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# NNPA honors champions of the Black Press in Washington DC ceremony

By Sarafina Wright  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Black publishers representing over 200 newspapers gathered to honor some of the top leaders in Washington, D.C. who champion the Black Press and who have helped to improve the quality of life for Black America.

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), and Denise Rolark-Barnes, the group's chairwoman, hosted the 2016 National Leadership Awards Reception on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.

"We are honored to be back in the nation's capital to address the business concerns of the NNPA's 200-plus, Black-owned media companies around the country," Barnes said.

"Our Annual Leadership Awards Reception, held in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.'s [CBCF] Annual Legislative Conference, is one of NNPA's signature events that mirrors what so many of our publishers do in their own communities all year long."

Mollie Belt of the Dallas Examiner, Karen Carter Richards of the Houston Forward Times, Shannon



Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson speaks during the 2016 NNPA Leadership Awards. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

Williams of the Indianapolis Recorder, Dorothy Leavell of the Chicago Crusader, Cheryl Mainor of the Chicago Defender, Rod Doss of the New Pittsburgh Courier and a host of other publishers attended the annual event.

"We gather at a significant moment in America's history," Barnes said. "We join the CBCF and others who will pay tribute to the life and legacy of Congressman Charles Rangel, Democratic representative for the 13th Congressional District of New York, who will retire this year after

46 years of national political service."

Rangel, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson and Rep. G.K. Butterfield, Jr. (D-N.C.) received the 2016 Leadership Award where each reiterated the necessity of Black-owned and operated publications.

Rangel said that while he will retire at the end of the Congressional session in order to spend more time with his family, he will continue to

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## A \$15 million bailout for the ATPAC? We think NOT

NDG's View

While reading the headline As Local Artists Protest, ATPAC Says the Need for a \$15 Million Bailout From the City Is 'Serious' published on Monday, Sept. 12 at 4 a.m. by Alaena Hostetter, one can only think where did all that money go?

Clearly from the aforementioned words, Local Artists Protest ... there has to be something afoot with the AT&T Performing Arts Center need for money.

But what?

According to article, Chris Heinbaugh, vice president of external affairs at ATPAC said, "We realized we weren't going to be able to fund-raise our way out of it and we weren't going to be able to earn our way out of it." The "it" being the \$151 million loan from both Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase of which payments have been applied towards the interest. So they are

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## Jermetra Allmon

Jermetra Allmon worked in the computer information technology industry for 20 years and had a stable career and income during that time, but she always knew that working in high-tech was not for her.

When she was laid off in 2013, Allmon took the opportunity to pursue her lifelong dream to work in the fashion marketing industry and enrolled at El Centro College.

"I worked in computer science for years, and I hated it! So, when they said, 'We have to lay you off,' that



made me happy," Allmon said. "I started doing research, and I figured I finally had the time to do something that I wanted to do. I found El Centro, visited the school, and talked to faculty and

other people. I thought, 'This is it!' It all clicked, and everything just fell into place!"

Allmon graduated in May and plans to transfer to LIM College in New York City, which guarantees admission to El Centro students who have earned an associate's degree in fashion marketing, thanks to a recently-signed transfer agreement. LIM College specializes in the business aspect of fashion.

Wade Hyde, marketing professor at El Centro, said the fashion marketing program teaches students the elements of marketing. "We teach marketing courses that are applicable to any busi-

ness, whether in fashion or computers; it doesn't matter," he said. "Marketing is marketing."

Hyde added that Dallas has a strong fashion wholesale industry, and that creates interest among students who attend El Centro's program.

"It also helps that the Dallas retail industry is continuing to grow and is pretty strong," Hyde said. "And we're very excited because Main Street [in downtown Dallas] is getting ready to have a big evolution in the next few years - a lot of high-end retailers are going to move in, and we're trying to position ourselves now to

be their liaison to lower- and mid-level management jobs.

"We have many students who already work in retail, or they're stylists, and some who work in the theater," Hyde added. "Those students have a lot of interest in wholesale and being line representatives, areas that we really have seen major growth and progress in the last 10 years or so."

Robert Alan Torres, who is studying fashion marketing at El Centro, said he hopes to go into the wholesale industry in the future. He already works at a wholesale firm at the World Trade Center in Dallas. "I started as an intern, and they

offered me a job, so I've been there all summer. It's really good to see how it all works, and it's fun," he exclaimed. "I feel like I was prepared for this job. The courses helped me understand and shaped me for the position I'm in now."

### Marketing: essential for business

Hyde said marketing is the most important aspect of any business, and even in a bad economy, most companies don't cut their sales staff. "Accountants are great, and managers are great," Hyde added. "But none of those people are re-

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## Bishop T.D. Jakes

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The struggles of an interracial marriage, families divided by race, religion and politics and the conversion of one Jewish woman to Islam are all upcoming segments that will be featured on Bishop T.D. Jakes' new talk show which premieres on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) on Monday, September 19 and is schedule to air Monday through Friday.

Jakes, one of the most influential pastors in America today, who has written



books, music, plays and movies, said that his show could even provide discussion on topics like the Black Lives Matter Movement and controversial subjects like the National Anthem protest

by Colin Kaepernick and the rape trial of comedy superstar Bill Cosby.

"When we can get them, we're not shying away. We will do stories that are in the headlines," said Jakes, 59, the senior pastor of the Potter's House in Dallas, Texas and the author of the New York Times' bestselling books, "Instinct," and "Destiny."

"I think there is a great need in our country right now for something that is uplifting and that builds bridges and causes people to rethink themselves," Jakes said. "Much of what we see on television doesn't accomplish that. I'm hoping to

bring the kind of conversation to America that's informative and inspirational and still entertaining," he said.

Because he's well-known in the pulpit doesn't mean he'll be preaching on the talk show, Jakes said, noting that he can reserve sermons for Sundays.

"That's not all of who I am," said Jakes. "I've seen a lot of things, I've met with presidents and interacted with CEOs."

Jakes continued: "I've been to the courtroom and watched a crying mother say goodbye to her son; I've been to visit those on death row. I've been there when in-

dividuals have been disconnected from life-support; I've been to drug interventions. This September marks 40 years that I've been in the ministry, so this isn't anything that's new, only [now] I'll be in front of the cameras."

The show's Twitter handle, @TDJakesShow, had almost 23,000 followers before a single episode had aired. Jakes said that social media will play a big role in his new venture.

"We want people to tweet or go on Facebook to continue the conversation," he said. "You can't always solve a problem in the 45 minutes you have on the show and I

don't see this just as a show, but as a network communication device to uplift people. So, after the show is over, you can still go on social media to keep the conversation going."

Whether it's Facebook, Twitter or other websites, it's important to reach those who use social media, the bishop said.

"The stats say that hardly anyone sits in front of a big screen without a little screen in front of them in their hands and I'm guilty of that too," he said. "Being able to engage in every medium is important and I have a huge respect for the power of social media."

## Maria Harris Tildon

(Black PR Wire) BALTIMORE - BGE has announced Maria Harris Tildon has joined the company's board of directors. Tildon is the senior vice president for public policy and community affairs for CareFirst Blue-Cross BlueShield ("Care-First"), the largest healthcare insurer in the Mid-Atlantic. Tildon's responsibilities at CareFirst include all matters related to public policy, government relations, external and internal communications, strategic medical communications and community outreach and corporate giving. She joined the company in 2006, after holding senior positions at The Century Council and with the Clinton administration.



"Maria has an extensive and impressive background in areas that are critical to an energy utility," said BGE Chief Executive Officer Calvin G. Butler Jr. "Her expertise in public policy and understanding of our customer base will be an asset as we move smart energy forward with innovative programs to meet customer

needs."

Tildon succeeds former BGE board member Dr. Carla Hayden, previously chief executive officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, who was sworn in as the United States 14th Librarian of Congress on Sept. 14, 2016.

Tildon, a Baltimore native and current resident, also serves on the boards of Healthcare for the Homeless, the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and the Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company. She is also a member of the Baltimore City College Board of Trustees and the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee.

Tildon has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Boston University and a Juris Doctor de-

gree from American University's Washington College of Law.

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# If we ‘ban the box,’ will it finally give ex-offenders a fresh start?

By Mike Brady

(American Forum) More than 700,000 Americans are released from prison each year. We expect them to re-enter society and be law-abiding, but we make it difficult for anyone who has served time to become gainfully employed, even though they have paid their debt to society. Remove the barrier by eliminating the box on standard job applications asking, “Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?”

