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## Dentist Wants To Change What People Think About Dental Care



Dr. Quincy Attipoe, DDS

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## Are Black Americans Monolithic?

By Nina May

Democrats want everyone to think that blacks are monolithic. Take, for example, that little statistic of the voting habits of black Americans. It ranges anywhere from 90% to 96% of the vote going to the Democratic candidate, depending



Nina May

upon the race, the region of the country and the contest. One small detail is missing though... less than 30% of blacks even vote. So if you take 90% of 29%, you will get about 26% or about one quarter of the black population that actually votes for the Democratic candidate.

What about those other 74%? Why don't they

vote?

We discovered while filming our documentary, Emancipation Revelation Revolution, that the reason most blacks feel disenfranchised from the voting machinery is that they don't feel comfortable with the Democratic platform and have been

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## J.L. Turner Legal Association Backs Dallas County District Attorney's Call for Penalties for Intentional Prosecutorial Misconduct

President Steve Bolden announced this week that the J.L. Turner Legal Association, The African-American Bar Association of Dallas ("JLTLA") supports recent comments by Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins in which he endorsed sanctions - possibly



Dallas D.A. Craig Watkins calls his exoneration of innocent inmates is only the first step in criminal justice reform. (Photo by Akwasi Evans)

even jail time - for prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence.

"The actions of the prosecutors highlighted by the Dallas Morning News article on May 4th undermine the credibility of our criminal justice system. Intentionally hiding evidence that

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Blackonomics

## The 41st Annual Tuskegee Fly-In

By James Clingman  
NNPA Columnist

The Negro Airmen International (NAI), the nation's oldest African-American pilot's organization and direct descendent of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, will hold its annual "Fly-In" in two notable and historic cities this year: Selma, and Tuskegee, Alabama. The theme for this year's event is "Making an Economic Impact."

Sam L. Jones, of Savannah, Georgia, and President of NAI, shared the significance of this year's Fly-In. "We are starting our event in

Selma; Black pilots will land their planes at the Selma Airport and engage the public, especially the young people, in an educational forum regarding the history of flight among African Americans. Trips to the Civil Rights and Slavery Museums will be conducted afterwards. Then we will make our way to Tuskegee, over the famous Edmund Pettus Bridge via Shorter, Alabama, where we will have an old-time fish fry. And then, on to Tuskegee."

It's going to be fantastic event, and everyone is

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## Arts panel criticizes MLK statue design for DC memorial

By STEPHEN MANNING-Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The centerpiece for the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial on the National Mall has drawn criticism from a federal arts panel, which says the proposed statue looks "confrontational" and resembles the head of a socialist state more than a

civil rights leader.

Models of the 28-foot tall statue depict King emerging from a chunk of granite, his arms folded in front of his chest, his legs firmly rooted, an intense gaze on his face.

But the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, which reviews the design of projects in the capital area, said the design should be reworked to reflect a more

sympathetic rendering of King.

Members thought "the proposed treatment of the sculpture - as the most iconographic and central element of the memorial to Dr. King - would be unfortunate and inappropriate as an expression of his legacy," wrote Thomas Luebke, commission secretary, in an April 25 letter to the foundation that is planning the

King memorial and the National Park Service.

The panel said the statue looked "confrontational" and reflected a "genre of political sculpture that has recently been pulled down in other countries."

Harry Johnson, president of the Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial, said a new design would be sub-

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## Michelle Hammond

As a bestselling author, speaker, singer and television co-host, Michelle has authored over 30 books (selling over one million copies worldwide), including best-selling titles *The Diva Principle*, *Sassy, Single and Satisfied*, *101 Ways to Get and Keep His Attention*, and *Secrets of an Irresistible Woman*. A gifted vocalist, Michelle has recorded two CD's, *It's*



Amazing and *Let's Go In* and co-hosted the three-time Emmy-nominated television talk show *Aspiring Women*.

She has appeared on countless television shows including *Bill Maher's Politically Incorrect*, *The 700 Club*, and *BET's Oh Drama!* She has been a contributing writer for *Spirit Led Woman*, *Discipleship Journal* and has been featured in articles in *Shine*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Jet*, *Black*

*Enterprise Magazine*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Associated Press* and *The New York Times*.

Following several successful years in an award-winning advertising career as an art director/writer/producer (her clients included *Coca-Cola USA*, *McDonald's*, *Procter and Gamble*, *GMC* and *Ford Motor Company*), Michelle suffered a devastating leg injury after being hit

by a car. For her the accident was a spiritual turning point, a wake up call to embrace her purpose and fulfill her destiny. These bedridden months gave birth to her first best-seller, *"What to Do Until Love Finds You."* Since then Michelle has emerged as a highly-respected author, speaker and singer, reaching a diverse audience nationally and internationally. Crossing denominational lines, address-

ing secular audiences, as well as addressing men and women from every walk of life, Michelle is known for "keeping it real." She addresses real-life issues with candor and wit, and the hard questions with sensitivity and empathy. This merits her reputation as a relationship and life empowerment coach, crossing the great divide and sharing keys that lead to reconciliation between the sexes.

## Dr. Jim Reaves

The Forest Service has made a change in leadership at the Southern Research Station naming Dr. Jim Reaves as the new Station Director. Dr. Reaves earned a B.S. from Voorhees College and a Ph.D. from the former Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University). He started the southern part of his career on the campus of Alabama A&M



University, where he held two positions, as a project leader for the

Southern Station and as USDA liaison to Alabama A&M. He was later promoted to assistant station director for planning and applications at Station headquarters in Asheville before being tapped for the assignment at the national office.

Early in the decade, a Station-led assessment of forest resources raised concerns about increasing urbanization and

fragmentation of forest land. Since then, the natural resources community has been less concerned with questions of harvesting and more concerned about keeping forest land under forest cover.

To that end the Station is embarking on a futuring project in partnership with the Southern Group of State Foresters, southern universities, the International

Institute of Tropical Forestry, and other Forest Service organizations in the South. Like the original assessment, the futuring effort will engage experts and interested citizens - this time in developing a range of possible futures for each of the major ecoregions of the South, and then defining a range of approaches and tools for addressing the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities

inherent in each scenario.

Leading the Station and its partners in the futuring effort will be one of Reaves' biggest challenges for the remainder of this decade. "I believe that the Southern Station is well-positioned to conduct innovative research that will provide the science to address the complex natural resources issues facing the southeast and the entire nation."

## Etonya Senigaur

Etonya Senigaur is a Project Manager with CB Richard Ellis.



Etonya Senigaur has been managing projects for over 3 1/2 years and oversees a variety of diverse projects in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the Baylor Health Care System.

Some of her projects include acute care, phased-renovations, and tenant finish outs. As a professional advisor, she represents the best interest of the system regarding architects, general contractors, vendors, engineers and consultants. Etonya Senigaur provides input for Baylor's fiscal year capital budgets and assists clients through the capital approval process. Senigaur's responsibilities also include producing and maintaining

reports that house Baylor Health Care System assets.

Prior to the merger with CB Richard Ellis, Ms. Etonya Senigaur served as a Project Analyst with Trammell Crow Company on the Baylor Health Care System global corporate account. Her responsibilities included project management operations, administration and management from inception through completion. Preceding healthcare, Etonya Senigaur role was structural designer

and has over 12 years experience in the construction industry.

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**Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?**

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north- Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

**The North Dallas Gazette, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones**

# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## They Also Have Mothers

James Lee Woodard, after serving 27 years and four months in prison, was released on April 29, 2008 after DNA tests and recanted witness testimony proved that he did not rape and murder his 21-year-old girlfriend in 1980. Woodard had just turned 28 when he was convicted. He is now 55 years old.

