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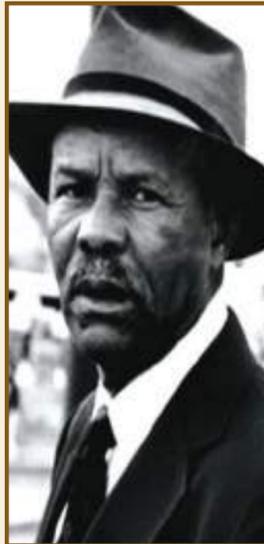
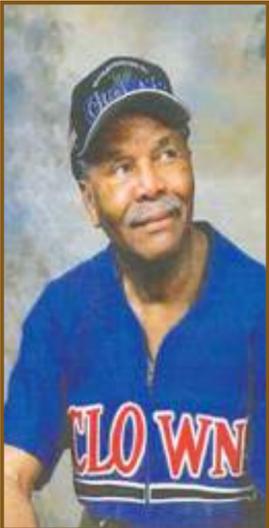
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## ELITE NEWSPAPER FOUNDER WILLIAM "BILL" BLAIR JR.'S LEGACY WILL LIVE FOREVER



Mr. William "Bill" Blair 1921-2014

The legendary humanitarian and business owner, William "Bill" Blair Jr., came into this life on October 17, 1921 in Dallas, Texas. He was the younger of two children born to Cora and William Blair Sr. His older sister, Susie Mae, was his closest friend. A gifted athlete and student, Mr. Blair was graduated from Booker T. Washington in 1939. Until the very moment that God called him to his eternal rest, he remained a founding member of the Booker T Washington Alumni Association of Dallas.

After completing high school, Mr. Blair enrolled in Prairie View A&M University. He then enlisted in the United States Army on the eve of World War II. A disciplined and exemplary soldier, he became the youngest 1st sergeant in our country's armed services. While in the military, Mr. Blair married his high school sweetheart, Mozelle Jordan. He was honorably discharged from the Army on September 30, 1945.

In 1946, Mr. Blair became a leading pitcher in the Negro Baseball League, playing for the famed Indianapolis Clowns, Birmingham Barons and a number of other teams. A hard-throwing left hander and at the encouragement of Satchel Page, Mr. Blair developed a pitcher named "12 to 6" that suddenly dropped to the knees of players when it reached home plate.

His pitching baffled players and he won the admiration of fellow Negro League Players such as Buck O'Neal, Satchel Paige, Cool "Papa" Bell, Jesse "Hoss" Walker, Buster Haywood and Winfield Welch. His baseball career included pitching a no hitter, and he was once considered by a white major league team. Mr. Blair's baseball career came to an end in 1951 when his over-worked pitching arm failed him.

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## Dallas ISD Proud



Name: Kevin Sanchez



Name: Mireya Deluna

School: North Dallas High School  
Class of: 2015  
Activities: Football, Action Team, Student Council  
Role Model(s): My parents and uncles  
Favorite movie or book: "The Giver"  
Plans after high school: To attend a university  
Why I'm proud of my school: I am proud of my school and happy to be a bulldog because it is a great school.

School: Moises E. Molina High School  
Class of: 2015  
Activities: Softball, Journalism, Poetry, Track  
Role Model(s): My mom and grandma  
Favorite movie or book: "Pride and Prejudice"  
Plans after high school: To go to a four-year university  
Why I'm proud of my school: I am proud of our school because it is a safe school that I enjoy attending.

### NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW!

**DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTIONS - MAY 27, 2014 - (ELECCIONES PRIMARIA DE DESEMPATE DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO Y REPUBLICANO - 27 DE MAYO DE 2014)** Last day to register to vote for the Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff Elections is: Monday, April 28, 2014 (Ultimo día para registrarse para votar en la Elecciones Primaria de desempate Democrático y Republicano es: lunes, 28 de abril, 2014)

Last day to receive application for Ballot by Mail is: Friday, May 16, 2014 (Ultimo día para recibir la aplicación para boleta por correo es: viernes, 16 de mayo, 2014) Last day to receive FPCA application for Ballot by Mail is: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (Ultimo día para recibir una aplicación de FPCA para boleta por correo es: martes, 20 de mayo, 2014) Photo ID vs. Voter Certificate -

Your name on your Photo ID must match identically to your name on the registered voters list. If it does not, but is "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote after initialing a column on the sign-in sheet at the polls. If it is not "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote provisionally.

**GROUND WAS BROKEN ON AN \$8 MILLION NEW HOUSING PROJECT** to help some of the chronically homeless in Dallas. Cottages at Hickory Crossing, will provide homes for 50 people who suffer from mental illness and have also been in the criminal justice system, located in south Dallas on Malcolm X Boulevard near Interstate 30.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA SAID THAT A TOTAL OF 8 MILLION PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR HEALTH INSURANCE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT** during the initial enrollment period that ended March 31.



"The Affordable Care Act is now covering more people at less cost than most would have predicted just a few months ago," Obama said during a White House news conference.

### MRS. MARGARET THOMAS CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY



MARGARET CELERSTINE GARMON THOMAS was born April 24, 1914, in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas, to the union of the late Professor William F. Garmon, Sr. and Maude B. Moore Garmon. After moving to Dallas, Texas in 1921, she confessed Christ at an early age and united with the Salem Institutional Baptist Church. She was educated in the public schools of Dallas, where she attended J. P. Starks Elementary, and graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School in 1932. She later completed her studies at the Bezaleel Bible Institute and the D. F. Johnson Institute, and received a Certificate of Completion from both schools in Christian Education. (Continues on Page 4A)

### RECOGNITION ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK APRIL 20-26

#### MRS. BARBARA ELY OFFICE MANAGER

Mark Twain Elementary School  
Thank her for making a difference!  
Outstanding Office Manager of the Week



The Dallas Post Tribune Has Selected Mrs. Barbara Ely as outstanding office manager of the Week. Mrs. Ely has been at Mark Twain for 23 years. As an active member of Carver Heights Baptist Church where Rev. Daryl Carter is her pastor. Mrs. Ely holds many leadership roles in her church and is one of the lead-singers in the Sanctuary Choir. Her motto is if I can help somebody as I pass along then my living will not be in vain. She is a devoted wife to Mr. Trenholm B. Ely, a mother and a grandmother. She is loved, respected, and admired by her family members and co-workers.