Most ex-offenders know it is unlikely they will hear from the potential employer if they check “yes.” It won’t matter how qualified or motivated you are. And with extremely limited legitimate earning options, the formerly incarcerated often re-offend and are re-incarcerated within a few years.

This destructive cycle not only devastates individuals, families, and communities, it’s a recurring, ever-growing expense taxpayers pay. The cost of keeping and guarding inmates now averages \$31,286 per prisoner per year. Each one represents tax money that could otherwise be spent on programs to grow the economy, and each inmate is one less employee whose consumer spending would spur growth for all kinds of companies. The U.S. incarcerates more individuals than any other nation, and 70 million Americans have a criminal record — almost one in three Americans of working age. This revolving door system is unsustainable. One simple step can be a solution.

More than 100 cities, 20 states and the federal government have passed laws

that “ban the box.” “Ban the Box” simply defers the question about a candidate’s criminal history until such time they give a conditional job offer. And for certain jobs, such as those working with children, employers may still ask about relevant criminal history.

“Ban the Box” ensures that potential hires are evaluated based on experience, skills, and future potential, not past mistakes for which they’ve already paid and that don’t relate to their current efforts to make a fresh start.

This change is small, but the potential value is enormous, especially to candidates in chronically disadvantaged communities. To break the cycle of poverty caused by lack of job opportunities, individuals need and deserve a chance to start fresh. And we need

farsighted companies to implement inclusive hiring models.

I recently joined 18 other business leaders at the White House to launch the Fair Chance Business Pledge. This pledge calls on all businesses to improve our communities by creating a path to a second chance for people with a criminal record. Companies signing the pledge included big names like American Airlines, Coca-Cola, Facebook, Georgia-Pacific, Google, Koch Industries, and Xerox. So this isn’t something that scares the business community.

For more than 30 years, Greyston Bakery has been giving anyone willing to work hard a chance at employment. Our Open Hiring model focuses on a job can-

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calling on the City of Dallas to allocate \$15 million of its general fund, which would be funneled through the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), the entity that oversees allocations to the arts. The \$15 million would be doled out in \$1.5 million increments over the next decade.

But is this a good plan to use city cultural arts monies for the ATTPAC?

NO!

For starters, that \$1.5 million per year is concerning when the ATTPAC CEO’s salary is \$411,769 per year, the total executive salaries are \$1,237,192, and according to the most recent public 990, ATTPAC finished with an operating deficit of \$1,320,275. With those figures in mind, one must ask, “what is the bailout actually paying for?”

Then, there’s David Lazano, executive artistic director of Cara Mía Theatre Co., who believes that the bailout would greatly reduce the opportunities for minority communities to have the ability to learn and grow in

the arts.

“We want to give the Dallas City Council an alternative to the \$15 million bailout for the AT&T Performing Arts Center, and offer council the opportunity to transform every city district through the DALLAS CITYWIDE ARTS IMPACT PROJECT which will improve the quality of life, create enthusiasm for our communities, cultivate social and civic responsibility in our citizens, spark economic activity, and prepare young people for successful academic and professional careers through the arts and culture,” Lazano says through his petition on [www.change.org](http://www.change.org).

Finally, and not insignificantly, the *North Dallas Gazette* is in full support of Lazano and the Dallas Citywide Arts Impact Project, because we too feel excluded from the intricate components of how Black artistry is promoted and discussed via the Black Press. We have worked tirelessly with the Dallas Theater Center and its executives Brad Pritchett and

Alfred Butler to promote, for free, Black-centric productions that would have greatly benefitted our readers for theatrical experiences. We only ever received opportunities for ticket exchanges despite our best efforts to ensure the running of press releases, free advertising spots and performance attendances for reviews to generate community support.

What did we receive in return? Nothing but blatant disrespect and disregard when we sent correspondence via email, telephone, and U.S. Postal mail. We exhausted every opportunity to bridge a formidable and sizable gap that was steadily increasing among the Black Press and cultural artistry appropriation as it related to advertising monies and any necessary sponsorships.

We, as a minority publication that has supported every initiative placed by the DTC, do not take lightly being ignored by the decision-makers of DTC and do not appreciate being continuously overlooked for opportunities to grow our organization as a whole and communally-based.

*North Dallas Gazette* is in full support of the opposition of the \$15 million dollar bailout and the ideals for the Dallas Citywide Arts Impact Project because of our longstanding and beneficial relationship with the City of Dallas. We know that Dallas is a proponent of its residents and for the full inclusion of information sent out to those who fully support the Black Press and other minority communities.

Our artful and talented youth and adults will be able to see themselves in our media outlets and forums and would definitely be able to share their stories and talents with the communities they come from. They would not be a voice of many, if at all, if the bailout is approved.

We know our communities, and we know they desire to be actively engaged in a vibrant arts community. That is why this bailout is a bad idea. This bailout continues to move away from the local artists who struggle to share their talents.

Say NO to the bailout and say YES to community arts and YES to supporting the Black Press.



## Plano veterans now have a local VA Outpatient Clinic

Identifying challenges and gaps to convenient VA health care in the fast growing Plano market, VA North Texas Health Care System set out in 2012 to bring VA outpatient services to Plano area Veterans.

Plano VA Outpatient Clinic, located at 3804 W. 15th St., opened for patient

care Aug. 31 implementing aspects of whole health in its construction and design and is the first VA clinic to assign full-time health coaches to each Patient Aligned Care Team.

The state of the art clinic is approximately 10,000 sq ft and provides integrated, holistic primary care, mental

health, telemedicine, laboratory and x-ray services in an environment designed for healing. Alternative therapies such as acupuncture, clinical massage, and a women's clinic enrich physical healing and support the whole health pathway to help Veterans reach their overall health goals.

The newly activated Plano VA Outpatient Clinic is VA's initial footprint in the expansion plans for the Plano market,' said VA North Texas Director Jeff Milligan. Construction of a new estimated 17,000 sq. ft. specialty care clinic has been approved and will begin the initial design phase in FY 17.



New VA Clinic in Plano (Image: VA North Texas)

## For our youth are we treating mental health symptoms and not the problem?

By Anna Challet

(New America Media) Mental health underlies many of the issues at the forefront of our national consciousness. Police brutality, gun violence, mass incarceration – the conversation always comes back to mental health. And accordingly, the mental health care system has undergone significant improvements in recent years, most notably with the Affordable Care Act, which has expanded access to coverage for mental health services.

But when it comes to young people, service providers who work with some of the youth most vulnerable to mental health is-



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issues are finding that their clients' most significant social and emotional issues are ones that aren't necessarily treated with traditional mental health care like therapy and medication. These youth include young people involved in the child welfare and juve-

nile justice systems, as well as ones who deal with housing instability.

The work of these service providers raises a question: In all our focus on improving the mental health care system, are we missing something?

Rob Gitin, the co-founder

and executive director of At The Crossroads, an outreach organization that works with unstably housed youth in San Francisco, says "Perhaps the biggest deficit in our clients' lives is a lack of two things – it's a lack of community and it's a lack of self-esteem."

While policy makers and government officials acknowledge the importance of mental health – the Surgeon General has named it one of his top six priorities – less attention has been paid to the root causes of poor mental health and to creating safe, supportive, and well-resourced neighborhoods and communities for people to live in. Mental health problems often start

with difficulties in childhood, and if the work of youth service providers shows anything, it's that addressing this will require expanding the current notion of what young people need in order to have good mental health.

According to Margot Gibney, the founding executive director of Youth Treatment and Education Center in San Francisco (a center for juvenile drug offenders), effectively treating kids who are marginalized is not rocket science, because all kids essentially need the same things – the support of a family, the opportunities that come with education, and the safety of a stable place to live.

"When people refer to 'these kids' – there are no 'these kids.' There are young people. And young people all have fundamentally the same needs," she says. "Whatever any middle-class parent would want and provide for their children is exactly what young people that are facing all these challenges need, plus to have their trauma addressed."

Anna Challet's reporting on mental health and youth in the system was undertaken as a California Health Journalism Fellow at the Center for Health Journalism at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Journalism.

## More seniors are homeless today than ever before in America

WASHINGTON, DC – The homeless are the invisible denizens of America's cities, says Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens. "But, the dirty little secret that has only come to light recently is the fact that the elderly are among the fastest growing populations living on the streets," he reports.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development told Congress last year that there were more than 300,000 homeless Americans 50 years of age or more, 20% more than there were in 2007.

A recognized expert on the issue of the growing number of older individuals who are on the streets is University of Pennsylvania Professor Dennis P. Culhane. He says that in 1990



"the peak age of adults who were homeless was 30" and that today the peak age is 55.

