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Faculty & Staff Notes

Longevity Awards



40 Years

Chuck Dale
Bob Felder
Jerry McMahon
Frank Cate
Morris Holman



30 & 35 Years

Brenda Stevenson (30)
Paul Lindsey (30)
Mike Henry
Ann Johnson
Ron Beecham
Jim Phillips



Retirees

Joseph Cuevas
Alberto Sosa



DCCCD Scholarship Winner

Heidi Basset

Longevity Awards continued

25 Years

Lenny King
Tyler Moore
Tricia Jones
Rodney Boyd
Donnine Ballance
Gerald Kozlowski

20 Years

Alberto Sosa
Reba Berry
Linda Zabochnik
Theresa Sternat

15 Years

Neal Wilson
Cindy Allen
Denny Norris
Larry Howard
Johnnie Bellamy
Kathy Windrow
Susan Wyatt
Mike Horak
Glenn Stone

10 Years

Tiffany Gillen
Mike Washington
Sherri Pinckley
Montrice Jackson
Jesus Hernandez
Anastasia Lankford
Francisco Gabriel
John Gunter
Curt Jenkins
Pat Mirtz
Ursula Brent
Michelle Phillips
Christina Ybarra

Michael Morris
Betsy Joseph
Brynndah Hicks
Christina Mewhinney

5 Years

John Emery
Cathy Kelley
Marcial Delacruz
Janet Cassidy
Cameron Rexroad
Ken Shipman
Jeannette Costello
Cyndi Wineinger
Allison Farris
James Martin
Julie Jones
Melanie Reynolds
Liz Lazo
Christina Fox-Balli
Elizabeth Huston
Glynn Newman
Carlos Ojeda
Sabine Winter
Terry Jessup
Rodger Bass
Jamie Coley
Cynthia Taylor
Deborah Chism
Shatremeyia Porter
Ida Stewart
Laura Thomason
Clay Pradarits
Matt Cregg
Wanda Snowton
John Taylor
John Criswell
Mary Beth Sather
Joel Klump

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Women's History Month

"Rural Texas Women at Work"

February 25 – March 15



Photograph of fourteen-year-old Doris Mears planting corn in her family's one-acre garden, by unknown photographer, April 1942. Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, Texas A&M University.

Created by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and organized by Texas A & M University and Humanities Texas, this exhibit documents the persistence of rural Texas women during times of prolific food shortages and absence of men and goods.

From the 1930s and the severe demoralizing Depression, through the rigorous demands of World War II, through the 1950s Cold War, and the upheavals of the revolutionary 1960s, "Rural Texas Women" personifies determined, industrious, self-reliant women.

The exhibit highlights photographs of Texas women preparing and preserving food, cleaning their homes, tending gardens, raising animals, restoring furniture, and doing repair work normally conducted by men. Even during such difficult times, Texas women were able to provide needed volunteer assistance and support. "Rural Texas Women at Work" honors the perseverance and dedication of the hard-working women of Texas and offers educational, historical, and social commentary.

This exhibit, housed in L200, will run through March 15.

Faculty & Staff Notes...

Conference Day Photos



Adjunct Professor of Guitar **Eddie Healy** has been chosen to participate in "IV Chamber Music Festival and Course," (organized by the Music Association of Madrid) in Spain this summer. Participants will engage in intensive chamber-music study, as well as public performances. In addition to teaching at Eastfield, Eddie is a candidate in the music Ph. D. program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Maria Caratini-Prado, Program Director ESL/ ESOL Teaching & Learning, accepted and began her tenure as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for ANTHEM Strong Families of Dallas, Inc. at the January 30 board meeting. ANTHEM Strong Families and its sub-division program Viva La Familia! will be collaborating with the continuing education/workforce development division to bridge family skills with workforce education and career goal opportunities.

Angele Powell, Business Office Systems and Support adjunct faculty, has been selected as a National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year for 2008. She and other award winners will be honored at NFTE's annual gala in April in New York City. As a winner, she will receive \$1,000 and a commemorative award. In addition, she will receive a scholarship to NFTE's Advanced Teacher Forum, an advanced professional development seminar at Columbia University Business School in NYC July 7 – 11.

