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## Taking advantage of Tax Credits for 2010

By Kedra Williams

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As we prepare for the 2010 filing process, it is always a good idea to review your expenditures from last year for every single tax saving available to you. In recent years, as the economy has pushed most of us to make some difficult decisions about finances, the legislature has provided some additional

credits and offsets that would be beneficial to know as you sit down with your tax professional.

First and foremost, it is important to understand the difference between tax deductions and tax credits. While both deductions and credits typically reduce your tax liability, the way they impact your return and your pocket book can be quite different.

Tax deductions are the various items that are available to reduce the income on which you are taxed. For instance, mortgage interest, job search expenditures, personal exemptions, student loan interest are all items that are deducted from your gross income to determine your taxable income. The tax you pay

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## Black History hair care facts

(NDG Wire) In honor of Black History Month, Dr. Linda Amerson, board certified trichologist, shares some important facts about just how far we have come with technology, product formulations, and effective treatment therapies. The hair care industry is a billion dollar industry.

**Q:** What was the first kitchen utensil used by slaves



Dr. Linda Amerson

to comb their hair?

**A:** A table fork, because this was all they had.

**Q:** What was the first kitchen utensil used by slaves to curl their hair?

**A:** A table knife heated on the stove, because this was all they had.

**Q:** What did the slaves use as a dry shampoo to cleanse their hair?

**A:** Cornmeal, grits, and

powdered charcoal. They were very resourceful people.

**Q:** Why were head and body lice a major problem for slaves?

**A:** Because the slaves had to sleep in barns on the hay where the animals slept...further transmitting the lice to their hair and body.

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## Not older...better (and more powerful)

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

NDG Special Contributor

According to *The Global Impact of an Aging World*, a report released recently by The Nielsen Company which analyzed data from more than 50 countries, Baby Boomers (those born be-

tween 1946 and 1964) are redefining what it means to be "old" just as they defined what it meant to be young and middle aged. As of 12:01 AM on January 1, 2011, the oldest of the group started turning 65! And, because Baby Boomers in this country account for the

largest share of sales of any generation throughout most product categories – companies, who have previously largely overlooked seniors in marketing plans, are going to have to sit up and take notice!

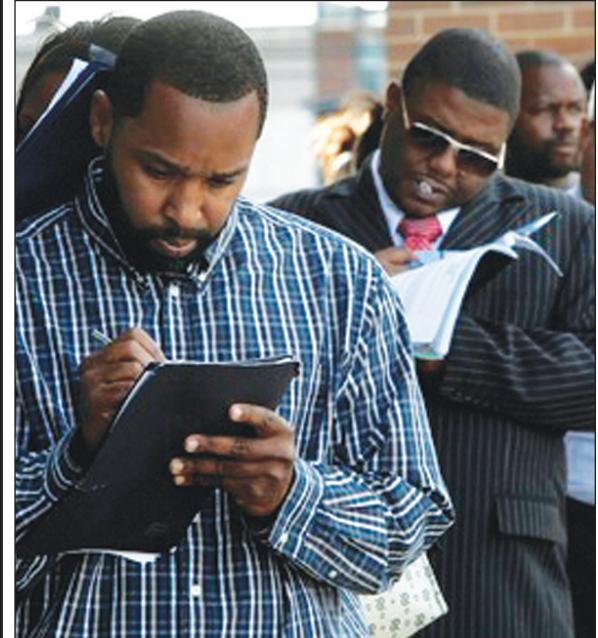
First off, let's start by revising the terminology:

"Aging" today is certainly not the "aging" of yesterday, as "old age" continues to be redefined! I dare anyone to tell the fabulous 70 year old Tina Turner that she's old – or 67 year old Mick Jagger who gyrated and sang all across the stage during his

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## Black unemployment sparks chorus of discontent



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COMMENTARY

## Improve infrastructure, create jobs

By Judge Greg Mathis

You have no doubt heard a lot about President Barack Obama's proposed federal budget in the news lately. With an eye toward reducing the nation's trillion plus dollar deficit, the President suggests some difficult to swallow budget cuts while still investing in America's future. It's not much different from what a struggling corporation would do, or a family. One of those proposed investments would not only modernize our nation's

highways and railways, it will also create millions of jobs.

During the last several years, bridges across the U.S. have collapsed, gas lines have exploded, and streets have deteriorated to unsafe levels. The President proposes that we shore up our infrastructure and put Americans to work at the same time. How? By spending just over \$50 billion to build a high-speed rail system and by investing

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## Heather M. Kitchen

The Dallas Theater Center Board of Trustees announced today the appointment of Heather M. Kitchen as managing director of the 52-year-old organization. The appointment follows the departure of previous Managing Director Mark Hadley in December 2010. Kitchen will formally assume her post on March 14, 2011.

"We are thrilled to welcome Heather to Dallas," says DTC Chairman of the

Board Frank Risch. "We feel very fortunate to be able to attract to DTC someone with the long experience and record of great accomplishment that she brings with her. In partnership with Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty, we will have a leadership team that will bring DTC to new levels of attainment as a theater and as one of the most important arts institutions in Dallas and all of North Texas."



A native of Toronto, Kitchen has held key leadership positions at several

high-profile performing arts organizations including her most recent position as executive director at the acclaimed American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.) in San Francisco. At A.C.T., Kitchen led the expansion of the company's operating budget of \$11 million to more than \$19 million, helped to successfully complete fundraising for a \$31 million endowment fund (exceeding the cam-

paign's \$25 million goal), eliminated an accumulated operating deficit of over \$2 million, increased fundraising from \$2.4 million to more than \$10 million per annum, and grew audiences to more than 200,000 patrons per year, among other considerable accomplishments over 14 seasons.

Kitchen holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waterloo and a Masters of Business Administration from The University of Western On-

tario's Richard Ivey School of Business. She has been an active community leader serving on the board of directors of, Big Brothers and Sisters of San Francisco and the Peninsula, the esteemed Commonwealth Club of California and on the San Francisco leadership board of the American Red Cross. Kitchen ranked among the San Francisco Business Times' top 100 "Most Important Women in Business in the Bay Area"

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## Devin James

Devin James knows the meaning of reinvention. After nearly losing his life in a robbery-related shooting at one of his retail stores seven years ago, James suffered a permanent disability during his senior year in college and was unable to complete his studies or original occupational game plan. James understood the power of his mind and rebranded himself. Today, he's helping others do the same as he sits at the helm of The Devin James Group, a strategic brand marketing and com-

munications agency that powers a brand with unique programs that incorporate innovative PR, marketing and advertising.

But now the 28-year-old James is reinventing himself again as a global branding expert. Last year during an interview with the Atlanta Post, James predicted that he would win international clients within five years. In January, he accomplished his goal four years ahead of time when The Devin James Group was named global agency of record by Global Products Inc. (GPI), a woman-owned firm that manufactures and distrib-

utes Harley-Davidson products worldwide.

The collaboration between GPI and The Devin James Group emerged as a result of a uniquely branded elevator spill on James' part, as well as a little help from Southwest Airlines. Thanks to a misplaced bag and a no-hassle flight change, James ended up sitting next to GPI CEO, Rebecca Herwick. Their subsequent discussion and his immediate follow-up sealed the deal, as The Devin James Group beat out a number of larger firms to become GPI's first global agency of record. "There was an overabundance



of global agencies bidding for our business but The Devin James Group delivered the most creative and globally appealing approach that clearly established that they under-

stood my vision for the company," said Rebecca Herwick, Founder and CEO of Global Products Inc.

