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#### **ATEC Student's Twitter Video Makes Waves**

Project Documents History Prof's Use of Popular Service as a Teaching Tool

Texas Dallas (UTDallas) An Arts and Technology student's video account of a professor's classroom experiment with Twitter is making waves on the World Wide Web, captur-

ing thousands of viewers on YouTube and prompting an article in U.S. News & World Report.

UT Dallas graduate student Kim Smith's video, "The Twitter Experiment," shows how Dr. Monica Rankin, assistant professor of history in the School of Arts and Humanities, uses Twitter to engage her 90student history class in discussion.

The communication application helps overcome the logistical issues

involved in having scores of students interact in a short time span and encourages shy students to participate in the course.

"The video is a living example of what my

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## 3 Sister's Beauty Supply Offers Style and Respect



Crawford Family (L to R) Nikki, Kennedy, Kia, Skylar, and Ricky. They also have a son, Shaun, not pictured

BY LATOYA S. WATKINS

From the cool purple walls to the open ceiling and the tasteful art that adorns the place, one can tell that they have not happened upon the average beauty supply stores when they enter the African American owned business, 3 Sister's Beauty Supply. North Dallas Gazette

stopped by and visited with the owners, Ricky and Nikki Crawford three months after the grand opening and found one of the best kept secrets in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex.

3 Sister's is not the only beauty supply in Plano,

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### **Recessionista's Closet: Upcoming Swaps & Consignment Expos**

On June 27, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dallas Texas will host its largest and most unique clothing swap event ever. Talisa Lavarry, owner and operator of Talisa Lavarry Lifestyle and Image Consulting has decided to bring this concept to the area with hopes of helping families gain

awareness about recycling while building their wardrobes free of charge during the current recession. With thousands of layoffs and cut backs occurring within the Metro-plex this type of event is a huge benefit, as shopping for clothing has become a luxury for

While clothing swaps originated in the late nineties and have mostly been adopted by women as "Ladies night out parties" Lavarry has recently observed a need for this type of event that could benefit mothers, working men, and children alike. Once the doors open at 10 a.m. partic-



Talilssa Lavarry

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## Thurgood Marshall and the Texas NAACP Connection



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Lenny Kravitz On Celibacy: 'It's Very Hard'

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## On Father's Day: The Black Man - An **American Hero**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY NNPA EDITOR-IN-**CHIEF** 

He built America from the ground up with a few tools, his bare hands and by the sweat of his brow. While doing so, he was repeatedly whipped, lynched, falsely accused and castrated.

Even now, he braves America's streets despite the fact that he is more often stopped, brutalized or shot by police, blamed for crimes he did not commit,

and incarcerated at astronomical rates. He even dies earlier of natural causes than any other racial group in America – a statistic that some doctors speculate is partially due to the every day stresses of his race.

Whether he's wearing a necktie, a uniform, coveralls, or jeans, he braves the streets of America when he goes to work – or even to look for work. Most of the time, he makes it home. But, all too often he falls

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LaToya S. Watkins



Ananda Leeke

#### Carolanne E. Sanders

The Ron Brown Scholar Program, the nation's leading scholarship program for African Ameriyouth, recently announced that Carolanne E. Sanders, a senior at Plano Senior High School, has been selected as a 2009 Ron Brown Scholar. Chosen from more than 10,000 high school students, Miss Sanders is one of only 12 African American students from across the awarded this country honor.

Sanders has assumed a challenging course load while attending Plano Senior High School, receiving recognition as an AP Scholar and National Merit Commended Scholar. In addition to her normal coursework. Sanders is an avid musician and serves as principal cellist with her school's orchestra and participates with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra under the direction of Richard Giangiulio.

Sanders is a member



of the Plano High School National Honor Society, co-founded her school's chapter of Model UN, and participates with Girl Scouts of America. She has volunteered with the Texas Cares Animal Welfare Program and interned with the University of Texas (Dallas) Neuroscience Lab.

Carolanne will be attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she intends to persue a dual degree with majors in English Literature and Cello Performance.

Carolanne hopes to translate her love of music and literature into a career as a professor of literature or an orchestral musician. "Words and musical notes have a sort of timeless, intangible beauty that you can't find anywhere else," she says. "I just want to be able to let people love them the way I do."

Michael Mallory, executive director of the Ron Brown Scholar Program, said, "Carolanne's remarkable academic accomplishments underscore her desire to use her knowledge and passion outside the classroom. She is part of a tremendous group of gifted young people who all bring their unique backgrounds and personal experiences to benefit the Ron Brown Scholar Program and their communities as a whole."

Founded in 1996 and named in honor of the first African American Secretary of Commerce, the Ron Brown Scholar Program provides students with the financial resources to attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the country, in addition to promoting outstanding service opportunities for the next generation of promising African American leaders.

Ron Brown Scholars are selected on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership

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## LaToya S. Watkins

Self-acceptance, self-awareness, self-love. *In Love with Losers* by



LaToya S. Watkins tackles these issues and more, with characters that will challenge readers to evoke positive change within themselves.

"LaToya S. Watkins' fresh new voice brings great storytelling verve to life with a style that is as enthralling as it is entertaining. *In Love with Losers*' intriguing story will keep you riveted as it delivers a message of hope

that surely will resonate with readers...a moving adaptation of drama personified," says Elissa Gabrielle, President & CEO of Peace In The Storm Publishing.

In Love with Losers offers a positive perspective toward common African American struggles. As three women set out on a mission to find a suitable man, each embarks on her own journey of priorities and self-discovery. Each of the women has to fight her own battle of

love, yet they must all wrestle with determining whether or not the men in their lives are losers or lovers; real or fake. As the truth slowly reveals itself to each of them, they start to realize what love and relationships are really all about, expelling the losers within themselves.

In the spirit of great African American writers, LaToya weaves history and culture into the fabric of the lives of these women as they journey to self-awareness.

"Through my writing I hope that readers will identify with characters that possess traits reminiscent of their own. I hope that Zora, Chelle, and Donisha will motivate them to forgive, trust, have faith in, love, and accept themselves. Literature should evoke or act as a call to change. Who am I to desire anything less from the power of my pen?" LaToya explains to North Dallas Gazette.

*In Love with Losers* will be available from Peace In

The Storm Publishing, October 2009.

LaToya lives in the Dallas/Ft.Worth metroplex with her husband and three children. She works as a writer and an editor for various publications. She is a literary studies graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas, where she currently attends graduate school as well.

Visit LaToya at www.la toyaswatkins.com, www.peaceinthestormpubl ishing.com or latoyaswatkins.wordpress.com.

#### **Ananda Leeke**

The Ananda Leeke Show, an online radio program that celebrates creativity in everyday life, will launch on June 30, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. on Talkshoe.com: http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/15820.

Join host Ananda Leeke ( w w w . a n a n d a l e e k e .com) as she shares her own creative adventures, advice, artwork, books, challenges, discoveries, healthy life practices, insights, inspiration, lessons learned, resources, and tips as an artist, author, writer, blogger, creativity coach, yoga teacher, Reiki Master practitioner, and innerpreneur.

The first episode will discuss Leeke's insights on writing her upcoming poetic memoir, *That Which Awakens Me: A Creative* 

Woman's Poetic Memoir (Summer 2009 - iUniverse, Inc.).

Leeke, a lawyer turned "innerpreneur," is President and CEO of Kiamsha.com, LLC, a company that promotes creativity through coaching and expressive arts, teaches contemplative practices (i.e. yoga, Reiki healing touch, meditation, breathing exercises, journaling, affirmations, and prayer), and builds community that awakens your soul and transforms your life.

Currently, she works as an artist-in-residence for Smith Farm Center for Healing and the Arts at Howard Univers-ity Hospital.

Since 1995, Leeke's mixed media collages, wire sculptures, and paintings

have been exhibited in the Washington, DC. metropolitan area, North Carolina, and Kentucky. Her artwork was featured in *Heart and Soul Magazine* in 2001. Leeke's art work often reflects her passion for issues affecting people of color and women.



In 2002, she created and donated Our Womanist Spirit and I am my sista's keeper wire sculpture collections to The Women's Collective, a direct services organization that serves wo-

men living with HIV/AIDS.

