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## Census reports Black-owned bizs in DFW increase by 105 percent

(NDG Wire) The number of black-owned businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (DFW), metropolitan statistical area increased to 56,309 in 2007 from 27,514 in 2002, a 104.7 percent increase, the U.S. Census Bureau announced this week.



Over the same period, receipts generated by these businesses increased 37.5 percent to \$3.0 billion. Nationally, the number of black-owned businesses rose to 1.9 million, a 60.5 percent increase, and sales by these businesses increased to \$137.5 billion, a 55.1 per-

cent increase.

"Black-owned businesses continued to be one of the fastest growing segments of our economy, showing rapid growth in both the number of businesses and total sales during this time

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## North Texas Faith Coach: Organized religion has missed the boat

*PostTheStory.com* Launches 'The God Story Project'

(NDG Wire) Faith coach and minister Ron Rose, following the premise that "organized religion is in trouble and has missed the boat," and last week his North Texas

ministry's "FaithTeam.org" is building the largest collection of stories about God's work ever assembled through an online effort being called, "The God Story Project."

"For many in this culture, God has been crowded out and relegated

to one-day-a-week interaction within a labyrinth of ornate church walls," Rose said. "But, in spite of the attempts to conceal him and confine him, he still finds ways to show up in the most unexpected and unimaginable places. Most have seen him,

sensed him and even stumbled across him in the last few days. We are assembling stories about those experiences posted as comments to the Post-TheStory.com blog."

All the stories, written

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## Not all of the winners counted yet in Super Bowl stats

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

We Americans love our pleasurable pastimes and indulge them fully. My employer, the Nielsen Company, is the largest marketing research company in the world and how you spend your leisure

time is one of the things we measure. A lot of us spend time watching football and that's what I want to talk to you about today.

At this writing, everyone in the country seems to be gearing up for Super Bowl XLV between the Green Bay Packers and

The Pittsburgh Steelers. The great majority of U.S. households – 9 out of 10 – told Nielsen they would be watching Super Bowl XLV at home or at a friend or relative's house instead of watching it from a

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## Is justice being served in Dallas County?

By Kristina Hahsler, Member of NDTDW

Over the last four years, Dallas County has done a great job of reviewing past convictions and taking appropriate action to right past mistakes made by our judicial system. Even so, Dallas can do better. There are still several cases under review and many deserve to be treated in a more expedited manner. A troubling example of the injustice of the system's delay is the case of Benjamin Spencer. Spencer, who despite

being adjudicated as actually innocent on March 28, 2008, remains in prison. The trial Judge, the Hon. Rick Magnis, who conducted the evidentiary hearing related to Spencer's Writ of Habeas Corpus found that it was appropriate to grant relief based on Spencer's actual innocence after entering his 42 page Findings of Fact. After almost 24 years in prison Benjamin Spencer deserves his freedom

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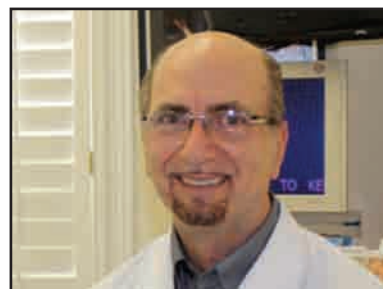
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## Shon Anthony

Shon Anthony worked for a number of big businesses for many years before deciding to start her own business. Now at the age of 32, she is the owner of what is now fast becoming the number one dating site for Black women looking to date outside their race, Swirl Society. The web site has expanded its offerings and has launched a new service offering the same experience for single Black males who are serious about meeting compatible partners

and finding a long term relationship outside their own race.

The original inspiration for her business came from the constant reports of how hard it was for a black woman to find a partner, added with the depressing statistic that close to 46% of black women were unmarried.

Fast forward 12 months and due to increased demand the service has been expanded to include a multitude of races on both sites



who are looking to date Black males and females. Despite the obvious negativity in some areas of society to interracial dating, Shon

was amazed at the large number of emails and demand she received asking to expand the service.

She comments, "Finding a partner is all about making sure you're right for each other, and this extends beyond race, personality, common interests and looks, it's about overall compatibility. Swirl Society helps singles find out more about themselves, empowering them to make better relationship decisions. There are not only many single Amer-

icans, but people from all over the world who just don't know where to look when they are interested in dating interracial. Swirl Society can help by providing a framework to understand what you are looking for and what you want out of a relationship and then match you with someone who shares similar goals, dreams and desires."

She continues, "We have removed the guess work and fear of wondering if the person you are attracted to on a dating site is interested in dating interracial. We are aiming to be more than just

a dating site by improving all aspects of our members' lives by offering all site members free access to exercise and meals plans and personalized training guidance from the site's very own personal trainer."

As an opening promotion, Swirl Society has extended their lifetime free membership offer until Valentine's Day. To join, interested ones just have to upload an image and they will receive 100% full access for life.

For more details about Swirl Society, visit [www.SwirlSociety.com](http://www.SwirlSociety.com)

## Dr. Lawrence J. Korenman

Recent developments make dental care easier for patients by allowing one-visit appointments for exams, plus any fillings, crowns and other restorations. Patients can receive complete treatment in a single 60 minute appointment. Forward-thinking area dentist Lawrence J. Korenman and Loveable Smiles are at the forefront of innovations in dentistry, working to make tooth restoration easier, more convenient, more accurate, less time consum-

ing and overall less worrisome for patients.

For one-visit dentistry, Dr. Korenman's independent dental practice uses CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacturing) equipment, which provides for on-site creation of natural-looking ceramic fillings and crowns.

Using a specialized camera, Dr. Korenman accurately records an optical impression of the prepared tooth instead of

making an impression or mold of the mouth. He views the image on a computer screen and designs a restoration using CAD. He creates the restoration and bonds it to the existing tooth bringing it back to its natural strength and beauty. From tooth preparation to placement and bonding, a patient can enjoy a restored smile in approximately one hour, in one appointment. With no need for temporary crowns or soft food diets, patients can resume their



normal routine on their appointment day.

"Less than 15% of dentists in the United States are using this advanced technology and only 10% of the

Dallas area dentists utilize it," according to Rob McCann, marketing representative for CEREC, the CAD/CAM equipment manufacturer.

Dr. Korenman and his staff work diligently to know and use the latest dental treatments and deliver care in a kind and respectful manner, reflecting their basic philosophy—"we don't treat teeth, we treat people".

"My patients are excited about having restorations created while they wait," states Dr. Korenman. "The restorations feel natural and smooth and look beautiful.

Because of my extremely precise computer-aided design, the restorations are less likely to have recurring problems and should last for many trouble-free years. And that makes us all happy.

"If you haven't been to a dentist in the past several years, you may not know that developments in dental care have eliminated pain from the dental chair. There is no need to fear a dental appointment because of anticipated discomfort," states Dr. Korenman.

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## Sylvia Mendez

Sylvia Mendez (born 1936) is an American civil rights activist of Mexican-Puerto Rican heritage. Pres-



ident Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor earlier this week.

At age eight, she played an instrumental role in the Mendez v. Westminster case, the landmark desegregation case of 1946. The case successfully ended de jure segregation in Califor-

nia and paved the way for integration and the American civil rights movement.