January also saw James create and execute a re-branding campaign for HavenHouse St. Louis, an organization that provides lodging to families who are suffering from medical crises. As part of the campaign, The Devin James Group developed a social media strategy and executed a sponsorship program that rose over \$25,000 in cash and even more in in-kind contributions. The Devin James Group also re-branded HavenHouse's HopeFest fundraising event

and developed the slogan, "Experience Hope in Action." To better publicize the event, The Devin James Group secured six billboards and developed a series of public service announcements that aired on six Clear Channel stations for a total of 6.7 million impressions/reaches each week. Finally, James secured an autographed football from 2010 NFL Draft First overall pick and Rookie of the Year nominee, Rams Quarterback Sam Bradford and proclamations from both Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon and St. Louis

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## Idris Elba

(NDG Wire) Sprint along with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) and Wells Fargo,



"We are thrilled to have an acclaimed actor such as Idris to inspire young filmmakers with this competition," said Matt Carter, president of Sprint 4G and Wholesale. "Idris' work is a prime example of how technology can fuel the creative process and result in a vibrant on-screen experience. Together, we're challenging students to push the boundaries of traditional filmmaking by harnessing the power of Sprint 4G's vast portfolio of devices and applications to redefine the medium and develop their artistry."

According to a recent independent survey of cell phone users, African-Americans make up 33 percent of all smartphone consumers in the United States, although they constitute only 13 percent of the population.\* The 4G Competitive

Edge Filmmakers Challenge offers diverse students a chance to demonstrate their creativity using the cutting-edge technology of smartphone devices.

Elba, the official ambassador for the competition, was first introduced to the public by his role as Russell "Stringer" Bell on the acclaimed HBO series "The Wire." Elba was most recently nominated for a Golden Globe for his role in the BBC America's drama "Luther." His other works include films such as "Takers," "Obsessed" and "Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls." He is currently the executive producer and star of the art house thriller "Legacy."

As part of the competition, Sprint, along with Wells Fargo, will launch a college tour to visit several historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) around the country throughout the month of February. The tour will head to TMCF

member institutions including Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Virginia Union University and Shaw University. The tour will conclude at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., just in time for the CIAA Tournament. Elba will join Sprint, TMCF and Wells Fargo to announce the winners at Howard University in April. A list of tour dates and schools can be found at [www.4GCompetitiveEdge.com](http://www.4GCompetitiveEdge.com).

"Our 47 public HBCU campuses are home to 235,000 students and present a truly unique pool of talent for Sprint, Wells Fargo and Idris Elba to find the most talented young minds," said Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Thurgood Marshall College Fund. "The 4G Competitive Edge Filmmakers Challenge is a pairing of the arts and technology that distinctly

aligns with the type of innovation and ingenuity we are cultivating in the next generation of leaders."

At each tour stop, stu-

dents will have the opportunity to attend the Wells Fargo Empowerment Panel

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## Age-old question for African-Americans remains: How can we build wealth?

By Charlene Crowell

(NNPA) As the annual, month-long Black History observance continues, now is a timely moment to revisit the struggles of succeeding generations of African-Americans to gain access to financial institutions, fair lending, and for many -- the elusive opportunity to build family wealth. When we examine this aspect of our history, what affects our lending and wealth-building in 2011 is in many ways the latest version of a journey that began more than 200 years ago.

According to the National Archives, more than 185,000 African-Americans served in the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. For nearly all of these servicemen, military wages and bounty monies were the first time in their lives that they were paid for their services. As a result, having a bank account represented a source of measurable pride and progress.

Starting in 1864, the first banks created for African-American soldiers were largely in the South. Military Savings Bank at Beaufort, South Carolina later became known as the South Carolina Freedmen's Savings Bank. In Louisiana, the

Free Labor Bank served

African-American soldiers and former slaves who worked on plantations controlled by the federal government. Regardless of locale, the goal was to incorporate economic opportunity into the transition from slavery to freedom.

Chartered in 1865 to serve the financial needs of former slaves, the Freedmen's Savings and Trust opened in January 1866. Eventually Freedmen's grew to 37 branches in 17 states with an estimated 70,000 depositors and \$75 million in value.

However a series of management errors and fraud prompted Frederick Douglass in 1874, in a new role as bank president, to ask Congress that the bank be closed. Although chartered by Congress, there was no federal regulatory agency comparable to today's Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) protect depositors.

As a result, many depositors received nothing and others only a fraction of their monies. Douglass also lost the \$10,000 he had on deposit.

In 1874, the resentments of so many blacks literally losing their life savings began a deep dis-

trust of banks in the black community – a distrust that still lingers for many African-Americans today.

It was not until 1888 that Capital Savings Bank opened in Washington, DC. In its first four years of operations, deposits grew to more than \$300,000. Until its closing in 1902, many black businesses and homeowners were its customers.

Between 1888 and 1934, a total of 134 black banks were established. Additionally, the number of black businesses increased from 4,000 in 1867 to 50,000 in 1917.

Unfortunately, the 1930s Great Depression caused a panicked run from which many banks, including black-owned ones, never recovered. From 1924-1942, the National Negro Bankers Association sought to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among its more than 70 member institutions.

Today the number of African-American-owned banks does not reflect our populace as a people. While we are more than 39 million, or 12.9 percent of the U.S. population, the Federal Reserve's most recent reports reveal that as of late 2010 only 28 U.S. banks are owned by

African-Americans. Our lack of ownership – as a people – is a significant contribution to others with a distinctly different American experience becoming wealthy.

When we do not control our collective wealth, it becomes more understandable why we have so little of it. Latino and African-American communities together represent more than 60 percent of the nation's unbanked households. Further, when we turn to alternative financial services instead of full-service banking, each year, \$11 billion from the pockets of moderate and low-income households become lucrative fees for alternative financial services.

From Reconstruction forward to 2011, African-Americans still have an unanswered question: How do we, as a people, trust financial institutions to serve our banking needs in a manner that broadens the opportunity to accumulate more wealth?

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slightly more than \$330 billion in our nation's highways. Obama's advisors estimate the plan would create more than five million construction jobs and 10 million additional jobs in related industries.

Yes, this is a lot of money. However, investing in America and its infrastructure is the smart thing - the right thing - to do. Americans will be able to travel from place to place, knowing that bridges and roads are sound. High-

speed rail will connect towns and cities and, over the long term, improve our environment, since there will be fewer cars on the road. Lastly, the new jobs this investment will help create will bring the unemployment rate down from its record high levels.

Of course, the proposal has its critics. They say there's no way the government can pay for it. The President thought of that, too. Currently, the gasoline tax raises about \$35 billion

a year. That money is used to pay for highway projects. The President wants to use that fund to offset the infrastructure projects and raise additional revenue through various other taxes and tolls.

There is no doubt that the President's plan is a strong one, with past success to back it up. The 2009 stimulus package included more than \$130 billion in infrastructure spending; this spending created eight million jobs. So, we

know this is the right way to go. Money spent now, would improve the economy – and our bridges and roads – and position the country for a more prosperous future.

Write your Congress men and women; tell them to support the President's plan to create jobs by improving our nation's infrastructure.

Visit [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) if you need help locating your elected official's contact information.

## Skin cancer affects everyone

(NDG Wire) People of color may be less likely than Caucasians to develop melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, but those who develop melanoma are more likely than Caucasians to die from it. Studies have shown that the five-year survival rate for African Americans with melanoma is 59 percent, compared to 85 percent for Caucasians.

While skin cancer comprises only one to two percent of all cancers in African Americans, patients in this population are more likely to be diagnosed later with advanced cases. Experts say it's partly be-

cause of the widespread misconception that non-Caucasians are immune to skin cancer. In fact, everyone, regardless of skin color, can fall prey to it.