Weber is calling on all candidates for election and re-election in November and those in the private sector to recognize the fact that more seniors are homeless

than ever before and to take to heart the needs of "these hapless lost souls. Focus on their plight and let the truth be told, loud and clear. Everyone needs to pitch in if we are to solve this problem, which only grows bigger with each passing day."

Some would blame the

spike in homelessness among older Americans on the swiftly aging population. But, Weber says, it has more to do with the rising cost of health care and health insurance, the lagging economy, the impact of such diseases of old age as cancer and Alzheimer's and, perhaps the most damaging cause of all, the lack of affordable housing.

"In fact, talk to any health provider who deals with the homeless and they will tell you that there has been a dramatic shift in recent years in the illnesses from which they suffer. It used to be that the homeless suffered mainly from drug abuse and mental illness. Nowadays they are more likely to have the chronic diseases of old age," Weber notes.

Mel Martinez and

Allyson Y. Schwartz are the co-chairs of the Bipartisan Policy Center Senior Health and Housing Task Force. Martinez is a former U.S. Senator from Florida and Schwartz is a former Congresswoman from Pennsylvania. They published an Opinion Article in U.S. News and World Report last month in which they concluded that "preventing and ending homelessness among older adults should be a major national priority in the United States. By setting goals to end homelessness; increasing available low-income senior housing; and by understanding that the challenge requires participation from public and private partners at all levels, we can and will find ways to ensure that all U.S. seniors have the shelter and security that they de-

serve."

Meanwhile, Margot Kushel, professor of medicine at University of California, San Francisco, is an expert on the elderly who become homeless. She says that providing them with housing is the key to fixing the problem. "A lot of these people have been healthy their whole lives. But it doesn't take long for their health to plummet once they're homeless. Once someone is housed, depression often lifts, stress fades away, infections heal. It's instant."

Says Weber, "everyone has his own set of priorities, but one thing we all have in common is that we are all growing older. It's one of the hardest things we will all do in this life and so we should have compassion for those who need our help."

# Arlington Park Community reunion slated for this Saturday

The Arlington Park Community in partnership with the City of Dallas Parks & Recreation invites all past and present residents to celebrate the historic legacy of our community in a fun-filled day of rekindling friendship and reuniting families and loved ones. (APC History attached)

The "Straight Outta Arlington Park Community Reunion Festival" will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at the Arlington Park Community Recreation Center (1505 Record Crossing Rd. 75235). More information can be found by



calling 214-670-6326.

Arlington Park Estates is historic Dallas, Texas platted on a rich and diverse history that reaches back to Trinity Farms, commonly known as El Rancho Grande. Trinity Farms/El Rancho Grande was a farming community developed around the Trinity River. The Trinity River, 715 miles long with a drop pf

1280 feet, is the longest self-contained river in Texas. An early Spanish settler, Alonzo de Leon, named the river on May 19, 1690, for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It was the flowing together of the West and Elm Forks of the Trinity River that attracted John Neely Bryan in 1841 to stake his claim for what was to become Dallas,

Texas.

Captain John W Record established a convenient place to cross the river-Record Crossing. The busy river crossing carried a flood of people heading west. Captain John W Record and partner built a grist and sawmill on the on the banks on the Trinity at Record Crossing to supply flour and meal and to saw a few planks for the citizens of the nearby growing city. By 1915, Dallas was a bustling city with a population approaching 125,000, and the people needed something to eat beside

wild turkeys. They and lots more people within railroad distance, needed fruit, vegetables and cotton and from that need, Trinity Farms was born.

Record Crossing Road is a main access road that's runs through the Arlington Park Community.

Trinity Farms/El Rancho Grande was a vast agricultural enterprise that extended as far as what was known as Texas Stadium. The farm operated from 1915 to 1946. Families of former slaves, Indians and Mexicans lived and worked on the farm. The Trinity

Farms Company provided housing, a general store and schools. Hispanics and African American children who worked on the farm attended separate schools. In 1931, Earlie Mae Wheeler, began teaching Negro children. The Trinity Farms/El Rancho Grande cemetery is a tiny patch of the original farm that still stands in the Arlington Park Community. In 1996, the Texas Historical Commission erected a marker to recognize the significant contribution made by Trinity Farms/El Rancho Grande and its farm laborers.

## Parkland: Properly installed child car safety seats, boosters save lives

There's no disputing the numbers – child car safety seats and boosters save lives. But parents may not always be knowledgeable about when and how to use these safety devices.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, properly installed car seats reduce the risk of death to infants younger than 1-year-old by 71 percent and for toddlers aged 1 to 4 by 54 percent. Meanwhile, booster seats reduce the risk of serious in-

jury to children aged 4 to 8 by 45 percent when compared to using seat belts alone.

"While car safety seats and boosters can save lives, they are not always being used correctly or parents have selected an inappropriate seat for their child's size," said Shelli Stephens-Stidham, director of the Injury Prevention Center of Greater Dallas, based at Parkland Health & Hospital System. "Many times parents may be good about

using car seats for smaller children, but they forget that older kids also may need booster seats."

September 18-24 is Child Passenger Safety Week, a perfect time to review the importance of car safety seats and the best way to use them. The Injury Prevention Center will host a free car seat inspection event from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Chase Bank parking lot,

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provide service as needed for the Congressional Black Caucus, his home state of New York and the rest of the country.

Tony A. Gaskins, Jr., a motivational speaker and life coach received the Millennial Leadership Award for his work with the NBA and Ford Motor Company.

In a prepared statement, Jim Taylor, the vice president of African American Outreach Strategy at AARP, said that his organization is very proud of the ongoing relationship with the NNPA, because both groups share the same commitment and passion for serving the African-American community.

"We are very proud of our ongoing relationship with the

NNPA because we share the same commitment and passion for serving the African-American community. They have been a consistent voice of the Black community throughout their great history," said Taylor. "At AARP, we are a voice for African Americans age 50 and over and their families, as we fight and advocate for issues of importance to this community, particularly in the areas of health security, financial resilience and personal fulfillment.

Chavis agreed with Taylor's sentiments.

"We admire and salute these transformational leaders," Chavis said. "At this moment in history, the United States of America is

yet at another political, economic and social crossroad. The outcome of the Tuesday, November 8, national elections will have a profound impact on Black America and the whole of humanity."

Chavis reiterated that the Black Press has a sacred obligation and responsibility to lift up a new generation of leaders and freedom fighters. He also placed a priority goal of getting out the Black vote in the upcoming national elections in November 2016.

"This marks the 189th year of the Black Press in America," said Chavis. "Since the Freedom's Journal in March of 1827, the Black Press has continued to be on the frontline of the freedom struggle and movement."

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# Three tips to ensure a successful school year for students

Congratulations! You survived the first two weeks of school! And now that you've had an opportunity to knock the dust off and get back into a school routine, think about how you can set the tone for academic success this school year. Here are a few tips for making sure the school year goes well for you and your family:

- Set a routine. Practice makes perfect. Be consistent with times for bed, waking up, meals, homework, family time and entertainment.

- Allocate time & space appropriately. Rather than kick off your shoes and turn on the t.v. when you get home, establish that time for your children as a time for homework and study.



**Joyce Foreman**  
Dallas ISD  
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Create a space in which this will take place each night, and do your part to ensure at-home assignments get done.

- Encourage and support. Be your children's biggest academic cheerleader. Knowing that you are interested and excited about their learning becomes contagious. Your interest piques their interest. Get involved and let them know you care about their education.

A few notes for District 6 families and students:

### Fall Means Football

Carter (2-0) defeated Kimball (0-2) 9-7 at Kin-

caide Stadium on Sept. 2 in Oak Cliff's biggest rivalry.

Visit [www.dallasisd.org/athletics](http://www.dallasisd.org/athletics) for more games, scores and updates on District 6 football.

### FAFSA Opens Early

The date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – commonly known as the FAFSA, which many schools use to determine financial aid awards – is available three months earlier this year than in past years. That means for the 2017-2018 school year, seniors and their families can start applying for financial aid as early as Oct. 1. In prior years, the form became available on Jan. 1.

For a family completing the FAFSA for the 2017-2018 school year, they'll use the 2015 tax return. Pre-

viously – before the timeline change – a family would have submitted 2016 tax information.

### Dallas ISD College Fair and HBCU Experience

Juniors and seniors will have access to a range of information about getting into and paying for college at the district's annual College Fair planned for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, 2016, at the Ellis Davis Field House located at 9191 Polk St. Representatives of more than 200 colleges, universities, career training schools and the military will have exhibits at the fair. The event will also feature The HBCU Experience with information and exhibits about the benefits of attending historically black colleges and universities.