Mendez grew up during a time when most southern and southwestern schools were segregated. In the case of California, Hispanics were not allowed to attend schools that were designated for "Whites" only and were sent to the so-called "Mexican schools." Mendez was denied enrollment to a "Whites" only school, an event which prompted her parents to take action and together organized various sectors of the Hispanic community who filed a lawsuit in the local federal court. The success of their action, of which Sylvia was the principal catalyst, would eventually bring to an end the era of segregated education.

In the 1940s, there were only two schools in Westminster: Hoover Elementary

and 17th Street Elementary. Orange County schools were segregated and the Westminster school district was no exception. The district mandated separate campuses for Hispanics and Whites. Sylvia and her two brothers, Gonzalo Jr. and Jerome Mendez, attended Hoover Elementary, a two-room wooden shack in the middle of the city's Mexican neighborhood, along with the other Hispanics. 17th Street Elementary, which was a "Whites-only" segregated school, was located about a mile away. Unlike Hoover, the 17th Street Elementary school was amongst a row of palm and pine trees and had a lawn lining the school's brick and concrete façade.

Realizing that the 17th Street Elementary school provided better books and educational benefits, Gonzalo decided that he would like to have his children and

nephews enrolled in there. Thus, in 1943, when Sylvia Mendez was only eight years old, she accompanied her aunt Sally Vidaurri, her brothers and cousins to enroll at the 17th Street Elementary School. Her aunt was told by school officials, that her children, who had light skin would be permitted to enroll, but that neither Sylvia Mendez nor her brothers would be allowed because they were dark-skinned and had a Hispanic surname. Mrs. Vidaurri stormed out of the school with her children, niece and nephews and recounted her experience to her brother Gonzalo.

Mendez's father Gonzalo and his wife Felicitas took on themselves the task of leading a community battle that changed California and set an important legal precedent for ending segregation in the United States.

Mendez finally was al-

lowed to attend the 17th Street Elementary school, thus becoming one of the first Hispanics to attend an all-white school in Califor-

nia. However, the situation was not easy for her. Her white peers called her

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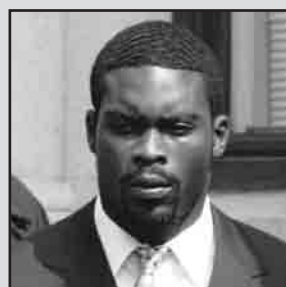
## Letter to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

This upcoming weekend is a big weekend for not only the City of Dallas, but also the state of Texas. The world will have their eyes on us as we host the Super-Bowl. TV ads directed at us Texans tell us to show our true "Texan hospitality" in hopes that large events will continue to flock to Dallas to boost our economy, both local and statewide.

I am personally annoyed and offended that Deux Lounge in Dallas TX has chosen none other than Michael Vick to host their SuperBowl party this Friday night. This is plastered all over several popular websites, including TMZ. People around the world should NOT see Texans as people who support, and therefore HIRE animal abusers to be hosts at clubs. Specifically at clubs trying to capitalize on the Super Bowl weekend crowds.

I realize this is reality and there is nothing we can do in terms of asking the owner Jeff Skaggs to come to his senses and hire people who are not murders as hosts, but this does not mean we should not make our neighbors aware that this club, Deux Lounge, is



NOT good for Dallas. Jeff Skaggs and Deux Lounge & Club are making Dallas look like a bunch of gang banging, animal abusing thugs.

Best regards,  
Jennifer Bedford

*Editor's note:* The party was actually cancelled and *USA Today* reported that Michael Vick never had plans to participate.

However regarding Ms. Bedford's thoughts about Vick, do you agree with the lingering resentment directed to Vick or do you think he has paid his debt to society and has a right to move on with his life? Visit our website (www.NorthDallasGazette.com) or Facebook Fan Page (www.Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette) and share your opinion. Do you have a hot opinion, send a letter to the editor at editor@northdallasgazette.com. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

## Multiracial Census

By Judge Greg Mathis (NNPA) A lot of people are eagerly awaiting the results of the 2010 census information that details how Americans identify themselves racially. The data will be released state by state this month and is expected to show a significant growth in the numbers of people who identify as multiracial. When the data is made public, it is expected the number of Americans identifying as multiracial will have grown by 35 percent in the last decade.

As interracial marriages become more common, so too has the number of mixed raced people in our society. The 2000 census was the first that allowed these individuals to easily identify all parts of their racial backgrounds, if they so choose. Those who support the classification see it as an important step to breaking down racial barriers and moving toward an America that is free of prejudice.

However, some believe that the designation will only serve to further undermine the political clout and social significance of racial minorities, particularly African Americans. This line of thinking isn't too far-fetched. Often times, many of our positive, Black public figures with one non-Black parent

are claimed by the White majority. The accomplishments of these individuals are so significant that America often likes to ignore the one drop rule it instituted and enforced - to keep tabs on and marginalize anyone with ancestry that was not purely White - and tout the White ancestry of those we in the African American community are rightfully proud of. President Obama, who many tried to hail as the first multiracial President, instead of the first Black President, comes to mind.

Indeed, President Obama's mother is White. But, he has publicly identified as a Black man and even checked that box - and nothing else - on his census form. And, isn't that what the census designation is all about? Giving individuals the right to identify with as many or as few ethnic groups in their background as they choose?

Unlocking the shackles of the one drop rule and allowing individuals to celebrate all of who they are is a positive step toward racial harmony and acceptance in this country. However, the larger society must be careful it does not dilute the voice of groups, like African Americans, that have fought so hard to be heard, seen, and recognized for their achievements.

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jury that convicted Spencer believes in his innocence after seeing the evidence not provided at trial. He was so troubled by what he learned about Spencer's case that he publicly affirmed at a rally held last year that he and the other jurors drew the wrong conclusion based on the evidence presented to them. He publicly apologized to Spencer for the many years spent in prison as a result of the failure of our system.

There is no physical evidence in Spencer's case. The most material evidence used to convict him was the testimony of a neighbor who says she saw him exit the victim's car in an alley in the dead of night. According to two visual ex-

perts (one of which worked for the prosecution), who testified at the evidentiary hearing in 2007, there is no way this witness or anyone else could identify even a close relative in the darkness at the distance involved.

I have personally been to the site at the same time of night and stood where this "witness" stood and I could see virtually nothing beyond shadows. At a lesser distance, in the same spot with the running lights of an SUV pointing at me, my colleague could not recognize me.

When Spencer was arrested, his wife was seven months pregnant. The state took him from his family and denied him the chance

to be a good father. He never got the chance to throw a ball with his son in the yard, to teach him to ride a bike, take him to a football game or to see him graduate from high school. The State not only punished Spencer they also punished his wife and son who had to get by without him. Spencer and his family have paid for a crime he had nothing to do with. It breaks my heart to think about what was taken from him and his family and I have to catch my breath when I let the magnitude of that wash over me.

What is most unnerving to me is that Spencer is still not free even three years after Judge Magnis found him to be innocent. Dallas

Can Do Better, a non-profit that is devoted to righting social injustices here in Dallas, is sponsoring a rally on March 26, the 24 year anniversary of Spencer's arrest for a crime he did not commit, at 9 a.m. on the steps of the Frank Crowley Courts building to educate the community on this case of injustice.

If Spencer's story troubles you as it does me, please join us on the courthouse steps so we can show the State that Dallas believes we can do better. More information can be found online at dallascandobetter.org.

