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Scott Sisters Suffering a sign of criminal justice failures

By Saeed Shabazz
(NNPA) "After we are pardoned we want to go out across the country and speak out about abuse of Blacks in prison," Jamie Scott, 38, told a gathering of supporters who braved strong winds and a constant downpour to hear from her and her sister.

In January, the Scott Sisters from Mississippi were granted "indefinite suspen-

sion" of 1993 life sentences for an alleged \$11 robbery. The women served 16 years before a strong grassroots effort won attention of mainstream groups and their freedom.

"We are grateful for all of the letters that were sent in our behalf, and all of the support," said Gladys Scott, 36, adding, "I can say we are grateful to Black folks."

A diverse crowd gathered in a basement conference room in Restoration Plaza in Brooklyn to talk to and listen to the sisters via Skype. "Free the Land!" shouted Jamie Scott. "We dedicate our lives to all prisoners—we are their voice," she said.

The event was sponsored by the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Malcolm X Grassroots Coal-

ition, and moderated by April R. Silver, founder and president of Akila Worksongs, Inc., a Brooklyn-based public relations firm.

A panel comprised of Rukia Lumumba, of the Center for Community Alternatives for Women, who also specializes in helping Black women with reentry issues;

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Following the death of her baby son, mother joins campaign against 'co-sleeping'

In Marisa Huerta Lehmann's videos and snapshots of her infant son, Tyler, the first things you notice are his heart-melting smile and penetrating "old soul" gaze. Those images still flood Marisa's mind each time she recalls her final moment with Tyler before his death on January

22, 2010.

That was the night the 3 month old suffocated while sleeping next to his mother — one of 177 such deaths last year in Texas. Lehmann hasn't fully overcome her grief, nor does she ever expect to. But she's chosen to share her story as part of the Texas Department of Fam-

ily and Protective Services' Room to Breathe campaign that informs parents and caregivers about ways to protect sleeping babies from accidental strangulation, suffocation and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

"Before we went to sleep, he looked me right in

the eyes," Lehmann remembers. "In that moment I just knew that he knew who I was. It was the best moment I ever had with my son. And it was also the last moment I had with him."

Lehmann, a state employee in La Grange, admits that she knew she was going

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ESPN Sexiest Female Athlete Coming To Dallas

Billiard Superstar the Black Widow Invades Dallas Poolroom

One of the world's "sexiest female athletes" is coming to Dallas. Jeanette Lee, better known by many as the Black Widow, will make an appearance at Lone Star Legends in Dallas next Weds., May 18, at 7:30 pm as part of the APA



Jeanette Lee

Black Widow Tour.

Lee was named one of the "sexiest female athletes" in the world by ESPN, and was recently featured in ESPN The Magazine's Body Issue.

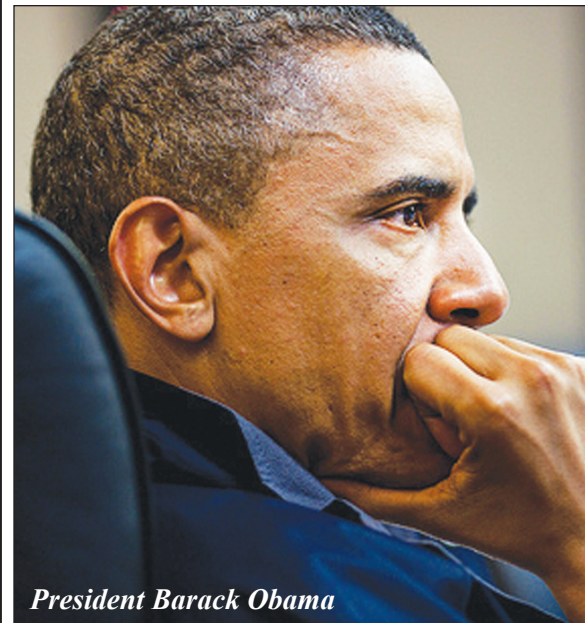
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NFL player disses all black women

By Yasmeen Muqtasid
"I didn't touch her. I don't even like black girls. I know what this is about, she is just upset I have a white girlfriend. I couldn't tell you the last time I dated a black girl. She was trying to get with me."

I had to do a double take when I read this in the Washington Post's recent article about sexual abuse charges against NFL player Albert Haynesworth. He is no stranger to controversy, and was recently indicted for assaulting a black waitress. In his defense he states that there's no way he could

have assaulted the woman because as he put it, "I don't even like black girls..."

Whether Haynesworth sexually assaulted the waitress or not is up to the courts to decide. However, what is crystal clear is that Haynesworth did indeed attack and assault the black waitress and every other black woman with his hateful spew of words when he said "I don't even like black girls," and used this as his defense against sexual abuse charges. Haynesworth's public outburst about his disdain for black women

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Michael Steele

The Root, an African-American news and commentary site and division of *The Washington Post Company* has added former Republican National Committee (RNC) chairman Michael Steele as their new contributing editor.

Steele's column for *The Root* marks his first media deal since resigning from the RNC as chairman. The column will appear monthly and will focus on hot political topics including

the 2012 presidential race and policy.

"At *The Root* I've found a place where I'll be able to express my opinion. In the past my candor hasn't been appreciated, but now [at *The Root*] I'm expected to say what I want without pulling any punches. I look forward to hearing the readers take and public reaction to my commentary" said **Michael Steele**.

Mr. Steele's contribution to *The Root* was recently

featured in an exclusive interview with Politico: **Michael Steele joins The Root as columnist**--http://www.politico.com/blogs/onmedia/0511/Michael_Steele_joins_The_Root_as_columnist.html

In his first column for *The Root*, entitled, "*America, We Need to Talk about the Deficit*," Steele examines both the Democratic and Republican response to Rep. Paul Ryan's budget. **Article Link:** <http://www.theroot.com/views/america-we-need-talk-about-deficit>



"We are extremely pleased that Michael Steele has become a regular con-

tributor to *The Root*. In fulfilling our mission of providing a variety of black perspectives, his experience as a former state executive and as former chairman of the Republican Party and his reputation for candid comments will be a welcome addition to our rich pool of talented voices," said **Joel Dreyfuss**, managing editor, *The Root*.

Launched in 2008, *The Root* is the must-read news site for the post-Civil

Rights Generation. Led by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. who serves as the editor-in-chief, *The Root* helps readers stay in-the-know and understand the most important news and trends affecting the black community. Providing readers with original, provocative commentary and analysis on politics, social issues and culture from a variety of perspectives, *The Root* also highlights the most important articles and commentary from around the Web.

J Anthony Brown

Real Men Cook joins Tom Joyner's radio co-host national comedian, J. Anthony Brown and a multitude of celebrities at the remarkable Gilley's Southside Cultural Center for *Real Men Cook Dallas* on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 3- 6 p.m. benefiting South Dallas News and Real Men Charities, Inc.

Along with Mr. "Watchoutdehnow" himself, J. Anthony Brown will be his new Hotter than a MOFO Product line, a fresh and innovative sauce that is set to stir up the masses, im-

press cooks and challenge chefs all over the world. *Real Men Cook* rallies hundreds of men in urban communities across the country to participate as volunteer cooks on Father's Day. This family, food and fun-filled community celebration is held in cities coast-to-coast to benefit urban community-based charitable and nonprofit organizations. In Dallas, *Real Men Cook* will raise funds for charity. Currently, *Real Men Cook* is recruiting men from the Dallas metropolitan area to participate as cooks for this Fa-

ther's Day event. *Real Men Cook* spotlights local men who donate their time and resources to cook and serve samples of their favorite dishes, while raising money for charity.

Local urban restaurants have teamed up again with *Real Men Cook Dallas* to showcase their culinary offerings and raise the bar for businesses owners to participate in this highly anticipated Father's day Celebration. Restaurants and busi-



nesses include Buttons, Chocolate Secrets, Brooklyn Jazz Café, Catfish Blues, Village Tea and Off the Bone BBQ.