State District Judge Mark Stoltz told Mr. Woodard at his hearing that, "Unfortunately, you're not getting justice today. You're getting the end of injustice."

Mr. Woodard, who has spent more time behind bars than any other inmate in the country exonerated by DNA evidence, became the 18th person in Dallas County to have his conviction overturned since 2001. This number of exonerations is unmatched by any county in America according to the Innocence Project, a legal center specializing in overturning wrongful convictions.

Texas accounts for 14 percent of the estimated 216 DNA exonerations throughout the nation. A total of 31 Texas inmates, who have spent a combined total of 427 years in prison, have been formally cleared through DNA testing. The Dallas County District Attorney's office and The Innocence Project are still investigating another 250 cases that have the potential to be overturned.

In Woodward's case, prosecutors originally pursued murder charges against him. Woodard had been dating 21-year-old Beverly Ann Jones for seven months before her

death.

Woodard was visiting with his mother when word began circulating around the neighborhood that Jones' body had been found near the Trinity River. While he and his mother watched for details on the evening news the police arrived to arrest him.

Even though prosecutors are required by law to turn over exculpatory evidence to the defense counsel the post conviction investigation of Woodard's case indicates that the Dallas district attorney's office maliciously kept critical information from the defense and the jury. Prosecutors did not tell the defense that a witness had seen Ms. Jones in the company of three other men the night she was killed.

The decision to initiate a review of questionable conviction cases began a year ago when the new Dallas County District Attorney, Craig Watkins, teamed up with the Innocence Project of Texas. Watkins not only ordered that all prosecution files be opened to the Innocence Project's lawyers but he also gave them subpoena power so they could obtain witness testimony and gather other suppressed evidence.

The extraordinary effort to seek out justice is a direct refutation of the usual "convict at any cost" philosophy that has been the trademark of Dallas County D. A.'s for well over thirty years.

Wrongful convictions have cost Texas taxpayers \$8.6 million in compensation since 2001 according to The

Dallas Morning News. Dallas County accounts for about one-third of that total.

Texas state senator Rodney Ellis said the total compensation amount paid so far confirms his suspicion that wrongful convictions are far more common in Texas than people realize. Taxpayers should expect to pay considerably more as the number of exonerations rises. These DNA exoneration cases have provided irrefutable proof that wrongful convictions are not isolated or rare events, but result from rampant systemic defects that can be precisely identified and addressed.

Almost half of the wrongful convictions overturned involved prosecutors withholding evidence from the defense.

But the years of incarceration are not the only hardship imposed on each innocent person wrongly convicted of a crime. He is robbed of his freedom, his family and friendships, and his livelihood. And the nightmare does not end there. With no money, housing, transportation, health services or insurance, and saddled with a criminal record the punishment lingers long after innocence has been proven.

Simple apologies, no matter how sincere, can't bring back the time that is lost or the missed relationships with loved ones that passed during the incarceration period. An apology cannot prepare the victim for reentry into a new world that didn't exist when imprisonment started. Twenty three states have some form

of compensation statute while twenty seven states do not.

State officials and seven of the men who lost years of their lives behind bars for crimes they did not commit met in Austin recently to discuss potential solutions to reduce the disturbing number of wrongful convictions occurring in Texas.

Mr. Watkins who has gained national acclaim for his innovative actions to free the wrongfully convicted is also advocating for harsh sanctions against prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence.

But he is fighting an uphill battle. Currently, no recourse exists to bring criminal charges against a prosecutor who intentionally violates a defendant's constitutional rights by withholding pertinent evidence from the defense.

The Innocence Project plans to push for remedial legislation but speculates that the chances of success are very slim since state prosecutors are a powerful lobby in Texas.

Texas state senator Rodney Ellis argues, "What better way to get to the truth? Why shouldn't we have a criminal statute to keep prosecutors from lying when they know the truth?"

Such is the case for removing the biased thumb of injustice from Lady Justice's balance scale not only in Texas but across the nation.

*James W. Breedlove*

*Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.*

## Expectant Moms Offered Free Prenatal Prescription Vitamins At Carnival, Minyard and Sack & Save Stores

*First-of-its-kind program in Dallas-Fort Worth kicks off "Start Life Healthy™" community initiative by North Texas' only local grocery chain*

Minyard Food Stores Inc. is offering any expectant mom free prenatal prescription vitamins as part of a community-based "Start Life Healthy™" initiative, the company announced today.

Just in time for Mother's Day, the "Start Life Healthy™" program will offer free prenatal vitamins to all expectant mothers for a full year, which includes three months after delivery, at any Carnival, Minyard or Sack & Save store in North Texas. This is the first time such a program has been offered by any retail store in the North Texas area.

Beginning Wednesday, May 7, expectant moms need only to present a doctor's prescription for one of the three popular prenatal vitamin formula-

tions at any Carnival, Minyard, or Sack & Save pharmacy to receive a first one-month supply with monthly refills at no cost. Phone in and faxed prescriptions are welcome, as well as e-prescribing. No insurance plan is required. "We are committed to health and wellness programs, benefiting our customers and the communities in which we operate," said Minyard President and CEO Mike Byars. "We're the first to offer this kind of important program, and we're proud to take the lead. We want moms to count on us from the start to assist them in caring for themselves and their babies. Prenatal vitamins have been proven to reduce the risk of certain birth defects, and we can't think of a better way to show our commitment to

families than by providing free prenatal prescription vitamins at our Carnival, Minyard and Sack & Save pharmacies."

Minyard Food Stores Inc. is working with local health, community, civic and faith-based organizations to help spread the word about the free prenatal prescription vitamin program, which offers patients a choice of one of three popular prescription prenatal formulations by Ethex Corporation:

- ✓ Advanced Natalcare
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- ✓ NatalCare Plus

Prescriptions will be filled one month at a time and can be transferred from another pharmacy for women who are currently on a prenatal program as long as the prescription is for one of the three selected Ethex

Corporation formulations. The Minyard Food Stores program will save families anywhere from \$20 to \$50 per month, depending on the formulation selected. For more information and locations of Carnival, Minyard and Sack&#x0149; Save pharmacies, visit [www.startlifehealthy.com](http://www.startlifehealthy.com).

"We are making this program simple and easy to use," said Ron Peters, Vice President of Pharmacy Operations for Minyard Food Stores Inc. "By providing free prenatal vitamins to expectant-mothers throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, we help ensure that the mother and child are receiving the essential nutrients they need during pregnancy. Our pharmacies are committed to bringing prenatal care to moms."

About 42,000 babies are born each year in Dallas County, and 27,000 are born in Tarrant County each year.

As part of the "Start Life Healthy" program, the company has also prepared a brochure, "How to Prepare for a Healthy Baby, Your Guide to Nutrition During Pregnancy," that is available free from any Carnival, Minyard and Sack & Save pharmacist. The pharmacies have a number of educational materials in both English and Spanish.

To help promote the free prenatal vitamins program, the company will be working with community-based organizations such as Parkland Health & Hospital System's "Dallas Healthy Start" and Catholic Charities of Fort Worth's

"Healthy Start" program. Other participants who have signed on to help include the Dallas Concilio of Hispanic Service Organizations and Fort Worth Public Health Department, Peters said. Minyard welcomes assistance from civic and faith-based organizations that would like to help publicize the program, he said.

North Texas' only locally-based grocery chain, Minyard Food Stores Inc. currently operates 58 supermarkets, 33 pharmacies and 13 fuel stations in six surrounding counties of the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex, including 21 Minyard, 12 Sack&#x0149; Save and 25 Carnival Food Stores. More information is available at [www.carnivalsupermarkets.com](http://www.carnivalsupermarkets.com).