Kristina Hahsler is a member of the North Dallas Texas Democratic Women. <http://www.nddw.org/>

## Help is just a click away for Texas patients

(NDG Wire) The Affordable Care Act is supporting a Consumer Assistance Program to help consumers in Texas who are having trouble finding, keeping, or using health insurance. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a new interactive map at [www.HealthCare.gov/consumerhelp](http://www.HealthCare.gov/consumerhelp) to make sure that consumers know how to contact their state Consumer Assistance Program. "With [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov), we are putting the resources of the Affordable Care Act at the fingertips of consumers all across the country – and the new map is an important part of that effort," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "Con-

sumers no longer have to wonder where to turn when they have questions about their health insurance." The interactive Consumer Assistance Map at [www.HealthCare.gov/consumerhelp](http://www.HealthCare.gov/consumerhelp) went live in early February as states around the country and U.S. territories are using federal grant dollars to establish or strengthen consumer assistance programs. Texas is one of 40 states or territories receiving grant funds. Consumer Assistance Programs, run by state governments, sometimes in partnership with local non-profit organizations, have trained caseworkers that can help consumers enroll in a health insurance plan or policy, or file a complaint or

appeal with their insurer. They can also help consumers learn about the new insurance resources and reforms under the Affordable Care Act. Consumer Assistance Programs will also help explain the new consumer protections and options that will become available as additional parts of the health care law take effect in 2014. In addition to helping consumers on an individual basis, the Consumer Assistance Program in Texas will be tracking complaints to help identify potential trends in the health insurance market. Regulators can use this information to ensure that insurers are playing by the rules and consumers are receiving all

their rights and protections under the law. The interactive Consumer Assistance Program map is one of the ways the Affordable Care Act is bringing more openness to the health insurance market. The website, [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov), includes information about the Affordable Care Act, a timeline of implementation and other resources. The website also includes the health insurance finder at [finder.HealthCare.gov](http://finder.HealthCare.gov), a first of its kind website to bring information and links to health insurance plans into one place and make it easy for consumers to learn about and compare their insurance choices. "Consumers across the

country have new options and protections under the Affordable Care Act," said Secretary Sebelius. "These tools will help empower consumers to get the health care and health coverage they and their families need." The Department of Insurance in Texas was awarded nearly \$2.8 million in October 2010 to perform the following activities:

- Launch a statewide media/educational program, using multilingual materials and presentations with a focus on Texas counties with the highest percentage of uninsured residents.
- Offer a dedicated toll-free line that will direct consumers to specialists for direct assistance.

- Develop robust training and resource materials for the ombudsman program staff and stakeholders.
- Create "toolkits" to help consumers and small businesses enroll in health coverage through public programs and the private insurance industry.
- Provide individual assistance with the filing of complaints, appeals, and grievances.
- Select strategic distribution points to meet consumers where they live, work, and receive health-care.
- Report detailed data information regarding consumers' inquiries and complaints to support enforcement efforts.

## Fun and facts fill free Women's Heart to Heart Events at Methodist Dallas and Methodist Charlton Medical Centers

(NDG Wire) Dance, heart-healthy cooking demonstrations, and seminars by physicians on the medical staff of Methodist Health System promise to

make this year's Heart to Heart events at Methodist Dallas Medical Center and Methodist Charlton Medical Center fun, active, and informative. Dance is a fun

and effective way to exercise the heart. The Heart to Heart event includes fitness and various dance demonstrations with encouraged par-

ticipation from the audience. In coordination with the Dance Council of North Texas, Methodist Dallas will offer Salsa, African, Mambo, and Belly Dancing

interactive demonstrations. At Methodist Charlton, participants will enjoy American Mix, Praise Dance, Line Dancing, and Zumba, one of the hottest new fit-

ness crazes. Local signature chefs will offer tasty and healthy cooking demonstrations at both locations.

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Black history belongs to all of us. It's not just other people's stories from the past. It's how these stories are passed down, reflected upon and used to start new chapters. In our schools, in the workplace and in the community, new leaders are taking a stand and creating positive change every day. This shows us that Black History is alive and well. And this is why we celebrate. Wells Fargo honors Black History and all pioneers of progress.

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## Dallas Vigilantes guarantee training camp invite to tryout camp participant

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Vigilantes will hold their final open tryout camp on Saturday, February 12, and are guaranteeing at least one participant in the camp a chance to participate in the team's 2011 training camp.

The tryout camp will be held at Gloria H. Snyder Stadium on the campus of Parish Episcopal School (4101 Sigma Road, Dallas, Texas 75244). Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the workout will start at 8:00 a.m. The cost of the tryout is \$70 and can be paid in cash or via a money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Arena Football League



teams often find players during tryout camps who end up being valuable members of their teams. Following the Vigilantes' last tryout camp in November, the team signed three players -- center Aric Flowers, defensive back Rickey McKinley, and defensive lineman Marco Cappola.

Additionally, the Vigilantes signed wide receiver

Matt Fields and offensive lineman Ty Nsekhe following an open tryout the preceded the 2010 season. Both Fields and Nsekhe eventually became starters for the Vigilantes in 2010.

Players participating in the tryout camp should prepare for drills on artificial turf and bring cleats. Drills will consist of the 40-yard dash, short-shuttle, standing broad jump, and individual position workouts.

Individual position breakdowns will include quarterback, fullback/linebacker, offensive/defensive lineman, wide receiver, defensive back, and kicker.

For more information, call 940.686.8326.

## Dallas to extend sanitation collections through Sat., Feb. 12

*Icy streets and freezing temperatures delay collection again for some customers*

(NDG Wire) This week, the City of Dallas Sanitation Services Department is extending garbage, recycling and bulk/brush collection through Saturday, February 12 to allow time for collections that are delayed by icy roads and forecasted freezing temperatures.

Sanitation Services director Mary Nix says THURSDAY and FRIDAY customers should place their recycling and garbage carts

out for collection on their normal collection day and leave them there until city crews are able to retrieve the materials. The same applies for bulk/brush those customers whose items are normally collected in the week of the first Monday of each month.

"On Thursday, we know that we'll be getting a late start because we must wait for the side streets and alleys to thaw before we can safely

operate," Nix said. "Normally our day starts at 6 a.m., but if tomorrow's weather forecast is right, it we could be up to six hours behind schedule before our first trucks can start collecting. And even then, some customer's collections will wait until the next day for service. That's why we need to make sure residents keep their carts out for us -- and PLEASE re-

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A major focus at Loveable Smiles is no pain—no matter how extensive the dental work. The staff constantly solicits and monitors feedback to ensure patients are pain free. Some patients report they did not even feel the injection used to numb their mouths.

Award-winning Love-

able Smiles is a full service, independent dental office providing high quality dental services including general dentistry, periodontal therapy, cosmetic dentistry, implants, full mouth restoration, and teeth straightening. Loveable Smiles is located in Richardson, at 1410 N. Plano Rd., Suite 200. Love-

able Smiles was awarded the North Texas Business Ethics Award for 2010. They were also recognized at the Breakfast of Champions Small Business Summit sponsored by Sam's Clubs and 14 North Texas Chambers of Commerce in September 2010.



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## "Dallas Loves Animals" Feb. 12 at Dallas Animal Services

(NDG Wire) A Valentine's-themed event at Dallas Animal Services will kick off "Dallas Loves Animals," a new initiative created by Dallas City Councilmember Delia Jasso to promote animal adoptions and responsible pet ownership. The day-long event takes place Sat., Feb. 12, beginning at 11 a.m.

