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## Lawyers to aid at-risk Dallas kids

Dallas lawyers will volunteer from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday as the **Dallas Bar Association's** Community Involvement Committee and the **International Rescue Committee** host an arts and crafts project with at-risk children at **Heart House**. Heart House is an after-school program for children in a neighborhood known for its high crime and unemployment rates. The program in the **Wildflower Apartments** at 8515 Park Lane provides at-risk children with mentors, homework assistance, arts enrichment and more.

To learn more about Heart House, go to [www.hearthehouse.org](http://www.hearthehouse.org).

The Community Involvement Committee, led this year by co-chairs **Katie Anand** and **Meyling Ly**, provides volunteers for community projects and activities such as **Habitat for Humanity**, food and clothing drives, blood drives, the reading program at **Mi Escuelita** and the **Trinity River Mission**.

### Free business counsel

Deloitte's 11th annual Impact Day is today. This day of service includes free business counseling for leaders of North Texas nonprofit agencies, many of which are strained by the recession.

About 1,000 Deloitte workers are volunteering at 26 projects in and around Dallas-Fort Worth.

"Impact Day provides an opportunity to celebrate our dedication to helping nonprofit organizations thrive," said **Blaine Nelson**, Deloitte's managing partner for North Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

"We believe the best way that we can make meaningful, long-term social impact is to share the best thinking of our people to build stronger nonprofits. It is the most lasting contribution we can make to our community."

The observance includes conventional volunteer activities such as painting, planting and beautification projects, but nearly a third of Deloitte's volunteer projects are skills-based in nature.

Nelson and other Deloitte leaders will conduct workshops to help nonprofit leaders deal with common business challenges.

The sessions, offered in collaboration with the **United Way of Metropolitan Dallas**, will address issues such as leadership development, board governance, accounting controls and marketing on a small budget.

Deloitte is also celebrating the day by expressing its commitment to education. About 75 volunteers from Deloitte's North Texas office will work with students from middle schools at an event designed to support college readiness and career success.

Developed in collaboration with **Education Is Freedom**, a Dallas nonprofit dedicated to the belief that every young person deserves the opportunity for a higher education, Impact Day also includes an opportunity for students to participate in a field day.

Deloitte celebrates Impact Day at its member firms worldwide. About 50,000 employees in 60 countries are expected to participate this year. To learn more about Impact Day, visit [www.deloitte.com/impactday](http://www.deloitte.com/impactday).

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# Personal Technology

TECH REVIEW

## A little black box for all to share

Iomega iConnect gives access to any file at home or online

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Network-attached storage is nothing new for huge corporations, but it's just beginning to make inroads in the home.

### What is network storage?

Everyone is familiar with an external hard drive that connects to one computer.

Network storage makes that hard drive available to any computer on your network or even on the Internet.

The Iomega iConnect (\$99.99, [www.iomega.com](http://www.iomega.com)) is a small box that enables users to connect up to four USB storage devices to their wired or wireless network. Those devices can be USB hard drives or even flash drives.

The storage can be mixed and matched, and it's available individually to every computer in your home.

Additionally, you can set up iConnect with a dynamic DNS

service that enables the sharing to work with any Internet-connected computer. Instructions are included for this type of setup.

The iConnect can help you back up your Windows PC with included backup software. Macintosh users can use iConnect storage with their computer's built-in Time Machine backup software.

Users also can configure iConnect as an AV server to stream music, photos and video from the network storage to their computers or even a PS3 or Xbox 360 for playback on their TV.

The iConnect's USB ports also can share up to two USB printers on your network.

The device uses gigabit

Ethernet or 802.11 b/g/n wireless networking.

Users of Bit Torrent can use iConnect to download torrents (files) without using their computer. (My editor wants me to warn you not to download copyright material).

Setup is not difficult.

You plug it in, install the software on each computer and plug in the storage.

Windows users can map the shared storage as a drive. Macintosh users should find the storage in their sidebar or by using the "Connect to Server" command in the Finder.

Once the storage is set up on your computer, it should be available every time you log in.