"Skin cancer is one of the easiest cancers to treat successfully, if diagnosed early," said Perry Robins, MD, President, The Skin Cancer Foundation. "It is important for us to reach out to the African American community regarding the importance of prevention, early detection, and prompt, effective treatment."

In addition to adopting a sun protection regimen (see the Prevention Guide-

lines, below) everyone should perform monthly self-exams to check their skin for warning signs of skin cancer. During a self-exam, note any changes in the skin, such as increases in size or changes in the shape or color of any growth, spot, sore, mole or lesion.

People of color should pay particular attention to non-exposed skin with less pigment, such as the palms, soles, mucous membranes and nail regions, as up to 60-75 percent of their tumors arise in these areas. Furthermore, these tend to be among the most dangerous and fast-moving forms

of the disease. If your skin shows any warning signs of skin cancer, consult your physician. For a complete self-exam how-to guide, visit [www.SkinCancer.org/Self-Examination](http://www.SkinCancer.org/Self-Examination).

However, a self-exam should not replace an annual skin exam. Everyone should see a physician, preferably one who specializes in diseases of the skin, once a year, or more often if you have a history of skin cancer. If you do not have access to a dermatologist, check [www.SkinCancer.org/Tour](http://www.SkinCancer.org/Tour) to see if The Skin Cancer Foundation's Road to Healthy Skin Tour, presented by

AVEENO® and Rite Aid, is coming to your area. The Tour provides free, full-body skin exams by local dermatologists.

*The Skin Cancer Foundation's Prevention Guidelines*

- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

## Good neighbors, friends can be older Texans' best allies in preserving independence

(NDG Wire) What scares us about aging? Surveys show it's not the stuff we joke about (baldness, cellulite, unhip musical tastes) but a fear we seldom mention: loss of independence.

Makes sense. It's merely embarrassing when Detroit ads start to seem compelling. Stronger emotions take over when we think about losing our ability to work, drive, manage our money or remain in our own home. That's why many older people — even those we know well — don't ask us for help when their physical or mental condition starts to decline.

How can we balance our respect for older Texans' autonomy with concern for their well-being? The first step is to recognize signs that a person may need help taking care of their home, health or personal affairs. Be prepared to offer or seek help when a neighbor:

- Lets their home fall into disrepair or stops doing common tasks such as mowing a lawn, carrying trash to the curb, retrieving mail or trimming shrubs away from windows.

- Has utilities disconnected or cutoff warnings attached to their door.

- Loses interest in personal grooming or social interaction — or seems confused or disoriented when they speak.

- Has obvious trouble with driving or a lot of recent damage to their vehicle (a possible sign of frequent minor accidents) or long-expired inspection and registration tags.

- Has bruises or other signs of possible physical abuse or neglect.

If you're in an older person's home, be alert to signs such as:

- Decaying food left out or spoilage-prone foods not returned to the refrigerator.

- Range burners left on when nothing is cooking, or flammable items left on the stovetop.

- Evidence that pets are being neglected or signs (such as strong odors) that their waste is not being disposed of.

- Non-functional appliances, plumbing fixtures, lights, heaters or air conditioners.

- Piles of trash, unopened mail, unread newspapers or laundry.

Government office workers, retail employees or others who work with the public also can help. Take notice when a previously alert customer has

trouble recalling basic information about finances, property or other assets.

Businesses and governments also should be vigilant when an older customer is accompanied by someone who appears to be inappropriately monitoring or controlling their financial affairs.

Be aware of all of these signs and trust your instincts. Everyone has "bad days," but a clear pattern of decline may call for expert evaluation and special services. Often, the result will be resources that help the person continue independently life in a safer, healthier environment.

In cases of moderate physical or mental decline, consider speaking directly to the person or a family member (if available) and offering to help them find independence-oriented resources. One of the best is the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Go to their website, [www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us), and click on Help for Texans.

Another excellent source of public and private help is 2-1-1 Texas. Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in the state or go to [www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org).

Many utility companies offer payment schedule adjustments for customers

who are facing service termination.

If you believe an older person is being abused, neglected or exploited, call the Department of Family

and Protective Services' Abuse Hotline at 800-252-5400 or make your report through their secure website at [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org). You'll be con-

tacted within 24 hours after an online report.

If the person is in immediate danger, contact local law enforcement.

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## Real Woman Award 2011 accepting nominations

(NDG Wire) The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas *Real Girls Real Women Awards Luncheon* celebrates outstanding women leaders and Girl Scouts for their contributions to the community through the Real Girl and Real Woman awards. Two 2011 Real Women Award recipients will be selected and honored at the *Real Girls Real Women Awards luncheon* in October, 2011.

The annual Dallas luncheon is a celebration of women and girls who demonstrate the mission of

Girl Scouting. Funds raised from the awards luncheon provide vital leadership development programs to more than 35,000 girls in northeast Texas.

Nominees for the *Real Woman Award* are women whose leadership and community involvement exemplifies a life rooted in Girl Scouts' ideals--courage, confidence and character. Nominees cannot have previously won the *Real Woman Award*.

To nominate a leader for the *Real Woman* award, submit the completed nom-

ination form, a short narrative (maximum one page) and a copy of the nominee's bio /resume (one page). Visit [www.gsnetx.org/rgrw-dallas](http://www.gsnetx.org/rgrw-dallas) to learn more about the *Real Girls Real Women Awards Luncheon* and to download the nomination form. The deadline is Feb. 28.

Nominations will be reviewed and honorees selected by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas *Real Girls Real Women Awards Committee*. Awards winners will be announced in March.

## Texas Lottery Commission exceeds \$13 billion to foundation school fund

(NDG Wire) The Texas Lottery Commission announced this week that it reached a new milestone in transfers to the Foundation School Fund (FSF). The agency transferred \$76.2 million to the FSF on February 11. Total contributions since 1997 to the FSF, which supports public education in Texas, now exceed \$13 billion.

Prior to 1997, Texas Lottery® proceeds were allocated to the General Revenue Fund. The Texas Legislature dedicated Texas Lottery revenue to the FSF beginning in 1997. A total of more than \$18.6 billion has been transferred to the state since the first ticket was sold in May of 1992.

"A high *Mega Millions* jackpot in January, and successful scratch-off games like our holiday suite of games and the *Texas Lottery® Black* ticket helped us reach this important milestone," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "We wouldn't be able to make these contributions, however, without our network of retailers and the customer service they provide to our

players."

Approximately 27 cents of every dollar earned by the Texas Lottery goes to the FSF to support Texas education. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, which ended August 31, 2010, a total of \$1.095 billion was transferred to the state, including more than \$1 billion that went directly to the FSF.

In fact, more than 95 percent of the Texas Lottery's \$3.74 billion in sales for FY 2010 was returned to the state and

players in the form of prizes, transfers to the FSF, retailer bonuses and commissions, and other state programs.

Tuesday's *Mega Millions*® jackpot was an estimated \$52 million. Saturday's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$126 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$25 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org)

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## Murphy prepares for three-month Great American Cleanup

### Newly formed Green Team set to make debut

(NDG Wire) The City of Murphy, long known for taking pride in its natural beauty, is preparing to participate once again in the National Great American Cleanup, sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful organization, according to Community Services Manager Kim Lenoir.

Activities during the 90-day cleanup include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program and takes place annually from March 1 through May 31, involving an estimated three million volunteers and attendees. The number of volunteers for the three-month campaign in Murphy has varied in the past, but this year, local organizers expect to attract 500 people to participate.

"This is our fifth year participating in the national campaign, and it is one of the ways that we involve the

community in keeping our city clean and attractive," said Lenoir.

"Homeowner associations, service clubs, school groups, business associations, retiree organizations, interested individuals, and other local for-profit and non-profit organizations from every part of the City are encouraged to step forward and participate in our program," she said.