Leeke's debut novel, Love's Troubadours-Karma: Book One (www.lovestroub adours.com) was published in 2007. Her other publications include My Soul Speaks (1992), I am my sistas keeper (1994), Baby I got it bad for you blues (1995), Feminist Soul (2000), Monday Morning Meditations (2000), Be Fearless and Choose Love (2000), Blessed is the fruit of thy womb (2001), La Bohemienne (2001), and Our Womanist Spirit (2002).

In addition, Leeke has facilitated expressive arts and self-care workshops for women of color living with HIV/AIDS; cancer patients, their caregivers, health care providers; and several other organizations

Leeke is a graduate of Morgan State University (B.A. in French, 1986), Howard University School of Law (J.D., 1989), and Georgetown University Law

Center (LL.M. in 1991). Leeke lives in Washington, DC.

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## Let's Fight for the Stimulus Money

BY HARRY C. ALFORD

(NNPA) The following is an open letter to the Secretary of U.S Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Secretary of the US Department of Labor:

On behalf of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (over 100,000 Black owned businesses) and with the encouragement of Johnny Ford, General Secretary of the World Conference of Mayors (over 700 Black mayors) and Calvin Smyre, President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (624 Black state legislators), I write this letter to protest the festering and damaging state of affairs at the Federal Highway Administration in regards to Executive Order 11246 and Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

These very precious laws are not being adequately monitored nor enforced by your departments and many thousands of Black firms and millions of Black citizens are being denied equal opportunity.

Enclosed is a copy of the official cancellation of Executive Order 11246 by the Federal Highway Administration dated February 1, 1999. The U.S. Department of Labor has not filled that void.

Since that date and at a progressive rate prime contractors of highway funds (state departments of transportation) such as Caltrans, Illinois DOT, Missouri DOT, Oklahoma DOT, and practically all other state entities have hired less and less Black employees to the point of almost nonexistence.

Likewise, contractors participating in the procurement of federal monies being let by the state entities have also decreased hiring of Blacks and have ignored Executive Order 11246 without any recourse from either the Federal Highway Administration or the US Department of Labor.

States with 8–15 percent, etc. Black populations have state transportation departments with less than 5 percent Black employment. In many cases, the number is 3 percent or

This is not America! You can take a drive on Interstate 80 starting in San Francisco and drive all the way to New Jersey and there is a good chance you will not see one Black working on a freeway construction project.

This significant lack of jobs attributes to the higher than average unemployment rate of Blacks. It hurts Black households and encourages hopelessness, crime, poor health and all other indicators of lost value of life.

What we have is wholesale discrimination under the official management of the Federal Government.

Since the change from 49 CFR Part 23 to 49 CFR Part 26 (during the Clinton Administration), state departments of transportation have been allowed to

"dumb down" their Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals from the standard 10 percent to whatever they want which is usually in the 5 percent area.

As a result of the laissez faire approach, Black construction companies, architectural and engineering firms, do about 1 percent of the business involving USDOT funds (Federal Highway Administration). One percent of the contracting done by 13 percent of the population is indeed a severe disparate impact and also promotes even more unemployment as Black firms are most likely to hire Black employees.

In essence, there is no compliance with Executive Order 11246, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. We demand that this sad state of affairs be corrected immediately.

It has been a long fight but in light of the Stimulus Bill money that is coming down through the above racist channels we must see change and see it now.

To monitor any improvements that might be made in the near future please provide this office with the following:

1. By state, the percentage of the total dollar amount of contracts let to Black firms (prime and subcontracts) by individual state departments of transportation for fiscal year ending September 30,

2. By state, the amount of Blacks working at each state department of trans-

portation (general staff, management and executive) per the latest Executive Order 11246 audit. 3. By state, the latest Executive Order 11246 audit performed for each of the top ten contractors (annual sales) working on state highway projects.

We know that we are opening up a "can of worms" but it is the Truth that will set us free. Also, if the Stimulus money is to include the Black population of the nation which is, indeed, the intention of the 111th Congress and our President, then we must address this major hurdle -Jim Crow use of federal monies.

It has been 47 years since the issuance of Executive Order 11246 and 45 years since the Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon Johnson after 400 years of slavery and 100 years of apartheid costing millions of lives and terrible suffering.

Enclosed you will find an example of a typical state, California, and its dismal record. Also enclosed is the justification for Executive Order 11246. The time to act is now and I trust that you will meet this obligation.

Thanks for your immediate attention and proactive follow up. Forty million plus Ameri-cans will appreciate it.

Harry Alford is the Cofounder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Inc. Website: www.national bcc.org., Email: ford@nationalbcc.org.

## Wright: Obama's 'Like My Child'

(NDG Wire) The Rev. Jeremiah Wright spoke out about President Barack Obama at the Methodist Federation for Social Action awards in Ames, Iowa. He said the president was "like my child" despite his mistakes.

> According to the

Associated Press, the former pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church said he will always love the president and joked that Obama told him not to say anything that would upset Iowa farmers during his presidential bid.

The June 6 award cere-

mony before about 400 guests honored those who helped migrants or fought for the legalization of gay marriage in Iowa.

According to Wright, the award winners were proof that not all Americans were "stuck on stupid."



## National Health Care Reform Must Include Remedies for Racial Disparities, Experts Say

BY PHAROH MARTIN

(NNPA) - While President Barak Obama lobbies for support for health care reform, debate leaders and advocates representing African-Americans and other people of color argue that coverage and cost-cutting alone isn't enough.

Reform must also address the racial and ethnic disparities that exist in the current health system, they argue.

Obama's Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius released a report last week that revealed just how deep the health care disparities are for racial minorities and low-income Americans.

"Minorities and low income Americans are more likely to be sick and less likely to get the care they need," said Sebelius in a release. "These disparities have plagued our health system and our country for too long. Now, it's time for Democrats and Republicans to come together to pass reforms this year that help reduce disparities and give all Americans the care they need and deserve."

Among the racially disparate health statistics, just under half of all African-Americans suffer from a chronic disease. Blacks suffer from diabetes at almost twice the rate of Whites and the HIV rate for African-Americans is seven times as high, according to the report.

Also, the report revealed that 40 percent of low-income Americans do not have health insurance and they are six times less likely to receive care for a health problem than the insured. By contrast, 92 percent of all high-income Americans are insured.

Sebelius' report served as the basis for a White House round table in which Sebelius invited a panel of advocates to voice their suggestions on how to close the health care disparity gaps.

The panelists represented a wide cross-section of the U. S. population that are deemed as "underserved"-such as racial and ethnic minorities, the gay community and the disabled.

The National Urban League Policy Institute's executive director Stephanie Jones was one of the panelists that represented the interests of the African-American community.

"We need to analyze the intricate web of things that affect health access and delivery such as the ability to get to a service provider and the availability of quality and healthy food in stores," Jones suggested.

Dr. David Williams, a professor of public health, African and African-American studies, and sociology at Harvard University says while medical care is important, the lifestyle and environmental factors that make people sick must be examined more thoroughly.

"Even if health care costs are down, we will not have addressed the problem," Williams says. "We must completely reframe what we mean by health reform because our kids may become the first gener-

ation that experiences shorter life spans than their parents."

Representatives from other interests ranged from organizations such as National Indian Health Board, who spoke passionately about health care conditions in Indian Country, to the Special Olympics, who wanted to make sure that Americans with disabilities are also included in the conversation.

Nancy Zirkin, Executive Vice President of the Lead-ership Conference on Civil Rights, said that her organization wanted to ensure that civil rights protections were included in any health care reforms.

She also stressed expanding data collection, placing a greater emphasis on promoting preventive care, and strengthening the Office of Minority Health so they will be better able to address the health needs of racial minority populations.

Some members of Congress have already taken steps and proposed ways of closing the health care gaps by introducing a new bill.

Members of the Congressional Tri-Caucus, which is comprised of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional

Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, has introduced a bill that they say is designed to eliminate those racial and ethnic health care disparities.

The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2009 outlines their priorities for health care reform- to not only reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care but to also address a number of other issues important to communities of color.