James Watral received notice that three pieces of his work will be featured in the Lark Books upcoming publication "500 Platters, Plates & Chargers." There were over 1,000 entries. Linda Arbuckle, internationally known ceramic artist, was the juror responsible for selecting work featured in the publication. The book will be available this summer.

Eastfield hosted a professional development workshop entitled "Teaching Science Students: Developing a Few New Tricks Up Our Sleeves," on February 16. This free teachers' workshop was organized by the **National Science Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program grant Project Pathways**, in association with the **Science & PE and Continuing Education Divisions**. The sessions covered topics on maintaining academic rigor while helping students succeed, writing a good (and still honest!) recommendation, and recognizing a talent for science, among others. Dr. Mark Presley, dean of the Science & PE Division at Eastfield College, even led a rousing session on Adventures in Texas Geology. Attendees were also given the opportunity to receive training on, and devote time working directly with, Eastfield's portable scanning electron microscope, the Hitachi TM-1000. Attendees, including science teachers from the DCCCD, Garland, Mesquite and Dallas ISDs, and Dallas Christian School, were present for the all day TEA approved workshop. Plans are to make the professional development workshops a recurring event at Eastfield College.

"Path on the Edge"



"Path on the Edge," charcoal on rag paper, 2007

Gallery 219 at Eastfield presents: Suzanne Kelley Clark: "Path on the Edge"

from February 18 – March 27. An artist reception will be held on March 7 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Close examination of the paintings and drawings of Suzanne Kelley Clark reveals her interest in the transitory nature of nature itself. These examinations of both place – a specific environment such as a pond, a grove of trees, a field – and space – the space of the outdoors, intimate spaces, expansive spaces – are reflective of an innate desire, Suzanne's and our own, to experience the natural world and our connection to it.

Of her often-transformative works, she writes: One of the unique features of painting landscape is that you the artist are not separate from your subject. You stand within it. You are part of it, seeing, hearing, feeling, and moving with it. The air, the space, the temperature. All of these ineffable qualities influence the work. It is a very rich experience.

Suzanne Kelley Clark is an instructor of painting at Eastfield College. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York, New York, and a Master of Fine Arts from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She has shown her work extensively throughout north Texas and beyond and is the recipient of numerous awards including Adjunct Instructor of the Year at Eastfield in 2007.

Gallery 219 is located on the main floor of the Fine Arts building (Bldg. F). Park and enter at the Performance Hall on the west side of campus. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The gallery is closed March 10 – 14, and March 27. For more information contact David Willburn, Gallery Director, at ext. 7162 or davidwillburn@dcccd.edu.

Faculty & Staff notes continued

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest Harvesters:

JoAnn Thomas – Title III
Don Sutton – CT Division
Renee Bell – Media

And a fond Harvester goodbye to those who are retiring:

Joseph Cuevas – Advisement
Alberto Sosa – Facilities

Carlos Ojeda, Autobody instructor, represented Eastfield at a Youth Male Summit on February 20. The event was hosted by The City of Plano, Plano ISD, and Collin County Community College; EFC was invited because several students had expressed interest in the Automotive Technology & Repair career area. There were more than 40 students ranging in age from 12 to 18 plus their parents in attendance.

Eastfield's Center for Innovation and Creativity presents its third Open House for 2007 - 2008.

Student Services Division Spring Fling

March 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Admissions Lobby Area

Come meet the staff and learn more about what they offer to students and how we can help make an impact.

Thank you Linda Richardson, Dean of Admissions, Advising, Testing and Career Services and staff for hosting this fun event.

Iris Bechtol, EFC Instructional Specialist in Art, had her work selected from over 1,000 submissions to be in the College Art Association Master of Fine Arts show at UNT, in the Cora Stafford Gallery. The show ran from February 18 – 23. She is working on her MFA at UT Arlington. (Also chosen was work by Neil Lawley, who used to work at Eastfield.)

Jorge Misium, adjunct professor of 3D Design and Sculpture, has been invited to participate in the "Third Beijing International Art Biennale." Though the final list of artists is not out yet, there should be a few hundred artists from as many as 70 countries. Misium is a sculptor and the curatorial committee has chosen one of his pieces to be installed in Beijing. The exhibit starts in early July and goes through the Olympics.