### LEADER OF THE WEEK Dr. Roscoe C. Smith, Ph.D.

The Dallas Post Tribune has selected Dr. Roscoe C. Smith, Ph.D. as Leader of the Week. He is a proven master education administrator, passionate youth advocate, and visionary innovator. His 40-year career as a class-room teacher/principal/youth leader turned senior district administrator undeniably records his soaring success with under-achieving students. He retired in 1998 and has 13 additional active years as a tenacious political operative and education consultant.



His career highlights include his transformative work as Scoutmaster in 1963 when he cultivated Boy Scouts Troop #165 in Dallas from nine unpolished, under-privileged boys to 287 precision scouts in uniforms - officially "the largest troop in the world;" as District Chairman, parlaying Boy Scout's Comanche District in Texas to the nation's highest-ranked district; being credited in the Hope Star newspaper as the catalyst that for the first time produced a "juvenile delinquent free city" when he was City Park director in Hope, Arkansas in 1960 and also coached and managed winning athletic teams; being the top-ranked academic student in the Educational Administration Program when he earned his Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Minnesota.

He achieved "firsts" and top rankings: Dallas' first African-American "Outstanding Young Educator" from Classroom Teachers of Dallas and Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1967; first African-American male promoted from teacher to administrator (Assistant Coordinator of Special Programs) at the Dallas Central Office in 1968; and in 1970, Dallas school district's first Director of Accountability where he increased annual federal funding from less than \$2 million to \$22 million, which attracted national attention.

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# Dallas: Too Busy Growing To Hate!



# SECOND ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL PASSOVER SEDER

by Jody Platt

History was made at Temple Emanu-El of Dallas, Texas last year. A multi-cultural, original Passover seder was co-created and co-enacted by Paul Quinn College students and the Young Adults from Temple Emanu-El. The tradition was continued this year for an historic seder at Paul Quinn College. The students, faculty members and President Michael Sorrell welcomed Temple Young Adults to Paul Quinn campus. They were joined by Rabbi Asher Knight, Cantor Leslie Niren and Melissa Duchin (Director of Young Adult, Outreach and Interfaith Programming at Emanu-El) for an imaginative Passover Seder. Collaboration between the two groups turned into a wonderful, shared learning experience for all who attended.

This unique joint seder evolved from a lecture series 2 years ago at Paul Quinn College. I was fortunate enough to introduce Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen to President Michael Sorrell and the students at Paul Quinn College, when Rabbi Herzog Cohen agreed to deliver a lecture to the student body about the relationship between the Black and Jewish community in America. "Rabbi Kim," as we affectionately call her, conveyed the message of our duty to uphold justice and freedom for all people. The lecture was well attended by Paul Quinn students and questions following Rabbi Kim's well received lecture were thoughtful and honest. One student, Francis Webb, concluded with a question. "So when are we going to have a joint seder with Paul Quinn students and Temple Emanu-El members?" A result of this question and many months of planning and participation from Quininites and Temple Emanu-El members, was the collaborative effort of a traditional Passover seder, with new creative elements to share both Black and Jewish cultures.

Again this year, Paul Quinn students, faculty and Temple Emanu-El participants read and sang their original multi-cultural Passover seder together as brothers and sisters. With open minds, open spirits, open discussion and joint enthusiasm, all in attendance enjoyed this unique telling of the Passover story of slavery to freedom. The title of their co-authored seder was



Faculty from Paul Quinn and Planning committee from Temple Emanu-El for the Passover Seder at Paul Quinn College

"Crossing Waters: An Original Seder." Traditional Jewish symbols and foods, such as matzah (unleavened bread symbolizing the haste in which Jewish slaves left Egypt) were served. These were combined with special foods, such as hot-water cornbread, which is made quickly like its "sister bread" matzah. Indeed, new horizons, new stories, new meanings and new friendships were created.

Traditionally, at a Jewish seder, the last line at the end of the Passover service is "Next year in Jerusalem." At this unique seder, the last line was, "Next year, for our third year together, at Temple Emanu-El." These two remarkable groups are already planning on next year's seder, when Paul Quinn students join Temple Emanu-El Young Adults on location back at Emanu-El. Valuable learning experiences ON and OFF campus resulted from this multi-cultural Passover seder. What a wonderful coalition these two groups have formed!

## ELITE NEWSPAPER FOUNDER WILLIAM "BILL" BLAIR JR.'S LEGACY WILL LIVE FOREVER

Because of his accomplishments on and off the field, Mr. Blair was inducted into the Negro League Baseball Museum and was associated with the Negro Baseball Hall of Fame. He was instrumental in the development of the African-American Museum's Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and served on the Board of Governors of the Negro League Baseball. In 2008, Mr. Blair was symbolically drafted by the Houston Astros baseball team.

Mr. Blair started the Southwest Sports News which published the results of sporting events by African-American college teams throughout the United States. In 1951 the Southwest Sports News was renamed the Highlight News. Nine years later the publication's name was changed to the Elite Newspaper. A family owned publication, The Elite News quickly became the major print publication where churches, elected officials and social activists were able to present their messages to the community.

Mr. Blair was not content with simply publishing a newspaper. Desiring to recognize celebrated members of the community, he established The Elite News Awards Night, annually recognizing members of the community who had made significant social contributions. He also established the Elite News Religious Hall of Fame, inducting ministers of great distinction.

