weaned. Then she kept right on living until that boy was raised!

I'm not telling you that you can have a baby at 90 years old like Sarah did. She had a specific promise from God about that.

But I am telling you that if you'll believe God for renewed strength and health He will provide it for you.

In fact, Psalm 103 says that is one of His benefits. It says that God will fill your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

God's desire for you is that you are a powerful, experienced champion of the Word with your strength renewed by faith.

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A hug will make you smile; and it helps you feel good. A hug will help you savor the moment; and it will help brighten your day.

A hug will help you to understand; it will make your heart glow; and it will help you to have more ups than downs.

A hug will help you move forward when others have tried to push you back; it will help you get up when you have fallen down; and it will help you see that your greatest disappointments and tragedies can be overcome. Give or receive one today!

The Secret of the Bended Knee: Have you ever watched a bird sleeping on its perch and never falling off? How does it manage to do this?

The secret is the tendons of the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when

the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap.

The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian?

Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer.

He knew, "The power of the bended knee."

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things that are most precious to us.

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



The Morgans (L to R) Michael #57 (Linebacker with the NFL 2014 World Champion Team, Seattle Seahawks) parents, Mrs. Janice & Bishop Carl with grandson, Lil Mr. Noah in front.

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typically first go to the eye doctor to seek an eyeglass prescription to correct this," she says. "Diabetes can be silent. There is usually no pain. The first obvious sign of it is often blurred vision."

Other warning signs of diabetes include increased thirst, frequent urination, sores that don't heal (usually on the hands and feet) and unexplained weight loss.

For women, signs can include an increase in yeast infections and other gynecological issues not associated with

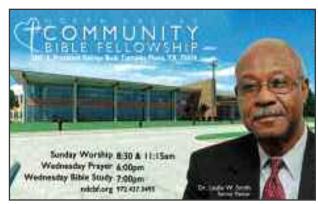




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