Thanks to the CIC Advisory Committee who continue to provide opportunities for all of us to learn about the abundant talent here at Eastfield: Donnine Ballance, Rose Budd, George Bush, Laura Carr, Romilio Castillo, David Danforth, Jennifer Fernandes, Mike Forshee, Karla Greer, John Gunter, Jerry Henson, James Howell, Patrice Johnson, Glynis Miller, Brenda Stevenson, Melanie Reynolds and Doug Richardson.

180 Ways to Walk the Customer Service Talk

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Everyone loves getting more than they expected.... "getting something for nothing".

~ Sue Byrd, Technology

SPAR Presents Sarah Weddington



Eastfield Student Programs and Resources presents Sarah Weddington, nationally known attorney and spokesperson on leadership and public issues, March 25 at

9:30 a.m. in the Performance Hall. Her lecture is titled *Some Leaders are Born Women*.

Weddington's experience and charisma make her a highly sought-after speaker. She is particularly well known for her work on issues affecting women through her many roles as an attorney, legislator, presidential advisor, professor, and expert called upon by the national media. In 1973, at age 27, she argued the winning side of the landmark case *Roe v. Wade* before the United States Supreme Court; and later authored the best-seller, *"A Question of Choice,"* which details the case. She is thought to be the youngest woman ever to win a case in the Supreme Court.

She has recently been involved in promoting the development of leadership and self-renewal skills.

Weddington has been a longtime advocate for women. In 1972, she was the first woman from Austin elected to the Texas House of Representatives. She served three terms before becoming the US Dept. of Agriculture's general counsel in 1977, the first woman to ever hold that position.

From 1978 to 1981, Weddington served as assistant to the president of the United States. She was designated by President Carter to direct the administration's work on women's issues and leadership outreach. She also directed White House efforts to extend the time for ratification of the ERA, and to assist in the selection of women for federal judiciary appointments. She co-chaired the US Delegation to the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen, and implemented other programs to ensure the equal treatment of women in the military in securing business loans and in social programs. As the first woman director of the Texas

Office of State-Federal Relations from 1983 to 1985, she was the chief lobbyist in Washington, D.C., for the state. Weddington's interview with former First Ladies Johnson, Ford, and Carter on "Women and the Constitution" appeared in *Good Housekeeping*. For a number of years, she wrote a regular column for *Glamour* magazine. She is a founding member of the Foundation for Women's Resources, and has been integral in all its activities, including the Leadership Texas and Leadership America programs, and the creation of The Women's Museum, which opened in September 2000 in Dallas.

Weddington holds honorary doctorates from McMurry University, Hamilton College, Austin College, Southwestern University, and Nova Southeastern University. She received her JD degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1967, and is a distinguished alumna of McMurry University.

The event is free, however tickets are required. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis from the SPAR Office. For more information, please call ext. 7185.

Student Notes...



Meet **Sally Brashear**, Winner of the Media Preferences Survey iPod Drawing!

In the fall, DCCCD asked students to participate in an online survey. We wanted to learn about how our students use media and spend their time to help us with future planning. As a thank you, everyone who participated was entered in a drawing to win a free iPod Nano or a \$150 iTunes gift card.

And we have a winner – Sally Brashear! Sally, an Eastfield student, works full-time as a business analyst in the IT department at CapGemini, helping companies make their IT systems and processes more efficient. She plans to complete the Core Curriculum at DCCCD, then transfer to UTD to earn a bachelor's degree in computer science.

"Working in the IT department at CapGemini, I've learned a lot just from

talking to the programmers and developers," she says. "I hope that studying computer science will help me in my current position and may open doors to growth within my company.

"I'm very thankful to DCCCD," she adds. "The professors have been so helpful, and the flexible scheduling makes it possible for me to go to school while I'm working full time. I would recommend DCCCD to anyone."

Sally was surprised and delighted to hear that she had won the iPod Nano and is looking forward to using it while she exercises.



Three Harvester Basketball players, **Lionel Booker**, **Anthony Wells**, and

Chris Lee recently visited Mackey Elementary. The players donated their time to read to some of the fourth grade students at the Valentine's Read-In.

Eastfield **Digital Publishing III** students will be designing all of the advertising and promotional materials for this year's Real. Texas. Festival in Mesquite. The students are working with the City of Mesquite Communications Office.

