

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of February
9th 2010 through February
12th, 2010



See, Storyteller and Griot, Melody Bell at the DeSoto Public Library

In Celebration of Black History Month the DeSoto Public Library will present Melody Bell, Griot-storyteller, musician, poet & singer on Wednesday, February 10th at 10:30 am in the Library Assembly Hall.

Free admission - public invited.

You Too Can Soar Series Author Inspiring Women To Thrive In Difficult Times

March is Women's History Month. Phyllis J. Bedford, author of *A Personal Journey "Finding Wings with Shattered Pieces,"* will offer a free five-week ***You Too Can Soar Series*** to help women become managers of their lives, giving them tools to connect with their inner power to manage change and loss. The series will be held on Tuesdays, March 2 – March 30, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. at the DeSoto Library.

Phyllis J. Bedford has over 15 years of experience in managing change and loss and will engage women with personal concepts from her book and the companion workbook, Recovering with RESPECT: Realizations, Encouragement, Spirituality, Purpose, Empowerment, Courage and the will to Thrive. Phyllis lost her only daughter, on September 11, 1992. She is a living example of surviving the worst life has to offer, and learning to thrive in a new and different world. Her goal is to inspire women to believe that simply surviving is not enough; they too can deal with their misfortune and loss, and develop the strength to soar. "I believe every woman has the inner ability to find her own personal path to manage life's challenges," says Phyllis J. Bedford.

Energizing women to reach beyond their current trials or setbacks to find meaning in their lives, the highly interactive series, from a survivor's perspective, will include personal stages, life lessons, and helpful insight on self discovery, inner courage, letting go, spiritual rebirth, closure, and much more. Phyllis inspires hope in those who are hurting to grow beyond being victims and survivors to living victoriously.

To register, call the DeSoto Public Library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661. The DeSoto Library is located at 211. E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is located in the nearby parking garage.

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Here's Important Information Regarding our Upcoming Municipal Election

The next DeSoto General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010. The following council positions will appear on the ballot:

**Mayor - Place 1,
Councilmember - Place 3
Councilmember - Place 5**

If you are interested in running for any of these positions on the City Council, please visit the City Secretary page of our web site at www.ci.desoto.tx.us to access a City Council Candidate Guide, which contains all the information needed to file. These guides will be available beginning Friday, February 5, 2010.

Applications for a place on the City of DeSoto General Election ballot will be accepted Monday, February 8th through Monday, March 8th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Office of the City Secretary at City Hall.

Applicants for City Council must meet the following qualifications as outlined in the DeSoto City Charter, Article II, City Council, Section 3:

- U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age,
- Registered qualified voter of the State of Texas,
- Shall have resided for at least one year next preceding the election at which he/she is a candidate within the Council-represented district to which he/she seeks election, except for the Mayor, who may be a resident of any district in the City. Councilmembers are elected "at large" by voters of the entire city,
- Candidates shall not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other liability due the City.

For more information, please call DeSoto City Secretary, Laura Hallmark at 972.230.9664.



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AARP Will Offer Tax Help for Seniors at the DeSoto Senior Center

AARP Tax Help has moved to the DeSoto Senior Center, 204 Lion Street. Beginning Wednesday, February 3rd, tax help will be from 11 am – 3 pm on Wednesdays. The last day for tax help will be Wednesday, April 14th. Please bring last year's tax return, your Social Security card, and all documents necessary for completing your 2008 tax return. Seniors are the priority for tax help, but the preparers will help anyone as time permits. For more information, please call the DeSoto Senior Center 972.230.5825.



Did You Know They Have E-Audio Books at the Library??

The DeSoto Public Library continues to offer books in electronic (e-book) format, which can be played/read on a PC, iPod, or MP3 player. The library has offered this format since 2006. To access the catalog of e-audiobooks and download them to a player, please go to the library's webpage on the City of DeSoto website, www.ci.desoto.tx.us/library, or www.ci.desoto.tx.us and click on Departments, then click on Library. There is a link to the e-audiobooks catalog on the library webpage.

Users must come into the library to set up an e-audiobook account, just like coming into the library to get a library card. Once an e-audiobook account has been set up, users can search and download titles from any Internet accessible computer. Users can search the e-audiobook catalog by author, title, subject, or full-text. The "show details" part of the record will tell users if the title can be downloaded to a PC, iPOD, or MP3 player. Topics covered in the e-audiobook catalog include: fiction, biography, business, health and medicine, sports, and travel.



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AFRICAN AMERICAN
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*Having
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First 100 Years

Adapted by
Emily Mann

starring
IRMA P. HALL

Directed by **William (Bill) Earl Ray**

Show Dates & Times: February 13th - 28th

Friday & Saturday Nights @ 7:30pm **\$25**
Saturday & Sunday Matinee @ 2:30pm **\$20**
Preview Performance on

February 11th 7:30 pm—tickets \$12

To Purchase Tickets:
Box Office - 972.572.0998
Web - www.aareptheater.com

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