Nationally, volunteers donated more than 5.7 million hours last year to clean, beautify and improve more than 33,000 communities during more than 30,000 events in all 50 states and beyond.

Among the national-level sponsors that provided substantial support to the Great American Cleanup program, several have stores or service centers in the local area, including Lowe's Companies, Inc.;

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# Free tutoring for K-12, first-generation college and university students

## Application process for spring, summer sessions under way

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

Does your school-age child need remedial instruction that goes beyond classroom learning? Are you a college student who is struggling with college algebra or statistics?

Help is available through a program called Access!. Created in 2009, the nonprofit program offers free English and Language Arts and math tutoring to

economically disadvantaged kindergarten through 12th grade students and first-generation (Gen 1) college and university students in several subjects, including sociology, political science and literature.

According to an October 2010 report issued by the Association of Texas Professional Educators, minority, low-performing and economically disadvantaged kids are getting the short

end of the stick in education, mainly because teacher quality is not at the same standard as wealthier school districts. The program's organizers see this as a problem, and feels compelled to help close the education gap.

Gen 1 college students, especially minorities, sometimes lack the support system to complete their degree. According to Education Trust, 43 percent of under-

represented minority groups (African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans) complete a bachelor's degree in less than six years. The rate for nonwhites is 60 percent.

This summer, the program will hold its inaugural free summer one-on-one tutoring program for K-8 students who live in Plano on Monday, June 13. The program will run through Thursday, Aug. 18. All tu-

toring sessions will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the students' nearest Plano Public Library or by appointment between the program director and the student's parents or guardian.

Plano Public Library is only a meeting point for students to learn in a quiet and safe environment. The program is not a partnership between Access! and the Plano Public Library system. Ap-

plications for tutoring sessions are ongoing; parents and students interested in the summer program must apply by Friday, April 29.

Access! is an outreach program of Emanuel and The Mainline Ministries, a 501 (c) (3) charity organization. Sessions are open to students in Denton, Dallas and Collin Counties.

For more information, call 469-247-5478 or visit [www.access2011.org](http://www.access2011.org).

## Job placement key for college students

By Rebecca Nuttal

(NNPA) One in four college educated adults is currently working in a field unrelated to their college degree. Approximately 10 percent of those under the age of 25 are working in retail or the food service industry.

In light of the ever-suffering economy, the days when a college degree guaranteed a job might be gone

forever. Still, when choosing a college or university to attend many students are concerned with what job placement services these schools offer.

At the National College Fair, hosted by the National Association for College Admission Counseling at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center recently, college administrators and recruiters listed similar cat-

alogs of career services all designed to help students find a job upon graduation.

"We have a career services office and that offers career fairs. It really just depends on what your major is," said Patrick Scott, a recruitment officer with Howard University. "There's no such thing as the best college; it's about what's the best fit for you. It's about doing your re-

search and finding what works for you."

Every college or university has a career office offering students services such as resume writing and practice interviews. While these services are free to all students they are not a mandatory part of academic curriculum and some students might be unaware they exist.

"At our career services

office we have mock job interviews. We also actually bring professionals to the school so we have career fairs," said Janet Harris, assistant director of admissions, Duquesne University.

"It's important to look at colleges all over and especially outside of Pittsburgh to see what's out there."

Career fairs give students information about careers related to their aca-

demic major and can also connect students with actual prospective employers. Internships are also a great way for students to get a foot in the door at prospective companies.

"With the great internships we have, students are able to get experience in their fields," said Eric Tarp-

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## 3rd Annual Spring Flower Fund Raiser for dental care for needy RISD students



(NDG Wire) Dreaming of springtime flowers? Take advantage of the 3rd Annual Spring Flower Fund Raiser to Benefit the Network of Community Ministries Dental Clinic in Richardson.

Choose from a variety of flowers including begonias, mexican heather, coleus, impatiens, lantana, zinnias, marigolds, moss rose, periwinkles, dusty miller, and dianthus in flats of 18 four-inch pots. The benefit sale is hosted at Loveable Smiles, 1410 N. Plano Rd., Suite 200,

Richardson. The Network Dental Clinic serves needy Richardson Independent School District children. All proceeds from the sale go directly to the Dental Clinic.

To secure a pre-order form, phone Loveable Smiles at 972-231-0585, email [info@loveablesmiles.com](mailto:info@loveablesmiles.com), or download at <http://www.loveablesmiles.com>. Pre-order deadline is Friday, April 1. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, April 8, at the Loveable Smiles parking lot.

## Help for high school athletes seeking scholarships

(NDG Wire) No Limit Scouting Service conducts free information sessions for high school athletes, parents and high school coaches on *How to Get an Athletic Scholarship*. This seminar will give informa-

tion on how to navigate the athletic recruiting process, how to get noticed by college coaches, how to get the assistance needed to get recruited, NCAA rules/regulations, etc.

They also evaluate athletes to find out their level of competition and recommend them to college coaches so they can get recruited. Important recruiting dates for athletes have already started. Visit No

## DISD trustees adopt resolution urging legislators to make education a priority

(NDG Wire) To raise awareness of the growing financial crisis public school districts are facing, the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees recently adopted a resolution encouraging state legislators to work with local school board members and other stakeholders in making education a priority during the 82nd Legislative Session.

"As a board, we felt it was important to go on record to voice our concern about the state budget," said Dallas ISD Board President Adam Medrano. "Boards

throughout the state are unified in urging lawmakers to strongly support public education."

Dallas ISD joins many other school districts across Texas in the "Make Education a Priority" campaign launched by the Aledo Independent School District Board of Trustees. The campaign calls for a commitment to fix the broken system of school finance and to properly fund education.

The campaign identifies

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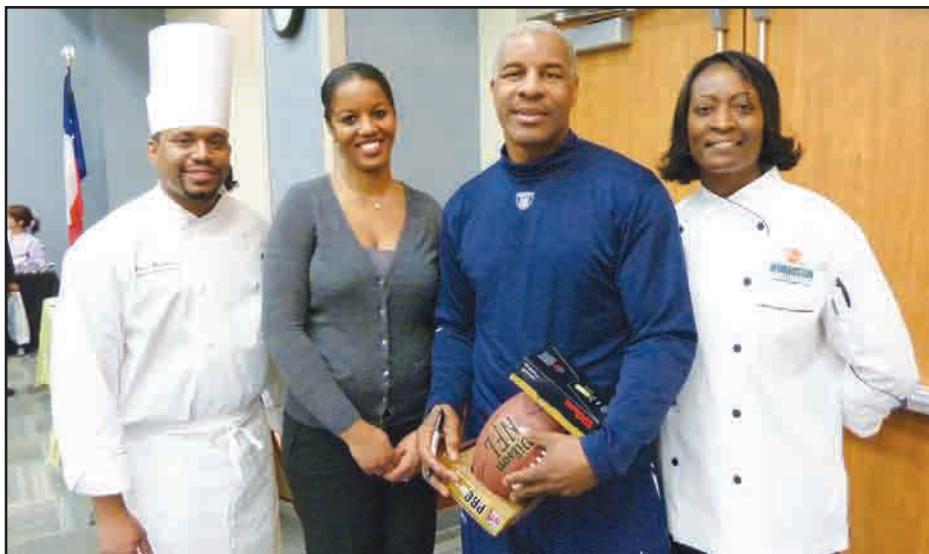
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## Former Dallas Cowboy Everson Walls Visits Methodist Charlton Medical Center



Methodist Charlton Chef Stevie Hutchins, VP Operations Kyllan Cody, and Food Services Manager Lynda Greene greet Dallas Cowboys great Everson Walls.