"Today over 47 million people lack health insurance in America and although racial and ethnic minorities account for about one third of U.S. population, they account for more than half of the uninsured," said Congressional Black Caucus Chair Barbara Lee (CA-D). "The Congressional TriCaucus stands together and speaks with one voice to demand health care reform now, and to demand an end to the factors that perpetuate racial and ethnic health disparities in this country."

The bill identifies elements that Caucus members say will provide more comprehensive health care delivery to people of all races. Among the elements are the option of a universal public health insurance, a national community health center system, ways by

which to address cultural and linguistic barriers and means by which to promote diversity within health care professions and clinical trial patients.

"Expansion of community, migrant, family and rural health centers will help make this concept a reality," said Congressman Danny K. Davis (IL-D), who serves as co-chair of the CBC Health and Wellness Taskforce.

"Access to culturally competent quality health care should be one of the most basic of all entitlements"







Let's face it ladies, have you looked at your hair lately? Are you avoiding the mirror on purpose? Are your lights dim in your vanity area? What are you hiding under your bathroom cabi-

Hot rollers? Spray gels? A 1/4 inch curling iron? Shame on you, it's time to come clean and admit your hairstyle hasn't changed

net??

## Is your hairstyle stuck in the 80's??

As we all know Jennifer Aniston changed the faces or shall I say the heads of all American women forever. We went from the 70's Farrah Facet look to the ever popular frizzy perm and bam within what seemed like moments the talk of hair had vanished.

Then came Jennifer, and since that infamous day every girl in America has been consumed with their

coif. Ok maybe not everyone of us but hair has become a cult.

Hairdressers sharpened their shears and went into hair overload. Hair product companies jumped on board with fancy and sassy names for products: Big Sexy Hair, Bed Head, and Rock Star. You name it and it's on a hair product somewhere in the world. Millions of dollars have been spent just to look like a red carpet diva.

Curling irons have been tossed and replaced with the goddess of all tools; the flat iron. At a \$150 a pop they are being pulled from the shelves like milk and bread on a blistery winter day. Spray gels were now passed over to the men and smoothing creams and hair waxes were born. Permanent waves are strictly tabu, however they are slowly making a come back under an

support wave."

It's still too soon to admit we are getting bored with straight hair but soon enough hairdressers will be dusting off those perm rods and getting back to curls. But for now, we are still on the cutting edge (no pun intended) of straight long locks with or without bangs and no matter what your age, you can look 10 years younger.

So ladies, if I hit a sore spot, then it's time! If for some reason your hair style is the same as it was in your high school year book, college graduation, best friends wedding or your wedding, and now your child's wedding, please I beg of you, Stand up, look in the mirror and just admit it, those 5 little words that will change your life forever...IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE"

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#### **Dallas Student Wins** DART Poster Contest

Lopez, a freshman from

Wire) Luis L.G. Pinkston High School in Dallas, has been named



the grand-prize winner in Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) 2009 Poster Contest with the theme "The Green Line: Connecting People, Connecting Comm-

unities."

As the winner, the 16year old Lopez will have his artwork featured on DART buses from May through

August on www.DART.org.

assumed name" the style

Lopez and fifteen additional winners were chosen from five different gradelevel categories: kindergarten through first grade, second through third grade, fourth through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth

A total of 155 entries were received and judged by Scott Winterrowd, Asst. Curator of Education. Meadows Museum at SMU and Lyle Miller, Senior Manager, Creative Services at DART.

Each first place winner in the kindergarten through fifth grade categories will

receive a Radio Disney presentation for their class. Each first place winner in middle and high school levels will have their artwork featured at DART rail sta-

Lopez, first place winners and runners-up were honored at the May 26 DART Board meeting.



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## **Guaranteed Tuition Program for Texas A&M University**

Texas A&M Univ-ersity President Elsa Murano announced re-cently that the university would pay tuition for any incoming student whose household in-come is less than \$60,000.

The Aggie Assurance Program will cover statemandated, designated and differential tuition, but not fees, books or boarding.

The university estimates tuition is about \$5,000 per student for the 2008-09 year.

Officials said some students who have already paid tuition will receive



refund checks from the school's financial aid

office. The cost of attending A&M is about \$20,000 per year for in-state residents.

More than 1,500 current freshmen will have their tuition paid for over the next four years, and officials estimate that more than 5,200 students will be

affected once the program is fully implemented. A&M currently has about 8,100 freshmen and more than 48,000 total students.

Students at A&M will be eligible for their first four years of school if they fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Scholar-ships and Financial Aid annually. Any aid that the student already receives from the school or from outside sources will count toward the fund, and the university will make up the difference

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Content Creation and Collaboration course with Dan Langendorf was all about: using emerging media technologies as a tool for education, collaboration with other fields, and documenting the experience for everyone to have access to," said Smith

Twitter is a social networking and micro-blogging service that lets users send and read each others' updates, known as tweets, in short posts of 140 characters or less. The Twitter video was a course project for Smith's digital video class.

The video, which took roughly 20 hours to record and edit, was shot during two class periods, one at the beginning of the semester and one at the end. Classmate Joe Chuang helped with the video and editing.

The collaboration of Smith and Rankin began when Smith documented a class trip to Guanajuato, Mexico, in 2008. They kept in touch via Facebook, and developed the idea of using Twitter in the classroom at the beginning of the Spring 2009 semester.

Smith worked out details on Twitter with Emerging Media and Communication (EMAC) faculty members Dr. Dave Parry and Dean Terry, who referred her to individuals who had done similar experiments.

To get students com-

fortable with using Twitter in a classroom setting, Smith created a simple how-to video and attended class to help Rankin introduce the idea to her students.

The video was first released on Facebook; Terry and Parry both tweeted about it on Twitter and it went global within 48 hours. Newmedia icon Howard Rheingold tweeted about it, which helped it further circulate in the "Twitter-

verse."

"I have gotten several direct messages from people saying that they were more 'traditional' and would not have considered using the social networking and microblogging tools in this way, but opened their minds after seeing the video," said Smith.

A few weeks later Smith posted the video on YouTube, and an entirely different wave of viewers picked up on it. On Monday, June 1, "The Twitter Experiment" registered 500 views in a few hours. Read Write Web and other popular blogs had picked up the video, causing views to skyrocket.

"I love my classes and experience at UT Dallas and want to master how to use what I learn in EMAC to help professors like Dr. Rankin, who are willing to consider new technologies intelligently and experiment with what they offer," said Smith.

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potential, social commitment and financial need. Some key highlights of the program include:

- More than half of Ron Brown Scholars attend Ivy League universities;
- Two Ron Brown Scholars were elected to be the First Marshals of their Harvard University graduating classes, considered the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate;
- One Ron Brown Scholar has been selected as a Truman Scholar and two Ron Brown Scholars have been selected as finalists for the Rhodes Scholarship;
- Ron Brown Scholars dedicate themselves to enriching lives in their local communities and worldwide. For example, nine Ron Brown Scholars have conducted AIDS research and community service with the Institute of Human Virology;
  - With a 100% gradu-

ation rate, Ron Brown Scholars go on to succeed in a variety of leadership positions. From finance executives and top lawyers, to award-winning playwrights and Supreme Court Justice clerks, they have published books and documentaries, appeared as expert guests on radio and television, and been invited as speakers to numerous international conferences.

Applicants must proceed through a highly competitive selection process against thousands of other qualified candidates, culminating in an invitation to spend a weekend in Washington, D.C. for the final round of interviews. Ten to twenty winners are chosen at the conclusion of this weekend each year.

For more information about the Ron Brown Scholar Program, visit www.ronbrown.org



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Texas, but they are the only African American owned beauty supply in Plano. There are four other beauty supply stores within five to ten miles of 3 Sister's, but they are all Asian owned. Before stopping by 3 Sister's, North Dallas Gazette stopped by two of the other beauty supply stores located on the same street, Parker Road.

Upon entering the first Asian owned store, the North Dallas Gazette reporter found the store representatives to be rude and unhelpful, but the most offensive findings were the high security plasma screens that graced the walls of the store, in order to keep an eye on the patrons—patrons that are predominantly African American.