### Junior League of Dallas Announces Grants for Innovative Teaching Recipients

Since 1992, GFIT has provided approximately \$1.66 million to Dallas ISD educators who have created innovative approaches to teaching children. This year, GFIT will award 54 grants totaling just over \$93,000. Congratulations to these District 6 teachers selected to receive grants from Junior League of Dallas to fund innovative classroom projects:

- Shawn Davis, Daniel Webster Elementary School
- Armetha Blackmon, Martin Weiss Elementary School
- Leticia Dorsey Martin, Weiss Elementary School
- Dorcas Kassebaum,

Ronald McNair Elementary School

- Ramicia Paul, Ronald McNair Elementary School
- Shamika Polk, Ronald McNair Elementary School
- Bonita Reece, Umphrey Lee Elementary School
- Sweta Srivastava, Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Middle School

### Holmes MS Math Teachers Wins Big

Renee Jackson, a Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Middle School math teacher, was awarded one of seven TI STEM Innovations in STEM Teaching Awards worth \$10,000. In order to be nominated, teachers had to be Distinguished-eligible STEM teachers under the Teacher Excellence Initiative and be nominated by their campus principal.

# Free math and literacy tutoring is available in Plano

For six consecutive years, a group of tutors will come together in the name of education.

What sets this group apart: the tutors are academically sound pre-teens and teenagers.

Access, a nonprofit program based in Plano, is set to begin another year of providing free math, reading, and writing tutoring to underserved elementary and middle school students.

Parents and guardians of 3rd through 8th graders who attend public, private,



or charter schools in Plano, Frisco, or North Dallas and meet income qualifications may sign up their student

or students for the tutoring program, which starts Oct. 18 for the fall semester.

"Since the inception of

the program, area high school students from Plano and Frisco school districts have volunteered their time to help students who struggle in core subjects," said Tonya Whitaker, coordinator of the program. "The group we had last year was excited about working together. To see students excited about comprehending their homework assignments was gratifying to all involved."

The body of research on peer tutoring shows it has many benefits for tutors and tutorees, including

higher academic achievement, increased motivation, and improved social development.

"Support outside school is beneficial to all students; however, there are students who cannot afford that support. Access was created for those who need tutoring the most."

Tutoring sessions will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road in Plano. Whitaker asks parents, students, and volunteers to refrain from contacting Haggard

staff for information about the program, as the Plano Public Library System is not affiliated with the program.

"We chose the library because it is a safe, quiet environment for the students we serve," Whitaker said.

Services are provided to students regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion or disability.

To learn more about our program, visit [www.myaccess tutoring.com](http://www.myaccess tutoring.com), review our VolunteerMatch posting, or call 469-212-5587.

# For-profit schools offer African American students more debt than jobs

Students from disadvantaged neighborhoods are often drawn to for-profit trade schools after high school, seeing them as the quickest route to jobs. A new study finds the streamlined, focused curriculum that makes for-profit schools appealing is also the reason many poor students drop out, however.

A new study of 150 black youths from some of Baltimore's lowest-income neighborhoods shows that young people who attended

for-profit institutions ended up in more debt and with fewer job prospects than they might have had they attempted two- or four-year nonprofit schools.

The findings, which shed new light on what attracts students to for-profit institutions and why they struggle to complete certifications, appear in the journal *Sociology of Education*.

"The quick jump into for-profit schools really precludes other options that might be less costly and

have a bigger return," says coauthor Stefanie DeLuca, associate professor of sociology at Johns Hopkins University. "These young people are vulnerable to the flashy ads for these schools and lured in by how quickly they could get jobs."

Most of the young people in the study, 53 percent, pursued certifications at for-profit trade schools that offer occupational training programs in fields like cosmetology, auto mechanics, computer networking, and

phlebotomy. Most students who enroll in these programs are very low-income, and studies show the number of disadvantaged students choosing for-profit programs is increasing.

In Baltimore, the researchers interviewed 150 people in 2010. They were 15 to 24 years old and grew up in neighborhoods with poverty rates exceeding 50 percent and with African-American populations of at least 80 percent. When they were born, most lived in

high-rise public housing and were on public assistance. Half grew up with one or both parents suffering from addictions and about the same number had a parent who had been incarcerated.

These young people had very grounded career expectations; most hoped to find working-class jobs, the research shows. And because of their family and financial circumstances, they wanted jobs as soon as possible.

For-profit trade schools appeal to a desire quickly get to work, the study shows. With little to no career counseling in high school, the young people researched education options on their own and relied heavily on information they heard during TV commercials for for-profit schools, which emphasized the short duration of their programs.

Although most of the for-profit trade programs lasted

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# Collin College is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

This year Collin College is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with events in September and October. Free and open to the public, all events will take place at the college's Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano.



Spanish Short Stories/Poems & Performance by Enric Madriguera - 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Spring

Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center, section AB

Play Reading by Cara Mia "Miss Quince" - 1-2:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29 - Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference

Center, section AB

### October Events:

Short Film/Film Screening - 1-2:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center, section AB

Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta with music and dancing - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 - Closing performance by Carmen Lamarque - Noon-1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 - Spring Creek Campus atrium

## Irving School Foundation Scholarship Announcements

The Irving Schools Foundation (ISF) announced two new academic scholarships for Irving ISD students. The Stipes 10th Anniversary Scholarship, named in honor of Margie Stipes, was unveiled on September 14 and will be offered to graduates who attended Stipes Elementary School. In addition, ISF in conjunction with MacArthur High School announced a new scholarship on September 15 for MacArthur seniors.



The Irving Schools Foundation and Stipes Elementary faculty and staff surprise Mrs. Margie Stipes with the announcement of the Stipes 10th Anniversary Scholarship. (Photo: Irving ISD)

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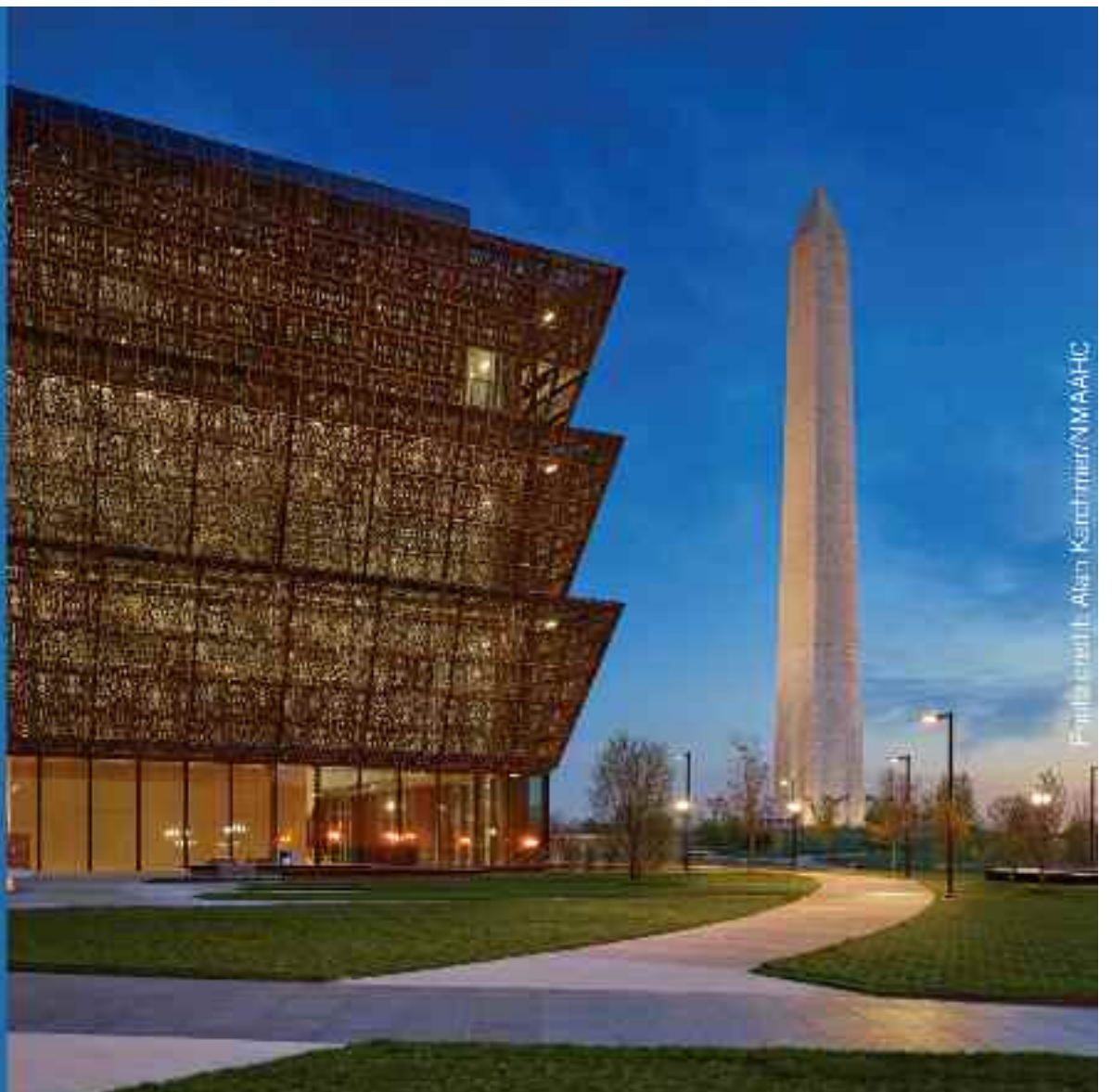


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**CARROLLTON**  
September is library card sign-up month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month and the Carrollton Public Library wants to make sure that everyone has the smartest card of all – a library card. Students can turn to the library for educational events and classes, books, and digital materials for success in school.