Legendary Dallas Cowboy Everson Walls stopped by to greet fans attending a recent health fair held at Methodist Charlton Medical Center. The health fair was hosted by Academic Realities and also featured exhibits by Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Centers, and the Diabetes Self-Management Program; free screenings by the Prostate Screening and Awareness Program; and fitness dance demonstrations by the Methodist Charlton Fit Zone. Methodist Charlton was one of the sponsors of the event, which included a celebrity dinner and roast later that evening.

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is determined by multiplying your applicable tax rate to your taxable income. Given the option of \$400 in tax deductions or \$400 in tax credits, *which would you choose?*

To illustrate the difference between tax deduction and tax credits, consider the following:

Let's say, your gross income is \$1,000 and your total tax deductions are \$400 leaving a taxable income of \$600. Assuming a tax rate of 10%, your total tax due is \$60. The net tax savings from your deductions is \$40 (10% times your deductions).

Now a tax credit, on the other hand, is a dollar for dollar reduction of the actual tax you pay, not taxable income. This in most cases is significant for taxpayers. So continuing in our simplistic example, instead of deductions of \$400 you have \$400 in tax credits. Without deductions (for simplicity), your taxable income would be the same as your gross income, \$1,000. Assuming the same 10% tax rate, your calculated tax before credits will be \$100. However, you owe no tax because your credits will exceed your entire tax liability. After applying \$100 tax credit, you will still have \$300 remaining in credit.

In some instances this difference is actually refundable to you. So not only do you not

owe any taxes, you actually will get a check from the IRS for \$300 remaining credit. Refundable credits you may have heard of are Earned Income Credit, Child Tax Credit, First Time Homebuyer's Credit and others.

Even in the case of nonrefundable credits, in this scenario you would pay no taxes using the credit (versus \$60 using the same dollar amount of deductions).

While this example is extremely simplified, it makes clear why tax credits are a political hot spot no matter which side you're on.

Some of the top credits highlighted for this season are:

*Small Employer Health Insurance Credit* - Certain employers who pay health insurance premiums for their employees may receive up to 35% of the premiums paid as a credit against their tax liability.

*American Opportunity Credit* - Taxpayers paying education expenses may receive up to \$2,500 credit on the first four years of qualified higher education expenses per student (100% of first \$2,000 spent and 25% of next \$2,000).

*Lifetime Learning Credit* - Taxpayers pursuing continuing education may receive up to \$2,000 credit for post-secondary education and courses to acquire or improve job

skills. (20% of first \$10K).

*Personal Energy Property Credit* - Homeowners who install certain energy saving improvements such as insulation, doors, windows, heat pumps etc, can take a credit of 30% of their cost (up to 2009-2010 aggregate limit \$1500).

*First Time Homebuyer Credit* - The much publicized credit for new home buyer's up to \$8,000 for first-time buyer's and up to \$6,500 for long-term residents purchasing new principal residences.

While many taxpayers are familiar with the common tax deductions, the credits are sometimes best known by those who invest in professional tax advisers. It is always prudent to refer to the applicable laws, requirements and qualifications before taking these credits on your tax return.

Information about current tax credits and deductions is available online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), through your professional tax adviser, or you may contact us for further assistance.

*Kedra A. Williams CPA PC, 3940 St. Francis Avenue Suite 103, Dallas, TX 75228. Her firm specializes in complex tax issues and IRS negotiations call us at 469-449-9833 and visit us online at [www.kedrawilliams.com](http://www.kedrawilliams.com)*

## Richardson charter school host black history program

By Tonya Whitaker

NDG Staff Writer

The Evolution Academy Charter School in Richardson will sponsor a black history program on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26.

The play, titled *Situations: When Silence is Deadly*, deals with high school students' lives

and their everyday struggles, said Karla Guess, director of the Before and After School Program for the school. The academy's drama club will perform the two-hour program.

Guess said the first show will take place at 2 p.m. at the school's auditorium, 1099 South Sherman St. in Richardson. This

show is free for visiting high school staff and students.

The second show, also slated to take place in the school's auditorium, begins at 6 p.m. The admission cost is \$2.

For more information, contact Guess at 972-907-3755 or visit [www.evolutionacademy.org](http://www.evolutionacademy.org)



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## Community Calendar

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### Every Saturday

**Pure Saturdays** 2026 Commerce Street 23 & up preferred DJ Steve Nice in The Mixx. Doors open @ 10 p.m. Info text or call 214-810-5483.

### Every Tuesday

The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

### Ongoing

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

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

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

**Group Business Seminars** at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those inter-

ested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

### No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch

1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-898-5882.

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

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

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

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

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

### Through March 8

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

### Through March 26

The PDNB Gallery, 1202 Dragon St. in Dallas, will host *Neil Leifer: For the Love of the Game*, every Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery. Leifer, a longtime *Sports Illustrated* photographer, showcases the greatest moments of professional sports since he began shooting pro football at the NFL Championship Game in 1978. The exhibit is free.

### Through – March 11

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

### February 24

Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones will host his quarterly **Mayor's Evening Out** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hollabaugh Recreation Center located at 3925 W. Walnut Street, Garland.

**Redazzle**, a benefit for **Hope's Door**, Collin County's only battered women and children's shelter, will take place at 6 p.m. at The Cotton Mill, 610 Elm St. in McKinney. Cost is \$15. [www.hopes-doorinc.org](http://www.hopes-doorinc.org)

### February 25

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

Cultural Center

### February 26

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

### February 27

**Songs of the Americas with the Children's Chorus** - 9 choirs are joined by the youth company of Ballet Foklora in presenting Morth and South American music at the Morton H Meyerson Center, 8 p.m. cost is \$8 – 30. Info: [emily@thechildrenschorus.org](mailto:emily@thechildrenschorus.org) or 214-965-0491.

### February 28

**The Greater Lake Highlands Area AARP Chapter #3881 meeting** will be held at the Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, 9015 Plano Road at 10:00 a.m. Info: Patsy Romanowski, Chapter President at 972-475-8080.

### March 2

**SMU's Black Heritage Celebration** will celebrate the many facets of Black Heritage that all have experienced throughout February at the Hughes Trigg Student Center Ballrooms at 8 p.m. The event is FREE.

### March 3

**St. Philip's School 2011 Destiny Awards Luncheon** features Director of the W.E.B. Dubois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University - Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Tickets are \$150 at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Dallas. Info: [devoffice@stphilips.com](mailto:devoffice@stphilips.com) or 214-421-5221

**Urban Ministries Prayer Breakfast and Forum** at Dallas Market Center Grand Pavilion, 2100 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas from 7-9 a.m.

### March 12

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

### March 25

UTD Spring Lecture Series: "When Couples Become Parents: Keeping your Marriage Strong for Your Child" by Dr. Karen Prager

### March 30

**Real Girls Real Women - East Texas Annual Awards Luncheon** - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at Hollytree Country Club, Tyler

### April 17-24

**Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXII** Info: [www.dallas-cup.com](http://www.dallas-cup.com)

### April 26

**Garland City Manager's Quarterly Meeting** 7 p.m.

### April 29

UTD Spring Lecture Series: "Play Dates and Peer Groups: Forming Friendships across Childhood" Dr. Lisa Rosen.

### May 20

UTD Spring Lecture Series: "Helping Adolescents Use Electronic Communication for Good" Dr. Marion Underwood.

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# Black unemployment sparks chorus of discontent

## Tide of Mideast revolt gives rise to homegrown frustration

By Chris Levister

(NNPA) What would happen if 34.5 percent of White men did not have jobs? According to new U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics joblessness for 16-to-24-year-old Black men

pression in its own backyard." That's what 24-year-old Reggie "Tony" Scruggs, a Moreno Valley computer technician, who has been unemployed more than two years, said.