Resources Associates

International (RAI) launched *Real Men Cook* in 1989. RAI is owned and operated by former husband-and-wife business partners, Kofi Moyo and Yvette Moyo-Gilyard. Together, the Moyo's blended family includes eight children. RAI is committed to the positive promotion support of African American history, families, business and communities. Terry Allen, Director, Business Assistance Center, has managed *Real Men Cook*

Dallas since its inception in 1999. *Real Men Cook*'s mission is to positively impact family and community relationships by providing opportunities which empower men to be dedicated fathers to their families and participate in giving back to their communities by being involved for the betterment of all communities, families, and youth.

For more information regarding participating as a cook or purchasing tickets for *Real Men Cook* in Dallas, please call 469.524.8818 or visit Website: www.realmencook.com.

Dr. Bhavani Thuraisingham

The decision three years ago by UT Dallas researchers to bolster their efforts in the field of cloud computing is paying dividends: Not only do they



now have \$5 million in cloud-related research, but their graduate students find they have their choice of internships and job offers.

Indeed, two recent PhD graduates have been hired

by leading corporate players in the field, Amazon.com and IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center.

Cloud computing is a model for providing on-demand Internet-based access to a shared pool of computing resources, including networks, storage and applications. It's meant to make it as simple to obtain an array of electronic data resources as it is to get electricity itself.

One key to the UT Dallas group's success has been the breadth of its approach.

"We have established a reputation for conducting interdisciplinary research among computer scientists, management scientists, social scientists, behavioral economists and risk ana-

lysts," said Dr. Bhavani Thuraisingham, director of the University's Cyber Security Research Center and a Louis A. Beecherl Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. Her team includes associate professors Latifur Khan and Kamil Sarac and assistant professors Murat Kantarcioglu and Kevin Hamlen.

Another key has been the research group's focus on data security.

When incorporating security, you must carefully consider both the risks and costs involved as well as the tradeoffs between privacy and security," she added. "We started focusing on interdisciplinary research in cyber-security in 2007 by working with our colleagues at UT Dallas and

with researchers at Purdue University, the University of Illinois, the University of Minnesota, the University of Michigan, the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County."

Discussions are now also under way regarding additional collaborative work with researchers at the University of Southern California's Information Sciences Institute and with scientists at Telcordia Technologies Inc.'s Austin Research Center.

The growing demand for cloud computing stems from the need to securely store, manage, share and analyze immense amounts of complex data in many areas, including health care, national security and alternative energy. And although several companies have launched commercially

available cloud systems, two areas still need significant improvements, Thuraisingham said: the secu-

rity mechanisms needed to protect sensitive data as well as the capability to process huge amounts of

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Federal regulatory actions focus on foreclosure faults

By Charlene Crowell

In recent days, courts have issued encouraging rulings on cases involving discriminatory lending. In lawsuits filed by the cities of Baltimore and Memphis against Wells Fargo Bank, two federal judges declined Wells' bid to get those cases dismissed. As a result, each city will have its day in court to argue that Wells violated fair lending laws, resulting in a high number of unnecessary foreclosures in their respec-

tive locales. Both cities allege that disproportionate foreclosures and resulting economic losses were caused by steering black consumers into high-cost, unsustainable mortgage loans.

In a third action, two Michigan lenders, Citizens Republic Bancorp Inc and Citizens Bank of Flint, Michigan accepted a \$3.6 million settlement to end a lawsuit that alleged the banks engaged in discriminatory mortgage lending practices on the

basis of race and color. As part of the settlement, the banks will now open a loan office in a Detroit African-American neighborhood and invest approximately \$3.6 million in Wayne County.

In separate developments, federal banking regulators have issued consent orders to 14 of the nation's largest lenders, including Ally Bank, Bank of America, GMAC Mortgage, JPMorgan Chase, SunTrust and Wells Fargo. These orders are the result of

a rapid review of foreclosure practices that the agencies began in late 2010. The investigating regulators included the Office of Thrift Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The regulators' review determined that many institutions failed to commit resources sufficient to manage responsibly the rapidly grow-

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and his use of it as a legal shield is unacceptable.

Even global warming can't explain the current atmosphere that has enabled SOME and I want to say it again SOME (not all) black male public figures to think it is acceptable to openly batter the character of all black women and to tell the entire world that they despise the very same woman that they came from. Last time we checked - Haynesworth definitely looked like he originated from the Motherland.

Let's further examine Haynesworth's defense to his sexual abuse charge, "I know what this is about, she is just upset I have a white girlfriend. I couldn't tell you the last time I dated a black girl. She was trying to get with me."

Sadly, Haynesworth's rant shines a bright spotlight on a growing psychological cancer shared among SOME (again, not all) black men that think it is ok to lambaste the entire race of black women publicly and to speak about them in such a demeaning way in order to justify their decision to exclusively date and marry non-black women. Remember the other NFL player - Chad Ocho Cinco's calculated elimination and demand to VH1 producers to delete all black girls from his reality dating show? Even the white producers knew this was wrong and had to coax Ocho Cinco to keep two token black girls in the running.

This expanding anti-date black woman rhetoric has also been shared across the color line. Let's not forget John Mayer's vicious racist comments about black women last

year that caused Holly Robinson Peete to go to the media and publicly rebuke his brazen disrespect.

What is most disturbing to black women about this growing phenomenon - is the public arrogance that many with this mindset have when referencing black women and what seems to be an intentional defamation of all black women. What is equally maddening is the automatic exclusion of black women as dating options based on their race. I could take a black woman that one of these Haynesworth-minded men "don't like" - paint her white - and poof - she now would be a potential mate with a ring on it.

If employers came out and said, "We don't hire blacks! We don't even like them." Every black person would be up in arms and shout racism. Discrimination - or same race discrimination - is exactly what Haynesworth and others like him that profess the "I only date white girls" mantra are spreading.

Black women just want an equal opportunity to find love - so all you Haynesworth - types, keep your smear campaign about black women to yourself. At a minimum, have some self respect for the sake of your own black mother, black sisters, and above all - your black daughters. After all, you are black and came from a black woman. Like it or not.

Furthermore, if all of the professions about non-black women being such better wives than black women were so true - then the NFL's Michael Strahan would still be with his ex-white wife, Tiki Barber would still be

with his ex-Asian wife and the NBA's Tony Parker would still be with his ex-Hispanic wife.

Even when we have a screaming example of a beautiful black woman such as Michelle Obama - black women can't seem to catch a break. I hardly think President Obama would have made it to the Whitehouse if Michelle was not a loving and supportive companion. Yet some in the black community would have you think that she is an isolated case - a freak of nature from the norm. However, there are many other "Michelles" around the world - but they are never given a chance by some men simply because of their skin color.

On a final note, as a football fan, I say shame on you NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for condoning this behavior by standing mute when one of your employees publicly denounces the entire race of black women and uses us as a scapegoat for their legal drama. I thought the NFL was trying to change its thug image.

Imagine if Haynesworth had said, "I don't even like Jewish women, I can't even remember the last time I dated one!" How long would it be before Haynesworth was suspended and his actions investigated before he would be dismissed from the NFL? No one would question the Anti-Defamation League coming to the defense of Jewish women (as they should) against such an offensive public attack. However, no one comes to the aid and defense of black women when such obvious bigotry is displayed.

So, I have a suggestion. I

and the thousands of black women like me will not financially support any teams with players that suffer from the Haynesworth "I don't even like black girls," syndrome. No tickets, no NFL fan gear and no products that endorse these types of individuals. Haynesworth and Ocho Cinco must have forgotten about the collective buying power of women and that we make 85% of all purchase decisions.