Throughout his life Mr. Blair worked with some of the major civil rights leaders in North Texas. He aided a numerous victorious politicians' aspirants,

among them Senators, mayors, members of the city council and state legislature. Recognizing the need to memorialize the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mr. Blair began a program in 1986 to honor the legendary civil rights leader. Called the "People's Texas Parade, the annual Martin Luther King Jr Parade and Festival is a tribute to Dr. King and has become one of the largest parades in the country. It is attracting crowds as large as 250,000 people. The Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Festival, at Mr. Blair's insistence, is held on the same day that the nation celebrates the life of Dr. King.

For many years, tributes to Mr. Blair have occurred across the country because of his many civic contributions. Two years ago, the city of Dallas renamed Rochester Park in east Dallas the William Blair, Jr. Park. An annual Easter egg hunt and back to school Backpack for children are held there.

Two years ago, recognizing the need for his work to live beyond his years, Mr. Blair donated some of personal works and papers to the University of Texas at Arlington. This gift was made to the university to enable researchers and students to study the life of Mr. Blair in decades and centuries to come.

Mr. Blair was preceded in death by his sister, Susie Mae Cullor; sons William "Sandy" Blair III, Jordan "Randy" Blair; daughter-in-law Barbara Blair and son-in-law, David Lynch. He leaves to cherish his

memories his devoted wife of 71 years, Mozelle J. Blair; mother-in-law "Mama" Lillian Jordan; children, Debra Abron Blair (Vernon), Michelle Gilstrap (Paul), Robert Blair, Terri Lynch, Darryl Blair, Sr. (Lorie); daughters-in-law Brenda Blair and Muriel Rahn Hatcher; adoptive sons Albert Britton and Mark Jones, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; beloved Aunt DeDe "Regina Farr Ross" and a multitude of other relatives.

"Once a task has begun never stop until it is done. Be the labor great or small, do it right or not at all." Mr. Blair departed this life on Easter Morning to join our Father in Heaven. His tasks on earth, great and small are all complete and now his task in heaven have just begun. The people who loved him bid him farewell by saying: Sleep well sweet prince. You have served us well!

### Memorial, Funeral Service Information

Thursday, April 24

Lying in State from noon - 5 p.m. The Hall of State at Fair Park 3939 Grand Avenue, Dallas

Thursday, April 24

Memorial Service at 7 p.m. New Birth Missionary Baptist Church 444 West Ledbetter Drive, Dallas

Friday, April 25

Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Concord Church 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, Dallas

## W.T. WHITE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT HIS FINAL CONCERT AT MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER



W.T. White High School Principal Michelle Thompson, Choir Director Michael Parker and Dallas ISD District 1 Trustee Elizabeth Jones stand in front of the W.T. White Girls Choir as they prepare for an upcoming performance

W.T. White High School choir director Michael Parker has accomplished a great deal during his 41-year career. His choirs at both Cary Middle School and W.T. White have consistently earned Sweepstakes awards and Division I ratings at UIL, several of his students have earned "outstanding performer" awards at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, he has written several original musical reviews and he has been named teacher of the year at all four Dallas ISD campuses where he has taught. Under his direction, the W.T. White Showstoppers Choir has performed for the State Board of Education in Austin.

His final concert directing the Showstoppers is deserving of a special venue: The Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in the downtown Arts District. The performance will be held on Wednesday, May 21, and will fittingly be called "Mr. Parker's Opus." The special guest for the event is the W.T. White Alumni Choir under the direction of past W.T. White

Choir Director Tom Council.

"W.T. White's choir has been a tremendous source of pride for the community for many years because of Mr. Parker's tireless efforts," said Dallas ISD District 1 Trustee Elizabeth Jones, who represents the area. "This will be a special one-of-a-kind show that arts lovers throughout the city will appreciate. Attending it will be a great way to honor both Mr. Parker and his students."

"Michael Parker has been more than a choir teacher for W.T. White students. He's been a mentor, confidant and a positive influence on their development as young adults. He's always gone the extra mile to help them succeed," W.T. White principal Michelle Thompson said. "Under his direction, our choir program has been exemplary and the students have believed in his vision. The only way to honor him is by displaying the talent he's nurtured and developed."

"I am thrilled and honored to have my final concert with these beautiful students at the Meyerson," said Parker. "It's a

dream to be able have them perform in this venue. They work very hard and I hope this is seen as a tribute to their work too."

The 7 p.m. concert will feature a variety of performances from Parker's students, both past and present. This will be the first time the Showstoppers choir has ever performed at the world-class symphony center. A choir of Mr. Parker's former students will perform as well.

Regular admission tickets will be available at the school for \$7 apiece; \$5 for high school students. A limited number of special seating tickets will be available for \$25 each from the W.T. White Alumni Association to help offset the cost of the event.

The Meyerson Symphony Center is located at 2301 Flora St., Dallas, Texas 75201. For more information about the concert, call (972) 502-6200. To contact the W.T. White Alumni Association for special loge seating, send an email to Brian Williamson at brian@bdwilliamsoncpa.com.

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June 21-22, 2014

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10:00 a.m.-Sunday, June 22 -Morning Worship Service

12:30 - 2:15 - Lunch will be served at the

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2:30- Evening

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## MY DAY: WILLIAM "BILL" BLAIR:

### A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE



BY DR. ESTER DAVIS

In Richard Warren's best-seller "The Purpose Driven Life" he outlines a forty day step process of how to find your purpose in life. Long before this book was written, Dr. William "Bill" Blair, who changed addresses this week at the age of 92, demonstrated his life to the fullest, a clear defining purpose, not driving, but speeding in fourth gear with a cache of people.

One of the most popular Situation Spots in Dallas is the renown "Roundtable". Well attended by all with a 25 year legacy started by Dr. Blair. My favorite story by far occurred at the famous "Roundtable" years

ago between Dr. Marvin Robinson and Dr. Bill Blair. Marvin was telling this story about a track meet in which Marvin was one of the stars. Dr. Blair let the story be told and immediate afterward announced to Marvin that one of the names was incorrect. Marvin disagreed politely. He went home and looked it up. Being the gentleman he was, he returned to the "Roundtable" the next day to declare in public "that the master was correct", and with a laugh, "but, I was there."