Among the activities planned are free Valentine's pet photos, low-cost cat and dog vaccinations, and free goody bags for the first 200 visitors. A special highlight will be an appearance by Grace, the "Dallas Loves Animals" Spokesdog. Grace, a Great Dane, weighed just 45 pounds when Dallas Animal Services (DAS) rescued her from a hoarder last fall. She was transferred to Animal Rescue of Texas (ART), one of DAS's rescue partners, and has since been treated for heartworms and gained more than 50 pounds.

During the event, those who adopt a new feline friend or canine companion from Dallas Animal Services will receive a free "Dallas Loves Animals" T-shirt, a gift certificate for free pet grooming courtesy of The Petropolitan and, for those who adopt a large dog, a free dog bed. The cost to adopt is \$85 for dogs and \$55 for cats. All animals adopted from DAS are spayed

or neutered, fully vaccinated, and tested for heartworms or FeLV.

Winnetka Elementary School students are preparing Valentine's for the shelter animals in the form of paper chains with hand-written messages that will be used to decorate the shelter. In addition to Jasso, speakers include Lt. Scott Walton, interim manager of Dallas Animal Services; James Bias, president of the SPCA of Texas; and Jonnie England, director of ani-

mal advocacy for the Metroplex Animal Coalition.

Activities at the Feb. 12 event begin with a press conference at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The shelter will be open for adoptions until 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Animal Services is located at 1818 N. Westmoreland at I-30, just minutes west of downtown Dallas. For more information, visit [www.DallasLovesAnimals.com](http://www.DallasLovesAnimals.com) or call the DAS adoption desk at 214-671-0249.

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## Project Still I Rise hosting S.T.E.M. Empowerment Conference

(NDG Wire) The advent of technology and globalization in the new millennium makes it critical for students in the United States to have the educational foundation which prepares them to compete in the modern economy. There are many nationwide initiatives devised to inspire young people to cultivate an interest in science, technology, engineering and math that they need in order to become the problem solvers of tomorrow.

Statistically, the United States is currently falling behind in math and science (our students ranking 25th in math and 17th in science), with so many countries currently outpacing the US each year, including Finland, Hong Kong, China, Canada, Japan, France, Korea, New Zealand, Germany, UK,

Australia, Belgium, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark (Source: The Programme for International Student Assessment, based on worldwide assessment of teens' math and science literacy). For kids in middle school today in the US, by the time they enter the job market – it will be nearly impossible to succeed without a good foundation in math and science.

On Saturday, Feb. 19 join Project Still I Rise at the University of North Texas at Dallas campus as PSIR addresses the issues related to S.T.E.M. [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math] in the Greater Dallas community, kicking off National Engineering Week. We are creating a dialogue amongst administrators, teachers, middle-school students, as well as S.T.E.M. professionals and other influen-

tial members of our intellectual community to discuss the importance and criticality of S.T.E.M. and how it will impact generations to come.

The event begin at 9 a.m. and will kick-off with an open forum discussion on S.T.E.M. with featured panelists from Texas Instruments, Rockwell-Collins, Cisco Systems as well as college students, followed by a presentation on technology by Desmond Brand. In the afternoon session, 30-minute workshops centered on math, science, and engineering will be open to the public to engage students, parents and community mentors on why S.T.E.M. is pivotal to their success. The conference will end promptly at 2pm with closing remarks from Kevin Mondy, Executive Program Director of PSIR.

## TWU to host Open House/Spanish Language Open House Feb. 19

*Radio Station La Kalle 107.9 to broadcast live from the event*

(NDG Wire) Texas Woman's University will host an Open House for prospective students and their families in English and Spanish Saturday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. until noon on the TWU Denton campus.

Sessions on freshmen admission, financial aid and campus life – including a panel of current students – will be offered in both English and Spanish. In addition, prospective students and their families will have the opportunity to meet faculty and participate in a campus tour.

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La Kalle 107.9 with DJ Danny Luna will broadcast from the Spanish Language Open House from 10 a.m. to noon and give away prizes to attendees.

Prospective students also could win \$1,000 to be applied to fall 2011 tuition and fees at TWU. Three awards of \$1,000 each will be presented to one freshman, one transfer and one graduate student at the Denton Open House. Students must be eligible for admission to TWU to claim the awards.

The open house begins at 8 a.m. in Hubbard Hall,

located on Administration Drive between Oakland Street and Bell Avenue in Denton. Information sessions are scheduled until noon, followed by campus tours and residence hall viewings. Free parking is available throughout the Denton campus during the open house.

For more information or to register, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and click on "Denton Campus Open House," email TWU at [admissions@twu.edu](mailto:admissions@twu.edu) or call 940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

## McKinney seniors visit students

(NDG Wire) McKinney senior citizens had a unique opportunity to visit three McKinney ISD campuses – McClure Elementary School, Cockrill Middle School, and McKinney North High School – for a special six-hour tour of the school district.

The group of 60 senior citizens loaded onto two school buses at Ron Poe Stadium wearing "Senior Tour 2011" t-shirts and joined McKinney ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. J.D. Kennedy and other administrators visiting campuses.

The first stop was McKinney ISD's newest campus, McClure Elementary School. Greeted by McClure student council officers, the group was welcomed with refreshments and introduced by McClure Elementary principal Melanie Raleeh. Students from the Kindness and Compassion Club interviewed the attendees and exchanged stories comparing education today to public education in the past.

The second stop on the tour was McKinney North High School where the group was treated to lunch, musical performances and a tour through various

classrooms by the Blue Blazers, a student leadership organization at McKinney North High School that promotes the well-being of fellow students and the community.

The last stop of the day took the attendees on a journey into "A Day in the Life of a Middle School Student", as the tour continued to Cockrill Middle School. The program included a tour of the campus and a presentation by middle school students. Attendees were also provided

with the opportunity to see the variety of technological devices students are using in the classroom today.


McKinney ISD administrators and attendees shared excitement about the experience and the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at how McKinney ISD students are learning. The Senior Tour will become an annual event in McKinney ISD. If you would like to be a part of a future Senior Tour please call 469-742-4108



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**Ongoing**

**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website [www.aarcc.com](http://www.aarcc.com)

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC** General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: [info@CCBlackChamber.org](mailto:info@CCBlackChamber.org) for location.

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or [meetup.com/378](http://meetup.com/378).

**Group Business Seminars** at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-

898-5882.

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series:** 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

**North Dallas Texas Democratic Women** Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

**Target Second Saturdays** at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-friendly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

**Business Empowerment Sessions.** Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Call 214-942-6698 for details.

**How to start a business.** Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

**Through March 3**

The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Center in Richardson, will host a painting collection of Lisa M. Cardenas **Metaphoric Landscapes: Then and Now** exhibition at in the Green Mezzanine-Gallery. [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

**Through March 26**

The PDNB Gallery, 1202 Dragon St. in Dallas, will host **Neil Leifer: For the Love of the Game**, every Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the

Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery. Leifer, a longtime *Sports Illustrated* photographer, showcases the greatest moments of professional sports since he began shooting pro football at the NFL Championship Game in 1978. The exhibit is free.