The other Asian owned supply store did not have the obvious plasma screens for security, but the woman from behind the counter did step down to follow a few patrons around the store.

Store representatives from both Asian stores were unwilling to make comments to *North Dallas Gazette* about supply prices to African American suppliers.

African American women spend billions of dollars per year on hair care and hair care products according to reports from Aron Ranen's Black Hair documentary. What is disturbing about those figures is that very little of that money goes back into African American communities. Of the hundreds of the beauty supply stores in the DFW, Nikki Crawford listed all of the African American owned ones that she could think of for the North Dallas Gazette, and though there were less than ten that she could recall, she still beamed with pride that there were any at all.

When asked by *North Dallas Gazette* about their

inspiration for the beauty supply store, Ricky sighed and commented, "We have three daughters, so Nikki would spend all this money at the beauty supply stores and after every visit she would come home mad about the way that she had been treated. I finally asked her why she spent so much at the stores and she said it was because she didn't have any other choice."

The couple have their struggles with getting supplies from a mostly Asian distribution base. They were reluctant to admit that they felt they were getting what Nikki called, "the black price" for the products that they order, but getting liquid goods has been a lot easier for them.

"We're still having problems getting hair," Nikki stated. "And we are frustrated with the fact that African Americans are being kept out of an industry that is supported primarily by us [African Americans]."

Nikki says that the major hair distributor has given her excuses ranging from hair shortages to other suppliers being too close to 3 Sister's location.

Nikki laughed, "I'm the type that will keep trying and trying until they finally get sick of me. If my customers want a particular brand of hair, I need to get that brand of hair."

Customers will find 3 Sister's prices are competitive.

Nikki also told *North Dallas Gazette* that the first mistake that she made as an African American beauty supplier was trying to get all of the products that the Asian market was offering. She found from a few of her customers that they buy what the Asians offer, because nothing else is being offered. So Nikki began to do her research.

3 Sister's now offers Ms.

Jessie's, Mixed Chicks, and other products made by African Americans who are very particular about which companies they distribute to. These brands cannot be found at Asian beauty supply stores in Plano at the time.

"We have a request sheet that we urge people to fill out and request their products," Nikki explained. "But that doesn't mean that we will get that particular product. I go out and research those products and find out if they are any good first. I don't want to carry anything that is going to cause my customers' hair to fall out. I care about our hair."

"We tried reaching out to other black owned beauty supply stores throughout the country to get tips on the business," Ricky stated. "We found that they were unwilling to help and offer information."

"Our hope is that more African American beauty supply stores will surface in the future and we can band together to build relationships with manufacturers and form our own distribution centers. We would save big as suppliers and then we'd be able to pass those saving right on to our customers," Ricky explained.

Nikki followed Ricky's explanation with, "I am willing to share all of the information and knowledge that I have gained so far in the industry to anyone wanting information about owning or opening a black owned beauty supply store."

3 Sister's Beauty Supply is located at 3909 West Parker Rd., Suite 101, Plano, Texas. Stop by and visit Ricky and Nikki Monday thru Saturday between the hours of 9:30am - 9:00pm, or on Sundays between 11:00am - 7:00pm.

You can also visit 3 Sister's Beauty Supply online at www.3sisters beautysupply.com. You will be glad you did!



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#### **Ongoing**

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

Collin County Black
Chamber of Commerce:
Monthly Lunch & Learn 2nd Thursday of every
month, \$15 for members,
\$20 for non-members,
11:00am until 1:00pm at the
ZEA Woodfire Grill at the
Shops at Granite Park, 8100
Dallas Parkway Plano,
Reservations & Info: (469)
424-0120.

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

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

The No Limit Network **Business** Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 RSVP Must at www.TheNoLimitNetwork. com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and

services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird regis-Visit http:// tration. nbwenorg.ning.com for more information. THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT so register early!

March 28 - October 25
The George Washington
Carver: An Extraord-

Carver: An Extraordinary Man With A Mighty Vision Exhibit at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-9026, \$5-Adults, \$2 - Children www.aamdallas.org

Throughout Summer Seniors Active in Learning hosting annual summer series including Brown Bag lecture series and a variety of classes and other activities. For a complete list and details of the Summer Learning speakers and events, call 972.985.3788, wjmartin@ccccd.edu or www.ccccd.edu/sailsite.

June 18-21
N'COBRA 20th Annual
Conference will convene at
Mt. Tabor Family Life
Center, 3700 Simpson

Center, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas. Info: www.ncobrhoo.com; rwashley@yahoo.com.

June 19-21

*The Gospel Queen* at the Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street in Fort Worth, 817-338-4411

June 19

Dallas Symphony
Orchestra African
American Festival
Concert at the Morton H.
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Center 2301 Flora
StreetDallas Symphony
Orchestra 8 pm, info: customerservice@dalsym.com

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The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas 9 pm \$15 info@tbaal.com 214-743-2440

#### June 20

Juneteenth Celebration 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano

2nd Annual Celebration of World Refugee Day "Return to the Kasbah" 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 9850 Walnut Hill Lane (at the intersection of Audelia in the Lakeridge Village Shopping Center).

Anchor of Hope Women's Conference & Luncheon 10AM - 4PM Conference schedule includes: Praise and Worship, Seminar Teaching, Luncheon & Concert Finale. Admission: Early Registration \$35; At the door \$40. Info: 800-809-0373, www.anchorofhope .eventbrite.com

#### June 21

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#### June 23

**The Goodwill Industries Hiring Fair**, 4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 9 – 1 p.m.

June 25

Turtle Creek Chorale concludes its 29th season with CELEBRATE AMERICA! at 8:00PM in the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center with special guests the United States Army Chorus from Washington, D.C. and the Dallas Wind Symphony. Tickets range from \$30.00 to \$80.00 and are available by calling (877) SING-TCC or online at www.turtlecreek.org.

Jazz Under The Stars -Tom Braxton, Bring a picnic and blanket or purchase food and beverages on-site at 1717 North Harwood Street in Dallas 75201 Dallas Museum of Art 8 pm FREE, 214-922-1200

#### June 26

An Evening of Jazz, Soul and Spirit with Miles Jaye and Shamanarenge Selim at the African American Museum, 7PM, Tickets \$25 per person. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmith online.com

#### June 27-28

Phantom Auditions are at Garland Civic Theatre, 972-485-8884, www.garland civictheatre.org

**June 27** Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon will be held at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive. Reception at 6 p.m. Bowling begins at 8 p.m. Celebrities including Public Enemy's Malik Farrakhan, Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway, K104's Morning Team, 94.5's Lynne Haze, Heaven 97's Camille Holmes, 97.9's Gary with the Tea and Juicy, Jazz and R&B artist Miles Jaye, Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III,

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#### June 30

Garland Chamber of Commerce Open House 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at new location, the Richland College Garland Campus building) 520 N.

#### July 11

**"Killing Me Softly"** Irving Arts Center Carpenter Performance Hall 8:00 PM

#### July 12

Many Voices, Many Visions inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's favorite music ensembles at 2pm. Please call 817. 989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

July 13-17

Summer Jazz Dance Camp at the Spring Creek Campus Dance Studio, Room AA146. Registration costs: \$125. Info: Tiffanee Arnold, 972.881.5830 or tarnold@ccccd.edu.

July 19-24

Texas All-Star Jazz Camp Sunday-Friday at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Special guest artists include Bill Holman and Gregg Bissonette. Registration cost is \$265 and \$310 with lunch. Info: Kris Berg at 972.881.5108 or kberg@ ccccd.edu.

#### July 23 - August 2

**Les Miserables** is at Granville Arts Center 972-485-8884, www.garland civictheatre.org

July 28

Putting America Back to Work Job Fair, New

Cowboy Stadium, 925 North Collins, Arlington, TX 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

July 30 – August 9

Ringling Bros & Barnum & Bailey Show The American Airlines Center Thursday, July 30 7:30PM Friday, July 31, 7:30PM Sat., August 1, 11:30AM Sat., August 1, 3:30PM Sat., August 1, 7:30PM Sunday, August 2, 2:30PM Sunday, August 2, 6:30PM Thurs., August 6, 7:30PM Friday, August 7, 7:30PM Sat., August 8, 11:30AM Sat., August 8, 3:30PM Sat., August 8, 7:30PM Sunday, August 9, 2:30PM Sunday, August 9, 6:30PM Information available thru: www.ticketmaster.com

#### August 5

Arlington Professional Diversity Career Fair, LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Road, Arlington, TX 76011, 10-2 p.m.