Scruggs born and

Scruggs asked. He held up a certificate of completion for a computer technician apprenticeship program. So far, the most the training program has yielded was a temporary tech support representative. The

16-to-24-year-old Black men has reached Great Depression proportions -- 34.5 percent in December, more than three times the rate for the general U.S. population.

And last week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that while the nation's unemployment rate dropped to 8.5 percent, Black joblessness remained virtually stagnant going from 15.8 to 15.7 percent and Black teen jobless figures, still the highest of any group, actually ticked up from 44.2 to 45.4 percent.

"Can you imagine any other group at that level of unemployment and the media dismissing it as not important?" the Rev. Jesse Jackson asked during an interview posted on the website 'Africana Online'.

"This has become so acceptable that it doesn't even cause anyone to stop and wonder how we are failing," said Jackson re-



has reached Great Depression proportions -- more than three times the rate for the general U.S. population.

A jobless Moreno Valley man wipes tear from his eyes as he and more than a dozen others discuss the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia and how the movements relate to the 34.5 percent unemployment rate among African American men. From a national policy perspective, how would people respond and what would happen? Would there be a revolution? A refocusing of national priorities? A massive jobs creation program?

As the tide of revolt sweeps Egypt and Tunisia sparking anti-government protests in other countries in the Mideast, some African Americans are asking the proverbial question: "Will it take a revolution to spark economic change in Black America?"

"All eyes are on the uprisings playing out in Egypt and Tunisia yet America systematically turns a blind eye to the op-

raised in Mississippi says he's never had any trouble with the law, other than a few traffic violations, and leads a middle class life in Moreno Valley. He says being Black in America today is just about the same as having a felony conviction in terms of one's chances of finding a job.

"It's a cruel irony of life that, as Billie Holiday sang, 'Them that's got shall get,'" said Scruggs. "I'm not a thug, I'm not lazy, I'm not a high school dropout, I don't have a college degree but I have usable skills. Black men want to work, but they won't hire us."

These days he spends much of his time knocking on doors looking for work or pent up in his mother's one-bedroom apartment, the TV blaring hour after hour. He clinches his fist and repeatedly pounds on a pile of mother boards, hard drives, cables, and other computer parts.

"I can take a computer apart and rebuild it. I can troubleshoot hardware and software. Yet employers won't hire me. Why?

job lasted 11 days. "When I walk into a place of business and ask for a job application, the first thing the receptionist wants to do is call security."

Monday, nearly a dozen jobless men stood outside a popular mini-market on Alessandro Boulevard trying to stay out of the streets and out of trouble.

"People are condemning the oppression in Egypt and Tunisia. U.S. government officials, the media, they're all over the Mideast revolution. But, many of those same people will walk over a jobless African American to get to their microphone," said Richard Hedrick an out of work truck driver who has an AA degree.

"Our plight doesn't make the headlines," said another man who wiped tears from his eyes.

As young Black men, they belong to a group that has been hit much harder than any other by unemployment. Joblessness for

University found that employers are generally more averse to hiring Black males than those from any other racial and gender group, especially in jobs that require social or verbal skills and in service occupations.

Another study from Princeton University of nearly 1,500 employers in New York City found that Black applicants without criminal records are no more likely to get a job than White applicants just out of prison. The statistics from the study also suggested that employer discrimination against people of color and ex-offenders has significantly undermined the job opportunities for young Black men with little education and training.

During nearly a year of fieldwork, teams of testers audited hundreds of job applicants applying for a wide range of entry level jobs such as waiters, sales

revealed gross discrimination in the hiring of Black men.

"The young Black men posing as job applicants in my studies were bright college kids, models of discipline and hard work; and yet, even in this best case scenario, these applicants were routinely overlooked simply on the basis of the color of their skin. The results of multiple studies suggest that Black men must work at least twice as hard as equally qualified whites simply to overcome the stigma of their skin color."

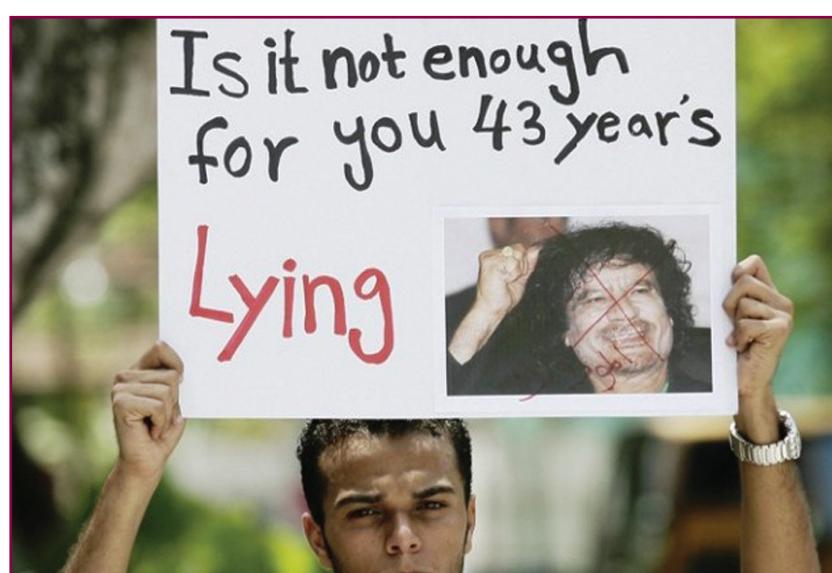
The employment rates of African-American men remained stagnant even during the economic booms in the 1980s and 1990s, said Algernon Austin, a sociologist with the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan research center in Washington, D.C.

Austin said the group's continued high unemployment rates even after many

years of a strong economy are influenced by multiple factors, including high rates of incarceration, limited education, child support arrearages, and discrimination.

Even as the recovery slowly takes hold, Austin

said none of the projections call for unemployment among Blacks to fall much below 10 percent. "Blacks are going to have double digit unemployment until 2014. It's a dire situation and unfortunately not many people are treating this as a crisis. ... Even college-educated blacks are facing shockingly high unemployment," he said.



flecting on the latest federal unemployment report. Jackson added access to appropriate education and training, employer bias, incorrect background checks, inappropriate credit checks and other structural barriers also serve as barriers to employment.

A cross-sectional analysis of employers by Harry J. Holzer, of Georgetown

assistants, laborers, warehouse workers, couriers, and customer service representatives.

The results of these studies were startling said Devah Pager, an Associate Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. His research on Black men and the labor market

# 'Round about DFW

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

## Through February 27

Want some Marvin Gaye? How about a little Ray Charles? The **Dallas Black Dance Theatre** will host a Cultural Awareness Series to include ... *And Now Marvin, Smoke and the spiritual suite Beams from Heaven* at the Dee and Charles Wyly



Theatre, 2400 Flora St., in Dallas. Tickets are available at [www.dbdt.com](http://www.dbdt.com) or by calling 214-880-0202.

## February 25

The hit stage play *She's Your Sister* will take place at 8 p.m. at Friendship-West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show features Fred Hammond and Tony Grant (*Why Did I Get Married?*). [www.friendship-west.com](http://www.friendship-west.com)

## February 25-February 26

The Frisco Area Children's Theatre presents *Rapunzel* at 7 p.m. on Saturday and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Performances will take place at the Frisco Black Box Theatre, 8004 North Dallas Pkwy., in Frisco. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children 10 years and younger and patrons 65 and older. [www.friscoarts.com](http://www.friscoarts.com)

## February 26

Royal Comedy Tour with Sommore, Bruce Bruce and



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**D.L. Hughley** and more is coming to Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$75. [www.verizontheatre.com](http://www.verizontheatre.com)

## February 27

Residents of Dallas can experience the thrills and surprises of the **83rd Academy Awards**

at Dallas' own Oscar Night America party. Benefiting the USA Film Festival's KidFilm outreach programs, **Dallas' Oscar Night** celebration will be held at the Studio Movie Grill, 11170 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, beginning at 6 p.m. (awards telecast begins at 7 p.m.). Tickets are now on sale at the USA Film Festival by telephone 214-821-6300 or email [usafilmfest@aol.com](mailto:usafilmfest@aol.com)

## April 2

**Janet Jackson** will perform her No. 1 hits at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets start at \$49. [www.verizontheatre.com](http://www.verizontheatre.com)

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five times.