This is a great opportunity for graduating students to build their portfolios and develop their communications skills when working with an actual client. Instructor David Danforth developed this course as a mock design agency. The instructor acts as the agency's creative director and students are the designers. In return for the students work, Eastfield becomes a major community sponsor for the second annual event which features entertainment, carnival rides, food and other family activities.

Student Liliana Rodriguez's design was chosen for publishing; she is also a student assistant in the Marketing Office.

Talent Search Update

On January 29, Eastfield's Talent Search program and the Financial Aid office took part in the Sallie Mae Fund Paying for College Bus Tour hosted by Samuell High School. Over 60 students and their parents attended the event. Since 2004, The Paying for College Bus Tour has reached more than 130,000 families nationwide and has awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships. A \$1,000 scholarship was presented to one of the Samuell students following the tour. The event communicates the benefits of a college education, demonstrates that college is affordable and accessible for all families, and encourages low-income and minority students to enroll in college.



On February 23, 41 students from the Eastfield Educational

Talent Search program traveled to Prairie View A & M University's "Pantherland" College Awareness Day. Participants toured the campus and obtained information regarding college admission requirements, financial aid and campus life. Students were also introduced to other academic and support service programs such as TRiO-Student Support Services.



Eastfield **Student Programs and Resources** presented the film "Against the Odds, the Artists of the Harlem Renaissance" on February 6 as part of African American History Month. Students and staff enjoyed the fascinating film which highlights the period of the 1920s and '30s known as the Harlem Renaissance. The film depicts the extraordinary outburst of

creativity by African-American visual artists during a period of prejudice and segregation that threatened the core of artistic freedom and expression.

Eastfield's chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** recently learned about the "invisible children" of Uganda and were moved to make a difference in the lives of these children who are regularly kidnaped by militant rebels and forced to serve as murderous soldiers. The Psi Eta Chapter organized the "Schools for Schools Walk for the Children of Uganda" on February 23 at the Eastfield track. Psi Eta invited other chapters of Phi Theta Kappa from across Texas to participate in the event. The goal was to raise \$10,000 to build a school for these forgotten children. The invitation was extended to the Eastfield community. Psi Eta is a 5-Star International Chapter and recognized annually for community involvement.



Just a quick shout out to everyone who participated in the recent mock political caucus - thanks for

making it a very successful and fun event!

For anyone who couldn't make it here are the final results:

Barack Obama (D) - 44 votes
Mike Huckabee (R) - 13 votes
Ron Paul (R) - 11 votes
Hillary Clinton (D) - 8 votes
John McCain (R) - 5 votes
Mike Gravel (D) - 1 vote

Again, thanks for taking a stand. Now go to the real polls and let your voices be heard!!!



LAC Update

Eastfield's Learning Assistance Center, TRIO (SSS), and Student Programs and Resources present the Learning Skills Series for Spring 2008. The first workshop of the series was Studying and Learning with Multiple Intelligences on February 19. Anastasia Lankford, Learning Assistance Center instructional associate, and Theresa Sternat, Learning Assistance Director, assisted student participants in identifying their areas of strength using a multiple intelligence checklist, in learning ways to use those strengths, and in developing skills in all areas of intelligence.

Upcoming Workshops:

Using Educational Technology at Eastfield
March 5
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m., C135
by Jack Thiehoff

101 Ways to Prepare for Final Exams NOW!
March 20
9:30 - 10:50 a.m., C135
by Theresa Sternat

March 31, 10:10 - 11 a.m. \$100 Relationship Issues and Career Decision Making

Darin Ford, Texas Christian University and Jeff Quan, Eastfield College

April 1, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., \$100 Got Career Fashion?

Runway Style Agency presents a fashion style show. Come find out how to dress the part for an interview and career success.

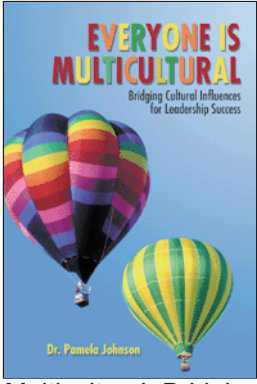
April 2, 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$100 Clearing the Hurdles: Women and Men in Non-Traditional Careers

Carolyn Bitner (aviation/pilot); Melba Jeffus (former racecar driver); Stephanie Graham (auto body technician); Steve Doyle (registered nurse); Phillip Ortiz (social work)

April 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Gym Job Fair

Sixty+ employers with job openings to fill will be present to discuss opportunities with their organizations. Bring plenty of resumes and dress to interview.