In 2006, when Albert Haynesworth kicked fellow NFL player Andre Gurode in the face during a game, he publicly said "I apologize to Andre. What I did was disgusting. It's something that should never happen. I mean, I'm not a dirty player. I don't play dirty. I have respect for the game. What I feel like is I disgraced the game, disgraced my team and disgraced my last name." Haynesworth's comments about black women show just how much of a dirty player he still is. His tirade against black women was equally "disgusting and something that should have never happened." And yes, we deserve a public apology too.

Yasmeen Muqtasid is the founder of Black Women Matter, Inc., which is dedicated to uplifting and encouraging black women with positive media and information that enriches their lives, reinforces their value and empowers them to be their absolute best. To join the Black Women Matter movement, email: join@blackwomenmatter.com, find them on Facebook and follow them at www.twitter.com/bw-matter

Dry mouth? Don't ignore it

Almost everyone's mouth is dry sometimes. But if you feel like you have cotton in your mouth constantly, it may be time for treatment.

Dry mouth, known medically as xerostomia, occurs when you don't have enough saliva, or spit, in your mouth.

Feeling stressed can trigger dry mouth temporarily. But a persistently dry mouth may signal an underlying disease or condition, so it's important to see your doctor, says the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which regulates products that relieve dry mouth.

And because dry mouth can lead to tooth decay, you should see your dentist, too, says John V. Kelsey, D.D.S., of FDA's Division of Dermatology and Dental Products.

Dry mouth may make it difficult to speak, chew, and swallow, and may alter the taste of your food. It can also cause a sore throat, hoarseness, and bad breath.

Dry mouth can affect people of any age, but older people are especially vulnerable. "It's not a normal consequence of aging," says Kelsey. "Older people may take multiple medications that can cause dry mouth."

According to the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America, dry mouth is a side effect of

more than 400 prescription and over-the-counter drugs, such as antidepressants, antihistamines, muscle relaxants, and high blood pressure medicines.

Other causes of dry mouth include:

- cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy and radiation of the head or neck

- hormone changes, such as those that occur during pregnancy or menopause

- health problems, such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and Sjögren's syndrome, a disease in which a person's immune system attacks the body's tissues, including moisture-producing glands

- snoring or breathing open-mouthed

The Role of Saliva

Saliva is produced by three major glands in the mouth (salivary glands) and plays a key role in

- chewing, swallowing, and digesting food

- preventing infection in the mouth by controlling bacteria

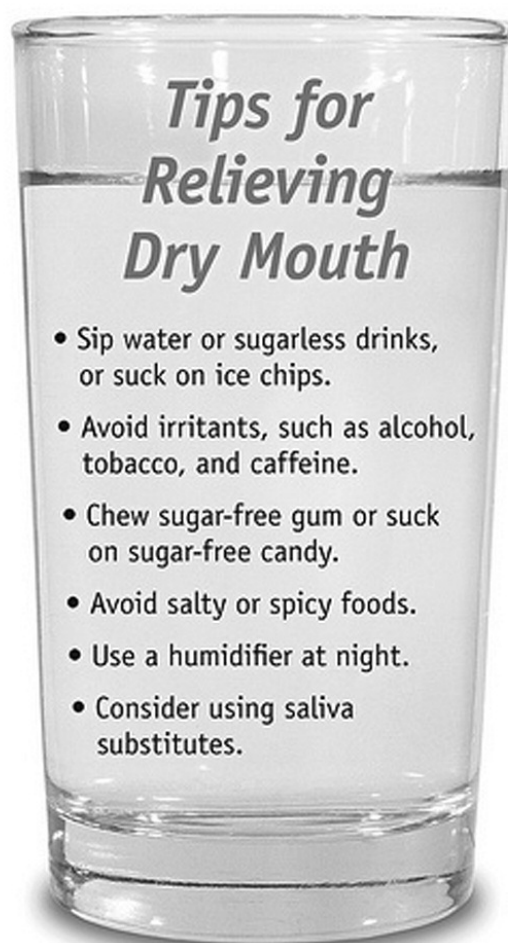
- preventing tooth decay

"Saliva is mostly water, but it also contains enzymes and lubricants," says Kelsey. "The enzymes help digest food and the lubricants make speaking, chewing, and swallowing more comfortable."

Saliva helps control bacteria, which cling to the

surface of teeth. They feed on sugar in the food we eat and break down and use (metabolize) the sugar to grow.

"A by-product of the metabolized sugar is acid, which starts to eat away at a tooth's surface," says Kelsey. Saliva neutralizes the acid and helps wash away food particles. If there is not enough saliva, cavities may occur.



- Sip water or sugarless drinks, or suck on ice chips.
- Avoid irritants, such as alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine.
- Chew sugar-free gum or suck on sugar-free candy.
- Avoid salty or spicy foods.
- Use a humidifier at night.
- Consider using saliva substitutes.

Dry Mouth Treatments

Your doctor or dentist may recommend oral rinses and moisturizers, or prescribe an artificial saliva.

Also called saliva substitutes, artificial salivas are regulated by FDA as medical devices. "Unlike drugs, artificial salivas have no chemical action," says Susan Runner, D.D.S., chief of FDA's dental de-

vices branch. "Their action is mechanical. They moisten and lubricate the mouth but do not stimulate the salivary glands to make saliva."

While not a cure, artificial salivas can provide short-term relief of the symptoms of dry mouth. "They can also help minimize discomfort after an oral procedure," says Runner.

Artificial salivas come in a variety of forms, including rinses, sprays, swabs, gels, and tablets that dissolve in the mouth. Some are available by prescription only; others can be bought over-the-counter.

FDA has also approved several prescription drugs to relieve dry mouth caused by certain medical treatments or conditions, such as Sjögren's syndrome and radiation for head or neck cancer.

If you have persistent dry mouth:

- Talk to your doctor,

who may change your medications or adjust the doses.

- Talk to your dentist and provide a list of the medicines you take as well as any medical conditions or treatments you've had. The American Dental Association recommends seeing your dentist at least twice a year.

Tips for Relieving Dry Mouth

- Sip water or sugarless drinks, or suck on ice chips.

- Avoid irritants, such as alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine. Remember that caffeine is found in many sodas as well as in coffee and tea.

- Chew sugar-free gum or suck on sugar-free candy.

- Avoid salty or spicy foods, which may irritate the mouth.

- Use a humidifier in your bedroom at night.

- Consider using saliva substitutes.

Healthy Living Expo 2011: Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Garland's annual Healthy Living Expo set for Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garland ISD Special Events Center. The Expo will provide important information about healthy lifestyles for both people and the environment in

which we live.

Organizers are planning a new twist this year by adding exhibits and demonstrations focusing on safety issues such as fire prevention, safe driving tips for teens, bicycle safety and much more. In addition, the Expo will offer health screenings and

immunizations, as well as information on stress reduction, fitness, recycling, conservation, energy efficiency, gardening, alternative fuel vehicles and much more.

The event will be free and is hosted by the City of Garland, Baylor Medical Center at Garland, Garland

Independent School District, and the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Organizers are currently accepting exhibitor applications. Volunteer opportunities are available as well. For more information, visit www.Garland-GoesGreen.org or call 972-205-3285.

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both geospatial data and what's known as semantic Web data.

"To address the limitations of current cloud-computing platforms," she said, "we are using state-of-the-

art hardware, software and data components combined with a secure cloud-computing framework we are developing for multiple agencies, including the U.S. Air Force Office of Scien-

tific Research, as well as corporations such as Tektronix and Raytheon. We're confident our progress will help significantly advance the field of cloud computing as a whole."

The first tools developed can already be found in the University's cloud repository at cs.utdallas.edu/securecloudrepository/.