"I am delighted to be joining the Dallas Theater Center family and the Dallas community at-large. With the artistic leadership of Kevin Moriarty, the inspiring and steadfast support of an active board of trustees, outstanding artists and a tirelessly dedicated team of administrators, Dallas Theater Center is poised for great success as it enters a new chapter in the company's illustrious history," says Kitchen. "I could not imagine a better time, place or opportunity to engage myself with a theater and community as culturally rich and vibrant as is evident in the growing arts district and throughout all of Dallas and North Texas."

"Heather brings to DTC an expansive portfolio of leadership experience from some of North America's most respected cultural institutions," said Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty. "I have long-admired the tremendous successes Heather fostered while at the helm of A.C.T.,

one of the nation's most highly respected regional theaters. I am incredibly excited to welcome her to Dallas and partner with her to grow, deepen and expand DTC's commitment to artistic excellence, educational outreach, and community engagement. I'm certain she will quickly grow to love DTC and Dallas as much as I do."

Kitchen will join Moriarty as the co-leader of DTC, and will have primary responsibility over the theater's operating, revenue, marketing, development and administrative functions. Together with Moriarty, the two will be jointly responsible for the development and implementation of strategies designed to help the theater

achieve its artistic and financial goals.

## UTD hosts

# "Permanent Collection"

By Rick A. Elina  
NDG Theater Critic

"White shall become black and black shall become white," says Sterling North, the central character from *Permanent Collection*, a play by Philadelphia playwright, Thomas Gibbons and produced by the University of Texas at Dallas, School of Arts and Humanities. The transformation told by Mr. North takes place soon after the lights dim. A monologue follows detailing the black experience during a traffic stop by a white cop. The device sets up the underlying theme and the overall plot of the play.

The late Dr. Alfred Morris, the rather autocratic founder of the Morris Foundation, an art repository of works that include Renior, Picasso and Matisse among many others, left a mandate in his

will that neither the foundation nor the works contained within it, are to ever be moved. Ever. His last testament also left control of his foundation to Haywood College, a historically black school. Dr. Morris was white, by the way.

The aforementioned Mr. North, a black character played capably by white actor, Jonathon Horne, has been named head of the Morris Foundation. From the first moment that Mr. North enters, he does so with strides so purposeful, there is little doubt that the new guard has now taken over the watch. Mr. North's first official act is to replace long-time assistant, Ella Franklin (Chinweolu Greer). Change is definitely in the air. Now enter Paul Bar-

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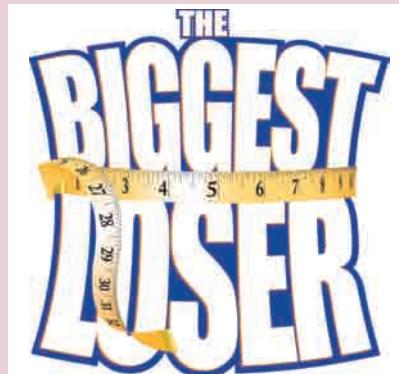


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## NBC's The Biggest Loser audition and free health fair

(NDG Wire) NBC's popular reality series *The Biggest Loser* is once again launching a cross-country search to find new contestants for Season 12 of the hit show. Individuals and teams of two who have at least 100 pounds to lose are encouraged to apply for the new season. Auditions in Dallas will take place Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Methodist Dallas Medical Center, 1441 N. Beckley Ave. in the Hitt Auditorium. The auditorium is located in the Service Building near the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Bishop Avenue.

In addition to the opportunity to be cast for the show, each contestant for NBC's *The Biggest Loser* at Methodist Dallas Medical Center will be a winner with a head start to good health. Methodist Dallas will offer a free



health fair for contestants featuring motivating speakers with valuable tips on different aspects of good health, healthy cooking tips, simple fitness and motion exercises, and an opportunity to interact with professionals and organizations that will share ways to lead a healthier lifestyle.

*The Biggest Loser* Season 12 debuts in the fall of 2011. Casting producers are looking for outgoing and charismatic individuals and teams of two who have the personality, desire and competitive edge to vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight, change their lives forever, and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Candidates must be at least 18 years of

## City of Garland buyer-vendor mixer on March 11

(NDG Wire) The City of Garland and Garland ISD Purchasing Departments will be holding their 2011 Annual Buyer-Vendor Mixer in March for vendors who want to learn how to do business within the city of Garland, Garland ISD, and with other local Governmental

entities.

The 2011 Buyer-Vendor Mixer will be hosted by the City of Garland Purchasing Department from 2-4 p.m. Friday, March 11 at The Granville Performing Arts Atrium, 300 N. 5th Street, Garland.

The City of Garland and Garland ISD Purchas-

ing Departments have been hosting this event for the past several years as an opportunity for HUB vendors, City of Garland vendors, and vendors from surrounding cities to meet the purchasing staff from participating entities.

Additional participating entities may include

the City of Frisco, NTTA, the City of Richardson, Mesquite and others. So many Buyers in one place at one time will add value to Buyer-Vendor Mixer for the participating vendors.

Carol Cooper, C.P.M., CPPO, Director of Materials Management for the City of Garland stated that,

"Bringing these Buyers together allows for vendors to meet key players purchasing supplies and services for the participating entities. This outreach program has helped develop valuable business relationships for us and vendors interested in competitive opportunities. We look forward to meeting new vendors each year and providing them information on how to do business with local Governmental entities. Vendors interested in attending should watch the City of Garland website, [www.garlandpurchasing.com](http://www.garlandpurchasing.com)."

## NAWBO launches accelerated growth series

(NDG Wire) The NAWBO® Institute for Entrepreneurial Development is a nonprofit educational foundation of the National Association of Women Business Owners® that strives to strengthen the wealth-creating capacity of women business owners and promote economic development within the business community. To further its mission in 2011, The NAWBO® Institute is launching the Accelerated

Growth Series® sponsored by Wells Fargo—a premiere capacity-building program created by and for women business owners to help increase their business competitiveness and grow to the next level.

The 2011 program launch will take place in San Francisco, California, with two workshop offerings: Workshop 1: Assessing Your Organizational Capacity will be held April 25-26 and Workshop 2: Developing a Strategic

Plan for Growth will be held June 16-17.

"We are pleased to pilot launch this educational initiative at a time when it is so critical for women entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, create new jobs and contribute significantly to the overall economy. Women business owners may very well be the group that pulls us out of this recession," says Wendy Lopez, Chair of the NAWBO® Institute.

The NAWBO® Insti-

tute is launching this program to address the unique needs and challenges that women-owned businesses face in the current economic landscape. "The Accelerated Growth Series® is designed for competitive, growth-minded women business owners who want to step out of the day-to-day, assess their organizational capacity, develop a roadmap for success and execute effectively against their long-term plan to grow their en-

terprise to the next level," says Helen Han, NAWBO® President & CEO.

Program sponsor Wells Fargo recognizes the power, drive and potential of women entrepreneurs and is committed to helping them achieve continued success through programs like the Accelerated Growth Series®. "We are excited for the opportunity to partner with NAWBO® and The Institute to help women business owners

achieve an even greater level of growth, recognition and appreciation for the important contributions they make to the U.S. economy," says Joy Ott, Wells Fargo Regional President, Montana.