#### August 8

**The Wiggles!** Tour NOKIA Theatre 1:30 & 5:00 PM

#### August 19

What a Wonderful World fun-filled family day, 1-4pm Amon Carter Museum

#### September 5-6

2009 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival a feast for the senses. The two-day event returns with an entertaining lineup of local talent, blues legends Buddy Guy and The Fabulous Thunderbirds and a \$10,000 barbecue cook-off. Gates open at 2 p.m. each day.

#### September 10

The Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable - District 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas 75024

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## Thurgood Marshall and the Texas NAACP Connection

(TPA) Thoroughgood, later changed Thurgood, Marshall spent the first third of his life exploring the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His family moved to New York's Harlem when he was two years old but returned to Baltimore's Druid Hill Avenue four years later. In high school, he traveled to Delaware with the debating team, and as a part-time porter; he traveled the line on the B&O railroad.

There is nothing in Thurgood's youth, adolescence, or young adulthood that remotely suggests he had, or would have a connection to the State of Texas. For that matter, Marshall had never ventured into the Deep South until he joined his friend, mentor, and former law professor, Charles Hamilton Houston, on some fact-finding trips for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) around 1933 or 1934. Together, the two men toured such venues as Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Carolinas, and Mississippi to investigate school segregation.

By October 1938, Marshall had moved to the NAACP's national office in New York City. While sitting at his desk, and he was rummaging through a pile of newspapers when he came across a story depicting the experience of George F. Porter, a fifty-five year old Black Texan, who was the president of a small Black college, and who had been roughed-up and literally thrown down the courthouse steps for trying to exercise his right to serve on a jury.

It was then that Marshall decided it was time to go to Texas. He immediately realized this was the type of case that could bring national attention to the "monstrous reality of second class treatment given to Black Americans even in a court of law."

The intended trip was somehow communicated to the Dallas Police chief, who let it be known that Marshall's visit was not welcomed, and further, that he would personally take care of the young lawyer should he decide to visit his city. Marshall verified the Chief's threat through the office of Texas Governor James

Marshall, "Hi, you Black son-of-a-bitch, I've got you now." Marshall began running towards the car where the Ranger sat atop the hood. The Ranger immediately drew his weapon, pointed it at the Chief, and said, "Fella, just stay right where you felt relieved and happy the Governor had refused his request to have the Ranger removed.

and gradually the policy of Black juror exclusion in Texas was eliminated. are." As Marshall settled back into the car seat, he Little did Marshall

realize at the time that that



Marshall's family and President Lyndon Johnson look on as during Marshall's swearing in ceremony.

Allred.

The Governor, however, promised Marshall he would be protected should he decide to come to Dallas. When Marshall arrived in Dallas, a Texas Ranger met him. He was initially skeptical of the Ranger's sincerity because of his typical southern demeanor and mannerisms. Marshall asked the Governor to replace the Ranger with someone with whom he would feel more comfortable. The Governor assured Marshall there was no better man for the job.

After meeting with the Judge in the Porter case, Marshall was returning to his car when the angry Police Chief accosted him outside the courtroom. The Chief, gun in his hand, reportedly yelled at fortuitous event which brought him to Texas in 1938 would set into motion a series of related and unrelated, perhaps coincidental, maybe kismet or fate-dictated occurrences which would shape his life and destiny and bind him more to Texas than his move to New York City, or subsequent return to Washington, D.C. or even to his native Baltimore.

The Porter incident, for example, generated sufficient negative publicity to send a message to the Dallas power structure that the type of treatment Porter received would no longer be tolerated by Blacks exercising their civil rights. Within a few weeks after the Marshall incident, Judge Paine Bush allowed another

also produced a secondary opportunity. It allowed Marshall a chance to establish and develop relationships with many of the city's local Black leaders, and especially with that of A. Maceo Smith, President of the Texas NAACP. Mr. Smith, like Marshall, was a large man who cut an impres-

Black man, W. L. Dick-

erson, to serve as a juror,

The 1938 Dallas trip

sive figure. He was constantly seen gripping a large cigar between his teeth while emphatically making a point.

Smith impressed upon Marshall the need to continue pursuing a legal course of action that would end the White primary system in Texas.

The problem was that the NAACP had already brought three suits against the system, and each suit had resulted in the Democratic Party finding a legal and linguistic way to justify the continuation of social separation in the area of Black suffrage. Smith was partially angry and partially frustrated by those previous failures since he had invested both his energy and financial wherewithal to bringing an end to that ignoble system and nothing appeared

to have changed. Black suffrage was Marshall's primary strategic objective. He chose it over education for reasons explained below. He also chose suffrage because the Association had a history in Texas, although suffrage issues had been fought in Louisiana and would later be fought in other places both North and South.

The Association had both won and lost in Texas White primary wars before Marshall became its legal commander. It was his task in Smith v. Allwright to bring those wars to an end. Unfortunately, Smith would not be the Association's last encounter with Black suffrage in Texas. There would be another and the wars would go on in other parts of the country.

In the arena of public education, Marshall is most famous for his role in bringing legal segregation in education to an end in Brown v. Board of Education., Topeka, his fight to end social separation began many years prior to 1954, and far away from Kansas, when he successfully prosecuted Sweatt v. Painter. Although Brown began outside of Texas, it was in Texas that his first major victory was accomplished -- the one that would set the stage for the showdown in Kansas.

Once more, unseemly and random events and circumstances took place in Texas, which would aid in shaping the future outcome of American social and political history. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Sweatt v. Painter case on April 4, 1950. W.J. Durham began with his remarks, but Marshall soon took over and carried the weight of the argument.

The court concluded that Black law students were not offered substantial quality in educational opportunities and that Sweatt could therefore not receive an equal education in a separate law school. Surrounded by photographers, Sweatt registered at the UT law school on September 19, 1950.

Marshall credits the Sweatt decision along with rulings in two companion cases, significantly eroded the doctrine of "separate but equal" .and opened the door for Brown v. the Board of Education.

Marshall's Texas connection continued as historical events in Texas unfolded. President John Kennedy, who appointed Marshall to the Federal Circuit Court, was assassinated in Dallas, Texas; this event brought Lyndon Johnson of Texas to the Presidency. Johnson, in turn, convinced Marshall to leave the security of the Federal Court and to accept the position of Solicitor General, which in turn allowed Marshall to litigate those cases which would finally bring a conclusion to the voting rights dilemma that had plagued America for more than 100 years and Thurgood Marshall for more than twenty-five.

Finally, the Texas Connection, President Lyndon B. Johnson, made it possible for Marshall to take the next, and final, step in his illustrious career -- an appointment as the first African-American justice to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Reference Materials: LEWINSON, RACE.CLASS, AND PARTY (1932); Johnson, A Negro Looks at Politics (1929) 18 AMERICAN MERCU-RY 88; Roofter, Race in Politics (1929) 7 SOCIAL FORCES 435. The early constitutions of many states restricted the suffrage to whites. The problem of negro suffrage was by no means a new one after the Civil War. See REUTER, THE AMERI-CAN RACE

Donald K. Hill -Looking Back, ,SOCIAL SEPARATION IN AMERI-CA.(2003), Thurgood Marshall Law Review

## New Children's Book Plants the Seeds of Positive Identity and Healthy Selfesteem in Young Girls

(NDG Wire) Javer A. Sanchez, an internationally recognized youth communications specialist joins with MEE Productions Inc. to bring the importance of the father-daughter relationship into focus with the publication of Sanchez' new book "Look In My Mirror."

Young girls today are struggling more than ever to find their identity—some of them are literally killing themselves to achieve a "perfect" look. The media constantly bombards them with conflicting and often negative messages about how they should behave and what they should look like.