Mrs. Carolyn Lucas, the lady in the pink Cadillac for over a decade, possibly said it best. "He wanted everybody recognized", which would account for his many community "driven" successful programs. Master Donte Wilson, a student who did a paper on the Negro Baseball League, inspired by Bill's guest speaker appearance at his school said; "he didn't talk old". Clarice Archer, a rising star in Nursing School at UT, Tyler, native of another country, called to see if she and friends could host or

'usher' at the homegoing celebration. Simone Sadler, my niece in Orlando, now 16 years old, who spent summers with me in Dallas, bountiful lunches with Bill Blair at Luby's, at the "Roundtable" on her second call was disappointed that her Dad would not allow her to leave school, travel for the funeral. She decided that she would hold her own memorial service in Orlando, Florida. She has received weekly copies of the Elite Newspaper for years.

Dr. Theodore Lee, Publisher of The Dallas Post Tribune said he always respected Bill Blair. Adding "He was aggressive and always on the move enhancing his community and the City of Dallas". As a mentor, Sharon Middlebrooks said "she never met a man that knew so much about this city". And Mrs. Maggie McClendon, 'a golden girl' at True Lee Baptist Church, said "he was a jolly good fellow and a good friend to my husband before he passed away".

How very fortunate we were to have such a time as this, a purposed life driven among us. Ester Davis @esterday.com

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## DEAR EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Many vehicles were neglected during the recent brutal winter months and could use a little extra care by now. The Car Care Council recommends that motorists follow three simple steps during National Car Care Month in April to get vehi-

cles ready for the spring and summer driving season.

Keep your vehicle clean. Regular car washes and waxes protect the paint and body of your car from corrosive debris. In parts of the country where salt is used on the roads, regularly washing is especially important.

Keep your car on schedule. Every

vehicle has a manufacturer recommended maintenance schedule. Whether you choose to do your own maintenance or patronize a local repair shop, following a routine service schedule is essential to keeping your car in safe and dependable working order.

Keep an eye on the little things. Your windshield wipers aren't cleaning as well as they should? Your gas tank is missing its cap? There's a warning light on your dashboard? When you see your car needs atten-

tion, don't delay. Repairing small things now can help avoid more costly problems down the road and add years of useful vehicle life.

The Car Care Council offers many free tools on its website to help consumers drive smart, save money and be car care aware, including the popular 60-page Car Care Guide and a custom service schedule and email reminder service.

Sincerely,  
Rich White - Executive Director  
Car Care Council



By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

The Dallas that embraced a young William Blair was far different from that we know today. Mr. Blair, whose father worked six days every week in a mill, faced a difficult life. But he made the most of what he had, and accomplished some remarkable things in his long and productive life.

Always small in size, he amazed his football coaches at Booker T. Washington Senior High School,

## MR. WILLIAM "BILL" BLAIR: A LIFE LIVED

becoming a very capable running back that successfully competed against players twice his size. There, he met his wife, Mozelle Jordan, who maintained the Blair household while building a respectable catering business.

After returning to Dallas as a military veteran at the end of World War II, Mr. Blair entered the newspaper business. Publishing a newspaper was not his first passion, but when white-owned publications would not print results from African-American college games and the Negro Baseball League, where he played as a pitcher, Mr. Blair went into action. He started something new.

Over the years his insight and his vision compelled him to create numerous institutions and events. While publishing the Elite Newspaper, he founded the Elite

News Religious Hall of Fame, which acknowledged the contributions made by members of the clergy in North Texas.

Mr. Blair worked closely with Reverend S.M. Wright, the nationally known Baptist preacher whose impact on life and politics was legendary. When the ministerial organization that Reverend Wright led needed a public voice, Mr. Blair made the pages of the Elite News available to the clergy group. Soon after, the Elite Newspaper became known as the official "voice of the church community."

Never one to stand on the sidelines of life, Mr. Blair started a Martin Luther King Parade in January of 1986. A few drummers, a trumpet player and some preachers marched with him down a street in South Dallas. Last year, the event drew a

crowd of more than 250,000 and the parade lasted nearly four hours.

His vision allowed him to believe that one could start small and grow into abundance. That is exactly what he did with many of the programs and concepts that he touched. He nurtured them as if they were lilies in his personal garden.

North Texas may never see the likes of Mr. William "Bill" Blair again. He made his presence known. He worked with young minds, including those who were not members of his family, teaching them the crafts that he had mastered.

Now, he has taken his much-deserved eternal rest after so many arduous years of planting seeds for all of us. We remain grateful that he lived among us, and bid him farewell.



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."

Actually there were two Brown decisions. The first, in 1954, outlawed racially segregated public schools, which had been defended as "separate but equal." Faced with foot-dragging 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

## Schools More Segregated Now than Three Decades Ago

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 re-segregate, 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

renewed 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 medium-sized 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 re-segregated 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.



By Marian Wright Edelman  
NNPA Columnist

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio ran on a campaign to fund full-day public preschool for all New York City children through a modest increase in income tax on residents making more than \$500,000 a year. Although Mayor de Blasio's tax proposal was not approved by the state legislature or supported by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the legislature did approve statewide funding for pre-K that included a \$300 million increase for New York City's preschool program.

This means that for the first time fully funded full-day quality preschool will be available for all 4-year-olds in the city. New York City is moving forward for children - and it isn't the only major city or school district making such progress.

The Boston Public Schools system (BPS) offers a full day of prekindergarten to any four-year-old in the district regardless of income, although funding limitations prevent the district from serving all eligible children. BPS ensures the quality of its prekindergarten program through high-quality teachers, professional development delivered through individualized coaching sessions, and evidence-based curricula for

## Making Strides for Preschool

early language and literacy and mathematics. Prekindergarten teachers have the same requirements as K-12 teachers in BPS and are paid accordingly. And it's working. A study conducted by researchers at Harvard's Graduate School of Education examined the impact of one year of attendance in the BPS preschool program on children's school readiness and found substantial positive effects on children's literacy, language, mathematics, emotional development, and executive functioning.