Getting a library card is easy and is offered at no charge. Adults (age 18+) need to bring current identification, such as a Texas Driver License. Any child can get a Carrollton Public Library card when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. During September, lost cards can be replaced at no cost at either Carrollton Public Library.

Cardholders can use their library card to check out books in the format of their choice (eBook, CD, print, or portable Playaway), obtain magazine and newspaper articles from home or work, access the Internet and more. Online resources are also available to assist job seekers, business owners, and students of all ages. Both Library locations provide a wireless hotspot that is WiFi certified for standard laptop access. Bring your Library card when you visit the library for the most efficient serv-



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ice. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit either Carrollton Public Library at 1700 Keller Springs Road or 4220 N. Josey Lane, call 972-466-4800, or visit the library online at [cityofcarrollton.com/library](http://cityofcarrollton.com/library).

**Festival at the Switchyard: Call for volunteers**

Be the heart and soul of Carrollton's Festival at the Switchyard on Saturday, November 5; sign up to be a volunteer. Volunteers play an important role by helping during all phases of the Festival and creating a safe, clean, and enjoyable event for all. Volunteers age 16 and older (14-15 will be accepted if part of a group such as school, church, or Scouts with adult supervision) will help maintain the Festival site, greet patrons, provide information, assist attendees, and many other tasks. Volunteers must be able to work a minimum of two hours at

the event, as well as be willing and able to work outdoors. As a volunteer, you will become a member of a unique volunteer family, and thousands of visitors will benefit from your service. You will also receive a free volunteer t-shirt, a free lunch, and plenty of appreciation for helping out.

The outdoor event will be held Saturday, November 5 on the Downtown Carrollton Square (1106 S. Broadway Street) from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. with headliner Barenaked Ladies.

In addition to the exciting concerts, great food, a beer garden, arts and crafts, live entertainment, interactive games, and activities for children of all ages are planned. The free KidsWorld will offer bungee trampolines, a zip line, and more.

To fill out a volunteer application form or for more details about the volunteer process and guidelines, visit [carrolltonfestival.com](http://carrolltonfestival.com). You can also follow the Festival at [tonFestival and on Twitter at \[twitter.com/carrolltonfest\]\(http://twitter.com/carrolltonfest\).](http://facebook.com/Carroll-</a></p>
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**GARLAND**  
Tree Tot Tornado Recovery Run

There's still time to register for the Tree Trot Tornado Recovery Run! Support tornado recovery in Garland by participating in the run at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Runners of all ages and skill levels may choose to participate in a 10K, 5K or a one-mile fun run; all races will begin at Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Learn more about the race at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov)

**IRVING**  
iRun Irving Fun Walk/Run

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**LEWISVILLE**  
Police to host second 'Coffee with Cops'

Police Chief Russ

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less than two years, they were expensive. Unlike nonprofit schools, they didn't allow undecided students to switch courses of study once a program was paid for upfront. Once enrolled, the young people tended to realize they'd committed to occupations they either weren't qualified for or didn't enjoy. They dropped out, or hopped from one program to another, or tried taking several programs

at a time, racking up debt and increasing chances they would quit it all before earning certification.

Of the young people who enrolled in a for-profit college, only 31 percent earned certification by the time the study ended.

Although completion rates at community colleges were even worse, the students who chose for-profit colleges racked up more debt and

their loan default rates were much higher, the study shows. In Baltimore, the cost of attending the two most popular for-profit schools was two to four times that of attending the most popular community colleges, the study found.

"Some of these students might have been better suited for a two-year community college, which is a lot less expensive, or some could have gone straight into a four-year program,"

DeLuca says. "This is about how young people in some of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods are trying to navigate the transition to a career with very little information."

Megan M. Holland, assistant professor of educational leadership at the University at Buffalo is coauthor of the study. Support for the work came from the William T. Grant Foundation and the Century Foundation.

Source: Johns Hopkins University and Futurity.



# New food choices to debut at 2016 State Fair

With Opening Day right around the corner, Fair season is officially in full swing – bringing new shows, new rides and, of course, new food. Thought you had seen it all at the Big Tex Choice Awards? Concessionaires also grace the fairgrounds every year with an additional lineup of brand new treats to showcase at their stands. Whether you have an appetite for adventure or prefer a more traditional taste, these new foods will not disappoint! Check out some of the latest creations that will be making their State Fair of Texas debut on the 2016 menu. For a complete list of new foods and their locations, visit [BigTex.com/new-foods](http://BigTex.com/new-foods).

Don't miss out on your chance to get a taste of all the new foods at the 2016 State Fair of Texas. This year's event runs from Fri-

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Crunchy Fried Oinkers at Rancho Fajitas	Loaded Bacon Mashed Potato Egg Roll at Old MW Inn
Dallas' Fried Baconbilla at Benavides	Lollipop Fried Bacon Wrapped Quail Breast on a Stick at Dicksie's Texas Smokehouse
Deep Fried Bacon Wrapped Tater' Dog at Recreation & Old MW Inn	Mama's Garlic Fries at Stuffed Wings
Deep Fried Cannoli Bites at Magnolia Beer Garden & Magnolia Smokehouse	Pecan Pie Poppers at Chef Casey's
Deep Fried Clam Chowder at Guacamole Paradise Texas Ice House & Texas Burgers, Dogs & More	Pina-A-Iol-Tas at Rancho Fajitas
Deep Fried Nachos at Furi Biz Concessions	Shrimp Fritters at La-Kam's Bar & Grill
Deep Fried Smoked Salmon & Bacon Croquettes at La-Kam's Bar & Grill	State Fair Edible Cola at Trio on the Green & Fair Faves
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day, September 30 to Sunday, October 23 in historic Fair Park. Your ticket to Texas-sized fun, with hundreds of daily shows, concerts, activities and exhibits all included in the

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Since its inception in 1886, the State Fair of Texas has celebrated all things Texan at promoting

agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment. The State Fair of Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with proceeds

helping to preserve and improve Fair Park and underwrite museum, community and scholarship programs for inner city youth and students pursuing