This book is a resource fathers can use to give their daughters a positive identity and healthy self-esteem at a very critical time in their life. "Look In My Mirror" plants seeds of love and acceptance in the hearts and minds of daughters. It can be a strong first step towards establishing a healthy, open and loving relationship that will last a lifetime.

"When we look into mirrors, most of the time we are doing so not to make sure we like what we see, but to make sure those around us will like what they see. I learned this lesson from one of the most amazing daughters in the world—mine. This "Daddy's girl" brightens my day and brings joy to my heart. As soon as my wife finishes getting my daughter ready in the morning, my daughter does two very interesting things. She runs to the mirror to look at herself and then runs to find me wherever I am in the house. Without saying a word, she just stands there, patiently waiting for my response.

What I learned very quickly is that in that moment, my response can either make or break my daughter. Is a needs my approval, and most of all, my unconditional love. She wants and needs me to respond. And if I don't respond, at some time, somewhere down the line, someone else will. And unfortunately, her new responder may not have her best interest in mind."

—Javier Sanchez

For fathers who struggle with knowing what to say, this book can speak volumes. The moments they spend reading this book to their daughters will become cherished memories in the unfolding of her beautiful life.

## Lenny Kravitz On Celibacy: 'It's Very Hard'

Lenny Kravitz is struggling to stick to his vow of celibacy - because he's desperate for sex.

The rocker, who has dated a string of Hollywood beauties including Madonna and Nicole Kidman, has refrained from romance for four years. He insists he won't have sex again until he finds the perfect woman to marry after growing sick of casual relationships.

However, Kravitz is praying he will find the right

woman soon.

He says, "It's very hard. For some periods of time it's easy, and then it's really hard. But if you're seeing someone, you've got to explain, 'Well this is what I'm doing in life - so that's not going to be a part of it'."

"Right now I'm just kind of sailing and watching and waiting and trying to be patient. There are times when I'm patient and there's times when I'm, 'Come on, Lord, bring this for me..."

## Newcastle Brown Ale's Summer Grilling Recipes by "Sam the Cooking Guy"

**Sticky Sweet Newkie Ribs** 

4-6 servings

Here's all you need to know to make great ribs: precook them first, and then finish them on the grill with a great sauce (which follows below of course). Do that and you'll be a fricking rib genius.

2 racks pork back ribs, 5-6 pounds

4 tablespoons white vinegar

½ cup plain barbecue sauce

1/4 cup Newcastle Brown Ale

1 cup brown sugar

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- Place ribs and vinegar in a large baking or casserole dish, cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake about 60 minutes or until very tender
- While they cook, combine bbq sauce, Newcastle and brown sugar in a small bowl mix well and set aside
- When ribs are done, remove from oven and carefully lift off the foil there will be a ton of steam



- The ribs are now fully cooked and just need to be finished on the grill
- Heat your grill to medium/high and place ribs meat side down without sauce, but you can baste the top with the sauce
- Cook until they start to develop nice grill marks, and turn over now baste the top side
- Now it's a matter of basting and letting the

ribs get some great color on each side

• Give them one extra baste when they've been removed from the grill before serving

## Summer Escape Pass From BLOCKBUSTER<sup>(R)</sup> Gives Consumers Passport to Movie & Game Values

This summer, with more families staying home and maximizing their entertainment dollar, BLOCK-BUSTER launched the Summer Escape Pass. The pass, available at participating BLOCKBUSTER stores for a limited time, gives customers one week of unlimited movie and

game rentals, one rental at a time, for \$10 (plus any applicable taxes).

The Summer Escape
Pass helps consumers,
many of whom are renting
more during the summer
months, make the most of
their entertainment budget.
Customers who want to
take advantage of the

Summer Escape Pass values can purchase a new pass each week.

"During the summer, people have more down-time to spend together with friends or family, and we want them to know that there's never been a better time to 'escape in' than with BLOCKBUSTER," said

Jim Keyes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer with Blockbuster Inc. "No matter what the economy is doing or what the weather is like, the Summer Escape Pass from BLOCK-BUSTER gives customers an inexpensive way to have a great night out by staying in."



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## "Cutting Losses" Can Be More Painful Than You Think



Roger D Behymer

Why do stock prices fall? Various factors are involved, but in a nutshell, prices drop when more people want to sell stocks than buy them. Conversely, the more people who buy a particular stock, the faster that stock's price will rise. If you've studied basic economics and the law of supply and demand, you've already got a pretty clear sense of why stock prices move the way they do. And yet, while the process sounds fairly logical, the behavior of many investors isn't — which gives you some good investment opportunities right now.

To understand why so many investors have acted in a way that may be counter-productive, let's look at consumer behavior in another context. Suppose a hypothetical couple, Mike and Mary Ann, bought a house five years ago for \$200,000. They liked everything about the house, and it was the right size to meet their family's needs for many years to come. However, the sharp decline in the housing market has caused Mike and Mary Ann such concern that they decide to sell their house, even though they can only get \$160,000 for it. By selling now, they reason, they can avoid further drops, and when the market stabilizes, they can buy another house in the same neighborhood.

To sum up: Mike and Mary Ann took a \$40,000 loss on a house they didn't even need to sell. In essence, they were betting that the housing market, against all historical evidence, would not recover enough to compensate them for staying put. Most people would question the rationality of this type of behavior. Yet many of these same people do the same thing when it comes to investments.

Specifically, over the past year and a half, they have sold investments — even quality investments — that still met their needs for growth, income or a combination of both. And when they've sold these investments, they've taken losses — sometimes, big losses. Just like Mike and Mary Ann, they thought they must sell now to avoid bigger setbacks later.

Don't make that mistake. If you weren't planning on selling your investments before the market decline, why sell them now, when you'll just be locking in a loss? Many successful investors hold the same investments for 20, 30 or 40

years — in fact, sometimes they pass these investments on to their children, who also hold them for decades. Are you so sure that your investments, which may indeed have declined 40 percent or more over the past couple of years, won't recover those losses and climb to new heights in the years ahead

You may someday need to sell, but do so for the right reasons — a change in your goals, a need to rebalance your portfolio or a fundamental change in the companies in which you've invested. In the meantime, not only should you hold on to the investments that that

still meet your needs, but you should also consider adding new investments while the price is so low. The more shares you own, the better your financial position will be when the market turns around.

This type of behavior takes patience, discipline and faith in our markets. But over the past century, the investors who have demonstrated these traits have been well rewarded — and there's no reason you can't attain the same results.

Please contact me at roger.behymer@edwardjon es.com or 972-542-7045 if you have any questions.

## **DFW International Airport Debuts Mobile Web Site**

(NDG Wire) DFW International Airport launched its new mobile web site recently, allowing web surfers the ability to view the site quickly and easily from their mobile devices. The new site will feature "Flight Tracker" and "Within 5 Minutes of My

Gate," which allows passengers to find their gate and surrounding amenities in as little as two clicks.

The new mobile site will automatically appear on mobile devices in lieu of the larger formatted www.dfw airport.com, enabling quicker access to the information passengers need most. The site includes the most utilized features from DFW's main web site, and customizes them for the mobile platform including: Flight Information; Airport Guide; Shop, Eat & Services; Travel Planner and Just For Fun.

The Airport hopes the

launch of the new site will increase passenger visits to the site. The new mobile web site includes fewer images to speed up browsing, and will allow mobile device users to redirect their browser to the full DFW web site if desired.

## **Business Opportunities with the North Texas Superbowl XLV**

(NDG Wire) On Tuesday, June 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. business owners are invited to attend a discussion regarding business opportunities with the NFL for events and planning for the 2011 Superbowl XLV. The event will be held at the Fort Worth Event Center, 2100 Evans Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

Lunch will be catered by Smokey's BBQ and for only \$8 guests will be served a chopped beef sandwich, potato salad and peach cobbler. Ice tea or lemonade is also included.

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ipants will be allowed to enter with any amount of clothing, shoes or accessories. Their items will be counted and sorted upon arrival and then they will be free to shop for clothing that other participants have contributed to the swap. There are no minimums on the amount of items that participants can bring and no limits on the amount of times that a swapper can enter the event throughout the day. The amount of items obtained do not have to be an exact match to the amount of items contributed, vice versa: however volunteers will be on board to make sure that participants are contributing and selecting items within reason.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to reach out to the community in hopes of expanding their wardrobes. It is my hope that job seekers that are in need of interview attire will be successful in finding such. I am also hoping that parents are able to gather much needed clothing for their children," says Lavarry, event coordinator.