## Mandela to Mark 90 Years at British Anti-AIDS Bash

(NNPA) – Elder statesman and former president Nelson Mandela will celebrate his 90th birthday and raise money for AIDS awareness at a benefit concert in London next month, organizers have announced.

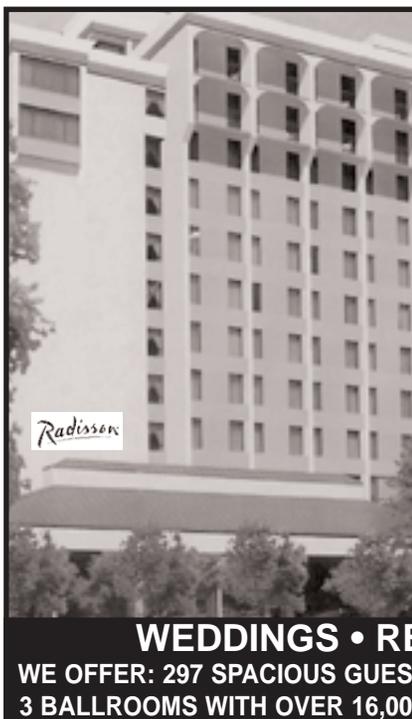
Precisely 46,664 tickets will go on sale for the three-hour extravaganza on June

27, in support of the former president's 46664 campaign against HIV/AIDS. The campaign is named after Mandela's prison number during his 27-year incarceration.

Expected guests include Robert De Niro, Will Smith, Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey.

Meanwhile, members of Congress are vowing to remove Mandela's name from a terrorist watch list that dates back to his militant days in the ANC.

South Africa is one of the countries worst-hit by HIV, with 5.41-million people living with the illness. Mandela lost a son to AIDS in January 2005.



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**Retraction**

The staff of the North Dallas Gazette regrets that last week we incorrectly referred to new Irving staff member as Reginald Coleman in our story on page 12. Anthony Coleman was recently hired to oversee the City of Irving's new Minority and Women Owned Business program. Again our apologies for the error.

## YWCA Centennial Exhibit Begins Tour Across North Texas

DALLAS - On the heels of its "100 Women, 100 Years" Centennial Gala, the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas is pleased to announce the public debut of the YWCA Centennial Exhibit. Currently on display inside NorthPark Center near Macy's, the exhibit showcases the accomplishments of the 100 recipients of the YWCA Centennial Award, as well as the YWCA's impact on the City of

Dallas during the past 100 years.

The YWCA Centennial Exhibit will travel throughout North Texas for the remainder of 2008, concluding the year at the Galleria Mall. The exhibit is open to the public, and admission is free.

The exhibit will open at the following locations during 2008:

- ✓ NorthPark Center, opens May 5, 2008
- ✓ Downtown Public Library, opens May 19,

2008

- ✓ Dallas City Hall, opens July 3, 2008
- ✓ Old Red Museum, opens August 5, 2008
- ✓ The Women's Museum, opens September 20, 2008
- ✓ Location TBD, opens October 20, 2008
- ✓ Galleria Mall, opens November 17, 2008

For more information, visit [www.ywcadallas.org](http://www.ywcadallas.org) or contact the YWCA at 214-826-YWCA(9922).

## Bring Butterflies to your Backyard with Texas Discovery Gardens' Annual June Butterfly Plant Sale

What: It's almost here... Your once-a-year opportunity to purchase beautiful, low-maintenance native and adapted plants grown in the greenhouses at Texas Discovery Gardens. Many of the species offered at this plant sale are not commonly available at retail nurseries. By adding these specific nectar and host plants, gardeners can experience the joy of seeing in their own yard every stage of the butterfly's life cycle: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult. Proceeds from

the plant sale help fund environmental education programs for schoolchildren. Each year, thousands of urban schoolchildren experience the wonders of nature for the first time at educational programs provided by Texas Discovery Gardens. Mention you are coming to the Plant Sale for free parking.

Texas Discovery Gardens Staff and Volunteers, Dallas County Master Gardeners, North Texas Master Naturalists and

members of the several Garden Clubs will be on hand to answer questions on both days.

When: Members only Preview Sale on Friday, June 6 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Regular sale date: Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Texas Discovery Gardens Greenhouse at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75210

For more info: Call 214-428-7476 or visit the website at [www.texasdiscoverygardens.org](http://www.texasdiscoverygardens.org).

## General Membership Meeting of the Democratic Party of Collin County to Focus on Preparation for Texas State Convention 2008

Plano, TX, May 9, 2008 - The Democratic Party of Collin County will hold their monthly General Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 17th from 10:30am to 12pm at Collin County Community College's Spring Creek Campus/Rear Cafeteria.

Following the record-setting attendance of the 2008 Collin County Convention, the meeting's agenda will focus

on issues critical to the Democratic Party of Collin County's success at the Texas State Democratic Convention, to be held in Austin, June 5-7. In excess of 20,000 Texans are expected to take part in this history-making event.

DPCC invites all interested citizens to join them in a roundtable discussion (including "Insider Information") on successfully navigating

the much anticipated Texas State Convention. Guest speaker La Dawn Morris will present "Don't Have Your Vote Stolen", a perspective on protecting your personal vote on Election Day 2008, featuring a brief preview of the newly released feature film "Uncounted: The New Math of American Elections."

The meeting is open to the public.

## Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Announces 2008 Congressional Art Competition Winners

*Skyline High School student named 2008 winner for Texas District 30 contest*

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson on Friday announced the winners of the 26th Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. Created in 1982, the nationwide art competition has spotlighted the talents of thousands of young artists for almost three decades.

Eduardo Zarazua of Skyline High School received first place, Zenia Curiel of Bishop Dunne Catholic High School received second place and MarQuilla Kilson of Townview High School received third place. Zarazua's abstract painting, "A Dark Nature," will be displayed along a

highly-visited corridor that leads to the U.S. Capitol Building, side-by-side with winning pieces of art representing all 435 Congressional districts.

"My district is home to extremely talented young artists, and I appreciate the time and effort that all of the students put into their submissions," Congresswoman Johnson said. "I congratulate Eduardo, Zenia and MarQuilla and wish them the best of luck in their future artistic endeavors."

As first-prize winner, Zarazua will receive a \$200 savings bond from Time Warner and three round-trip tickets from

Southwest Airlines, to fly from Dallas to Washington, D.C. Curiel, who won second place for her textiles work, "FIVE," and Kilson, who won third place for her acrylic on canvass board piece, "Awareness," will each receive \$100 savings bonds from Time Warner.

The Congressional Art Competition was open to all high school students. Since 1982, over 650,000 high school students have been involved in the competition, and the works of thousands of young American artists have been showcased in a passageway to the Capitol.

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We're bringing the Institute home to sunny California this year, so pack your bags and get

ready to head West!

Teens will have a chance to meet more than 200 fellow delegates from across the United States for five days of training on leadership, youth advocacy, volunteerism and civic engagement.

The sessions will include a Teen Town Hall moderated by Tavis Smiley, a community

service project, a mock election, and special sessions led by Dr. Cornel West. Teens will have a chance to win prizes in the team project competition. Last year's conference included delegates representing 22 states. The Leadership Institute is an experience young leaders never forget!

The purpose of the

Institute is to train youth to meet the challenges in their communities. It enables young people who aspire to lead learn skills common to effective leaders. Leadership participants will learn to assess their strengths and weaknesses, review models of leadership, develop strategic plans, collect and analyze data, set goals, communicate

effectively to build networks, examine legislation and public policy, and then apply these skills to create successful lives for themselves and/or impact community change.