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City seeks applicants for Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force

The task force will propose revisions to drilling ordinance

The City of Dallas is seeking individuals to serve on the Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force, which will propose revisions to the City's gas drilling ordinance. Applicants are needed for the following positions:

- Three experts in environmental impact studies, air

quality, water quality, and/or soil contamination issues in relation to oil and gas drilling. Examples include professors, environmental attorneys, environmental consultants and land use/zoning attorneys

- Three industry/business representatives. Examples in-

clude gas drilling company representatives with a presence in the Barnett Shale and/or persons who have implemented "best practices", such as oil and gas attorneys

- Three citizens and/or environmental group representatives

"This is an opportunity to

serve our community in a very significant way," said Councilmember Linda Koop, Chair of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee responsible for selecting task force members. "The Council needs knowledgeable, experienced, and broad minded individuals for the task force. The

members will consider all sides of a broad range of issues related to natural gas drilling and will develop recommendations to update our current ordinance and permitting process."

Task force applicants must be willing to meet on at least eight Tuesday after-

noons from 2:00 to 4:00 from July through October. Two meetings will include public hearings that may be in the evening hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at www.dallascityhall.com and are due by 5 p.m. Monday, May 23.

Living Green Outdoors Farmers Market opens May 14

The Living Green Outdoors Farmers Market will open Saturday, May 14, and will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month through September.

The market is expanding this year to include new "green" living types of ven-

dors. Green vendors will be showcased in the open-air market to celebrate businesses and organizations that promote a cleaner, safer, healthier lifestyle through environmental awareness and stewardship.

Special dates throughout this season's farmers market

include:

- Go Outdoors on June 11: Free entrance to Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area with shuttle service from Wayne Ferguson Plaza. Space is limited and reservations required. Bus leaves at 10 a.m.
- Summer Fun on

July 9: Watermelon seed spitting contest, family-style croquet, miniature golf, car show

- Arts Day on Aug. 13: Sidewalk chalk creations and kid's color contest
- Motorcycle Show on Sept. 10

Shoppers will enjoy an

abundance of healthy choices from vendors such as produce farmers, herbs, flower shops, organic tea, and gourmet items such as fresh pasta and bakery treats. In addition, initiatives with a purpose such as animal rescue groups, recycling drives, and greenscaping

seminars will be on site to promote responsible living through educational talks, demonstrations, and exhibitions. Stroll to musical entertainment, sample the flavors with tastings, and delight the kids with free balloons and giveaways.

Anne Marie Weiss-Armush, Founder of DFW International Speaks at Red Cross

The Diversity Leadership Council of the American Red Cross - Dallas Area Chapter is hosting its quarterly Diversity Lecture Series on May 12th from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Anne Marie Weiss-Armush, Founder of DFW International, presents "Who Are Your Neighbors? Programming for Our Region's Changing Demographic." World Vision North Texas is a co-sponsor of this event.

With the new demographic information from the Census, nonprofit organizations must prepare for the changes as it relates

to funding, delivery of programs and services offered. This session will paint the big picture for those in the nonprofit industry by providing enlightenment on issues of citizenship, on the evolution of local demographics and related vocabulary, and on educational and economic variations within our region.

The program will be offered by Anne Marie Weiss-Armush, a commentator on international and immigrant cultures, and founder of DFW International. The organization started in 1998 and supports more than a

thousand ethnic organizations in the metroplex. She has produced the Dallas International Festival for 12 years and has added the ¡Fiesta Latinoamericana! and the African Unity Festival to the organization's initiatives. The author of four books on Middle Eastern culture, she lived 11 years in Saudi Arabia, served as a Fulbright scholar to Mexico and is a former Spanish teacher. She was named Dallas "Peacemaker of the Year for 2003.

The Diversity Lecture Series is an initiative of the Diversity Leadership Coun-

cil to broaden general knowledge and understanding of the diverse community in which North Texans live, work and serve. Quar-

terly lectures in this new series provide a foundation for creating messages, services and opportunities that reach out to diverse com-

munities.

Seating is limited. Interested parties can RSVP at diversity@redcrossdallas.org

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McKinney high school senior awarded \$2,500 scholarship

McKinney Boyd High School senior Jenna Cicardo received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Cicardo is one of only 2,500 Merit Scholar designees chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the

2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners are Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. They were selected by a

committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. These Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

NMSC finances most of these single-payment National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Corporations

and company foundations that sponsor awards through NMSC also help underwrite these scholarships with grants they provide in lieu of paying administrative fees.

All Finalists competed for these awards. To select scholarship winners, a committee of educators ap-

praised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools; the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and

community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and the recommendation written by a high school official. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's high school graduating seniors.

Kids battle it out on a mathematical playing field

Nearly 450 students from 25 area schools converged on UT Dallas Wednesday for a competition capable of bolstering your appreciation of grade-school teachers, their students and the appeal of difficult mathematical problems.

The second annual E2 Brainiacs Mathematics Competition was sponsored by the Electrical Engineering Department (hence the E2) of the Uni-



Students from R.L. Turner High School, one of 25 area high schools and middle schools that sent participants to the math competition.

versity's Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.

"Mathematics serves as the foundation for electrical engineering, and our goal is to promote an interest in mathematics to inspire the next generation of great electrical engineers," said Dr. Jung Lee, who organized the competition with her husband, Dr. Gil Lee. "We hope some of our students will grow up to be the next

Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Nikola Tesla or Nobel Prize winner Jack Kilby."

Students competed in several categories, including algebra, geometry and pre-calculus, with trophies awarded to the top three students in each area.

The students' sophistication in math and science was particularly evident when a seventh-grader explained binary pulsars to lunchtime speaker and

Nobel laureate Russell Hulse, the co-discoverer of binary pulsars.

"Why do I enjoy doing this?" Jung Lee asked. "I like to see young minds being challenged. I like to see many local students visit UT Dallas and feel some of the flavor of college life. Not everyone can win at the competition, but they can enjoy being at a university and dreaming and planning for their future."

Americas High School places fifth at national competition

Americas High School of El Paso, Texas, won fifth place in the 2011 National High School Mock Trial Competition. Out of 48 teams, including several from Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, South Korea and Australia, the Texas team finished fifth—marking the first top-10 finish for a Texas team since 2007.

On May 4-8, high schools teams competed in Phoenix,

Arizona, arguing a hypothetical court case. In March, Americas High School team beat out 24 high school teams from across Texas, including defending State Champions Booker T. Washington High School of Dallas, to earn their place in the national competition.

Team captain, Zach Fields, who will attend Harvard University next year, was selected as one of the Out-

standing Advocates at the competition.

The Dallas Bar Association has sponsored and coordinated the statewide program since its inception in the 1970s to teach high school students how the justice system works and how the law is applied in everyday life, and to expose them to critical thinking exercises and quick analysis through preparation and presentation.



Photo: Enrique Esparza, Edwin Felix, Zach Fields, Joshua Monarez, Nayell Palomino, Jacob Parsont, Texas Quezada, Chris Ramos, Savannah Rappe and Anabella Tarango. Teresa Canelaria coaches the Americas High School mock trial team and Assistant District Attorney Robert Almonte, II, and District Attorney Jaime Esparza are the attorney advisors

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ing volume of mortgage loans in default or at risk of default. Weak governance and controls increased legal, reputational, operational and financial risk created unnecessary confusion for borrowers.

Among the list of specific examples of lender failings were missing documents, execution of documents by unauthorized persons, failure to notarize documents in accordance with local law, inaccurate affidavits, and affidavits signed by persons lacking sufficient knowledge of the underlying mortgage loan transaction.

The consent orders also require best practices that in part call for:

- Avoidance of unnecessary foreclosures and consider

workout strategies that are affordable and sustainable;

- Early and frequent customer contact to increase successful foreclosure mitigation;

- A single point of contact to manage the bank's relationship and communications with the borrower; and

- Discontinuation of paying law firms, servicers, and employee bonus incentives to process high volumes of foreclosures.