The Swap expo will also feature trunk shows hosted by local consignment shops and resale stores. The minifashion shows will demonstrate creative ways to make what is old look brand new. This particular concept has posed to be extremely helpful for local retailers as well as it gives them a platform to show off their inventory to a wide variety of people that need them most during these current economic times.

"I am truly hoping to expand my reach during this event and earn new lifetime clients," says Sharon Anderson, owner of Bonton Consignment located in Downtown Dallas. "I plan to display a variety of clothing, shoes and accessories in hopes that I will be able to start beneficial relationships with price conscious women who are interested in designer label, quality clothing at a huge fraction of the price."

The event has not only gotten great response from retailers but single mothers have been expressing their appreciation as well.

"I am currently in the process of cleaning out all of my closets including the closets of my three daughters. We all have items that are either too large or too small and this is a perfect opportunity to donate them while actually being able to

get items that we can use in return," says LaTonya Smith a single mother of three. "Times have been extremely hard since I was laid off in October of last year and this event is a breath of fresh air for myself and my daughters."

Recessionista's Closet will be held at Southside on Lamar Lofts located at 1409 South Lamar Dallas, TX 75215. Admission to this event is free, however; a \$5 donation will be accepted to add to dwindling homeless shelter's coffers. All clothing that is left after the swap will also be donated to local homeless shelters.

For more information regarding Recessionista's Closet please visit www.ta lisalavarry.com and click on the latest news link, or call 214.886.0696.

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## Mississippi Minority Contractors, Fish & Fisher, Win Arbitration Award with L & T Construction, **Toyota Plant Prime Contractor**



An American Arbitration Association panel awarded minority contractor Fish & Fisher \$1,283,351 in a dispute with white owned L & T Construction.

work performed by Fish & into a joint venture with M

Fisher at the Blue Springs, MS construction location to build a Toyota Prius Plant. During the arbitration hearing, sworn testimony by Levy Harris of L & T revealed that L & T The dispute arose over Construction never entered

& H Construction, as had been announced by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and Toyota. This statement is crucial to the civil action filed by Jackie Williams and Renna Fisher, African American principals of Fish & Fisher, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Western Division (Civil Action Case 3:09 CV179 DPJ-JCS).

Fish & Fisher filed a multi-million dollars lawsuit in February (2009) alleging that Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi; the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and Toyota of North America, conspired together to deny Fish & Fisher the opportunity to bid as a prime contractor with Toyota. The complaint alleges that Barbour, MDA and Toyota discriminated against Fish & Fisher because of their race in that only white owned construction companies were allowed to bid on the \$1.5 Billion Dollar

"Testimony during the arbitration also revealed that L & T Construction did not meet the qualifications to bid on the Toyota contract as plaintiff's alleged in their complaint," said Byron Perkins, attorney for Fish & Fisher. "MDA and Toyota announced a joint venture between L & T and M & H; however, that joint venture was never entered into according to Harris. Fish & Fisher alleged that when L & T failed to meet Toyota's qualification and failed to create the joint venture with M & H, the project should have been re-bid. However, the project was not re-bid because of L & T's relationship with Barbour.

Harris described his relationship with Mississippi State Government to be, 'as strong as a deer.' Testimony also revealed that Harris purchased air time for Barbour's gubernatorial election campaign," Perkins added.

Fish & Fisher, a ten year old minority-owned Construction Company, met with Toyota and was instructed that they needed to be certified by the National Minority Supplier

Development Council, to qualify to do business with Toyota. Fish & Fisher were certified. "At the time MDA and Toyota bided the project, Fish & Fisher was the only minority construction company qualified to bid on the Blue Springs project, said Jackie Williams, vice president of Fish & Fisher. "Indeed, Fish & Fisher were more qualified than L & T," Williams continued.

"We are pleased with the arbitration award," said Renna Fisher, president of Fish & Fisher. "This payment will allow us to stay on course and pursue justice through the civil law suit we filed against Toyota, MDA, and Governor Barbour," Fisher

## **Dallas Teacher Elected to TCTA office**

(NDG Wire) Brad Willingham, a prekindergarten-grade 5 physical education teacher at Conner Elementary School in the Dallas Independent School District, has been named president-elect of the Texas Teachers Classroom (TCTA). Association Founded in 1927, TCTA is an independent, nonunion

association for Texas teaching professionals, which serves 50,000 members across the state.

Willingham was elected in February at TCTA's annual convention in Austin. He will begin serving as president-elect on June 1, 2009, and will assume the presidency on June 1, 2010. In the positions of president-elect and president, Willingham will help guide the Association's efforts as it works to enhance the teaching profession and provide a full array of services and advocacy to members.

A member of TCTA for 25 years, Willingham has served at the statewide level as chair of the Budget com-

mittee and as district 10 director. He is also active on the local level, serving as president of the Dallas Classroom Teachers Association, and is a former member of the Duncanville CTA, where he also served as president.

A member of the Texas Association Sports Officials. Willingham earned a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry College (now McMurry University) and Master of Education degree from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas).

The 2009-10 TCTA Directors' Council also will include Gina G. Gola of Grand Prairie, elected

statewide chair of the Governance committee: Nanette Sissney Whitesboro, re-elected statewide chair of the Professional Rights & Responsibilities committee; and Cecelia Clark of Whitesboro, Twila Read of Grand Prairie and Melody Young of Sherman, serving as district 10 directors.

## **Animal Services Joins RecycleBank as Non-Profit Partner** Citizens Can Now Donate Points to Help City Animal Shelter

(NDG Wire) The City Carrollton Animal Services can now receive donations through RecycleBank's Reward Points as a new non-profit partner. Animal Services is encouraging all Carrollton citizens to help their cause in providing services to the community through redeeming their Points and providing the department with real dollar donations.

RecycleBank dramatically increases household recycling rates across the country and has drastically raised Carrollton's recypercentage by rewarding families and individuals with RecycleBank Points for the amount they recycle every day. To donate Reward Points, Carrollton citizens must to activate their RecycleBank account and allocate any desirable amount of Points to Animal Services.

Residents of Carrollton earn RecycleBank Reward Points based upon the amount of recycling that is collected from their neighborhood. The more a neighborhood recycles, the more RecycleBank Points they will earn. Reward Points can also be redeemed for rewards and

discounts at both local and national restaurants and retailers.

To find out more about RecycleBank or to find instructions on how to activate and use Reward Points for donations to Animal Services, go to Recycle Bank.com or call 888-727-2978. For more information on Animal Services. visit cityofcarrollton.com or 972-466-3420.



### **Unemployed Texas receive** boost from stimulus dollars

(NDG Wire) The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has distributed more than \$100 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) unemployment funds since February 22, 2009, when ARRA provided a \$25 increase to weekly unemployment benefits.

Eligible Texans began receiving the additional amount in unemployment benefits beginning mid-March. The increase is effective for all initial claims filed through December 26, 2009.

"The \$100 million for increased unemployment benefits supplied by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is being pumped back into the Texas economy," said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken.

The increase is federally funded, and Texas employers do not contribute the additional benefits. TWC administers unemployment benefits to workers unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work.

Claimants may receive unemployment benefit information online through texasworkforce.org or by using our e-mail form. A staff member will call you back within 48 hours. Claimants may also contact a UI Tele-Center at the Dallas local: (214) 252-1200 or toll free: (800) 939-6631.

Reemployment services are available through Texas Workforce Centers at www.texasworkforce.org or by accessing www.Work InTexas.com for informa-

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

> CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Fort Worth Contract 0014-16-259 for INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC ACTUATED TRAFFIC SIGNALS in TARRANT County will be

opened on July 08, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 0902-48-691 for REALIGN INTERSECTION AND INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL in TARRANT County will be opened on

July 08, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 0902-48-692 for INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL in TARRANT County will be opened on July 07, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 2266-02-126 for GR, DR, STR, PAVEMENT AND SIGNING in TARRANT County will be opened on July 07, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor

NPO: 29980 State Office

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200 E. Riverside Dr. | Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

#### **Church Happenings**

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June 26-27, 2009

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Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr. M.Div., Senior Pastor 1550 Edelweiss (Sunday Worship Location) 200 Belmont Drive (Church Address) Allen, TX 75013 972-359-9956

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK June 21, 2009

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June 28, 5 pm Angels of Praise Presents their 9th Annual Day Recital with praises to God in dances.

Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor Rev. Anthony Foster Pastor 300 Phillips Street Richardson, TX 75081 972-235-4235

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> Dr. Robert Price, Sr. Senior Pastor 9550 Shepard Road Dallas, TX 75243 214-341-6459

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Elder Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor 2765 Trinity Mills Road Carrollton, TX 75006 214-514-9147

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cover plenty of miles per day while enjoying the freedom of the open range. God is this way to Christians just as a natural father is to his children. God allows room for Christians to grow and the Holy Spirit leads and guides them. A natural father will also allow room for his children to grow, mature and be independent.

#### **A Caring Father**

A caring father is one that is: "Tough yet Tender." He must be strong, tough, bold and determined. He must stand up, speak out and tell it like it is, give positive

directions and feedback to his children.

A caring father should lead by example and tell his children that the only way to succeed, be happy and content in this life is to follow our perfect example, Jesus. Jesus said that instead of holding on to our lives, we should give them to Him to gain eternal life. Instead of hating an individual for doing us wrong, we should love and pray for them.

A caring father motivates and encourages the family. He delegates and rewards, he is objective and

takes actions; and with God's help he has courage, he is decisive, dependable, has good judgment and shows enthusiasm. He also has endurance and shows initiative.

My siblings and I agree, our father, the late Lloyd David Demus, our deceased grandfathers, Deacon David N. Demus and James Baker were great role models for their families. They were God-fearing and grand fathers.

Happy Father's Day to Jarrell Tarpley, William (Bill) Lott, Carl Goff, Pastor Philip White and Pastor Gregory Voss. My uncles that are yet here, sharing their wisdom and love with us, Charlie Baker and Monaque Carter, Sr.

I can't forget the church brothers at Word of Life C.O.G.I.C. Ministers A. J. Wilson, Troy Butts, Stretch Holley and Festus Anorue; all church pastors and Christian brothers worldwide.









# Happy Father's Day and Happy Juneteenth!



Sister Tarpley

It has been said, "Any man can be a Father, but it takes a special person to be called Dad."

How God Made A Dad: God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the Eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in the spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity and the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities and when there was nothing more to add, His masterpiece was complete, so, He called it . . . Dad. --Author Unknown.

It is recorded that the idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of it while listening to a Mother's Day

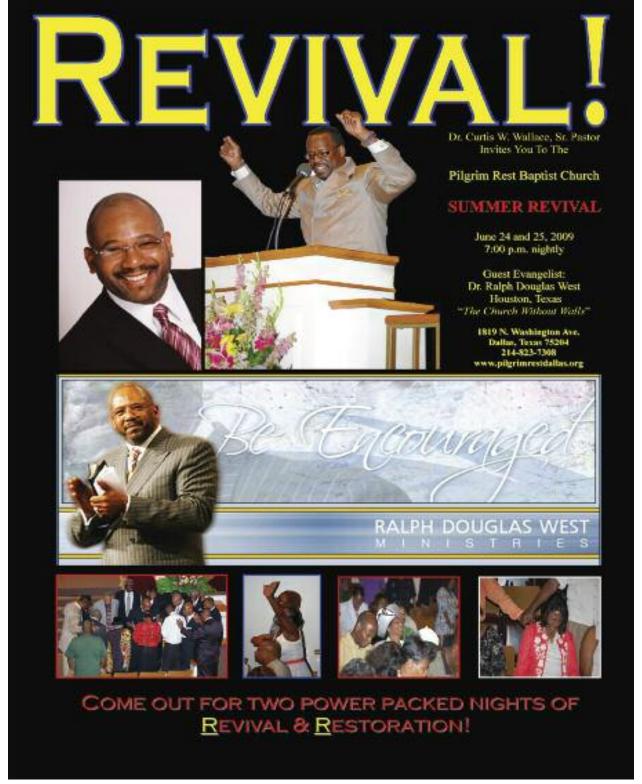
sermon in 1909 (the birth year of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People. (NAACP)).

Sonora's father raised her after her mother died and she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. The month of June was picked because Sonora's father was born in June. The first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington was on the 19th of June (Juneteenth) 1910.

President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observation of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June, 1972.

There is a story of a veteran ranch foreman who said, "The secret of leading cattle is to never let your herd know they are being lead. Let them do everything voluntarily but always keep them moving in the right direction toward their destination." The herd will

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victim to this historic, undeclared war on Black males.

Still, he dares to believe in a nation where his unemployment rate exceeds all others – not just because of the economic downturn – but because of a history of race discrimination that has pressed him to rock bottom.

His post traumatic stress is not from Iraq or Afghanistan, but from a lifetime of scaling the dangerous mine fields of American society. This is about Joe Blow and John Qshon Citizen. One might call him "the average Black man". But, given the list of daily atrocities he faces in this nation, there is actually no "average" Black man.

Rather, this is about "The Black Man – An American Hero". Despite the odds against him, he has exceeded every bar that has ever been set.

What is an "American hero"?

Traditionally, the American hero is deemed as a Super Man type, someone with exceptional courage who performs a one-time gallant deed or a long term public service that warrants celebrity and perhaps even a medal. But, for the Black man, he is a quiet American hero, unsung, even unsuspecting, deserving of respect simply for the risks he takes every day.

The family of 25-year-

old Black police officer Omar Edwards is familiar with this gallantry as they grieve their husband and father of 18-month-old and 7-month old children. Struck down in a hail of bullets from a White police officer who mistakenly thought him to be a criminal, Omar is an American hero.

The family of 38-year-old Stephen T. Johns also knows. When this husband and father of an 11-year-old son was felled by the bullet of a hate-crazed White supremacist at the Holocaust Museum, it was yet another shot that was "heard around the world". "Big John" – as they called him - is indeed an American Hero.

The gaskining

From coast to coast they have fallen. Among them, Sean Bell, 23, of New York; Oscar Grant III, 22, of San Francisco; DeAuntae "Tae Tae" Farrow, 12, of West Memphis, Ark.; and Martin Lee Anderson, 14, of Bay Country, Fla. They are among the sons and fathers who were all too early struck down amidst injustice. Not to mention the thousands of Black men who have died at the hands of other Black men - a dubious "friendly fire" if you will.

Unlike other wars, there is no flag-draped casket or playing of "Taps". Yet, the grieving hearts of loved ones are no less painful; the tears are no less real. And more-

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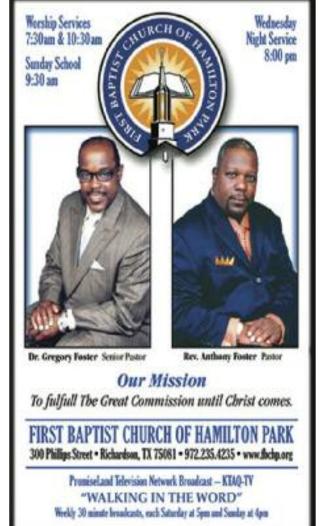
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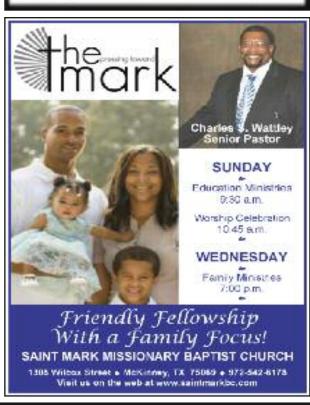
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The Black man – an American hero, we all know one as he refuses to cower. His swagger is emboldened as he defies statistics that constantly predict his demise. He

daily swims upstream in the murky, unpredictable waters, daring to believe in himself and in the power of his God. Despite the memories of his fallen brothers, he presses on for respect. And on Father's Day, we salute him for his raw courage.





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