The cost is \$500 and includes housing, meals, and all conference workshops. We have no scholarships available.

Applications will be

accepted via mail, fax and on-line. The deadline is May 31 and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. However, we will continue registration until we reach capacity. Last year's conference sold out in four weeks so don't delay!

Register at [http://www.youthtoleaders.org/pro\\_tsfli.asp](http://www.youthtoleaders.org/pro_tsfli.asp).

## Organization of Black Airline Pilots Atlanta ACE Summer Camp for Teens

This summer the Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP) will hold 2 Aviation Career Education Camps sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

The purpose of each one-week program is to introduce interested youth to the world of aviation by exposing them to the many challenging careers and opportunities, which the aviation industry has to offer.

During this time you will receive instruction from volunteer aviation professionals and other members of the aviation and education communities.

As a member of an ACE Camp you will:

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- ✓ Receive basic aviation education
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- ✓ Be introduced to aviation history
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- ✓ Learn the qualities of leadership
- ✓ Associate and work with other youth
- ✓ Meet professionals from the aviation community

Admission is offered to boys and girls from 14 to 18 years old who have an interest in learning about aviation. Applicants are competitively ranked based on age, cumulative GPA, and essay. Students must be physically capable of participating in camp activities. High standards of behavior and self-discipline are expected and students must abide by all camp regulations.

The application deadline is: Monday June 2, 2008

The requirements are:

1. Submit a completed and signed ACE Camp application
2. Write and submit an essay of one page expressing your interest in aviation. You may include your hobbies, civic involvement, and extra-curricular activities
3. Submit a copy of your official school transcript or report card indicating your cumulative GPA (no need for original)
4. Submit a copy of your birth certificate (no need for original)

Methods to apply:

1. On-line at [www.acecamps.org](http://www.acecamps.org)
2. Print and complete the on-line application or the application form in this brochure and mail to the following address:  
2008 Atlanta OBAP ACE Camp

P.O. Box 310422  
Ben Hill Station  
Atlanta, GA 31131

OBAP will acknowledge receipt of all applications within 14 days. If that does not occur, contact First Officer Michael Gaillard at [michael.s.gaillard@delta.com](mailto:michael.s.gaillard@delta.com).

Cost: None!! Students will need money only if they intend to purchase personal items.

Dates/Times/Location of Ace Camp:

- Camp 1: 14-18 July 2008
- Camp 2: 21-25 July 2008
- Time: Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Location: The Delta Training Center, Delta Air Lines World Headquarters, Atlanta, GA

Additional information about the OBAP ACE Camps is available at: [www.acecamps.org](http://www.acecamps.org) or [www.obap.org](http://www.obap.org).

## Key Financial Aid Website Given Overhaul

BlackStudents.com, the premier online destination for African American and minority students to find information about college and financial aid, has just re-launched its site with a more user-friendly design and more helpful resources.

The web site, which launched in 2003, has updated its format to allow students and parents to have a much easier experience when locating and applying for scholarships and internships online. Each week the latest opportunities are posted on the site with links to apply directly to the program.

Some other features on the site include a free student loan calculator, PSAT/SAT secrets, a directory of Black College profiles, and various articles answering student FAQs.

Dante Lee, CEO of Diversity City Media and founder of the web site states, "Having put myself through college on scholarships and

financial aid, I know how important it is for students to have access to this information. My personal search would have been that much easier if I had a tool like this when I was in high school."

BlackStudents.com also offers a weekly newsletter with scholarship and internship information that parents and students can get in their email. Interested ones can sign up for free at <http://www.blackstudents.com/>.

One scholarship profiled on the site and ending soon is the Ford African American Scholars Program

This program, in association with the United Negro College Fund, is designed to provide selected African American college students a unique educational opportunity through scholarships and networking opportunities with Ford Motor Company.

In addition to the online application, each applicant

must provide an official transcript, an essay detailing his/her personal and professional goals, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and a resume.

These materials are uploadable to the online application; applications must be submitted electronically. Students who have participated in the Ford Motor Company's PAS program are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Eligible majors include Finance, Accounting, Information Systems, Marketing, Operations Management, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Deadline: May 22, 2008  
Award Amount: Up to \$5,000  
Website/Contact Info: [www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholardetail.asp?Sch\\_ID=118](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholardetail.asp?Sch_ID=118)

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Tuesday Night, June 10th @ 10 pm, featuring the dynamic & anointed Dr. Denny Davis, Senior Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Wednesday Night, June 11th @ 10 pm, featuring the dynamic & anointed Rev. William T. Glynn, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Thursday Night, June 12th @ 10 pm, featuring the dynamic & anointed Rev. A. C. Stapleton, Pastor of Shekinah Tabernacle Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

For more information, please call 1-866-721-8886 or visit the website for New Mount Zion Baptist Church @ [www.nmzb.org](http://www.nmzb.org)

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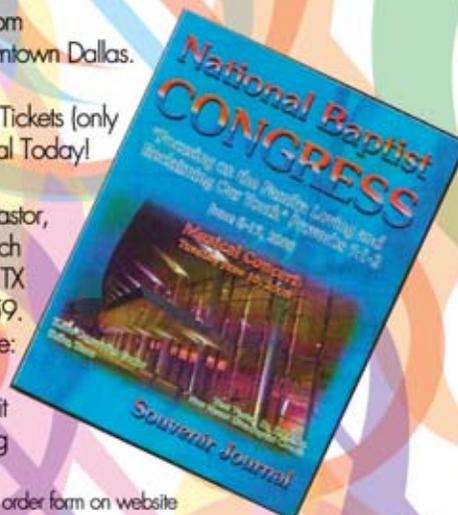
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214-670-7506

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**Ongoing**

**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting** is 2nd Thursday monthly, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn** every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expwy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or [www.meetup.com/378](http://www.meetup.com/378).

**Marriage Prep Class** 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

**SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program** is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org).

**Watermarks Invitational Exhibit** runs through April 12th 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fridays, and 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays. FREE Collin College 800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more info call 972-881-5873, or visit [www.ccccd.edu](http://www.ccccd.edu).

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN)** hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information [www.nbwen.org](http://www.nbwen.org) or [info@nbwen.org](mailto:info@nbwen.org).

**Wit Women Conference Call** join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7:00pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

**May 15**

**A Bone Marrow Registry Drive** has been organized by the friends and family of a brave Shepton High School Student named Austin, who could die without a bone marrow transplant. The Bone Marrow Registry Drive will last from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PUMP IT UP, 3632 Frankford Road (SE Corner of Frankford and Marsh, behind the 99 Cent Store). The registration is usually \$52, but for this special occasion registrations will be free for one night! To register you must be 18-60 years of age and in general good health (health guidelines are found @ [http://www.marrow.org/H/ELP/Join\\_the\\_Donor\\_Registry/Med\\_Guidelines\\_Join/ind ex.html](http://www.marrow.org/H/ELP/Join_the_Donor_Registry/Med_Guidelines_Join/ind ex.html)), and you have to be willing to donate to anyone who's found as a match. To become part of the registry, all you have to do is give either a swab of cheek cells or a blood sample so your tissue type can be tested. Pump It Up is donating the place that night, meaning anyone that comes for the drive can play for FREE. Also, CiCi's Pizza (in the same strip center) is giving away coupons for a free

buffet to participants. For more information, go to [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).