For many consumer advocates, however, these federal actions are simply not enough to fully or fairly address the hurt borne by consumers from ill-advised lending practices.

More than 50 organizations jointly issued a letter that advised these regulators

to withdraw the consent orders and instead work with state Attorneys General and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Center for Responsible Lending joined with the NAACP, National Urban League, National Consumer Law Center, National Council of LaRaza, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), National People's Action and others in a call for a joint settlement that addresses illegal servicing practices in a meaningful way.

The letter advised in part, "The proposed consent orders do not provide the accountability and rigor required to right this foreclosure crisis. They are clearly not intended to do so."

The full text of the letter is available on the CRL web's mortgage section at: www.responsiblelending.org/mortgage-lending.

It is time for the banks that were rescued from financial ruin by the nation's taxpayers, to return in full measure the goodwill that has now led to the industry's returned prosperity. American families should have a fair chance to recover from the harmful lending practices that led us to today's recession.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's communications manager for state policy and outreach. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

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Imani Pageant seeking participants **ESPN,** continued from Page 1



The 2nd Annual Christian Imani Pageant are underway again. "Imani" is the Swahili word for "Faith." This invitation is extended to the churches in the community requesting each church choose at least two faithful youth of the church (male or female – one under the age of 12 and one age 12-20) to represent their church at the An-

nual Christian Imani Pageant. They will be honored for their work in their church and possibly selected as the overall King or Queen of this event.

The overall winner for 2010 Queen was Ms. Melody Snipes of each contestant will receive awards. The only requirement is to be actively working in your Church. We hope your church will partici-

pate and comply.

The selection of the youth (ages 1 up to 20 years of age) will take place Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at The Landmark on Lee Street, 2920 Lee Street, Greenville, Texas.

For more information or applications, please contact co-directors Mrs. Mary Thomas or Ms. Juanita Bryant, 903-259-6113.

She's also appeared on the Best Damn Sports Show, Entertainment Tonight, Extra, Hard Copy, HBO Real Sports, Today, The Late Show with David Letterman and Live with Regis & Kelly.

The APA Black Widow Tour is sponsored by the American Poolplayers Association (APA) and aims to get people interested in participating in the sport of pool.

Additional tour stops include: Chicago, Miami, New York City, Memphis, Las Vegas, Toronto, Seattle and three cities yet to be announced.

Fans will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the Black Widow as she performs trick shots, signs autographs and even plays a few brave challengers in a game of pool. Admission is free and open to the public.

Lee is the official spokesperson for the Amer-

ican Poolplayers Association (APA) and encourages people of any

age and athletic background to participate in the sport of pool through APA Leagues.

"APA Pool Leagues are a great way for people who may have never played the game to get involved in the sport. The great thing about pool is that anyone can participate, regardless of age, gender or athletic ability," said Jeanette Lee.

APA Pool Leagues utilize a handicap scoring system - similar to golf or bowling - that allows people of all skill levels to compete equally.

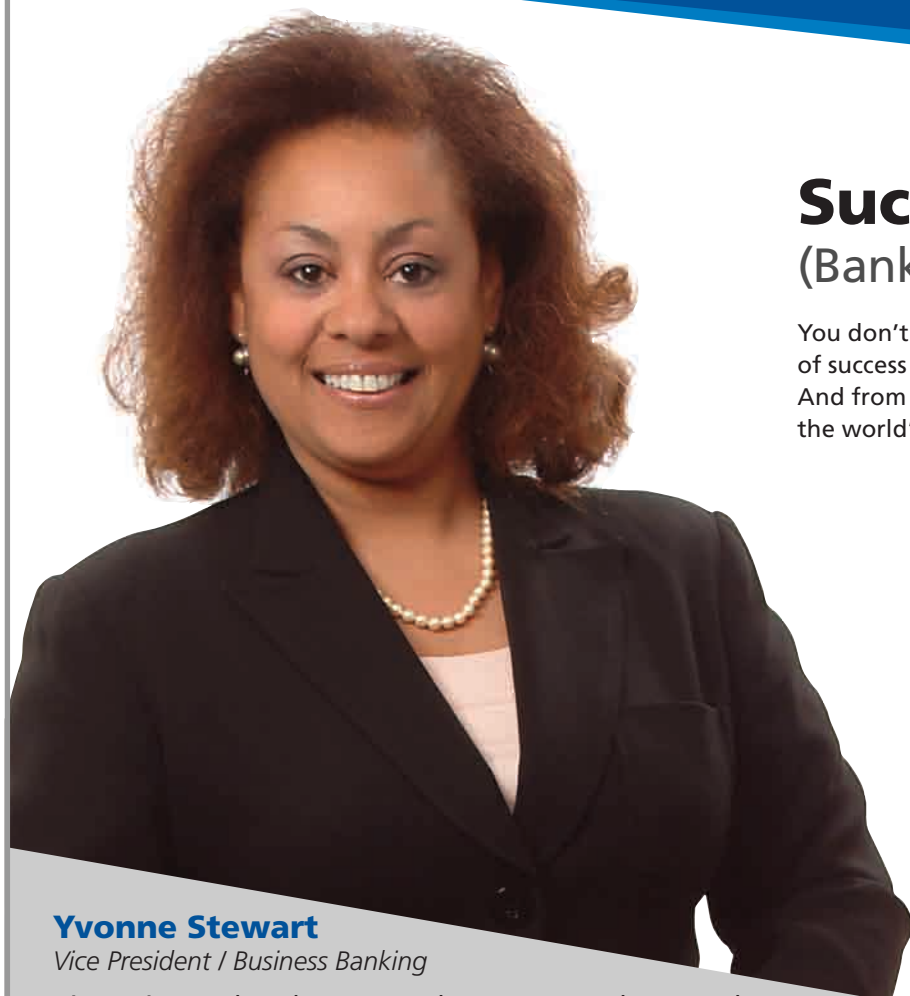
The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States, and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. More than 270,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball league play. The

APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

The APA produces three major tournaments each year - the APA National Team Championships, the APA National Singles Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship - that, together, pay out nearly \$1.5 Million in cash and prizes annually!

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, PoolDawg and Action Cues.

For more information on the Black Widow Tour, visit <http://www.apablackwidowtour.com>. To request an interview, or media credentials for an exhibition, please contact Jason Bowman at (636) 625-8611 x5640.



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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-fri-endly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

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Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wed-nesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tango-canyen-guedallas.com

The **Art Centre Theatre**, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will hold auditions for its summer productions. *Seussical* on May 7 and May 14; *Into the Woods* on May 21 and May 28 and 13 on June 11 and June 18. All auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theatre will also host a slew of summer dances for young children. www.artcentretheatre.com

May 12-15

The Dallas Wheelchair Tennis Club and Carrollton Parks and Recreation will present the 31st annual **Texas Open Championships**. The championships are a part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour and are sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), and will be hosted at Oak Creek Tennis Center, 2531 Oak Creek Drive. The championships are the longest running tournament in wheelchair history. Wheelchair tennis follows regular game rules with one exception: the ball can bounce twice, instead of once, before the player returns it. If you are interested

in playing, sponsoring and/or volunteering in the tournament, contact Carlos Turic at 972-317-7972 or email texasopen@aol.com.

May 13-May 14

Eddie Griffin will perform shows at the Arlington Improv. Friday and Saturday shows are scheduled for 8 and 10:30 p.m.

May 14

All-day **free asthma screening** in Plano from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6565 Independence Parkway.

Do you have items to sell? Carrollton residents can rent 10'X10' garage sale spaces for \$20 and non-residents for \$22 at the **Community Garage Sale** that will be held at Crosby Recreation Center (1610 E. Crosby Road). One table and two chairs will be provided for each booth. Those interested in obtaining booth space must submit an application no later than May 11. Applications can be picked up and turned in at Rosemeade (1330 E. Rosemeade Parkway) or Crosby Recreation Center (1610 E. Crosby Road). This must be done in person so that you can select your booth space. Set up for the garage sale is 7-9 a.m. Set-up and clean-up is the responsibility of the booth renter. Clean up must be completed by 2 p.m. The City of Carrollton reserves the right to reject and screen all items being sold to the public.