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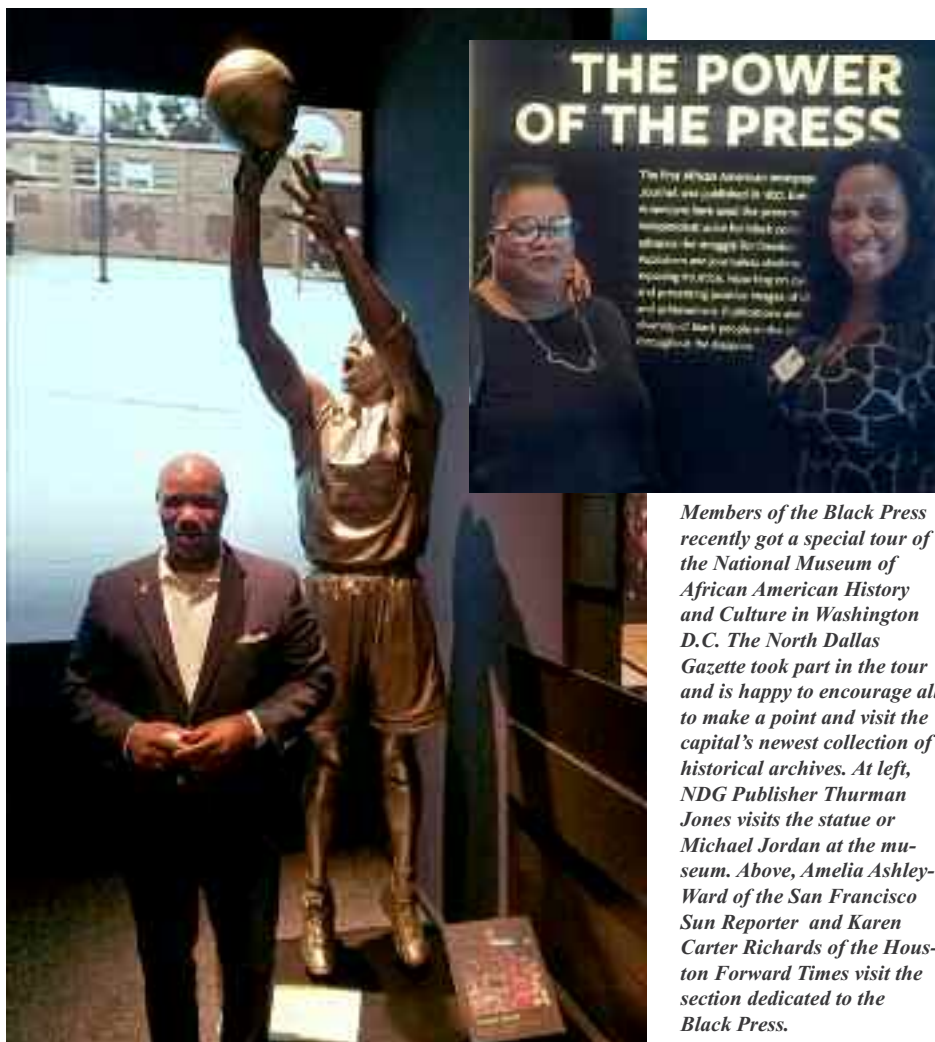
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## Capturing history...



Members of the Black Press recently got a special tour of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. The North Dallas Gazette took part in the tour and is happy to encourage all to make a point and visit the capital's newest collection of historical archives. At left, NDG Publisher Thurman Jones visits the statue of Michael Jordan at the museum. Above, Amelia Ashley-Ward of the San Francisco Sun Reporter and Karen Carter Richards of the Houston Forward Times visit the section dedicated to the Black Press.



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# Tigers and Panthers can DART to Classic October 1

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Two stations serve Fair Park. Fair Park Station on Parry Avenue at the entrance to the fairgrounds and MLK, Jr., Station is located south of R.B. Cullum Boulevard and convenient to the Gate 6 entrance and the Cotton Bowl. Extra Green Line trains will be available approximately every 15 minutes on game day between Victory and

Lawnview stations starting at 9:30 a.m.

Green Line trains going to the fair will say "Fair Park," "Buckner" or "Lawnview." Southbound Red, Blue and Orange line passengers transfer to the Green Line at Pearl/Arts District Station. Northbound Red and Blue line passengers transfer to the Green Line at Akard Station. Eastbound Orange

Line passengers transfer to the Green Line at Bachman Station. Trinity Railway Express (TRE) passengers transfer to the Green Line at Victory Station.

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cated at all DART and TRE stations and on the GoPass<sup>SM</sup> app available for both Apple and Android. Additional information is at [DART.org/StateFairClassic](http://DART.org/StateFairClassic) or DART Customer Information at 214-979-1111.

## Discover the Unexpected...



Legendary lyricist and hip hop pioneer MC Lyte helps celebrate Howard University journalism students, who were part of Chevrolet's inaugural "Discover the Unexpected" program launched in conjunction with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). (From left to right) MC Lyte, Brandi Montgomery, Victoria Jones, Sidnee King, Tatyana Hopkins, and Rushawn Walters. Photos by Tamon George



(At left) Howard University journalism student Sidnee King talks about her experience reporting at the Chicago Defender. (From left to right) Brandi Montgomery, Victoria Jones, Sidnee King, and Tatyana Hopkins.



Legendary lyricist and hip hop pioneer MC Lyte celebrates the completion of Chevrolet's first "Discover the Unexpected" program, which she championed as its program ambassador.



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# Consumer financial agency wins court case against Cashcall

By Charlene Crowell  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The fight for fair lending got a big boost on August 31 when a federal court rejected a payday loan collector's attempt to evade consumer laws. The decision against CashCall, a California-based online payday and installment lender, upheld the Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau's (CFPB) authority to investigate and fine lenders for unfair, abusive or deceptive practices.

The court ruling is a key step in a legal battle that began nearly three years ago.

In December 2013 and for the first time, CFPB sued to secure consumer refunds of illegally collected money. According to the filing, "de-

fendants engaged in unfair, deceptive and abusive practices, including illegally debiting consumer checking accounts for loans that were void."

CFPB charged that California-based CashCall, its subsidiary WS Funding LLC, affiliate Delbert Services Corporation, a Nevada collection agency were all the same ownership. Loans

ranging from \$850- \$10,000 were sold with upfront fees, lengthy repayment terms and interest rates as high as 343 percent. CFPB charged that these loan terms violated state laws in at least 16 states that had in place licensing requirements, interest rate caps – or both.

As early as 2009, Cash-Call also partnered with Western Sky Financial, an-

other company, to claim that

The federal court dis-

agreed and dismissed challenging arguments, finding CashCall to be the true lender. The relationship with Western Sky was tantamount to a "rent-a-bank"

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sponsible for the revenue that allows a company to exist and grow."

The fashion marketing program at El Centro is part of the overall marketing program that is offered at the Dallas County Community College District. Students can choose to study business marketing, which is available at Cedar Valley College.

Dr. Diane Minger, program coordinator at Cedar Valley, said her students learn the basic principles of marketing: product, price, promotion and distribution.

"We prepare our students for jobs in wholesaling, retailing, advertising and sales," Minger said. "Those are the types of fields that they would go into. They learn how to create a solid marketing plan, which is more specific than a business plan."

Minger added that many marketing students at Cedar Valley already work in sales, but others have their own companies. "They just don't know how to get the word out about their businesses, how to promote them, and how to attract their target market. Our program is appropriate for entrepreneurs," she said.

Torres, who hopes to transfer to LIM College after he graduates next spring, said he has been working on his company's website and doing its social media as well. "Now they even let me write orders for the company," he said. "I took a buying class at El Centro and saw how buyers work in the real world. I know how it all

happens now."

Most jobs in marketing in areas such as retail, wholesale and purchasing pay wages that are above the national average, according to data from EMSI. Wholesale and retail buyers with an associate degree, for example, can expect to earn around \$26 in median hourly earnings, and sales representatives make about \$25 in hourly wages, according to recent figures.

### Creating local enterprises

Hyde said El Centro produces entrepreneurs more than anything. "We have a lot of students in fashion marketing who want to open up a store or help others with an online presence or launch consulting companies in styling," he added.

Allison Garza, who graduated with an associate degree in fashion marketing from El Centro in May, said her goal is to open up her own business in cosmetics. "Fashion is connected to the beauty industry," she said. "I decided to get a business-related degree, and I liked what I found after I did the research on this program."

"Fashion marketing provided a very real-world education. The professors don't sugarcoat anything. They say, 'This is what you have to know, whom you have to know and how to network,'" Garza said. "And you learn how to make things look professional."

### Making it look good: visual merchandising

Garza added that she also earned a certificate in visual merchandising, which teaches students how to dis-

play products. "In my final project, I created a 3-D model for a store using my own brand image and putting details on the walls," she said.

Hyde said, "In visual merchandising, we teach students that everything is there for a reason. Items in a store window don't just magically appear – someone went there and strategically placed each item. It's done specifically and with intention."

Allmon, who also earned a certificate in visual mer-

chandising, works in the couture department at Neiman Marcus, a job she got through El Centro. "I use the elements I learned in the program at my job every day. It all fits together like a puzzle," she said.

For more information about the fashion marketing program at El Centro, email Wade Hyde at whyde@dcccd.edu; for information about the business marketing program at Cedar Valley, email Dr. Diane Minger at dminger@dcccd.edu.



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## New poll finds Latino voters still being ignored in lead up to Election 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As Latino voters prepare to head to the polls in less than two months, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and Noticias Telemundo released the results of the first wave of an eight week tracking poll of Latino voters. NALEO Educational Fund projects that more than 13.1 million Latinos will cast ballots in Election 2016, making support among Latino voters critical in the race for the White House.