**Collin College Continuing Education will host free Healthcare Information Sessions** at 11 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15. Programs and courses offered by the continuing education division for healthcare include Dental Assistant/RDA, Practice Administrator, Medical Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Health Unit Clerk, EKG, Rehabilitation Aide and Healthcare Leadership courses. Registration and financial aid information will be available. The open house will be at the Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development at 4800 Preston Park Boulevard Plano, in Room A134. To sign up for this free information session, call 972-985-3711 or register online at [www.ccccd.edu/ce](http://www.ccccd.edu/ce).

**May 16**

**The Peddler Show** returns to the Plano Centre at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The peddler show features unique jewelry and gifts. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children under 12. For more information, or to inquire about booth space, call 1-800-775-2774 or visit [www.peddlershow.com](http://www.peddlershow.com).

**Beatles Tribute Night** will be at The Amphitheater at Oak Point Park at 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The Concert will feature Beatlegras, a local Beatles cover band who plays the original songs with a bluegrass twist; and American English, another modern cover band visiting from Chicago. Admission to the Beatles Tribute Night Concert is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.planostages.tix.com](http://www.planostages.tix.com) or at the gate. For more information, visit [www.planostages.com](http://www.planostages.com).

**May 16 and 17**

**Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Spring Celebration** is located at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street Dallas, 75201. This is the Dallas Black Dance Theater's Season Finale; Admission will be \$20 - \$35. Call 214-871-2390 for more info.

**TBAAL Black Academy: A Night with Linda Hopkins**

at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex beginning at 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$15, call 214-943-2442 for further info.

**May 17**

**Humanitarian Day 2008** Charity and Relief Event located at the Martin Luther King Community Center 2922 MLK Boulevard. Bring canned and other non-perishable goods or clothing from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.! If you have any additional questions email [mikemack-ay11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikemack-ay11@sbcglobal.net).

**S.O.S. Girl Talk: Saving Our Sisters** is a Girl's Summit, which will include life skills and team building workshops for girls ages 10 - 17. Transportation, food, and prizes will be provided. The activities will be located at the Douglass Community Center 1111 H Avenue, Plano, 75074, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Dianne Dillon at 972-941-7174.

**Meet You at the T.O.W.E.R. Monthly Networking Meeting** This month Touching Others With Empowering Resources will have special guest speaker, Emmy Award winning Dallas reporter Jeff Crilley. This month's topic is Marketing Without Money, where you will learn how to come up with stories the media will love, the best and worst times for news coverage, how to keep your press releases from getting thrown away, how to become the "expert" in your field the media will call for a quote, and how to keep reporters coming back for more. This information-packed meeting will be located at the LaQuinta Inn, 1503 Breckenridge Road, Mansfield, Texas 76063 (near the corner of Hwy 287 and Debbie Lane), from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Admission to this event is \$15.00, and seats are limited so RSVP today! For more information call 1-877-867-3234 ext. 702.

**May 19**

**Meals On Wheels Golf Tournament** TPC at Craig Ranch will have a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament is a Committee on Aging fundraiser; to learn more visit

[www.cccoaweb.org](http://www.cccoaweb.org) for more information.

**ReadyStart Sing & Swing Dinner and Concert** at the Brookhaven Country Club; Admission will be \$50 for concert and dance. Contact Ben Taylor at 469-385-7297 or visit [www.readystart.org](http://www.readystart.org) for more information.

**May 21**

**Songs of South Africa** Boitumelo will introduce insects and animals of Africa through Zulu folk songs at Grauwlyer Park Branch Library, 2146 Gilford Street, at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, call 214-671-1447 for more details.

**May 22**

**"Hope for Humanity"** Movie Presentation and lecture from the movies creator on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Angelika Film Center (Mockingbird Station).

**May 24**

**Learning Over Lunch: Marketing & Advertising** This meeting focuses on using technology to develop your business. The meeting will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Bill J Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth Street, Suite 202A/B, Dallas, 75215. For more information visit [www.nbwen.org](http://www.nbwen.org).

**May 28**

**Open Casting Call at the Collin Theatre Center** at Collin College for The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare between 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please be prepared to perform one Shakespeare monologue in verse, not to exceed 3 minutes. This is a brief and intense rehearsal! Contact Gail Cronauer at 972 881-5125 or email [gcronauer@cccd.edu](mailto:gcronauer@cccd.edu).

**African Stories: Laughter and Wonder with Audrey McClure** Through the interactive dramatization of folktales, Audrey takes students on a journey through Africa, developing an appreciation for its literature, oral traditions, and cultures.

Located at the Park Forest Branch Library, 3421 Forest Lane, at 10:30 a.m. Call 214-670-6333 for more information.

**2008 Mayor's Global Business Awards Luncheon**

(FW) 1201 Houston Street in Fort Worth. Fort Worth International Center noon - 2 pm \$55 individual or \$600 table of eight. [fwic@fortworthgov.org](mailto:fwic@fortworthgov.org) 817-392-2666

**May 28 - 29**

**The New Worker's Institute**, presented by the New Beginnings Center, will address topics relevant to the field of domestic violence. The two-day class will last from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Garland Police Department's Multi-Purpose Room, 1891 Forest Lane, Garland, 75042. Enrollment fee for the class is \$25.00 and must be registered by May 12. To register email Becky George at [bgeorge@newbeginningcenter.org](mailto:bgeorge@newbeginningcenter.org), or call 972-276-0423 ext. 229. You may also register online at [www.newbeginningcenter.org](http://www.newbeginningcenter.org).

**May 29**

**Leadership Plano Silver Anniversary Gala** at the Plano Chamber of Commerce, 1200 East 15th Street, Plano 75074. Call 972-424-7547 for more info.

**May 31**

**DFW African Unity Cup** at UT Dallas Soccer Field, Richardson. Admission is \$5, tickets available at the gate. The 3rd place game will take place at 4:00 p.m. The Championship Game will take place at 6:00 p.m.

**Dallas Farmers Market Farm and Flower Festival** features money saving "green" information and useful activities from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Dallas Farmers Market located at 1010 South Pearl Expressway Dallas, 75021. Call Liz Scoggin at 214-939-2242 for more info.

**Richland College** will be hosting the OSHA 10 Certification Marathon from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Classes will be in Spanish and English. There will be sessions for General Industry and Construction. OSHA Certification card and Richland College Certificate received upon completion.

For more information please contact Celes L. Oppedahl via email at [celes@dcccd.edu](mailto:celes@dcccd.edu) or by phone at 972-238-6292.

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# Dentist Wants To Change What People Think About Dental Care

By: Tessa Howington

Like most people, Dr. Quincy Attipoe's first introduction to dentistry was pain, but not his own.

with his teeth was one of the many reasons he became a dentist. He feels that this memory helped him find the destiny that God gave him.

"If you don't have

practice Amazing Grace Family Dentistry.

While Dr. Attipoe has been in the dental field for almost 10 years, his own practice, Amazing

ingly, he did not have any cavities. However, most other people in Ghana, like his friend, are not so fortunate.

To help change the dental care in Ghana, he has donated equipment to the local hospital, and taught the staff how to use the equipment and other modern treatment techniques. Overall, he would like to change the common perception of a dentist. People need to know that "you don't have to wait till your teeth get bad before

with countless hours of study and harsh exams. He and his wife had their first of 3 children during his first year of school, and he was 11 years older than the average student. His hard work paid off in the end, as he was the only black male in his graduating class to finish, earning The Best-of-Best

degree from Baylor allows him to practice general dentistry, however, he plans to expand and get training in orthodontics so he can treat everyone and every problem that may be presented.