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### Iomega iConnect

**Pros:** Easy to set up. Works seamlessly. Good connectivity choices. Inexpensive.

**Cons:** None.

**Bottom line:** A great way to make your USB hard drives available to all your computers. Sharing printers and the AV server are a bonus. This is a great device at a bargain price.

### TECH ADVISER

## Batteries make difference in cameras

**If you were buying a digital camera and had the choice of one that used AA batteries or one that used a proprietary battery, which would you choose and why?**

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That's a great question and one that has some conditions to the answer.

Digital cameras are huge users of power. They run through batteries like nobody's business.

So my first inclination is to say I'd buy the camera that uses AA batteries because they are plentiful and fairly cheap. Sticking an 8- or 16-pack of batteries in your bag means you'll never run out of juice at that big event.

You also can invest in AA rechargeable batteries that will end up saving you pretty good money in the long run.

Modern lithium-based batteries last much longer than their older

Ni-cad cousins.

But there is an important trade-off in using AA batteries: size.

If you look at most cameras that use AA batteries, you'll notice they're quite a bit larger than other models.

Canon, for instance, makes some of the smallest cameras on the market. Its cameras are small because they use small batteries that are proprietary. The battery in my Canon SD780 is about the size of a small box of matches.

Of course, those small proprietary batteries are rechargeable and last a

long time, but they're expensive if you want to buy a second or third one — which I usually end up doing.

It is a bit of a hassle to make sure all three of my batteries get charged before I go out for a trip. Since I only have one charger, I have to plan on charging my batteries in the days or hours before I need them.

So the choice is really small size vs. readily available spare batteries in choosing a camera.

If you carry a camera bag, it's not a big deal to choose a camera that's larger. AA-powered cameras usually use four batteries.

If you're more apt to keep your camera in your pocket, you'll be better off with a small model that'll use those proprietary batteries.

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### MEDIA

## A. H. Belo director retires

J. McDonald Williams is lauded as a longtime champion of journalism

FROM STAFF REPORTS

J. McDonald Williams retired Thursday from the board of directors of A. H. Belo Corporation, owner of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Williams, who reached the mandatory retirement age of 68, joined the board of Belo Corp. 25 years ago.



When Belo spun off its newspapers to A. H. Belo in 2008, Williams went on the newspaper company's board.

Williams is also a former chairman and chief executive of real estate firm Trammell Crow Co.

"Don's experience and wisdom have been exceptionally important to our company over the course of a quarter-century," said Robert W. Decherd, A. H. Belo's chairman, president and CEO. "As a champion of A. H. Belo's journalistic responsibilities, he has stood out among his fellow directors."

David Morgan, a director since May 2008, also stepped down Thursday. He intends to devote more time to his new Internet company, Simulmedia, A. H. Belo said.

A. H. Belo directors Laurence Hirsch and John Puerrier were re-elected Thursday, and they are eligible to serve three-year terms.

### CONSUMER WATCH

## Homebuyers' tax credit may be extended

WASHINGTON — Homebuyers may get an extra three months to finish qualifying for federal tax incentives that boosted home sales this spring.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Thursday he wants to give buyers until Sept. 30 to complete their purchases and qualify for tax credits of up to \$8,000. Under the current terms, buyers had until April 30 to get a signed sales contract and until June 30 to complete the sale.

The proposal would only allow people who already have signed contracts to finish at the later date.

Reid introduced the proposal as an amendment to a bill that would extend jobless benefits through November.

The Senate is expected to take up the amendment next week.

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Allie Beth Allman	1D
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American Eagle Airlines	1D
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AMR	1D
Apple	3D
AT&T	3D
Bear Stearns	3D
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	1D
BP	1D
Continental Airlines	1D
Crescent Real Estate Equities	1D
G-T	
General Motors	3D
Goldman Sachs	1D
Jones Lang LaSalle	6D
Lehman Bros.	3D
Lions Gate Entertainment	3D
Long-Term Capital Mgt.	3D
Oracle	6D
Pfizer	1D
Pharmacia & Upjohn	1D
Prescott Realty Group	6D
Remax Urban	1D
Shared Technologies	6D
Simulmedia	2D
Trammell Crow	2D