Tulsa is another city making great strides. Oklahoma has offered universal preschool to 4-year-olds since 1998. In the 2011-2012 school year, three-quarters of all 4-year-olds in the state were enrolled in the preschool program. High-quality year-round programs are also available to some at-risk Tulsa children from birth through age three through the Community Action Project (CAP) of Tulsa County, which combines public and private funds to provide comprehensive services for the youngest and most vulnerable children.

Oklahoma's preschool teachers are required to have a bachelor's degree with a certificate in early childhood and are also paid equally to K-12 teachers. Preschool is funded through the state's school finance formula, although districts can subcontract with other providers of early care and education by putting public school teachers in community-based settings and Head Start programs. Researchers from Georgetown

University have conducted multiple evaluations of the 4-year-old preschool program in Tulsa over the last decade and found evidence of both short and long term gains, with the most persistent gains in math for the neediest children who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. A long term economic projection of the future adult earnings effects of Tulsa's program estimates benefit-to-cost ratios of 3- or 4-to-1.

New Jersey has offered high-quality state-funded preschool to 3- and 4-year-old children in 31 high-poverty communities since 1999 in response to a series of state Supreme Court rulings starting with Abbott v. Burke that found poorer New Jersey public school students were receiving "inadequate" education funding.

Researchers at Rutgers University's National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) have conducted a longitudinal analysis of the impacts of the Abbott preschool program on the cohort of children served in 2004-2005, and the fifth grade follow up shows participation has had a sustained significant effect on students' achievement in language arts and literacy, math, and science and reduced grade retention and special education placement rates.

Other cities also are finding new ways to move forward. In 2011 San Antonio, Texas Mayor Julian Castro convened a task force of education and private sector leaders to identify the best way to improve the quality of edu-

cation in the city. The task force concluded the most effective solution would be a high-quality, full-day four-year-old prekindergarten targeted at low-income and at-risk children. The San Antonio program was launched after city residents voted for a one-eighth of a cent sales tax increase in November 2012 to fund it. It will serve 3,700 four-year-olds annually when fully implemented.

Studies have shown children enrolled in high-quality early childhood programs are more likely to graduate from high school, hold a job, and make more money and are less likely to commit a crime than their peers who do not participate. High-quality preschool is a critical piece of the early childhood continuum - and we need to celebrate and support the cities, states, and political leaders who are successfully providing this experience for all children.

Congress needs to follow their good example now by enacting the Strong Start for American's Children Act to enable millions of the nation's children - not just thousands or tens or hundreds of thousands - to get quality early childhood education including home visiting through kindergarten and be better prepared for school and for life. This should be a litmus test for our vote this November. If leaders don't stand up for children, they don't stand for anything and they don't stand for a strong American future that requires educated children.



Rev. Johnny C. Smith, Pastor - Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

The superscription of this grand psalm reads, "To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David." Psalm 68, ascribed to David, celebrates one of his military victories as Israel captured the spoils of an enemy nation. This psalm is a song full of praises to God for His triumphant victory.

In verses 1-3, David calls upon God to manifest His power against His enemies, "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before

## "THE PSALMIST'S EXHORTATION TO PRAISE GOD" PSALM 66:1-20; PSALM 67:1-7

him." (v. 1). As Israel ventured in their wanderings in the wilderness, Moses would call on God to manifest His presence as Israel marched in the wilderness (Numbers 10:35). As God manifested His presence in driving out His enemies, Israel will rejoice, "But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice" (v. 2).

David summons the people to praise God in song for His triumphant work of deliverance (vv. 4-6). God is known as "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation" (v. 5). While God's people were going through the wilderness in route to Zion, God in His goodness provided for them (vv. 7-10). David continued to unfold God's triumphant work in behalf of Israel in their possession of the land of Canaan (vv. 11-14).

As a triumphant conqueror, God made His entry into Zion (vv. 15-18). Prophetically, verse 18 which reads, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them" foreshadowed the ascension of Christ after His death. Psalm 68:18 was referred to by Paul in Ephesians 4:8 that applied to Christ's ascension after His death and resurrection when He took the spoils (O.T. Saints) into God's presence. Similarly, Ephesians 4:8 reads, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

Because of God's entry into Zion, David praises God because He will conquer Israel's enemies (vv. 19-27). David begins in verses

19 and 20 by saying, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death." Even other nations will pay homage to God as He demonstrates His power (vv. 28-31). As this psalm closes in verses 32-35, the psalmist calls on nations to recognize the awesome power of God by singing and rendering praise to Him - "Ascribe ye strength unto God: His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds. O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God" (vv. 34-35).

May God Bless!



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## HOROSCOPES April 24 - 30

**ARIES** (Born between 21st March & 20th April) you could feel history is repeating itself in some way when it comes to a position you find yourself in related to the expectations others have. The difference now is that you have developed a strong degree of independence in some way. Obligations are involved. How you control this will result in how you will build up future growth.

**TAURUS:** (Born between 21st April & 20th May) At last you will feel as though there is some forward movement in life. Mercury, the planet of thought and communication moves into your sign until the 8th May, creating clarity of mind, as well as the opportunity to focus on yourself and things you consider personally important. Interaction with others is steady and stable.

**GEMINI:** (Born between 21st May & 20th June) Expect to feel held back at times until early May. Your energy level will be low, so it would be wise to get more rest. This is a good time to withdraw to some degree so that you can reflect upon where things seem to stand in life. There may be the need to let things go, or bring something to an end in preparation for new beginnings.

**CANCER:** (Born between 21st June & 22nd July) an important year began for you late last June and will continue to late July 2014. Right now powerful forces are operating that has not occurred before in life and will not again. You are in a unique position to secure your future with the support of someone influential. You can over-ride any attempted undermining by someone.