His office provides state-of-the-art technology to help ease the patients worry and help them



## AMAZING GRACE FAMILY DENTISTRY, PC

*The signfront of Dr. Attipoe's practice - Amazing Grace Family Dentistry.*

While growing up in Ghana, his friend was always complaining about his teeth. Little did he know then that his friend's pain would affect his life so greatly.

The memory of his friend's trouble

Christ in your life, you have crisis," he says. "I do a lot of praying, if something is bothering me, then I pray." Because of his strong faith, he occasionally preaches in his church and is why he named his

Grace Family Dentistry, has been open for less than a year, and he is finding that owning your own business "has its own challenges." However, he feels all the struggles are worth it when a patient comes in with pain, and leaves smiling. "That's my greatest joy," he says.

He also finds joy in the mission trips he takes. The past few have been back to his home country and village in Ghana, where he organizes screenings and treatments for people who do not have the opportunity to regularly see a dentist. As a matter of fact, his first dental visit was when he was 24, and amaz-

coming to the dentist."

But he does not want to spread this message only to people who are in Ghana, or in Mexico or South America, where he has other trips planned, but wants to spread this message of prevention and dental care to all people - rich, poor, young, old, insured, and uninsured - in all of Texas and beyond. In 5 years his goal is to have branches all over the Metroplex and possibly in other parts of the state. And he hopes to add other associates and do more work with mentoring programs.

He describes his first 2 years of dental school at Baylor as "traumatic." Along

in Prosthodontics Award from Baylor College of Dentistry.

Once out of school, he found that dentistry can also be tough since dentists are so involved with their patients. When a patient comes in, "You treat them, you don't prescribe a pain reliever or pass them on to another doctor."

And while solving a patient's problems and watching them leave smiling is a great reward, sometimes the process to get there can be just as hard as the schooling.

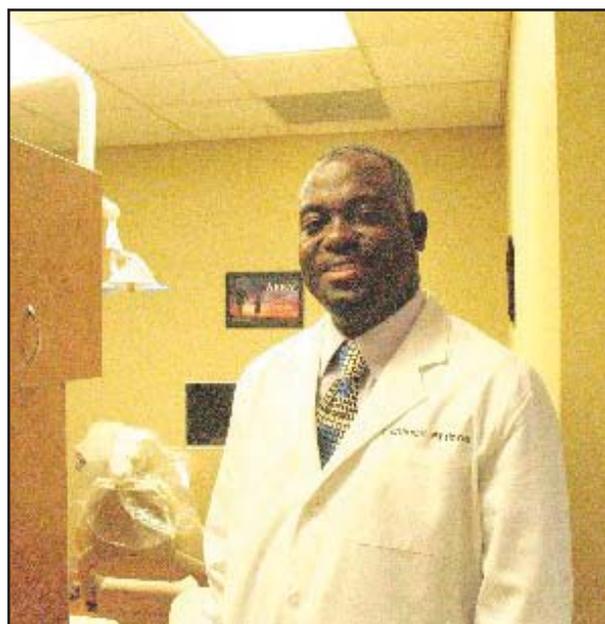
Because of the struggles he has faced, he likes to be a mentor for other dental students, especially minority students. It is important to him to be "a positive influence" in every life he can touch, and help people get through their challenges successfully.

Most of the lives he touches are patients. His Doctor of Dental Surgery

better understand their treatment. He does most of his own lab work in his office to make sure a patient's care and treatment are accurate.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, The America Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Attipoe also received the 2007 W a t e r p i k Technologies Prosthodontic Award.

For a visit with Dr. Attipoe, or "Dr. Q" as the kids call him, stop by his office at 8989 Forest Lane, Suite 150, in Dallas (75243), or call for an appointment at (972) 238-5000. He can also be found on the web at <http://www.amazinggracefamilydentistry.com>. And remember, "you don't have to wait till your teeth get bad before coming to the dentist."



## Sixth Floor Museum Expands Public Program Schedule

"Experience History!" is a call to action at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, which expanded its public program schedule to include Rev. McElvaney's Unjust War: Vietnam, a special gallery talk on Friday, May 16, 1 p.m. The event features Museum oral historian Stephen Fagin, who will explore the 1960s peace movement in Dallas through the beliefs and action of local peace and civil rights activist Rev. William K. McElvaney. Fagin's presentation includes rare home movie footage and photographs, followed by a Q&A with Rev. McElvaney and his wife, Fran. Presented in observance of this year's International Museum Day theme, "Museums as Agents of Social Change and Development," the event is free with paid admission to the Museum; reservations are not required.

"These public programs provide North Texans with a unique opportunity to personally interact with local history," said Nicola Longford, the Museum's executive director. "We encourage everyone to attend these daytime and evening events to learn more

fully how and why the past is still relevant."

Upcoming programs include:

**Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. - An Evening with Bill Lively.** Bill Lively, founding president and CEO of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, recounts his personal experience as an SMU student on the day President Kennedy was assassinated and reveals details about the Center, set to open next year in the Dallas Arts District. The program celebrates the arts, a hallmark of the Kennedy administration and marks the 91st anniversary of President Kennedy's birth date. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free admission; for seating reservations, call 214-747-6660, ext. 5525, or email [programs@jfk.org](mailto:programs@jfk.org).

**Friday, June 6, 11 a.m. - Eyewitness to History: George Jefferies.** Last year, the public release of Jefferies' home movie, highlighted by remarkable footage of Jackie Kennedy in the Dallas motorcade, caused a worldwide sensation. Jefferies talks about that day in November 1963 and how his home movie came to the Museum

nearly 45 years after President Kennedy's assassination. Free with paid admission to the Museum.

**Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m. - 28 Days at the Piccadilly: A Civil Rights Demonstration.** To commemorate the 45th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's televised address on civil rights, respected journalist Bob Ray Sanders leads a lively discussion with Clarence Broadnax and Reverend Earl Allen about the 1964 protest outside downtown Dallas Piccadilly Cafeteria. Broadnax, who was refused service at the Piccadilly, and Rev. Allen, then pastor of the Highland Hills Methodist Church, organized the 28 day demonstration in front of the cafeteria. The free program also features previously unseen surveillance photographs of Broadnax and Rev. Allen, taken by the Dallas County Sheriff's Department during the protest. For seating reservations, call 214-747-6660, ext. 5525, or email [programs@jfk.org](mailto:programs@jfk.org).

For program updates, visit [www.jfk.org](http://www.jfk.org) or call 214-747-6660.

## Moliere's *Misanthrope* - A Comic Masterpiece; *Mid-Life!* *The Crisis Musical*



by  
**Rick  
Elina**

Blunt honesty versus false politeness is a question civilized people have wrestled with since civility first reared its well-mannered head.

The title character, Alceste, played brilliantly by Adrian LaTourelle, has a jaded view of mankind. All actions no matter how considerate are seen through a sardonic sneer. Philinte (Matthew Gray) philosophically opposes Alceste's unapologetic view. He defends disingenuous tact as mannerly. In the opening scenes, the audience witnesses the lengths Philinte goes in the name of fraudulent goodness. He embraces a presumably close friend

only to reveal after departing that he had no idea who the man was.

The discourse between the two characters would be less enthralling and entertaining except for the talent of the two actors. The effortless interaction between the two men with polar opposite views propels a dialogue laden plot that might otherwise collapse under its own weight. After all the story is told in verse. In one particular scene, the colorful Oronte (Ash Smith), a mutual friend, asks their opinion of a sonnet he had just written. In spite of his insistence on honesty, honesty is not really what he wants. Yet, Alceste and Philinte each deliver with fluent ease their own brand of honesty.