**Through – March 11**

**Texas Sculpture Association's Annual Membership Exhibition** at The Oak Cliff Cultural Center.

**February 12**

**TNT Ministries International** will host its 2nd annual Love Conference on from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Frontier Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. in Dallas. This year's theme is *A Love Song in the Key of Solomon*. [www.tntministriesinternational.com](http://www.tntministriesinternational.com)

**Dallas Animal Services**, 1818 N. Westmoreland Drive, will kick off **Dallas Loves Animals**, a new initiative created by Dallas city councilmember Delia Jasso to promote animal adoptions and responsible pet ownership, beginning at 11 a.m. Visit [www.DallasLovesAnimals.com](http://www.DallasLovesAnimals.com) or call the DAS adoption desk at 214-671-0249.

**UNCF's 12th Annual Red Hot & Snazzy Gala** is 6 – 11 p.m. at Union Station, located at 400 South Houston Street in Dallas

The Dallas Contemporary member's preview of new exhibit from artist **Michel Verjux**.

Mary Jo Evans, retired Dallas ISD administrator, will present "African Americans in the Civil War" on at 2 p.m. at the museum located at 7500 W. Camp Wisdom, Dallas. The public is invited to attend the presentation and tour the museum. Admission is \$4 per person. Info: 972-708-7537

**February 13**

House of Blues Gospel Sun-

days is debuting **Sunday Gospel Brunch Kertrina Dauway 'aka' Lady Diamond** at the World Famous House of Blues at 12:30 p.m. [houseofbluesdallas.com](http://houseofbluesdallas.com)

**February 18**

**Crow Collection After Dark: Year of the Rabbit Celebration** from 6 p.m. – midnight. Info: 214-979-6430 or visit [crowcollection.org](http://crowcollection.org).

**February 19**

**Cornerstone Baptist Church**, 1819 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Dallas, will host **African American Read-in 2011** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 214-426-5468.

**Skywarn severe weather program** on from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center in Garland. The event is free and open to the public.

**African American Read-In** from 11:00-1:30 at Cornerstone Baptist Church located at 1819 Martin Luther King Blvd in Dallas. Info: 214-426-5468.

**Victory Covenant Community Ministry Valentine Ball** at 7 p.m. at the Waxahachie Civic Center 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie, Texas 75165

**February 19-20**

**The Home Improvement Show** at the Dallas Convention Center. Meet the Experts, get ideas, see new products, attend informative seminars and win prizes. [www.homeimprovement-shows.inc.com](http://www.homeimprovement-shows.inc.com)

**February 20**

The Family Symphony Sundays Series interactive concert "**Brass-a-Palooza**" will introduce patrons to the trumpet, French horn, trombone, and tuba The concert is at 3 p.m.; Pre-Concert Lobby Activities at 2 p.m. at the The Courtyard Theatre, 1509 Avenue H, Plano. Tickets are \$7

to \$11 order at [www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org) or 972-473-7262.

**February 19-16**

The annual two-day **Spring Master Composter Training Course** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Senter East Building, 228 Chamberlain St. To register, call 972-742-2296, or visit [www.cityofirving.org/be-green](http://www.cityofirving.org/be-green), select "Educational Opportunities" and select "Master Composter Training." A refundable deposit of \$20 is required for registration. Registrants must attend both days to receive their deposit at end of the course.

**February 21**

Dallas Chapter of the **Real Estate Staging Association (RESA)** invites all professional stagers, real estate agents, and industry-related professionals in DFW at the "Egg and I" breakfast and lunch restaurant located in Addison, at 11:30 a.m. The topic will be Social Media 101. No membership dues required to enjoy the benefits of the RESA Dallas Chapter meetings however lunch is on your own.) A \$5 fee (limit 2 visits) is applied for non Realtors and non-RESA Dallas members who would like to attend. Seating is limited for this event.

The Dallas chapter of the **Real Estate Staging Association**, a member governed trade association for Home Stagers, will host the **Egg and I** breakfast and lunch restaurant in Addison, at 11:30 am on Feb. 21. Realtors in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex are welcome to join the RESA-Dallas Chapter for FREE. A \$5 fee (limit 2 visits) is applied for non Realtors and non-RESA Dallas members who would like to attend. [www.realestategassociation.com](http://www.realestategassociation.com)

**February 24**

**Redazzle, a benefit for Hope's Door**, Collin County's only battered

women and children's shelter, will take place at 6 p.m. at The Cotton Mill, 610 Elm St. in McKinney. Cost is \$15. [www.hopesdoorinc.org](http://www.hopesdoorinc.org)

**February 25**

**The South Dallas Picture Show** a free Senior Cinema Program at 10 a.m. held at the South Dallas Cultural Center

**February 26**

The **Bridge Breast Network** will hold *Fly Away With the Bridge*, the organization's annual benefit, from 7 to 11 p.m. [www.bridgebreast.org](http://www.bridgebreast.org)

**March 3 – 6**

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Healthy Heroes"** Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

**March 5**

UTA African American Alumni Association will honor the recipients of the **2011 Outstanding African American Alumni Award** at the Hilton Arlington, 2401 E. Lamar Blvd., in Arlington from 6 to 9 p.m. Honorees are Gary Bailey ('77), Rickey Rush ('82), and Laurretta Hill ('93). Tickets are \$50. RSVP by Feb. 23. [www.utablackalumni.com](http://www.utablackalumni.com)

**March 6**

**Comerica Collin County Marathon** Info: [www.collin-marathon.com](http://www.collin-marathon.com).

**March 12**

**1st Annual Ladies of Verity Teddy Bear Brunch** will feature food, fun and inspiration on from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Cascade Event Center 5909 Stone Creek Drive The Colony, Texas 75056. Everyone will have the opportunity to make their very own cuddly friend...complete with birth certificate and take home carrier! For more details and ticket information, go to [www.NoahsArkTeddy-BearWorkshop.com](http://www.NoahsArkTeddy-BearWorkshop.com) or call 214-614-8468.

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# Untold stories of African Americans and the sea

(BlackNews.com) -- Murrain Associates, Inc. and the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), in partnership with NOAA's Office of Na-

ology, science and underwater exploration.

Daniel J. Basta, director, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, said the Voyage to Discovery educa-

"Our economy and way of life are inextricably linked to the health and productivity of the global ocean," Basta said. "Through this initiative, African-American youth can learn about their maritime heritage and the various educational and career opportunities that exist in the 21st century global economy."

Michael H. Cottman, a NABS member and author of "The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie," said he hopes Voyage to Discovery will inspire young adults to identify with their maritime roots and consider careers in marine science and oceanography.

"Minorities are the fastest growing population in the country but are vastly underrepresented in science and technology fields," Cottman said. "In order for the U.S. to maintain its competitive edge, the future workforce will need to draw on the minds and talents of all its citizens."

As far back as the American Revolution, blacks have been involved

in virtually every aspect of maritime work. Despite an uncertain and sometimes dangerous racial climate, blacks worked as skippers and captains as well as whalers, lobstermen, and fishermen. They also managed lighthouses, steered paddleboats and warships, along with owning sea industry businesses. The Underground Railroad used ships to spirit slaves to freedom, and black mariners helped shaped the identity of free black communities.

Among the people profiled on the website:

\* Captain Absalom Boston, a free black born in 1785 who led an all-black crew aboard the whaling schooner Industry and amassed substantial real estate holdings.