**LEO:** (Born between 23rd July & 22nd August) At the moment you need to focus on obligations that have to be dealt with - it may all seem a slow process. It is just a matter of keeping on, keeping on. The future has much promise, which will likely involve radical change. It is as if you can sense this but cannot be completely sure about how it will all take place. Have faith.

**VIRGO:** ,zztrDoubts about where you stand will cease as you begin to gain a clearer picture of what is possible to acquire in the future. You could also decide on taking up a course to develop skills that will be helpful in fulfilling your goals. Discussions with others can be very helpful, mainly because they have a greater sense of possibilities.

**LIBRA:** (Born between 23rd September & 22nd October) Challenges you have had to face since early December can reach a sudden turning point that could see you taking action you had not earlier anticipated. Be mindful of not becoming overburdened because of somebody else expecting greater freedom. Your answers will come from focussing on what is manageable on a daily basis.

**SCORPIO:** (Born between 23rd October & 21st November) Tension continues to build up as well as the need to keep your own counsel for a while yet. Other people are beginning to come out in the open more and this will make it easier for you to see whom you can trust. It will not be difficult to engage them in conversation. There is also the opportunity for pleasure and enjoyment.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Born between 22nd November & 21st December) Time spent at home or with family will prove rewarding, even if it is only to recharge your batteries. You could come across people from the past. Something about them is not what you expected. There is a need for you to deal with details in a methodical and practical manner until early May. Not doing this will bring regrets.

**CAPRICORN:** (Born between 22nd December & 19th January) Maintaining control of your own position will be strongly tested by what might seem generosity from others but will likely mask what they really want from you. You must resist falling back into old habit patterns when it comes to accepting obligations. You can liberate yourself once and for all by putting your priorities first.

**AQUARIUS:** (Born between 20th January & 18th February) you can become more settled of mind about the most sensible way to structure things, especially when it comes to home and family matters, to early May. You won't find your mind jumping from one thing to another as it has been. If you are mindful of spending, you will discover ways of making your money go further.

**PISCES:** (Born between 19th February & 20th March) whatever you sense is achievable in the future needs to be backed up by some well structured planning. This could also include gathering information of a practical nature. Persistence is the key to improving your situation. You have skills to see what is possible but do not always recognize the amount of work required to do this.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

### Saturday, April 26 HCM Job Fair for Certified Teachers

The Dallas ISD Human Capital Management Department is holding a Job Fair for certified teachers in all certification areas, including English language arts, special education, social studies, ESL, and elementary generalists. The job fair will provide information about signing incentives for bilingual education, science and mathematics.

Interested candidates must register online at [www.dallasisd.org/hcmjobfair](http://www.dallasisd.org/hcmjobfair) and bring their teaching certificate or proof of eligibility.

### On Saturday, April 26, 2014 Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson will host her 22nd Annual Academy Day at Duncanville High School, 900 W. Camp Wisdom Rd. It will start at 9am.

At the event, interested high school students will hear application procedures, and will be introduced to the benefits of attending a service academy such

as West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy. Students that are selected to attend one of the nation's military academies receive an outstanding quality education free of cost, and guaranteed job placement upon graduation. Interested students and parents are invited to attend. For additional information call 214-922-8885.

## MAY

### The Twenty Ninth Annual 2014 ADOLESCENT AND LADIES SYMPOSIUM will be held at

the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ, 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, Texas on Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Symposium is designed to assist preteen girls, ages 9 - 12, adolescent misses, ages 13 - 18, and adult ladies, ages 19 - up, to more effectively combat the social and generational issues that confront them today. The Symposium highlights the knowledge, understanding, competencies and skills that they will need to deal with these issues from a Biblical perspective. The Symposium theme, "The Woman That PleaseThe Pleases GOD"

includes two General Sessions and twelve Small Group Workshops that will give participants an opportunity to become actively involved in the subject. Participants will also learn proactive skills that will enable them to avoid worldly practices. The Symposium is FREE and includes: continental breakfast, lunch, and gifts galore. Children under 9 years of age cannot attend. Spaces for workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, according to registration. Popular workshops fill fast! The Early Registration Deadline is April 24, 2014. Go online for Workshop Sessions and Early Registration details at: [www.gacoc.org](http://www.gacoc.org) or call 972-644-2335 for more information.

## JUNE

**Cruising for Kids with Sickle Cell** Featuring Mayor Mike Rawlings Benefiting Camp Jubilee. Donations are accepted at any City Credit Union or Online at [www.campjubilee.info](http://www.campjubilee.info). Bike Ride - June 21, 2014. Sponsored by: Black Police Association? Black Firefighters Association Iron Knights? #1 Stunnas? Sons of Solomon

## MRS. MARGARET THOMAS CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

In 1953 under the leadership of Dr. B. R. Riley, the New Jerusalem Institutional Baptist Church was organized, and Sis. Margaret Thomas was among the first three members to unite and be instrumental in the birth of this great church body. During her dedicated years of service at New Jerusalem, she has served in many capacities: Usher, and Instructor of Ushers; Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society; WMS Lydia Circle Chairlady; Sunday School Teacher for the Young Adult Bible Class; Baptist Training Union Director; Director of Christian Education; Church Program Chairwoman; Organizer and member of the Nurses' Guild, whereby the church's First Aid Room bears her name; and she is a member of the Business & Professional Women's Guild. She is one of two living chartered members of New Jerusalem today.

Over seven decades Mrs. Thomas has dedicated her faithful service and talent to

the Local, District, State, and National Baptist denominational work. She has served as: an Instructor in the Galilee Griggs Memorial District Congress teaching Christian Education; an Instructor in the Texas Baptist State Convention teaching the Principle & Procedures for Church Ushering; and served as President of the Texas Baptist State Convention Ushers' Department for twenty-five years. In the National Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., Sis. Margaret Thomas completed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd "Steps of Progress" courses, and graduated after completion of "The Special Steps of Progress" course. Immediately following these many years of study at the National Baptist Congress, Mrs. Thomas was summoned to work with the National Congress of Christian Education Dean's Cabinet, where she served in this office for thirty-five years

(1970-2005). In addition to her committed and unswerving religious work, she has worked for many years as a saleslady for various Dallas retailers including Margo La Mode and JCPenny stores. Her friendliness, welcoming smile and great attitude have always put all who have met or been in her presence at ease. With her ability to multi-task, she was always an enthusiastic Christian team player who was dependable and hard-working no matter if she was leading or mentoring, greeting others, or putting the finishing touches on any designated program.