Results from the first week of the NALEO Educa-

tional Fund/Noticias Telemundo/Latino Decisions Weekly Political Tracking Poll offer exclusive insights into the Latino electorate this year, including Presidential vote choice, issue priority and party evaluations. The poll was conducted by Latino Decisions between September 12-17, 2016, with more than 500 Latino registered voters interviewed for this first wave of results.

Key findings include:

- Latino voters are still being ignored. With Election Day less than two months away, more than 60 percent of Latino registered voters

reported that they had not been contacted by a campaign, political party or organization.

- Immigration is not the only issue Latinos care about. Immigration is a top issue (30 percent) for Latino voters, but job creation (20 percent), improving wages/incomes (19 percent), lowering healthcare costs (19 percent) and combatting terrorism (19 percent) are also critical to the electorate.

- If the Election were held today, Hillary Clinton would win Latino voters by a large margin. Results show that 71 percent of Latino voters polled would cast a ballot for

Secretary Clinton if the election were today, compared to 18 percent for Donald Trump and 5 percent for an alternate candidate. Six percent reported being undecided.

- Donald Trump's comments considered racist by most Latino voters. More than 72 percent of polled Latino voters reported viewing Trump remarks about Latinos as racist, while only 30 percent believed Trump would bring the change needed in Washington.

- Hillary Clinton viewed as experienced, but not perfect. More than 72 percent of Latino voters think Secre-

tary Clinton has the right experience to be President, but some reservations remain among the electorate. Nearly half of polled Latino voters consider her untrustworthy.

- Both presidential candidates have some work to do. Compared to the favorability rating for President Obama (72 percent), Secretary Clinton (66 percent) and Trump (25 percent) have some ground to make up among Latino voters. Nearly one-third (31 percent) of Latino voters also reported being less excited about Election 2016 than Election 2012.

- Latino voters will be decisive. More than 91 percent

of polled Latino voters stated they would more than likely cast ballots this year.

"This poll confirms what we have known for some time---that Latino voters are still being ignored by major campaigns, political parties and funders," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. "Latinos are not a three-state electorate limited to the battlegrounds of Nevada, Colorado and Florida. We are a 50-state community that continues to grow and expand every year, and it's time for our nation's voter mobilization efforts to finally reflect that reality."

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scheme. In part the ruling stated affected states "have expressed a fundamental public policy in protecting its citizens."

CFPB's late summer court victory is similar to another recent enforcement action by the Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation. In that state's court, CashCall was found to be a lender that tried to evade state usury limits by using the rent-a-bank scheme.

Today, there are 90 million people who live in the District of Columbia and 14 states where excessively-

priced payday loans are not allowed. Collectively, these states save more than \$2 billion a year that would otherwise be spent on payday loan fees.

That's a good thing for consumers.

Consumer advocates are celebrating this important victory. It is one that upholds the importance of strong state laws and effective enforcement.

"This important ruling validates the right of states to protect their citizens from predatory loans, whether they are made online or at a storefront", noted Diane

Standaert, director of state policy and an executive vice president with the Center for Responsible Lending. "It reinforces the common sense concept that people should not be harassed for debts they do not owe. Both states and the CFPB must continue to enact protections against unfair lending and collection practices."

The court ruling also comes when the deadline for public comment on payday lending approaches. CFPB will accept comments from citizens and organizations that have concerns about payday and high-cost, small-dollar loans. An online portal can accept com-

ments at: <http://stop paydaypredators.org/crl/>.

The deadline for public comment is October 7. If anyone doubts how these small-dollar loans cause so much financial harm, consider these facts:

- Over \$3.4 billion in excessive fees are drained from payday borrowers each year.

- Nearly 1 in 4 payday borrowers rely on either public assistance or retirement benefits as an income source.

- Payday borrowers are more likely to experience bank penalty fees, delinquencies on other bills, and delayed medical care.

All too often across the country, payday storefronts ply their trade in Black and Latino neighborhoods. The noticeable presence of payday lenders in our communities indicate that our people are being targeted to become financial victims. I would challenge anyone to identify areas dominated by high-income consumers have a comparable number of payday stores.

Starting now, choose not to become a payday victim. If there was ever a time to speak up or speak out on predatory lending, don't miss the October 7 deadline for comments.

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The purpose of "Coffee with Cops" is for police and community members to come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. Everyone in the Lewisville community, whether they live here, work here, or just spend time here, is invited to attend.

The Lewisville Police Department is now on Facebook. Follow LPD updates

by visiting its Facebook page – [LewisvillePD](https://www.facebook.com/LewisvillePD).

### Fire Dept. hosts open house

The Lewisville Fire Department will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Central Fire Station, 188 N. Valley Parkway.

There will be free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks available. Activities will include firefighting demonstrations and programs, a safe house maze for kids, simulated vehicle rescue, dive/rescue operations, fire safety clowns, and appearances by CareFlight and PHI Air Medical.

Members of the Lewisville Police Department will join their fire department colleagues for this event.

Animal Services will have a special adoption center set up, and representatives will be handing out literature on adoptions and volunteer opportunities. Carter Blood-Care will be on site for a blood drive.

### RICHARDSON Empowerment conference features 80-year-old body builder

Fit and Faithful Living is hosting its Woman of Honor Empowerment Conference on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 12:00 a.m. to

10:00 p.m. It will feature 80-year-old Ernestine Shepherd, the Guinness Book of World Records Oldest Performing Female Weightlifting Champion. The series will be held at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas hotel located at 701 East Campbell Road in Richardson, Texas 75081.

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# Labor Dept.: Black unemployment rate falls to 8.1 percent in August

By Freddie Allen  
NNPA Managing Editor

The unemployment rate for Black workers improved from 8.4 percent in July to 8.1 percent in August, according to the latest jobs report from the Labor Department. Even though the Black jobless rate has decreased more than a percentage point since last year (9.4 percent in August 2015), it is still nearly double the White unemployment rate (4.4 percent).

Nationally, the economy added 151,000 jobs in August, but the unemployment rate remained steady at 4.9 percent, the same mark set in July and June.

The labor force participation rate, which measures the share of workers that are employed or looking for jobs, was 61.9 percent for Black workers in August, an increase from 61.2 percent in July and only a slight uptick from the Black labor force rate last year (61.7 percent in August 2015). The participation rate for White workers was 62.9 percent in August, July and June and

has only edged up slightly since last August (62.6 percent).

The unemployment rate for White workers was 4.4 percent in August, the same mark set in August 2015, and a slight increase from the 4.3 percent rate recorded in July.

The unemployment rate for Black men over 20 years-old was 7.6 percent in August, an improvement from 8.2 percent in July. The jobless rate for Black women over 20 years-old was 7.1 percent in August, which was a step forward from the 7.3 percent rate a month ago.

The unemployment rate for White men over 20 years-old was 4.1 percent in August, the same as July. The participation rate, which was 72 percent in July showed no improvement. The unemployment rate for White women was 3.9 percent in August slightly higher than the 3.7 percent mark set in July.

The unemployment rate for Hispanic workers was 5.6 percent in August 2016 a step back from the 5.4 per-

cent rate set in July.

According to The Hamilton Project, an economic policy think tank at the Brookings Institution, the economy would need to add 204,000 jobs every month until May 2017 to reach pre-recession employment levels.

In a statement about the August jobs report, Main Street Alliance, a national network of small business coalitions, noted that growth in the retail and restaurant sectors signaled "increased consumer confidence and

spending heading into the holiday shopping season."

The Alliance also reported

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didate's potential by providing employment opportunities, regardless of background or work history, while facilitating services and support to help employees succeed in the workplace and thrive in the community. Some of our productive and dedicated team members were formerly incarcerated, spent months or years searching for legitimate work, and were rejected by almost all other companies.

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**September 28, 12 p.m.**  
Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by

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# I wish you enough



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I received this long ago; it is still inspiration today for someone. It is something to ponder and perhaps start a tradition in your own family.

## I WISH YOU ENOUGH!

A father and daughter at an Airport were overheard talking. The daughter's plane departure was announced. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the father said, "I love you." "I wish you enough."

The daughter said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all that I have ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed; and she boarded the plane.

The father walked toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I

could see he wanted to, and needed to cry.

I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he asked me, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have, I replied. That brought back memories that I had of expressing my love and appreciation for what my Dad had done.

Recognizing that his days were limited, I told him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man was experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this good-bye forever?" I asked.

"I am old and my daughter lives far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is that her next trip back home will probably be for my funeral," he said.

When you said good-bye I heard you say, "I wish you enough." What does that mean?"

The father smiled. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents

used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail.