\* Robert Smalls, a slave who became a Civil War hero in the Union Navy and served as a congressman from South Carolina during Reconstruction.

\* Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields, the first African-American and first woman to become director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Corps, the nation's seventh uniformed service.

Bill Murrain, founder of Murrain Associates, said the ocean and marine environment provides a wealth of services that are vital to communities nationwide.

"The rich, untold history that is chronicled throughout this project is a reminder that all of us have a responsibility to keep our ocean and waterways healthy so future generations will continue to reap the benefits," he said.

The National Association of Black Scuba Divers was established in 1991 to



**Captain Absalom Boston stood out as the first whaling ship captain to sail with an all-black crew.**



**Rear Admiral Michelle Howard coordinated the complex tactical plan to rescue Capt. Phillips, who was taken hostage after Somali pirates boarded his container ship.**

tional Marine Sanctuaries, recently launched Voyage to Discovery, a new website and education initiative highlighting untold stories of African-Americans and the sea. The website can be accessed at [www.voyage-todiscovery.org](http://www.voyage-todiscovery.org).

Aimed at everyone from students to adults, the Voyage to Discovery website offers feature stories, interviews, and videos about African-American seafaring achievements since the period of pre-Civil War to today. Information about marine careers will also be available.

The website is part of a broader NOAA initiative to build public awareness about the legacy of African-American maritime heritage and engage a broad spectrum of Americans in the stewardship of the country's coastal and ocean resources through education, archae-

tion initiative honors African-Americans' deep connection to the sea and highlights the continuing, historic role of the ocean in the security, stability and prosperity of the nation.



**Captain Hugh Mulzac in 1942 at the age of 56, became the first African-American merchant marine naval officer to skipper an integrated crew.**

foster camaraderie among black divers and to address the unique problems and concerns of the African-American community. The organization has over 2,000 members across the country and internationally. Membership is open to anyone regardless of race, color, gender, physical challenges or diving agency affiliation.

Murray Associates Inc. is a management consulting firm with a focus on strategic planning, project evaluation, community development, health services planning, assessment and management. Murrain Associates consists of three members of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers who have shared experiences in marine biology,

marine archaeology, slave ship exploration, history, law, journalism and marketing. The founder of Murrain Associates is Bill Murrain, a lawyer based in Atlanta, Ga.

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries manages a system of 14 marine protected areas covering more than 150,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters. The Maritime Heritage program promotes appreciation and protection of the country's maritime heritage resources including historic shipwrecks and prehistoric archaeological sites, archival documents, oral histories, and traditional seafaring and ecological knowledge of indigenous cultures.

## Additional Resources on the Web

### Voyage to Discovery:

[www.voyagetodiscovery.org](http://www.voyagetodiscovery.org)

**NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries:** [www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov](http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov)

**National Association of Black Scuba Divers:** [www.nabsdivers.org](http://www.nabsdivers.org)



**Through March 8**

The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Center in Richardson, will host a painting collection of Lisa M. Cardenas *Metaphoric Landscapes: Then and Now* exhibition at in the Green Mezzanine-Gallery. [www.eisemann-center.com](http://www.eisemann-center.com)

**Feb. 11-March 13**

The Dallas Theatre Center will present *Arsenic and Old Lace* starring Broadway legends Betty Buckley and Tovah Feldshuh at the Kalita Humphreys Theatre of the AT and T Performing Arts Center. Visit [www.attpac.org](http://www.attpac.org) to purchase tickets.

**Feb. 11-Feb. 27**

The Dallas Opera presents *Romeo & Juliet* at 7:30 p.m. in the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House at the AT&T Performing Arts Center, 2403 Flora St. in Dallas. Sunday matinee performances (Feb. 13 and Feb. 27) start at 2 p.m. Single tickets start at \$25.

[www.dallasopera.org](http://www.dallasopera.org)



Yolanda Adams

**Feb. 12**

Jazz meets gospel when **Take 6** and **Yolanda Adams** perform at the Winspear Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at 25. [www.attpac.org](http://www.attpac.org)

**Feb. 12**

**South Dallas Cultural Center**, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. in Dallas, will host at talk with co-curators **Vicki Meek** and **Anthony Hopkins** beginning at 5 p.m. The event is free, and it closes Feb. 26.

**Feb. 12**

International speaker **Thelma**

## 'Round about DFW

**Wells** will be back on the stage Valentine's Weekend in a drama called, *The King Sisters* penned by her daughter, **Vikki Wells**, at 7 p.m. at Southern Methodist University's McFarlin Auditorium, located at 6405 Boaz Lane, Suite 101 in Dallas



Chris Tucker

**Feb. 14**

**The I'm Back Comedy Tour** featuring **Chris Tucker** makes stop in Dallas at the Music Hall at Fair Park, 901 1st Ave. For VIP seats, call 817-680-1553 or 817-451-3000. Purchase tickets at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Feb. 15**

Screenwriter **Spike Lee** will appear at the Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora in Dallas. [nashersculpturecenter.org](http://nashersculpturecenter.org)

**Feb. 17**

In observance of Black History

month, **A Nappy Hair Affair** will hold the *Black Hairitage Read-In and Open Mic* from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pan American Connection Cultural Center and Bookstore, 828 Fourth Ave. in Dallas. The event is free. [www.nappyhairaffair.com](http://www.nappyhairaffair.com)

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## Gazette Gossip

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

I have to admit Super Bowl XLV was flat out wacky. Ticket drama, two former NFL players about to duke it out at the NFL Experience on Feb. 5 (yes, ESPN *College Gameday* analysis Desmond Howard called the law on former New York Giant Phil Simms because Simms threatened to

Aguilera's remix has us glad the Super Bowl is OVER! Read on ...

### The Poor Star-Spangled Banner

Our nation's beloved national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, took another hit at the Super Bowl.

Remember last year's rendition by country singer **Carrie Underwood**? She started to lose her voice at the end, but at least she didn't forget the words like **Aguilera**. SMH. Christina took a page out of **R.**

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Christina Aguilera

hit Howard after Simms got wind that Howard said some derogatory things on *Gameday* about Simms' boy, University of Tennessee QB Matt Simms), North Texas became Antarctica, Prince was a no-show at a \$1,500 ticket fundraiser and Christina

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restaurant or bar. And a survey of more than 60,000 U.S. households showed that 85 percent of Super Bowl viewers planned to spend the same amount or less on food and beverages for the Super Bowl this year, while only five percent planned to spend more.

For those of you who consider the Super Bowl "a holiday," here's a little known fact I can share with you: while beer and football may seem like a perfect combination, the Super Bowl is not the most popular beer holiday in the U.S. Nielsen's research shows that the Super Bowl ranks relatively low among holiday beer sales, after Labor Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

By the time you read this, we will all know that Aaron Rodgers led the Packers to the title and was named MVP. But because of my deadline I won't have all of the stats that tell you about the full success of the broadcast. We don't know yet if this year's number of viewers top last year's. What I can tell you is that at the time I submitted this article last year's, Super Bowl XLIV on CBS was the most watched TV program in U.S. history, with 106.5 million viewers. It managed to knock the venerable show M\*A\*S\*H off that top spot, which attracted 105.5 viewers back in 1983.