Alceste's love interest, Celimene, is performed by the elegant Kelly

Mares. Ms. Mares has the ability to communicate volumes with a tilted smile. Celimene has many suitors much to the chagrin of Alceste. Her nemesis, Arsinoe (Lynnda Ferguson) elevates prudishness to heights that rival Celimene's promiscuity. Ms. Ferguson, a gifted actor, effectively uses her intense gaze to sufficiently condemn Celimene and her moral void.

This proficient cast is rounded out by the clownish characters Clitandre and Acaste, played by Regan Adair and Shawn Fagan. As additional suitors of Celimene, this dynamic duo brings energy with a bit of animation each time they appear on stage.

Technically, *Misanthrope* worked on every level. Fitz Patton's sound design exuded a power that underscored

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invited. The Black Motorcyclists will be there; the National Black Programmers Coalition will be there; the Biofuels Racing Alliance (BFRA) will be there; the Black Farmers will be there; the Nationalist Black Leadership Coalition (NBLC) will be there; and many other local and national celebrities will attend.

Two very special guests will also share the podium in Tuskegee: Mayor Johnny Ford and Fred Gray, author of Bus Ride to Justice, Changing the system by the system. Gray, who still resides in Tuskegee, is the famous civil rights attorney who fought and won cases for Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, the desegregation of Alabama schools, and the 1965 Selma March.

Held on what I have called the "hallowed" grounds of Tuskegee University, this four-day event will engage the attendees in an economic impact strategy for the benefit of Alabama's famous "Black Belt." The conference will also do what many just talk about: Bring together various groups and individuals to create a synergy that stresses the principles of collective work and cooperative economics, and how to leverage that synergy into progressive action.

The Fly-In continues a tradition that has come to be the largest gathering of African American pilots in the nation. The weekend

became popular as many Black pilots and enthusiasts returned to Tuskegee to visit the "Chief," Charles Alfred Anderson, who passed away in 1996. Anderson trained more than 1000 pilots at the famous Moton Field in Tuskegee, including General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. and General Daniel "Chappie" James.

Anderson was responsible for the success of the highly regarded 332nd Fighter Group, formed entirely of Tuskegee pilots. It was one of the most successful fighter groups during World War II, and they have the lone distinction of being the only fighter group never to have lost a bomber to enemy fighters while they were flying as escort. That kind of feat required strict discipline and superb flying, both of which "Chief" instilled in his men.

The Fly-in commemorates the legacy of "Chief" Anderson and for the past 41 years has grown both in numbers and initiatives that have a positive impact on the Tuskegee region. Leaders of the NAI, along with those of other organizations realize the importance of doing what "Chief" did. They teach others, and they work hard to provide economic opportunities to those residing in the "Black Belt" by collaborating with local businesses to assure they get the maximum benefit from the Fly-In being held there each year.

This year's event stresses Black people supporting Black businesses; it will

also conduct forums with Black farmers on how they can gain access to additional markets and maximize their resources and expertise in the agriculture industry. Additionally, the Fly-In will explore opportunities in the energy industry which, with sky-rocketing prices, is a business area in which Black people must carve out a significant niche.

"Blackonomics" will also be in the house during the Fly-In. Yours truly will be the keynote speaker for the Awards Banquet on May 25, 2008. Our theme is "Making an Economic Impact." Certainly there is a tremendous need for Black people, wherever we are and in whatever we are doing, to seek ways to help ourselves economically, via collective strategies and alliances. The huge amount of money we spend to travel, attending conventions and entertainment events, is embarrassingly high compared to the amount we earn from those activities.

For instance, as I noted in my very first book on economic empowerment, Tuskegee should be one of the places in this country that all Black folks should visit. Steeped in history and the spirit of economic independence, it is a city that should have been, by now,

built up to receive millions of visitors annually. Tuskegee University should be one the most endowed Black colleges in the country, not simply by those who attended the school but by Black people in general.

And, like the fine example of the NAI, other Black organizations should make every effort to hold their conventions there. I know it's small and cannot handle many of our large events, but there are smaller meetings that could be held there which would, over time, create more development and larger venues for more visitors and more business opportunities to take place in this historic city.

How can we celebrate the Tuskegee Airmen all across this country, as well as the accomplishments of Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Charles "Chief" Anderson, R.R. Moton, Ben Davis, Chappie James, and others and yet be so reticent about supporting and continuing to build on their legacy? As we invoke their names we should also invoke the spirit of their work and dedication to empowerment. Go to [www.blackwings.com](http://www.blackwings.com) for more information on the Fly-In. See you there!

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mitted June 15 that includes a "softening of Dr. King." His facial expression, for example, will be changed.

The criticism from the panel, which must approve the design in order for work to go forward, was part of a dialogue, Johnson said. But he added it would be hard to confuse the slain civil rights icon with an authoritarian figure.

"I don't think anybody could look at a statue of Dr. King and say he looks like a dictator," Johnson said.

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intimidated into believing that the Republican Party is the spawn of satan. They reject, as a matter of conscience, most of the social positions the Democrats espouse. They have seen the figures and realize that 40% of all abortions are performed on black women and can see the finger of genocide pointing in their direction. At the same time, there is an erroneous belief that the Republican Party has been wrong on civil rights and lacks compassion.

They have seen the devastation of the black family at the hand of the party that replaced personal responsibility with government handouts laced with immoral, impossible conditions. Conditions like forbidding the father of a woman's child to live in the family if they are to receive welfare, or the restriction on returning to school if they are in the government system. Sound familiar?

What is happening to those who are breaking out of this mindset, in the year of the "black candidate," declaring that the color of Barack's skin color is irrelevant because the content of his character is a bigger issue.

The debate should be about whether someone who lacks judgment and attends a divisive church that pits one group of people against another is qualified to lead an entire nation, not whether Obama should have thrown Rev. Wright under the bus for political expediency.

What we are witnessing though, in this entire debate, is another example of the smugness of the liberal press and the ignorance of those who oppose the liberal media, because they always let them set the agenda in any debate. The assumption has been for years, that there really

Work is scheduled to begin this year on the memorial, to be built with \$100 million in mostly private funds on the banks of the National Mall's Tidal Basin. A symbolic groundbreaking was held in 2006 with much pomp, including speeches by President Bush and a string of political leaders and civil rights figures. It will probably open to the public in two years.

The King statue, to be carved by Chinese sculptor Lei Yixin, will be chiseled out of a granite boulder

is only one black America with only two main spokesmen... Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. When Barack Obama broke through that glass ceiling erected by those who have a vested interest in maintaining the misperception that blacks can only achieve with government handouts and welfare policies, the powers-that-be had to restack the deck in order to maintain their position of power and influence over self-proclaimed leaders who have forfeited real authority for personal gratification and aggrandizement.

Obama was allowed to slip through the velvet ropes of low expectations because Hillary Clinton had already torn the doors off the presidential clubhouse and demanded her time at the helm. With the common denominator being lowered to the point that a woman with zero administrative experience, other than being married to a man that did, could declare that she was suitable to serve as president, it now was easier for everyone to cross that threshold.

The discussion that is not being aired is the divisions within not only the black communities on key issues, but within the churches as well. There are thousands of black churches across the nation who are appalled by the rantings of Rev. Wright and are very upset that the mainstream media has shrugged and suggested that this is the typical black church, and they have earned the right to hold such racist views because of past injustices. It is an easy way to keep the plantation of bitterness and victimization open for business.

That is why the focus is no longer whether or not Wright's church is a typical black church or not. That discussion is irrele-

called "The Stone of Hope." It will be the largest statue on the Mall, bigger than those at the nearby memorials to Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. Lei has made a full-size clay model in China but has not yet carved the granite statue.