Sis. Margaret Thomas was the devoted mother of two daughters, the late Bobbie Jean Thomas Harris, and the late Gloria Louise Thomas Moore; the lovely grandmother of two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren; a caring big sister; an affectionate aunt; and a friend to all.

## LEADER OF THE WEEK DR. ROSCOE C. SMITH, PH.D.

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His innovative, visionary programs - heavy with parental/community involvement -- were hallmarks of his leadership. He designed and implemented the Dallas school district's first Central Parent Advisory Council, which the National Advisory Council on the Education of Disadvantaged Children recommended to Congress and President Richard Nixon as a national model in 1972. He helped found state and national associations that secured needed program funding for under-served students in the 1970s. In 1981, he founded the Texas Parent Coordinating Council that made the Dallas school district a national leader in parental involvement.

Statistics show how he transformed low-performing schools. Fannie C. Harris Elementary had the Dallas district's lowest test scores when he became principal in 1985 but by 1989 was in the district's top 10 percent - and as a corollary, community crime

statistics dropped noticeably. Joseph J. Rhoads Elementary (now Learning Center) rose from lowest test scores in 1989 to receive awards for ranking #1 in Texas based on 1992-93 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) scores. Academically, the Benton Harbor, Michigan school district was the nation's lowest, but as an assistant superintendent from 1993-98, he guided curriculum/instruction so that mathematics and reading scores significantly rose and elementary science scores were higher than 56 percent of Michigan's 27 school districts. The Governor recognized those gains and Dr. Smith was inducted into Benton Harbor's Hall of Fame. Fifteen years later in Dallas, the African American Education Archives and History Program also inducted him into its Educators Hall of Fame in 2011.

Dr. Smith was born in Hope, Arkansas and earned degrees from Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, the University of North Texas, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Minnesota. He was a teacher and principal

at five schools and held five administrative positions including director of Elementary & Secondary Education Acts' (ESEA) Chapter 1 Program. From 2006-08, he was Principal Assessor for the Texas Education Agency's Region 10 and currently is an education consultant.

Outside education, he also was a campaign division manager in the successful state legislative race of former White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty in Hope, Arkansas and later directed Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's District 30 office in Dallas where he received Special Congressional Recognition.

Dr. Roscoe Smith, Ph.D and the late Velma Prince Smith, Ph.D., were married 53 years and have two daughters, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. His more than two dozen honors and affiliations include lifetime memberships with the NAACP and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Boy Scouts of America's highest honor - the Silver Beaver Award, and service awards from the Texas Legislative and U. S. Congress.

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Children's Worship Service ..... 11:00 AM  
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Tuesday Song Practice ..... 7:00 PM  
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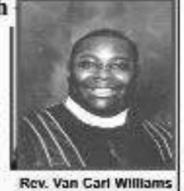
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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## "Giddings helped provide over 65 high school seniors with a Cinderella Moment"

Representative Helen Giddings (D-Dallas), spent this spring organizing a "Prom Dress Donation Drive" for local area high school senior girls throughout House District 109. Giddings explained, "I believe that prom can be and should be one of the most fun-filled and memorable nights of a young woman's life. It is a time where young people dress in the best, and they can truly feel confident exiting high school and entering the adult world. Every girl deserves to be a Cinderella on her prom night, regardless of economic background."

Giddings reached out to all public and charter high schools throughout House District 109, to gauge the need of senior girls who might need some assistance obtaining a prom dress for this spring's prom. The response from the schools and the community has been very reassuring. Giddings organized a "Shopping Day" at UNT-Dallas on Saturday, April 12, 2014, where the girls who sent in their RSVP were

able to shop for a dress, try on a large variety of designs and sizes, and almost all girls found a dress they loved. As of today, over 65 senior girls, from seven different area high schools have received a prom dress.

Representative Giddings thanked the following organizations, retailers, and House District 109 Constituents, for all of their donations and assistance throughout the project: UNT-Dallas, Dress My Way, Kaitlin + Co., DeSoto Dry Cleaners, Kofi Shoppe Salon, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Employees of AT&T, and Mary Kay, Inc., Uptown Consignment, Glamour RX, Mocca Cosmetics, Chef Carlos of A Different Plate Café & Catering, Kohl's, the Texas Retailers Association, Fashion Industry Design (FIG), Dr. Sheron Patterson, Dr. Thalia Matherson, Ms. Cheryl Jackson, and Mr. Michael Moore.

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Evening Worship ..... 5:00 PM  
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Night Service ..... 7:00 P.M.  
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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Table with 7 columns for days of the week (Thursday to Wednesday) and weather icons, high/low temperatures, and precipitation chances.

Loftis Wins Region 11-AAA Tennis Championships



By Marcus A. Freeman, Jr. BTMag.com

in the third set, Bradley faced a set and match point. Fighting hard with that old Trojan spirit, he was able to force the set into a tie-breaker that he won.

As the only African-American, he was accompanied in the event by Asians, Hispanics, Brazilians, and Native Americans, a presence that shows how tennis is attracting more top athletes from other cultures and backgrounds than ever before.

J.B. Loftis, Bradley's father, commented as to why Bradley has been able to succeed at this level in tennis. "I think his mind has been made up to play tennis and do well in the sport, it determines what he wants, and he proceeds to accomplish what his mind has dictated.

"My future plan for him is to go to college, get his degree, after which, he starts his plans to play professional tennis. Even though he could go pro after high school, I want him to get a college degree first," Mr. Loftis stated.