In fact our research shows that the top five highest rated Single Tele-

cast programs in 2010 were, in fact all those leading up to and following the Super Bowl – the Kick-Off, the Post Game, the NFC Championship and the AFC Championship. Then, of course, there is always the buzz and endless analysis about the commercials that ran during Super Bowl XLV.

Because of my deadline I won't be able to tell you who won the advertisers' battle to keep viewers glued to the TV during the commercial breaks. During Super Bowl 2010 nearly 48 minutes of paid television advertising (including the pre-game kick-off) ran during the game and drew an estimated \$219 million in advertising. Why is this important to know? Well, in a

recent online survey of 500 U.S. consumers, one in three respondents revealed they bought a product in the past 12 months based on seeing an ad for the product. So your consumer power is ever present. Those advertisers are vying for your hard-earned dollars. You've got the power to buy. (Or not.)

And when it comes to football, it's not just a guy thing; more American women are watching the NFL than any other team sport. Up from 32.6% in 2006 to 33.6% in 2010 when an estimated 48.5 million women watched. Now in the spirit of full disclosure, I feel compelled to admit that unless a professional athlete crosses over into mainstream news be-

cause of a scandalous divorce, salacious dating habits, dog fighting charges or golf club wielding wives in the middle of the night – I'm clueless about sports. But maybe I'm in the minority. Advertisers are recognizing that more female viewers present a big opportunity for health and beauty companies to expand their reach. So ladies, don't take your football viewing habits for granted. Advertisers notice that you're paying more attention.

Which ads do best? An analysis of Super Bowl ads airing over the past six years (2005-2010) reveals that commercials featuring animals, humor and scantily clad women often show higher resonance among

males and females. Last year's Snickers ad, featuring Betty White being tackled in a friendly game of football was the best recalled ad. But you'll have to wait for this year's results. Patience, patience. I'll tell all as soon as the data becomes available. But for now, can we please cut Christina Aguilera some slack? How many of you can sing all of the lyrics to the National Anthem totally unassisted?

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period," said Census Bureau Deputy Director Thomas Mesenbourg.

In 2007, nearly four in 10 black-owned businesses operated in the health care and social assistance; and repair, maintenance, personal and laundry services sectors. The retail trade and health care and social assistance sectors accounted for 27.4 percent of black-owned business revenue.

Among states, New York had 204,032 black-owned businesses and accounted for 10.6 percent of the nation's black-owned businesses, followed by Georgia, with 183,874 black-owned businesses (9.6 percent) and Florida, with 181,437 (9.4 percent).

Industries in the DFW area with the largest number of black-owned businesses included repair, maintenance, personal and laundry services (11,453 businesses); administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (7,677 businesses); and health care and social assistance (7,183 businesses).

These new data come from the 2007 Survey of Business Owners, which is part of the 2007 Economic Census. This survey provides detailed information every five years for black-owned businesses, including the number of firms, sales and receipts, number of paid employees and annual payroll for states, counties, cities and metropolitan areas.

## HEART, continued from Page 4

Independently practicing physician experts on the medical staff at Methodist Health System will help participants learn more about women's heart disease and give valuable advice on how to stay heart healthy. The events also feature giveaways, free refreshments, and more.

This year, the popular Heart to Heart will be held concurrently in the auditoriums of the Methodist Dal-

las and Methodist Charlton campuses on Saturday Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discounted pre-event health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose, and body mass index will be offered Feb. 7-10 at each campus. Screening results will be delivered at the events.

Call 214-947-0000 to register, or visit [www.MethodistHealthSystem.org/HtH](http://www.MethodistHealthSystem.org/HtH).



## Local Jewelry Designer was featured at the Off the Field, the NFL Player's Wives Association's 10th Annual Awards Banquet and Fashion Show

(NDG Wire) Local jewelry designer, Nancy Garland was recently selected to showcase her premier collection of bold and statement making jewelry, "NANCY GARLAND Exclusive," at the Off The Field, the NFL Players' Wives Association's 10th Annual Awards Banquet and Fashion Show benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This special event was held at the Fairmont Hotel on Friday, Feb. 4.

"I'm honored to have

the opportunity to showcase my works of jewelry art at this lavish affair featuring fashion savvy women who possess an abundance of style, confidence and class," said Nancy Garland, jewelry designer.

"My pieces are designed with exactly those types of women in mind, so I hope that the attendees of this special event will enjoy the collection."

The "NANCY GARLAND Exclusive" jewelry line provides the perfect

combination of glamour, exquisiteness, sophistication and flair. Through her signature collection, the fresh and innovative jewelry designer has uniquely transformed an array of jewels, beads, pearls, crystals and large precious stones into wearable works of art that can be seen on the canvases of women with all tastes and styles.

Showcasing bold pieces that demand attention, "NANCY GARLAND Exclusive" features one-of-a-

kind, handmade jewelry commonly found draped in the treasure boxes of fashionistas who appreciate creative expression and enjoy making head turning entrances. With fitting names

like "The Hamptons," "Pearlessence," and "Presidential" this signature collection boasts timeless pieces that appeal to those of all ages and can be passed on from generation to gen-

eration.

"My jewelry becomes major staples of wardrobes that magically breathe life into outfits and a woman's overall attitude" said Garland.

## ← MENDEZ, continued from Page 2

names and treated her poorly. She knew that she had to succeed after her father fought for her to attend the school. Gonzalo Mendez died in 1964 at the age of 51, unaware of the impact that the case for which he fought would have on the nation.[5]

Mendez v. Westminster

set an important precedent for ending segregation in the United States. Thurgood Marshall, who was later appointed a Supreme Court justice in 1967, became the lead NAACP attorney in the 1954 Brown case. His amicus brief filed for Mendez on behalf of the NAACP contained the ar-

guments he would later use in the Brown case. The Mendez case also deeply influenced the thinking of the California governor at the time, Earl Warren. By 1954, when the Brown case appeared before the high court, Warren had become the chief justice.

## GOSSIP, continued from Page 10

Kelly's book with that original remix. The day after Aguilera's butchering of the anthem, I watched the players' reaction on a video clip as the slip up occurred. Green Bay Packers linebacker **Matt Wilhelm** glanced at one of his teammates with a "what the hell was that?" look on his face. I wonder who has a better chance of being part of a Super Bowl ever again, North Texas or Aguilera?

### Moving on

Seems that in Eva Longoria's mind, **Tony Parker** is a distant memory. The paparazzi recently snapped the actress on a yacht in Miami locking lips with her new studdly 25-year-old man, **Eduardo Cruz**, younger brother of actress **Penelope Cruz**. Obviously, Longoria does not fear the cougar label. I just hope he ain't a cheating dog like Parker.

**Nowhere to run to, baby** Halftime at a NBA game for a player is the ideal time to hear coach rally the guys

for the second half. How about getting served with child support papers during



*Gilbert Arenas*

halftime? That is embarrassing, just ask Orlando Magic guard **Gilbert Arenas**. His baby momma four times over, **Laura Men-**

**doza Govan** (and yes she has a little muffin in the oven for Arenas as we speak), filed a request for \$109,000 a month in child support payments from Arenas.

According to CBS Sports, a server stopped Arenas as he walked off the floor and served him court documents regarding Govan's petition. I read that Arenas had avoided previous served. A word to the wise: the law will always catch up with you – even on the j-o-b.

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and/or recorded by those around the world, will be posted on a weekly basis on PostTheStory.com.