The design is not the first controversy over the memorial. Critics said last year that the sculptor should be black or at least American, and that King would have been appalled by China's poor record on human rights.

vant and wholly unacceptable. Besides, based on the liberal manipulation of the masses it would be almost impossible to believe otherwise. How different is Rev. Wright from Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Micheal Eric Dyson, Louis Farrakhan who all say the same things but just with their own personal twist to it?

I don't blame Rev. Wright for fanning the flames of racism, or Barack Obama for warming his political career on their embers. They are the real victims in this whole charade because they have bought the lies and distortions of the people who have historically oppressed them and their ancestors in one form or another. If the scales fell off and they realized the man they should hate is the one who has robbed their dignity by categorizing all blacks as congregating in the same huddled, victimized masses, then they would stand up and say, no more.

Blacks are no more monolithic than whites... or women, and to suggest it, to treat them as such is insulting, demeaning and...oh my gosh...really racist.

*Nina May is the producer/director of the award-winning documentary, Emancipation Revelation Revolution, which tells the history of the civil rights movement in America, the role that both parties played in it, and what happens to blacks who leave that liberal plantation and embrace conservative values. Nina is an artist, writer, producer and commentator, and has had her own TV show, "An American Renaissance," and wrote and produced a daily radio commentary for over 1200 stations. RWNnetwork.net, ERRVideo.com.*

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could prove a person's innocence not only violates the U.S. Supreme Court case Brady v. Maryland, but smacks of the sorts of antics in Communist era 'show trials.' It's not American and it makes a mockery of our criminal justice system."

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**Sister Tarpley**

**Keeping Your Mind in Perfect Peace**

time..." It seems for a certain that eternity will not erase the mind because the mind is a spirit.

The physical body is not the total you, but merely the house that you will travel through your time with.

Satan attacks the Christian mind because he knows that the greatest bondage is in the mind. Many people have been

With turmoil all around us, people are edgy; their minds are being attacked. They are doing things that they perhaps wouldn't ordinarily do. People have lost jobs and homes. It's getting harder to buy food and gas at the same time. For those still working, they barely can get to their jobs. Most are living from paycheck to paycheck.

When your mind is being attacked, remember, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusted in thee."

**Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)**

The philosopher Descartes once said, "I think, therefore I am."

You are your mind and you are your soul. You are conscious because of your mind. When someone is asleep, they are unconscious. They are not aware of their surroundings or even their own existence. The Christian mind is also spiritual and not tangible. It cannot be physically touched but it certainly has feelings.

Jesus told of a rich man that died and went to hell **Luke 16:19-31**. While there he had a conversation with Abraham, the man recognized Lazarus, he felt pain, and he remembered his family back on earth. Abraham also reminded the man of his own life, "Son remember in they life-



Sister Tarpley and Mr. John M. Jennings, President of Dale Carnegie Training in North Dallas @ Career Day, Adamson High School in Oak Cliff.

physically incarcerated but were free in mind and overcame their situation. Apostle Paul was often in bondage, but his mind was elevated to heavenly things. He later told us to overcome every situation in our lives by thinking on good and positive things. In **Philippians 4:8**, he tells us to think about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good reports, virtuous or of praise.

Many people can be physically free, yet bound in their minds and they live in misery. The mind is like a sponge, it can also absorb suggestions from certain types of music that we hear and certainly what we see on

TV. Certain types of music can affect a person's physical behavior as well. Some songs have a technique called "back-masking" meaning when the music is played backwards it has a different message that only the subconscious mind can translate. My pastor, Elder Philip White, Love Chapel COGIC in Dallas, has said, "Music will make an elephant dance."

The five senses trigger the mind. It is said that the human mind is at least 1000 times more powerful and sophisticated than the most powered computer in the world. It can compute and process information at an enormous rate of speed no matter what a person's IQ may be.

In the Dale Carnegie's Golden Book, it states: "The Perfect Way to Conquer Worry is to Pray! Also, the "Fundamental Principles for Overcoming Worry," are: 1.) Live in "day-tight compartments." Stay focused! 2.) Learn how to face trouble: Ask yourself, "What is the worst that can possibly happen?" "Prepare to accept the worst." "Try to improve on the worst." 3.) Remind yourself of the exorbitant price you can pay for worrying in terms of your health.

*It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but, "If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it. When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!"*

*Misanthrope, pg 10*

the formidable aristocracy of the period. Lee Savage's set reached a lavish level of decor that would make Louis XV blush then turn green with envy. Junghyun Georgia Lee's costuming was realistic with impeccable detail right down to the last shoe buckle. Lighting was off slightly with intermittent glare sharply reflected from the scenic art located upstage giving the otherwise bright colors a "washed out" look.

The comedic elements of *Misanthrope* resonate as much today as they did 350 years ago, a sure sign of a comedy masterpiece. However, some of the modern product placement seemed remarkably out of place and could have easily reduced the show to mere camp. Thankfully this didn't happen. Director David Kennedy's fine pacing and even direction made this production seem shorter than its two-hour run time. *Misanthrope* runs through May 18. For more details visit DallasTheaterCenter.org or call the box office at 214.522.8499.

Theatre Three concludes its 2007-2008 Theatre Too Season with the musical *Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical* as the sixth production of this current season. Never has a crisis been so enjoyable.

The simplistic set designed by David Walsh is just enough. With the amazing talent of this seasoned cast, they need

nothing more than a few unit set pieces to explore the humorous side of "middle-aging." The promotional materials promise, "The series of musical numbers and vignettes will appeal to anyone with thinning hair, growing waistlines and ticking biological clocks." Even if you're not there yet, but know someone afflicted with these inevitable maladies, it doesn't matter. Humor always rings loudest when there's a glint of truth involved that causes us to laugh at ourselves.

Theatre Too is the smaller black box venue located in the basement of Theatre Three. But the space works well for this musical showcase. The intimate setting allows the facial expressions and the voices of the actors to reach the audience with the necessary wattage to deliver this brand of shtick humor. No need for hearing aids or spectacles here.

From one of the opening lines of the opening number, "Welcome to Mid-Life," you know you're in the right place. You can't help but feel that you're among friends who understand. "If you've come to curse your fate, or start to date at forty-eight. If you sleep through football recaps or if you've blown out both your kneecaps. If you still like Chuck Berry, if your ears are very hairy, welcome to mid-life!" Sure, the lyrics will entertain and at times, even cause uncontrollable laughter,

but it's the 6 actors/singers who make the show work.

Jenny Thurman's rendition of "Biological Clock" early in the first act sets into motion a pacing that is nearly perfect throughout the show. When the three men, B.J. Cleveland, Randy Perlman, and Doug Jackson perform "Weekend Warriors" as wannabe basketball players, you can't help but think maybe these guys are exactly what the Mavericks need. Maybe they should be recruited, if not for their skill then for the sheer entertainment provided by trash-talking middle-aged men trying to dribble a basketball.

There is also a poignant moment in all this hilarity. It's the bittersweet song "The Long Goodbye," performed by B.J. Cleveland, Amy Mills and Sally Soldo. This number comes late in the Second Act. There's no spoiler here, so let's just say it's a fitting tribute and fine way to bring closure to a fantastic performance.

*Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical* runs through June 8th. Visit the Theatre Three website at Theatre3Dallas.com or call 214-871 3300 for more details.

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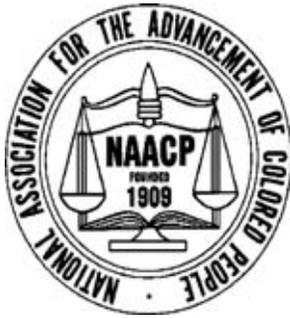
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