Bradley plans to play some pro and adult events during his senior year at Madison when his high school eligibility expires. His interest in computers, electronics, and science, in conjunction with his tennis, automatically guarantees his success as a college graduate or tennis professional.

Bradley Loftis, a ninth grade student on the Madison High School tennis team in Dallas, Texas, won his second regional championships in two years, last week at College Station, Texas.

In his trip to the boys finals, Bradley had easy wins in the early rounds as follows: Round 1 - he defeated Gavin Buchanan of Decatur, Texas, 6-0, 6-0; Round 2 - he defeated Val Fernandez of Kaufman, Texas, 6-0, 6-0; and Round 3 - he defeated Luis Flores, 6-1, 6-1.

Competition in the finals for the Gold Medal wasn't so easy for the talented and hard working Bradley. The finals match against Cameron Sanson went the full distance, and at one point

DeSoto Ma'aT Steppers win National Co-Ed Title



Congratulations to the DeSoto Ma'at (Moo Aht) Step Team for coming home from Chicago with the Co-Ed National Step Team Title.

STOMP Wars in late March, earned the national trip after sweeping the national trip after sweeping the Texas State Team Association (TSTA) Co-Ed Division North Texas District and Texas State titles earlier this year.

The group traveled to Chicago April 11 for the National Step Show Alliance (NSSA) U-19 Step Championships and won! Following the title win, they performed at the Dallas International Girls Cup Soccer Opening Ceremonies April 15 at SMU.

They will be honored at the April 28 DeSoto ISD Board Meeting for their earning the title Co-Ed National Step Champions.

They group is tentatively scheduled to perform at the 5th Annual Atlanta Invitational High School Step Show on May 3 and is getting ready for tryouts for next year.

- Team Members: Ja'Kaile Parker - freshman, Jalexia Robertson - sophomore, DeAndre DeHoney - senior, Jalisa Green - senior, Alaya Cohen - senior, Kristin Turner - junior, Tamera Moran - senior, Andre Rockwell - sponsor

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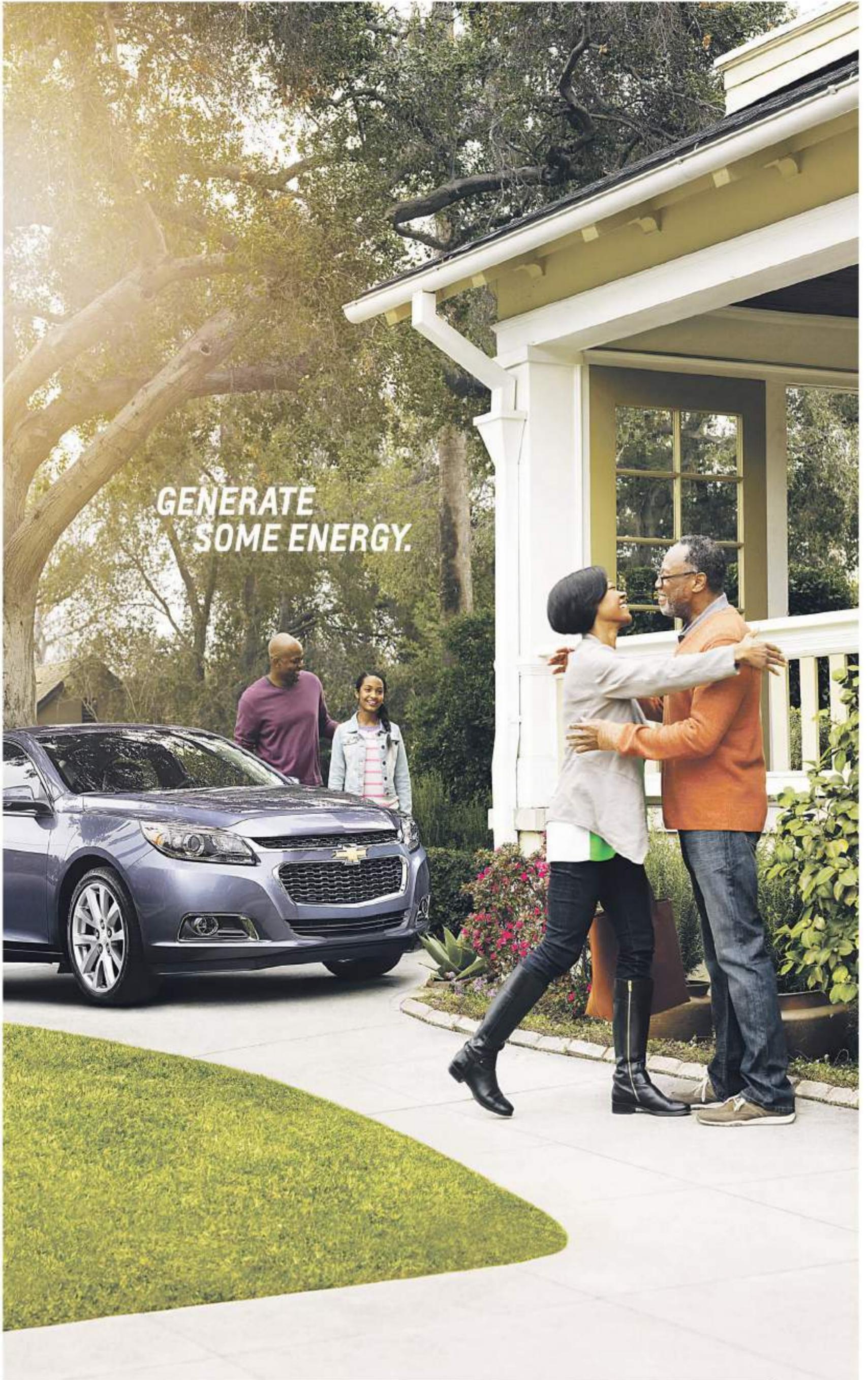
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