"My God is not buried in the pages of a book. If your God still shows up, then it's time to speak up, not in religious words or spiritualized 'holy' talk, but in real stories of the real moments," Rose said. "We are encouraging people to tell others about the blessings, kind acts, surprises, interventions, healings and miracles that they have experienced. Just a few moments of time telling a God story can serve as an inspiration to so many others. There ought to be at least one Faith Story reporter in every church."

Rose also said a Facebook page is in development and will be designed to gather fans/likes and unite reporters who give their time to this unique story collection project.

"This is a call to action; everyone can help. All one has to do is take the time to look for something God is doing in their own lives, which also is a first step in growing strong faith," Rose said.

Through "FaithTeam.org" readers are presented with the process for faith conditioning and a series of workout prompts. The organization's evolving web presence also is designed to "provide innovative and effective training for an emerging generation of faith coaches."

"We offer focused materials for those looking for faith coaching and to help prepare others to become faith coaches," Rose said. "This may seem new and outside the box, but it's

what God has been doing all along. Faith coaches use questions and stories to motivate believers into action. We have discovered that you really don't know if you have faith until it's been tested. Just being able to argue your convictions, doesn't mean you have faith. There is a big difference in believing in God and believing God."

Rose said "FaithTeam.org" weaves a series of powerful stories into the site that are designed to push people to get out of the huddle and into the game.

"We teach people how to find their story, tell their story and then be the story; there's another important condition—a story has to 'have a crisis or two,'" Rose said. "We are helping believers live up to their convictions. We encourage people to live their lives so that God is the one who looks good. Our work isn't about religion and it's not about knowing what's on page 644 of the Bible; it's about getting to know the author. This interactive ministry is a proven way to make that happen."

"FaithTeam.org" is a

supported ministry so those who visit the site and begin to use the materials may do so free of charge. Donations, of course, are welcome, but not mandatory.

"God is doing amazing things and when he gets involved he tends to leave fingerprints all around," Rose said. "We collect the stories of God's encounters with real people in the real world from around the globe. This online connection is all about ordinary people getting outside the walls of church."



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Sister Tarpley

February is “our nation’s official” observation of Black History. It is disheartening to think of the controversy surrounding this very important holiday.

Some people joked, “We were given the shortest month of the year to celebrate our history.” This is not just Black History that we are celebrating, not just America’s history, but history of the world. Many great and useful inventions that are being used worldwide, and that are taken for granted were invented by Africa Americans. And, have you noticed that the majority of them were made to save Black folks from doing hard labor? The cell phone was invented by a Black man, the car battery, and open heart surgery to name a few essential things that are in use today.

Some people think that it’s by pure accident that

some Black Americans, the same ones that we hear about year after year; have done anything worthwhile. Moreover, some people easily accept that we have a few famous entertainers, sports figures and a few entrepreneurs making millions of dollars; but they are slow to recognize that there are many African Americans that have excelled, and are continuing to excel and invent devices to help all of mankind; they use **math and science** to make a difference in how we live, work, play, and entertain today.

As a retired teacher, I too wish that all history of great magnitude is put in our textbooks, especially Black history, which is American’s history; in spite of what we have been taught. But wishing it is not going to get the information in our textbooks on the grand scale that it needs to be.

The story of Carter

Godwin Woodson, Father of Black History (December 1875 – April 1950) is a captivating and inspiration story in itself.

Dr. Woodson said, “Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.” Dr. Woodson was a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian who put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History Week, (in the 1960s it was established as Black History MONTH) believed that Blacks should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. He, Dr. Woodson, strongly believed that Black history—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so diligently to erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of

our society.

Prior to “Negro History Week,” that was founded in 1926; Dr. Woodson and several of his friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The following year, the Journal of Negro History appeared (one of the oldest learned journals in the United States.) In 1937 Dr. Woodson published the first issue of the Negro History Bulletin.

In 1912 (the year my mother, Cedella Baker Demus, was born) Dr. Woodson, received his Ph.D in history from Harvard University. He developed an important philosophy of history. History, he insisted, was not the mere gathering of fact. The object of historical study is to arrive at a reasonable interpretation of the facts. History is more than political and military records of peoples and nations. It must include some description of



Dr. Kimberly Porter posing with one of the famous statues at the Freeman’s Historical Cemetery on Central Expressway and Lemmon Avenue just North of Downtown Dallas.

the social conditions of the period being studied.

Dr. Woodson often said that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of

Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month.

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moves any parked cars at the curb until the carts are emptied. We’d appreciate all the room we can get.”

City crews will work late hours on Thursday, Friday and as long as necessary on Saturday to assure that all customers are picked up in this week.

“We were able to finish collections for half the city by yesterday, but with an ice storm hitting in the middle of the week again, it makes it extra tough on our THURSDAY and FRIDAY customers. They’ve been patiently waiting for a week,” Nix said. Extra garbage and

recycling should be placed in bags (black for garbage, and blue or clear for recycling) on the ground at least two feet away from the appropriate container.

Customers who need to may also drop their materials at McCommas Bluff or at any of the city’s three trans-

fer stations which will be open normal hours Thursday, Friday and—Saturday. Residents can find out their day of service for garbage and recycling, or their bulk/brush collection week, by calling 311 or visiting <http://maps.dallascityhall.com> and inputting their address.



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# Eastfield celebrates Black History Month

(NDG Wire) Eastfield College will celebrate this February with a month long marathon of events that highlight the legacy of African Americans.

Politics, student art displays, African-American inventions, and living legends like the Tuskegee Airmen will be on the agenda.

We will also salute long-term love on Valentine's Day, and pay special tribute to the African-American teacher at the award winning African-American Read-In. The month will conclude with a mini debate series which

forum structure will address current issues and allow a Q & A session.

**Where is the Love (For better or worse):** Monday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., C135. A panel of local long-term married couples will begin the week with a Valentine's Day event for couples of all ages. The open forum will serve to educate students, and staff about the individual formulas that have proven to be successful for marriage. Reception to follow.

**Politics and the Black Church: From the Voting Rights Act to Acting Politically Correct.** Wednesday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., C135

**African-American inventions:** Monday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., C135. African-American inventions and creations that have made our lives better:



an ironing board, the traffic signal, the blood bank, and peanut butter too. Sure you can eat jelly without peanut butter, but why would you want to? Mrs. Penny Jacko will share her priceless collection with the audience and the history behind each item.

**Tuskegee Airmen:** Tuesday, Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. C135. Fasten your seatbelts and join us on for a conversation with the Tuskegee Airmen. They were everything fighter pilots should be, and everything the armed forces could have asked for. They were fearless, focused, mission-driven soldiers who

were also African-American. What began as an experiment became a valuable part of history.

**21st annual Eastfield African-American Read-In:** Wednesday, Feb. 23, 11:28 a.m.-1 p.m., S100. As we celebrate reading and learning this year, we will pay special tribute to the African-American Educator. This is your opportunity to bring your special memories of the one teacher, instructor or professor, who made a difference in the direction of your life.

**Lights...Camera, Action:** Friday, Feb. 25, 10:10-11 a.m., G101. Professor Dusty Reasons and the Eastfield Theater group will present a look at the history of African-American actors.

**Who Cares What Black People Think Anyway:** Monday, February 28, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., C135. Open forum, discussions, debates. Your voice matters ... bring it, share it, express it.



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