May 15

Chamber choir **The Texas Voices** concludes its eighth season of public concerts with *My Soul's Been Anchored: A Tribute to Spirituals* at 6:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. This concert features vibrant, uplifting choral arrangements of this

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May 17

Bruno Mars and Janelle Monae will perform at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$35.

May 15 & 22

Arts District Chorale Season, *Broken Boundaries and Ancient Lands: An American Quilt*, SMU's Perkins Chapel. Info: arts-districtchorale.org.

May 19

Garland Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business to Business Expo Noon - 3:00 p.m.; 520 N.

Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX 75040

2011 Business to Business Expo will be held from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Plano City Council will meet with District 3 residents in a **Plano Neighborhood Roundtable** discussion from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow. The meeting is focused on District 3; however, all Plano residents are welcome to participate.

May 20

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Helping Adolescents Use Electronic Co-munication for Good"** Dr. Marion Underwood.

May 20-May 21

The **Black Academy of Arts and Letters** will host *A Handsome Woman Retreat* starring Kim Wayans as part of its *Dress Performance Theatre Series* on Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre in the Dallas Convention Center at the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Admission is \$15. www.tbaal.org

TBAAL Dress Performance Theatre Series "A Handsome Woman's Retreat" Starring Kim Wayans 8:15 p.m.

May 21

Dallas Free to Breathe® 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Walk 6:45 a.m. - Event day registration begins at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve located at 2801 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Fees range from \$15 - \$25, info at <http://freetobreathe.com/>

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May 21 - July 23

Market Cooking Demonstrations at Dallas Farmer's Market 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

May 24

Dallas City Wide Health Fair at Dallas City Hall, 6th Fl Flag Room from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May 26

McKinney ISD and the **Care Van** will offer free immunizations for infants to 18 year olds from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lawson Early Childhood Center, 500 Dowell St. in McKinney. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian. A copy of child's immunization record necessary for immunizations and no is appointment necessary.

May 27

Comedian **Sinbad** will perform at Centerstage at **Choctaw Casino** in Durant, Okla. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$75. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. www.choctawcasinos.com

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Black America's survival: Hinging on group success vs. individual success

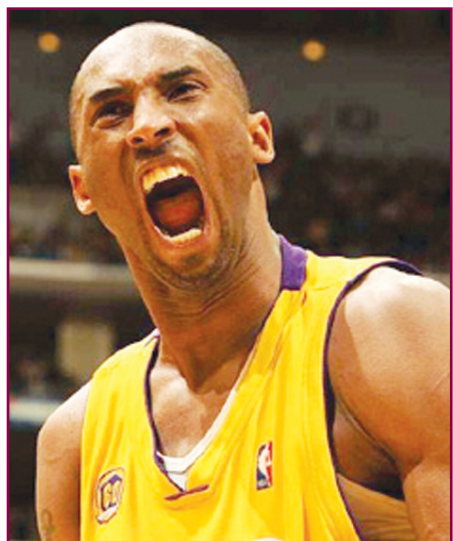
In spite of the numerous blatant and subliminal social obstacles that the Black community has faced in the past and continues to face, a remarkable number of African Americans have risen to highly-esteemed statuses in the professions, arts, letters, professional sports and the entertainment field in the last 100 years. Within the past 10 years, two Black Secretary's of State have held office, a few Black U.S. Senators and governors have been elected to serve, and the first Black president has even earned a seat in the oval office. Each of these individuals' accomplishments and many more by other African Americans has helped Black America to progress significantly since the 1960's.

However, when Black America is placed under a microscope, a malignant picture emerges. Though much individual success has occurred sporadically among blacks, virtually no group achievement exists. Black America—as a group—is divided and fragmented, and comes in last place in relation to other races. Minority groups such as Asians, Hispanics, and Jews are far more productive. Their communal success can be attributed to their “greater good” mentality and their willingness to stand united; re-distribute their income within their communities to build and strengthen their communities; as well as assist one another in their individual plights toward success by sharing knowledge, skills, and access to resources, which will ultimately uplift their entire community.

Seemingly, the concept of unity and community is foreign to Black African Americans; seemingly, the thinking that prevails within the Black community is the “crabs in a bucket” mental-

ity. Rather than linking hands with one another and building ladders to help others climb to the top (success) and take the black community to the next greatest level, every man seeks their own personal gain or wealth. They crawl over one another or outright sacrifice the lives and psyche of others to gain a dollar. This fact is most apparent in rappers degrading black women and promoting ignorance to the masses of black youth, hustlers selling drugs on the corner, entertainers constantly using the n-word for laughs, and failing participation in or creation of social movements to benefit the black race.

When will African Americans realize that until the Black community unites from within and makes strides as a group, no African American will be able to experience the true fullness of freedom and respect? Henry Louis Gates, Jr., educator, scholar, writer, editor, and



NBA superstar Kobe Bryant fined for using offensive gay slur, but no penalties for NBA players regularly using the “N” word

public intellectual, is a perfect example of this victimization; and most recently President Obama regarding the “Baby Monkey” email shenanigans. Until Blacks unite as one and respect one another from within the group, respect from without is never, ever going to be a reality.

Malcolm X once said, “We cannot think of becoming acceptable unto others



President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Osama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House, May 1, 2011. Seated, from left, are: Brigadier General Marshall B. “Brad” Webb, Assistant Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command; Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough; Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. Standing, from left, are: Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; National Security Advisor Tom Donilon; Chief of Staff Bill Daley; Tony Blinken, National Security Advisor to the Vice President; Audrey Tomason Director for Counterterrorism; John Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism; and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper. Please note: a classified document seen in this photograph has been obscured. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

until we have first become acceptable to ourselves.”

When you look at the Black community, the capital income exceeds that of most third world countries. Yet only about 5% of that capital remains in the community. Everyone else benefits from African Americans' capital gains except for African Americans. There is something psychologically wrong with the way many African Americans think. If one's very own community is not important enough to one for them to invest in financially and morally, how can

Blacks really expect others to provide and care for the race?

Consider the fact that Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers NBA superstar, was recently fined \$100,000 for using the derogatory slur “faggot” towards a referee. The fine illustrates the NBA's zero tolerance for use of a derogatory term. However, when it comes to the black players' use of the n-

word, the NBA looks the other way. It does not cost one red cent for African Americans to free themselves from the psychological bondage of the n-word, inferior thinking, and self-destructive behaviors; yet, blacks—as a group—don't even want to put forth the effort to take back their rightful dignity and self-respect that so freely and eagerly awaits their pick up.

The n-word is a derogatory term no matter whose mouth it flows from, black or non-black. So why do African Americans insist on making fools of themselves by publicly degrading the black race? Public use of the n-word does absolutely nothing to elevate or uplift the image of the African-American community as a group.

The rest of the world watches in utter amazement and shock as African Americans dog and totally disrespect each other. Jewish peo-

ple would never publicly refer to one another as kike or hymie; the gay community publicly to each other as faggots; or Hispanics to one another as wetbacks. So why do Black African Americans stoop so low, disgracing, dishonoring and bringing con-



Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

tempt upon themselves by insisting on residing in their pre-appointed place and referring to one another as a n**ger?

Black America needs to

ask itself how do those who tolerate use of the n-word from within come to this acceptance? And does their tolerance for the use of the n-word serve as validation that they are a free and independent spirit? Or does it prove that they have been spoon fed by the powers-to-be to accept this demeaning categorization of their ancestors and self? How did they come to accept the idea that they are a n**ga—and that being such a thing is okay?