Office of Access & Equity Upcoming Seminars



Eastfield College Diversity Speakers Series presents “Building Bridges Building Community” with Dr. Pamela Johnson on March 17 in S100. Dr. Johnson, author of “Everyone is Multicultural: Bridging Cultural Influences for Leadership Success,” will speak from 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Johnson has been in the learning process field for 20 years, specializing in leadership and coaching program

development. Much of her work has been with meeting the organizational needs of Succession Planning, Leadership Development, Performance Coaching, and Multiculturalism. She is also a trained and licensed professional in counseling and career development. As a private practitioner, Dr. Johnson has successfully facilitated individual, group and organizational consulting and coaching. As an educator, she is a university professor teaching master’s-level courses in leadership, counseling, career development, and human behavior. As a trainer and consultant, Dr. Johnson has worked with private and public organizations to help improve retention, enhance succession planning, increase managerial skills, and develop healthy work environments. She is also a certified Master Coach.

“Everyone is Multicultural” is designed for individuals wanting to improve multicultural skill performance, relationships, and communication success. Adequate development of culturally skilled and sensitive individuals takes time, training, experience, and insight. Most attempts are a “quick fix” approach or the “cookie cutter” approach where everyone is treated the same. Often there is no development at all and people easily revert to original way of thinking. The concepts in this workshop are designed to enhance the way one thinks and feels about cultural identity and diversity.

Please RSVP to Brandon Hernandez, Eastfield College’s Director of Access & Equity, at 972-860-7107.

Event Photos



Eastfield held it’s annual African-American Read-In “Words and Music” on

February 27. This year’s event featured famous speeches and quotes by African American writers with a special tribute to the African-American woman. Eastfield faculty, staff and students participated as readers and were joined by students from Samuell High School, singer Ta’Marah Esi, local poets John L. Mack and Karen Stepherson, local actress and Eastfield staff Elizabeth Sheppard, and the Eastfield Jazz ensemble under the direction of Oscar Passley; Schneil Dunn was the event hostess. The SPAR sponsored event was coordinated again this year by Brynndah C. Hicks, Career Specialist for Career Services and Judy Schwartz Program Specialist for SPAR. The national literacy program began 19 years ago to encourage community

members of all ages to read. The entertaining, enlightening and enriching community event showcases the work of African-American authors and is linked to a



national chain for community awareness during African-American History Month.



The Business and Fine Arts Division sponsored “Chicanas in Charge: Texas Women in the

Public Arena” a Women’s Panel Discussion on March 3. The panel featured women who are the first Hispanics in state government, city government, media, and on the Dallas County Community College District Board of Trustees, such as: Anita N. Martinez, Mercedes Olivera, Hon. Lena Levario, Elvira Reyna, Pauline Medrano and Martha Sanchez Metzger.



Eastfield Student Programs and Resources hosted renowned poet, writer, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni on February 15 to a full house.

Over the past 25 years, Giovanni’s outspokenness, in her writing and in person, has brought the eyes of the world upon her. One of our most widely read American poets, she prides herself on being “a black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English.”

Despite the dramatic changes that have occurred in American society since she roared out of the Black Arts Movement, Giovanni remains determined and committed as ever to the fight for civil rights and equality in education. Always insistent on presenting the truth, Giovanni maintains her prominent place as a strong voice of the black community through her poetry and prose. Since 1968, she has inspired readers and critics and has established herself as a best-selling poet, author and essayist. In her lectures, she speaks with great humor on her life and on the creativity in everything we do. Her focus is on the individual; specifically, on the power one has to make a difference in oneself, and thus, in the lives of others.

All but one of her twenty books are still in print, with several having sold more than a hundred thousand copies. In addition, a recording of her poems was one of the best-selling albums in the country. “Racism 101” includes bold, controversial essays about the situation of Americans on all sides of the race issue.

Calendar of Events

March 7

Individual Graduation Photo Session, 1 – 3:30 p.m., Media Studio L111. RSVP in Admissions or at ext. 7339
Deadline for Amidon/Beauchamp Student Leader of the Year

March 9

Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 10

Spring Break Begins (Mar. 10 – Mar. 15)

March 14

Spring Holiday for All Employees - Campus Closed
Baseball vs Cedar Valley, 2 p.m.