"When we say, 'I wish you enough,' we are wanting the other person to have

a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following, reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun

to keep your attitude bright." "I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive."

"I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear larger." "I wish you enough increases to satisfy your wanting." "I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess."

"I wish you enough 'Hello's:' to get you through the final 'Good-byes.'" He sobbed and walked away. - **Author Unknown.**

Trust the Lord when trials come; don't doubt nor question His Wisdom. Believe God's Word; no matter how

difficult things may be; press on and trust Him. Rejoice and give Him praise.

Trust in the Lord with your whole heart. The times when you begin to doubt; lift your eyes and shout ... "He's my God, Who carries me through, no matter what, I'll trust Him!

No matter what my eyes may see, I'll walk by faith and trust in Thee!" It doesn't matter where He lead, follow Him faithfully.

Through the valleys, over the hills, in darkened times, trust Him still. In everything . . . Trust in the Lord!



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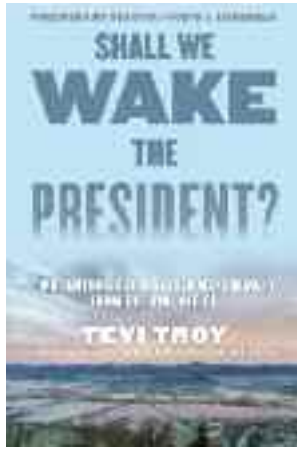
# NDG Book Review: *Shall We Wake the President?*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You were, of course, asleep when the alarm sounded.

Why do these things always happen at 3 a.m.? Emergencies never happen during the day. You can't schedule them, either, so you need to be at least semi-prepared for anything, all the time. But is the government ready? In "Shall We Wake the President?" by Tevi Troy, you'll find the answer.

Hurricanes, conflagrations, tornadoes, terrorism. Does it seem like there've been more disasters in the United States lately, or are we just more aware of



them?

Both, says Tevi Troy.

Inclement weather, epidemics, war, and destruction are as old as mankind but the world itself is more complicated than ever. We have better technology, for instance, which informs but

may not fully prepare us for worst-case scenarios, and full-scale prevention may be impossible. Sometimes, the best we can hope is that our Commanders-in-Chief are ready for what befalls us, although, as Troy notes, unseasoned new presidents are often inexperienced in dealing with major disasters.

They can, however, look at the past for a basic disaster management blueprint; many of their predecessors dealt with similar occurrences throughout history. Presidents can take stronger leadership roles or even an advisory role, if a different level or department of government is more suited or better braced to take the

reins. At the very least – and perhaps first – a president must loosen the strings tying communication, and reassure his or her people.

Even so, and though we lay many expectations at the feet of our government, Troy says most Americans would be well-served to serve themselves.

Because the government doesn't have a nation-wide stockpile of food or water, create your own. Since there may be difficulty getting medicines everywhere, get vaccinated, take basic hygienic precautions, and have a well-stocked medi-kit. Pay down your debts. Consider buying a generator, and some sturdy locks.

And finally, keep in mind that while there are things you can't gird against, you also can't spend your life worrying. All things considered, your chances of being a victim are relatively low.

Wow. "Shall We Wake the President?" is quite the surprise.

I expected to see history in this book, which author and former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services Tevi Troy offers, and it's very eye-opening. I didn't expect the behind-the-scenes politics, nor the touch of survivalist advice in this book – even though I came to welcome both.

It's easy to complain

about shortcomings in disaster mitigation, but merely knowing why help may not be coming if the unthinkable happens is a great way to be forearmed; to that end, Troy explains why the system is what it is. That's a good education for readers who want to dive deeply into this book; of even more help is the no-nonsense tone and the quietly urgent advice.

The anniversary of 9/11 has just passed, and if that and other current events have you on watch, then this ponderously thoughtful book will keep you reading. Buy "Shall We Wake the President?" and be prepared, not alarmed.

## Norah Jones awarded UNT Presidential Medal of Honor during campus visit Sept. 21



Norah Jones (Photo: liltree / Flickr)

University of North Texas alumna and musician Norah Jones received a big welcome home Sept. 21 (Wednesday) when she returned to the university she attended before launching her Grammy Award-winning career.

As part of her visit, Jones received the Presidential Medal of Honor — the highest medal given by the university and presented by

UNT President Neal Smatresk. Jones was a jazz studies student in UNT's College of Music from 1997 to 1999, and has gone on to win nine Grammys — the most prestigious award in the recording industry — and sell more than 50 million records. Her newest and sixth solo album, *Day Breaks*, will come out Oct. 7 and is reminiscent of her piano-focused music of her 2002 debut CD, *Come*

*Away With Me*.

Jones will perform in Denton as part of the Sept. 22-24 Oaktopia music festival, of which UNT is the premier sponsor. She will then embark on an extensive tour through the United States and Europe.

The events at UNT began when Jones took part in a question-and-answer session with music students.

After the Q&A, Smatresk

presented Jones with the UNT Presidential Medal of Honor, an exclusive award given by the president to acknowledge those who have elevated the university and made significant contributions to the world. Only one other alumnus — sports broadcaster George Dunham — has received the award.

Jones studied for two years in UNT's jazz studies program and was part of the

UNT Jazz Singers and the Zebras, a jazz piano group. In 1999, she moved to New York City to pursue her singing career and soon after, she was signed by Blue Note Records. She has performed during the Grammy and Academy Award ceremonies and has appeared in the movies *My Blueberry Nights* and *Ted* and in the TV shows *Saturday Night Live*, *30 Rock* and *Sesame Street*.

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that Washington state led the nation in small business job growth and Seattle topped the list of metropolitan areas.

"With job creation and small business success widely attributed to consumer confidence and spending, it is hard to ignore Seattle's rising minimum wage and the role boosting

the wages of the lowest-level earners played in earning them the top spot on the list," the Alliance statement said.

The Labor Department also reported upward trends in several service industries, including food services and drinking places.

Bill Spriggs, the chief

economist for the AFL-CIO, a national group of 56 unions that represents more than 12 million workers, noted gains in fast food jobs and in health care in a series of tweets last Friday.

"Despite whining about minimum wage increases, fast food establishments gain 34,000 last month, 312,000 over the year," Spriggs tweeted.

Spriggs suggested that the Black unemployment rate likely decreased, "for right reasons," because the employment-population ratio, which is the share of the population that is currently employed, also improved from July (56.1 percent) to August (56.9 percent).

Spriggs also tweeted that Black workers that earn associate degrees experience a

5.4 percent jobless rate, which is only slightly better than the unemployment rate for White high school dropouts (5.6 percent).

In a statement recognizing the importance of Labor Day, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), said that although America has made significant strides toward an economic recovery in recent years, too many working

people are still going without the basic necessities.

"It does not have to be this way," said Scott. "Ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to make a decent life for themselves and their families is the central challenge of our time. Whether we rise to meet that challenge will define us for generations to come."

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6300 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 75235. Parents who make an appointment can bring in their child's car seat and certified technicians will inspect it and offer instructions on proper installation.

To make an appointment, call 214.590.4455.

Child safety seats vary by manufacturer, so it's important to read your owner's

manual carefully for specific age, size or weight limits of your car seat. Generally, infants and children up to age 2 should be buckled into rear-facing car seats in the back seat. Children aged 2 to at least 5 should

be in front-facing car seats in the back seat. When a child gets too big for the car seat harness, and is over 4 years old and weighs 40

pounds or more, he or she can then begin using a booster seat.

Texas law requires that children younger than 8 years of age ride in a car seat or booster every time they are in a motor vehicle unless they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall.

"Booster seats are important because you have to remember that seat belts are made for adults, not children," Stephens-Stidham

said. "The boosters ensure that the car's seat belts fit properly, across the upper thighs, not the stomach, and across the chest, not the neck."

A shoulder harness that lies across a child's neck may be so uncomfortable that the child slides it behind his or her back, increasing the risk of serious head or neck injuries. A seat strap that is across the stomach and not the upper thighs

could result in internal injuries in case of a crash.

Stephens-Stidham offers additional recommendations for parents:

- Do not buy a used car seat because it may previously have been damaged in a crash

- Most car seats have an expiration date, usually after six years, but that can vary by manufacturer

- Have your child's car seat checked to make sure it

is installed correctly

- Parents should set a good example by always buckling up

To get help to ensure your child car seat is appropriate and properly installed, visit [www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org). For information about the Injury Prevention Center of Greater Dallas visit [www.injurypreventioncenter.org](http://www.injurypreventioncenter.org). To learn more about Parkland, go to [www.parklandhospital.com](http://www.parklandhospital.com).