Whether the “Willie Lynch Papers” are true or not, many years ago, a heinous plight was carried out against black slaves. The only purpose of this plight was to keep blacks divided, weary, and unaware of who they were and their potential. If blacks continue to remain divided and fragmented, flaunting the “me, myself, and I” mentality, as well as refusing to see the harm in use of the n-word and community-destructing behaviors, the community will remain in a state of limbo—unable to progress. Blacks must focus on group survival and partake in activities that result in the greater good, and not selling out for a dollar.

Group success over individual success [must] become paramount to each and every black person. Only then can the plight be reversed and re-gaining control of the psyche and rejuvenation of the Black community can occur.

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America's got "Flava" which tastes like pure power

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

The world has changed considerably since the "Leave It to Beaver" days, when the Cleaver family represented the model of the American family. My employer, the Nielsen Company, measures and analyzes consumer trends and behaviors across the globe, and recently released a comprehensive new study – *The New Digital American Family*, which details America's ever evolving society of many "flavas" (officially known as diversity) and the marketing impact of that diversity. In a nutshell, our society is more ethnically "flava-ful" than at any other point in history.

According to the report, no single cultural, social, demographic, economic or political point of view dominates the American landscape. How cool is that? The data projects that households with children under age 18 will be predominantly multi-cultural (Hispanic, African-American and Asian-American) by 2020. That's just a

short nine years away. And if that's too far out for some of ya'll to envision, consider the fact that a whopping 40 percent of the population is already multi-cultural today due in large part to immigration. You know what this means, right? Advertisers are going to be forced more and more to focus their marketing lenses on us – all of us! This means adapting and adopting new technologies for communicating with consumers who look like you and me.

The smartphone, for example, has emerged as an equalizing agent across households of every ethnic demographic and income level. Whereas before there was a "digital divide" as it related to African Americans having access to the internet, these nifty devices provide low cost, easy access Web connectivity to households of all income levels and ethnicities. Two out of three of us who are U.S. mobile subscribers use text messaging. We live in the age of any-

time, anywhere, affordable access. This too is a game changer for marketers who now must learn to leverage the unique attributes of "mobile" into their campaign strategies. Here are some



specific advertising technology realities, according to *The New Digital American Family* report:

- When surfing the net, as a group, African Americans tend to gravitate to music sites, while Hispanics tend to visit Latin-influenced sites like Univision and MSN Latino and Asians prefer technology sites.

- African-American media habits are TV- and mobile-centric. As I have

shared in previous columns, we own four or more sets per household and spend almost 40 percent more time watching TV, especially premium cable channels, than the average American viewer. That's

not necessarily a bad thing if television manufacturers, advertisers and programmers of these mediums take note of our over indexing and model more content, commercials and programs after us.

- As a group, we also apparently love to talk more than the U.S. average, running up more mobile voice minutes per month—1,261—than any other group. Again, when the mobile companies realize they can improve their

market share with such a brand loyal demographic group perhaps they'll increase the number of ads that feature people who look like those of us who use their products the most. And if they really want to be cutting edge, they might even increase their advertising buys on stations and in publications Blacks frequent the most. Now there's a novel idea, right?

Education and affluence are consistent behavior markers, regardless of ethnicity. Do you recognize any of your behavior below?

- Higher income families across the board buy fewer cell phones than the average, most likely because lower income consumers are more likely to bypass a landline in exchange for a cell phone.

- Higher income households use digital video recorders (DVRs) four times more often; purchase more video games and more DVDs than the average household. They also are huge devotees

of time-shifting, which allows them to watch more with their children.

- Higher income families also spend less time on sites like Facebook and YouTube but more time educational options like Teacherweb.com and ClassZone.com.

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Central Market opening a new location

Preston Hollow-area store will be the specialty retailer's 9th store.

Fans of Dallas, Texas-based specialty food retailer Central Market will soon have a new location to explore. And this store will be unlike any Central Market they've seen before.

The specialty foods retailer just announced it has taken space for a ninth location – the fifth for the DFW area – on the southeast corner of Royal Lane and Preston Road in the Preston Oaks shopping center. The space is approximately 30,000 square feet. Residents who frequent the shopping center will recognize the location as the Borders book store, which the chain recently announced it would close.

"Research has shown us – and many of our customers have told us, too – that while we're a destination store, and they'll drive from ten, thirty, even more than a hundred miles to shop with us, they'd like us to be more accessible,

closer to home," said Stephen Butt, Senior Vice President of Central Market, a division of H-E-B.

"By adding a new, neighborhood-friendly store design to our portfolio, we can start to better respond to our customers' interests. We believe this is a new way to bring what Central Market offers to more and more customers in the future."

Butt explained the company has been visiting real estate around the state, searching for just the right location to launch its new store concept.

"We've searched for quite a long time for just the right location for our newest store," said Butt. "In my experience, it seems a location this special, with such an influential and active community surrounding it, is truly a rare find."

As with its previous eight stores, the company



promises the new location will have its own personality and will be designed especially for the neighborhood area it will serve.

Shoppers can expect the dazzling food and drink assortment that is the hallmark of the award-winning grocer. The procurement team at Central Market is already at work to bring

new items for customers' adventures in food.

"We've begun traveling for new ideas, design inspiration and food finds to bring to the new store," said David Lusk, Chief Merchant. "Customers can expect an offering of our most popular items, such as artisan-made breads and desserts, a wide variety of

daily meal options created by Central Market chefs, as well as our signature best quality produce, meat, seafood and unique staples."

The company expects it will be staffed with an estimated 200 food-savvy, customer-service oriented Partners (as Central Market and H-E-B employees are known) that will make the shopping experience an outstanding one for customers.

"This is the newest generation of our Central Market brand, with many new possibilities to re-imagine what we already do well: create the world's most fun and exciting food shopping experience, in a store that doubles as a community gathering space," said Butt.

Central Market worked with Terry Montesi of Trademark Property Company when choosing the space.

"I have never had so

much interest in any single space in my career," said Terry Montesi, Chairman and CEO of Trademark and owner of the shopping center. "We had several great merchants express serious interest in replacing Borders, but in the end I felt like Central Market, and what it would create for this neighborhood, would be the perfect long-term fit."

"The location find is actually bittersweet," shared Butt of the news that the Borders store would be closing its doors. "That's been the family bookstore for me and my wife and our daughters for more than ten years. We're disappointed to lose it but, at the same time, we're excited to bring a cool new food destination to this part of Dallas."

This newest Central Market store is currently slated to open just before the holiday season.

Razzoo's joining at the line-up Firewheel

Firewheel Town Center has announced the addition of Razzoo's Cajun Café to the list of eateries available at the property.

"Razzoo's Cajun Café will be a great addition to our diverse restaurant lineup," said Michelle Yeglic, area director of marketing and business development for the mall. "We're excited to offer this vibrant dining concept to our community and visitors."

Opening this fall, Razzoo's, a true Cajun cafe will resemble a restaurant straight from Bourbon Street with neon beer signs, string lights and paper flags hanging from the ceiling. The dining room will have tables and booths, while the bar will provide alternative seating. Rock, reggae and jazz tunes will fill the air

as the quick waitstaff deliver half-shell oysters, po' boys, jambalaya plus other Cajun favorites like blackened catfish, Cajun etouffee and boiled crawdaddies. Razzoo's food is au-



thentic and cooked from scratch day after day. The full bar will be stocked with daily beer specials and Big Easy potions, like frozen daiquiris and hurricanes. The 6,429-square-foot restaurant will be located on the corner of Paintbrush Drive and Coneflower Drive across from Friday's.

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Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Columbia University professor and author; activist attorney Michael Tarif Warren; and attorney Chokwe Lumumba, the lawyer for the Scott Sisters, discussed the sisters' case and how it was connected to other issues.