March 15

Baseball vs Cedar Valley, 11 a.m.
Rural Texas Women at Work Library Exhibit closes

March 17

Classes Resume
Building Bridges Building Community
Baseball vs Desmoine, 12 p.m.

March 18

Group & Team Dynamics, 11 a.m., C135
Tennis vs Kansas Wesleyan, 9 a.m.

March 19

Recital Series: Music from Nashville 12:45 p.m., F117
NSF-STEP and the Science Club Present: "Geothermal Energy is Bubbling Up in Texas:" A lecture presentation by Maria Richards, Ph.D., Southern Methodist University
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., C135

March 20

Baseball vs Mountain View, 2 p.m.

March 21

Good Friday - Campus Closed
Baseball vs Mountain View, 12 p.m.

March 24

Classes Resume
Evening Social, 4:45 – 6 p.m., Pit
Library Exhibit Opens: Signers of the Declaration of Independence

March 25

Speaker Series: Sara Weddington, 9:30 a.m., Performance Hall

March 26

Women's History Month Tea, 12:30 p.m., C135
Recital Series: Eastfield Percussion Department Student Recital, 12:45 p.m., F117

March 27

Gallery 219 "Path on the Edge" Exhibit closes

March 28 & 29

Individual Graduation Photo Session, 1 – 3:30 p.m., Media Studio L111. RSVP in Admissions or at ext. 7339

March 31 – April 3

Career Week Activities, see page 5 for details

April 1

Tennis vs Dallas Baptist, 2:30 p.m.

Easy Go-Green Tips

Does your clothes dryer need life-support?

The Bite

Repair man - stat! But wait: Before ringing up your favorite fix-it guy, you should know that you can save energy and cash if you replace certain outdated, energy-sucking, water-wasting appliances with newer Energy Star appliances. Get your diagnosis here.

The Benefits

- Oxygen therapy. If just 1 in 10 U.S. homes used Energy Star-qualified appliances, it'd be equivalent to planting 1.7 mil acres of trees, thanks to less pollution.
- More money for doctors' bills. Repairs should cost less than half of the price of a new appliance; otherwise, it's usually more cost-effective to replace them. And thanks to new energy and water standards, new appliances may save you money on bills.
- Bandaging sometimes works. If getting more energy-efficient isn't in the budget this time around, at least you'll send less stuff to the landfill.

Wanna Try?

What you should repair:

- Clothes Dryers - replace pre-1994 models, but as long as you don't overdry, it's more cost-effective to just repair.
- Ovens - repair, but note for ranges: If you are buying new anyway, go with gas, not electric (it'll cut stove-cooking costs in half).

What you should replace:

- A/Cs - Energy Star room A/Cs use at least 10% less energy than conventional models.

- Clothes Washers - if replacing, consider an Energy Star top-loader or front-loader model to cut energy and water use by over 40%.
- Dishwashers - Energy Star dishwashers use a lot less H₂O and at least 41% less energy than the federal minimum standard.
- Refrigerators - Energy Star-qualified fridges use at least 15% less energy than the current federal standard. And refrigerators with top-mounted freezers use about 20% less energy than side-by-side models.
- Small Electronics - these aren't Energy Star-certified, and repairing often costs more than 50% of the price for new, so usually it's better just to replace (but be sure to recycle the parts).
- Water Heaters - Energy Star also doesn't yet certify these, but new gas (not electric) water heaters save major energy; just set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees F or lower. Go tankless (www.takagi.com or greenhomeguide.com) to save 45%-60% on water heating energy.
- www.EnergyStar.gov - great tool that helps you find ways to save energy at home.
- www.Yelp.com - search and get user reviews for repair shops in your 'hood.
- www.earth911.org/electronics - find a local spot to recycle your electronics waste.
- ARCA (www.arcainc.com), CSG (www.csgrp.com), and JACO (www.jacoinc.net) - services in a few states will pick up and recycle your old fridge, freezer, and/or A/C (and you might even make some cash).
- www.RepairClinic.com - DIY tips for repairing home appliances.

Information obtained from www.idealbite.com.