Ms. Silver explained that each panelist, while speaking on separate subject matter, would connect to the Scott Sisters' case, and the oppression of Blacks in American society and in the criminal justice system.

Lumumba brought gasps of horror from the gathering when she noted there are 200,000 Black women in prisons or jails—an 800 percent spike during the past three decades. Two-thirds of the women were incarcerated for non-violent offenses, she added. “A 2005 study stated that 28 percent of the women were jailed for drug offenses,” Ms. Lumumba said.

Another telling statistic, according to Lumumba, came from a 2008 study that showed 45 percent of women in prison were White, 32.6 percent were Black, and 16 percent were Latino.

Many women fit the same description of the Scott Sisters as “community prisoners” who “for the rest of their lives they will have to call a parole officer,” she said.

Analysts complained that Governor Haley Barbour's decision to grant the Scott Sisters indefinite suspension, rather than grant a pardon or commutation of the sentence, has placed

extra hardship on the women. They are required to undergo constant supervision, steer clear of any associates with criminal records, pay \$52 a month to the state of Mississippi for upkeep and cannot travel without court permission.

Dr. Hill talked about the media's role in criminalizing Black women. “The media insists on using certain behaviors to criminalize Black women across the board,” he said. “There is a dominant message to the middle class in America that constructs an image that the reality for Black women is that they deserve to be caged in prisons.”

The Scott Sisters told the audience two White sisters would not have been sentenced to life for a simple robbery. “Black people don't have a chance in the state of Mississippi, we are going to all have to be willing to fight the injustice,” stated Jamie Scott.

Attorney Warren has been fighting for justice for the young Black men in New York known as the Central Park 5. The teens were convicted of the rape of a young White woman in 1990, but thanks to the work of attorneys and Black activists, the five were exonerated in 2002. A sex offender stepped forward saying he committed the rape alone.

Attorney Warren pointed to similarities in the Scott Sisters' case, such as a prosecutor who was willing to believe statements from the three Mississippi teens who actually committed the \$11 robbery at gun point. The prosecutor believed the

story, though one teen said the sisters had no hand in the crime, said Warren.

There are also questions about the trial judge, he said.

“The Central Park 5, just like the Scott Sisters, are victims of conspiratorial behavior throughout the criminal justice system,” Warren said.

The Scott Sisters ordeal is a tragedy that happens daily in America, said Lumumba. “We have to use the power of the people to stop the destabilizing of our community,” he said.

“The oppressors have created a police state, and the Scott Sisters case represents a clarion call. We must see the connectivity on the basis of the case and the situation facing all political prisoners languishing in U.S. prisons,” Attorney Lumumba said.

As tragic as the Scott Sisters' case may be, there are hundreds just like it throughout the South, he observed.

Jamie Scott told stories about daily oppression and racism the sisters witnessed while incarcerated. “If a Black woman slapped another Black woman, the prison guards would say, go sit down. You slap a White woman you are going to the hole,” she said.

Suzanne Ross, co-chairwoman of the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition-NYC, told *The Final Call* the forum made sense.

It is “so important that we were able to connect to their pain of being framed, and also their horrid living conditions and daily abuse,” she said. “I found

it very moving seeing them, and hearing from them. We must support these two sisters; and we must smash the prison/industrial complex,” Ross added.

“I am very impressed with the Scott Sisters. They

represent the many victims of the criminal justice system who have been educated by the oppression of the system,” Warren told *The Final Call*.

Lumumba stressed that activists are still working to

see the Scott Sisters pardoned. A rally for justice is planned for Sept. 30 in Jackson, Mississippi, and a two-day conference is scheduled for Sept. 14-15, he said.

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"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." - **Psalm 126:5 & 6 (KJV)**.

It has been said that one of the most difficult times in life is to keep moving in faith when we are in extreme pain. Extreme pain, especially emotional pain, can become immobilizing to the human spirit if we allow it to overcome us.

The psalmist in the above scriptures tells us that there is only one remedy for overcoming painful circumstances that will result in joy. We are to sow (plant) in the midst of these times. We can't do this if we live by feelings alone. It is an act of the will. This act requires that we go outside ourselves in pure faith.

We can learn this principle during one of the deepest periods of our life; especially when we lose someone in death that is dear to us. A mature Christian in the faith will tell us to reach

out to others in spite of our own pain; to invest in someone else. We can not realize what a place of healing and comfort that would become.

Pain can become a source of joy if we take the first step by planting a seed. There is a harvest that will come if we sow in the midst of our tears.

There is no doubt in my mind that we have all heard stories of individuals who have overcome extreme hardship during their childhood years. Children of alcoholics, orphans who never have parents, loss of parents to a fatal crash, childhood disease - these are all difficult circumstances to overcome.

Jephthah in the Bible was a man who planted a seed in the mist of his tears when he overcame his obstacles and refused to allow his circumstances to prevent him from becoming great in God's sight. He was born to Gilead, a result of his father's adulterous encounter with a prostitute.

Jephthah's half-brothers decided to reject him; they drove him away from their home saying, "Thou shalt

not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman."

Judges 11:2b (KJV). Can you imagine the rejection this young man felt as he was cast away from his own family through no fault of his own?

This experience taught Jephthah to become a hardened warrior. Today he probably would have been part of a street gang. As he got older, his reputation as a warrior became known to those in his country, so much so that when the Ammonites made war on Israel, the elders of Gilead went to Jephthah and asked him to be their commander. Jephthah probably had to fight off those feelings of rejection from previous years.

"Didn't you hate me and drive me from my father's house?" He responded. However, he overcame his hurt and pain; and he responded to the call God had on his life.

It is a known fact that if we were to help the butter-



Sister Rachel Lewis, Sister Tarpley and young Sister Leah Carey showing off their African Heritage dresses at a church event.

fly remove itself from the cocoon that the butterfly would not be strong enough to survive. It is the struggle that forces the fluid into the wings and prepares the butterfly to become strong enough to fly. Without the struggle in the cocoon, it

could not survive as a butterfly.

The Lord prepares each of us in similar ways. Some of our childhoods seem to have been harsh and born from a seemingly unloving God. However, the Lord knows our struggle and will

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against expert advice when she put Tyler in bed with her and curled up next to him as he slept on his stomach. But she couldn't deny her natural craving for closeness with her baby.

"Around 6:30 in the morning, I woke up and squeezed his little feet and they were cold," Lehmann said. "I thought, 'Oh Baby, I'm so sorry, Mommy needs to put some socks on your feet.' But then I reached around and felt his stomach and it was cold too. When I realized what had happened, all I could think or feel was no, no, no, no."

Investigators determined that Tyler died of accidental suffocation, possibly from sleeping face down on a deeply cushioned adult mattress that blocked his air intake.

Lehmann has since learned why such sleeping arrangements can be dangerous: "Babies that age haven't developed the instinct to open their mouth if they can't breathe through

their nose. That's why you shouldn't let them sleep on an adult bed."

Speaking Out Brings Meaning, Redemption

After several months of feeling little but emptiness and remorse, Lehmann read



about Room to Breathe. The redemptive opportunity was too obvious to pass up.

"Sometimes you just want to sit in a room and cry

and cry all day. But eventually you realize, you can't just sit there and do nothing," Lehmann said. "I got in touch with DFPS and told them I'd like to help."

Lehmann says she's never regretted her decision.

Her undeniable credibility allows her to command parents' attention, even if they don't always agree with her message.

"I know a lot of people are pro 'co-sleeping' with their babies, and I try to be clear that I'm not telling them their views are right or

wrong. I'm just sharing my own story as an example of what could happen."

Lehmann says she intends to keep on speaking

out.

"Tyler will be in my heart for the rest of my life. And though he only had a short little life he's still doing something really good. I'm on a mission, and I'm not going to stop."

To lower the risk of infant death while sleeping, DFPS suggests:

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