For more information on the Accelerate Growth Series®, visit [www.NAWBO.org](http://www.NAWBO.org). Click on "Events & Programs" from the main menu, then "Accelerated Growth Series®".

## Richardson Police hosting crime prevention conference

(NDG Wire) The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be holding its 2nd Annual Faith-Based Crime Prevention Conference. The conference will be hosted by Woodcreek Church (3400 Renner Rd. Richardson, TX) on March 26 from 8 a.m. – noon.

The conference will include information for faith-based organizations on organizing Safe Teams, developing an Emergency Response Plan, and solutions for internal and external security. Misti Gardner, City of Richardson Emergency Management Coordinator, will discuss planning and implementing procedures in the event of a crisis. The keynote speaker will be Detective Michel Carroll of the Ft. Worth Police Department, who led the

homicide investigation for the Wedgewood Baptist Church shooting. He will present a powerful presentation on the crisis that forever changed a congregation.

This FREE half-day conference is open to all leaders of faith-based organizations and anyone concerned about safety in their congregation.

For on-line registration, go to [www.richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net) or contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention unit.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the conference, please contact Officer F. Bradford ([frank.bradford@cor.gov](mailto:frank.bradford@cor.gov)) 972-744-4937 or Crime Prevention Specialist Gayle Copening ([gayle.copening@cor.gov](mailto:gayle.copening@cor.gov)) 972-744-4953.

## BETTER, continued from Page 1

recent Grammy appearance. And I just saw Cher in a video wearing nothing but fishnets, heels, a corset and cropped leather jacket. (Ok, please when I am "of age" even if I HAVE the body to strut around like that, someone, anyone, please STOP ME! Great body or not, at a certain point you should want to cover up.)

These images wipe out the picture of Grandma and Grandpa just whiling away in their rockers on the porch (although there's nothing wrong with a little R&R in rocking chairs), as the newfangled technological world passes them by. Older consumers (aged 50+) are, in fact, quite digitally savvy. According to Nielsen data, older consumers in the U.S. comprise roughly one-third (32%) of the active Internet audience – both at home and at work. Interestingly, the research shows that 82 percent of grandparents

find sending and receiving emails the fastest and easiest form of communication. Apparently, a surprisingly high number of older people also pay bills, read the news, check weather, print directions, research personal health care online, and visit social network sites.

I chat more now with my seven aunts because of Facebook than I've ever done at any other point in my life, even when I lived in the same town with them. And you know what? I now see them as individuals with distinct personalities. They're not just my mother's monolithic sisters Aunt Sharon, Aunt Jeannie, Aunt Fat, et al., (yes that's what we call her and she's fine with it). They are funny and insightful and advice-wielding women quick to "comment" on my posts. (Aunt Sharon for instance wants to know how come I'm only "friends" with that "fine man" who's always posting on my page,

and if I'm not interested in him to find out if he's into older women. She's also the one who tells me my Facebook page reads like a romance novel, only without the romance! Uh huh, distinct personalities like I said!)

Online isn't the only way to reach this demographic. Television is a good bet too as research shows that the older set watches more television than their younger counterparts. During the fourth quarter 2010, the 65+ crowd viewed over 46 hours of live television on a weekly basis (by far the most of any group). But you might not want to use Mobile phones to get their attention. Usage is significantly lower for consumers aged 65+ compared to younger demographic groups. (It's faster for me to call 911 and get a sheriff out to check on my mom than it is for me to reach her by her Jitterbug cell

phone. You see, she only buys like five minutes of time per month, so she keeps it turned off to save those precious minutes!). But, their mobile usage is rapidly catching up, so let's hope mom gets with the program soon.

Because Baby Boomers as a group are more affluent, and many are grandparents, this is another opportunity for companies. I know you probably scold your parents for spoiling your kids rotten – but that's what grandparents do. The data backs that up: grandparents represent a sizable target market (69.6 million strong). Grandparent households spend 4.4 percent more per year than all other households, which equals about \$300 extra dollars annually. That's a lot of power, which equals influence. And, this is good news for all of us, as "God willing and the creek don't rise," we are all getting older.

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row, a white character played by black actor Bill Hass. Mr. Barrow is the longtime Director of Education for the Morris Foundation and has been passed over by Mr. North as Executive Director. Mr. Hass convincingly portrays his character as a loyal protector of the past. The stage is now set for a clash between the old guard and the new. The object of their ensuing battle will be the display of African art by

the foundation, in violation of its founder's vision and last will. The race card is now dealt, with new layers being added to the struggle.

The cast is complemented nicely with Meg Simons, playing reporter Gillian Crane and Jameshia Bankston as Mr. North's assistant Kanika Weaver. Ms. Simons portrays her character with measured stoicism that contrasts nicely with

today's pervasive sensationalism. By comparison, Ms. Bankston carries some of the more emotional scenes in the play. Both actresses prove to be talented performers. In addition, Ms. Weaver provides several musical interludes, singing a cappella. Her voice and delivery alone, are worth the price of admission.

Set and multimedia design were near flawless and presented in such a

way, that not only was the audience viewing art but also viewing the viewers of the art. The film presentations of the late Dr. Morris, played by Dr. Richard Brettell, were a clever way of having the deceased

character further his own storyline. After all, some things need to come from the man, himself.

*Permanent Collection* runs through February 26, 2011 at the University Theatre on the UTD Campus.

Call the box office at 972-883-2552 or go online at [www.ah.utdallas.edu](http://www.ah.utdallas.edu) for tickets and information.

*Rick A. Elina is a playwright and the theatre critic for The North Dallas Gazette.*

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one of the main causes of the current school finance crisis as 2006 legislation (House Bill 1), which fell short of properly funding Texas public schools. The state cut property taxes by one third and did not establish a new stream of revenue to completely make up

the difference.

In 2007 and 2009, legislators were unsuccessful in addressing school funding shortcomings. Currently, more than half of the school districts in Texas are being forced to use dollars from their fund balances for daily operating expenditures—a

practice that is neither financially sound nor sustainable over the long term. In addition, teaching positions are being eliminated, salaries reduced, and local educational programs removed to meet reduced budgets.

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Pepsi-Cola Company; and Waste Management, Inc. In fact, the City of Murphy has had a long association with Waste Management as its garbage collection contractor.

"There may be opportunities to partner with Waste Management and some of these other companies to make the Murphy effort even bigger and better," said Lenoir.

Other related activities

on the City calendar include two major cleanup events set for April 2. The Great Texas Trash-off and the Maxwell Creek Waterway Cleanup both occur on that day. On April 14, City residents will have the opportunity to rid themselves of bulky trash items that do not fit in the curbside garbage bins.

And, on Saturday, April 16, the Murphy Chamber of Commerce is hosting a

Spring Event at the Murphy Marketplace at which the City will present demonstrations on water conservation, irrigation and smart landscaping ideas. More information on all of these projects and programs will be shared as the events near.

Groups and organizations wishing to assist to obtain more information, should contact Kim Lenoir at 972-468-4068 or [klenoir@murphytx.org](mailto:klenoir@murphytx.org).

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to receive insider tips about financial fitness and entrepreneurship. Panelists will give fresh insights on the elements necessary for a successful career whether behind or in front of the camera via the newest technology. Following the panel discussion, students will have the opportunity to screen Elba's feature film, "Legacy." Students will also be able to experience various Sprint 4G devices, including the new HTC EVO Shift™ 4G as well as the popular HTC EVOTM 4G and Samsung Epic™ 4G.

The 4G Competitive

Edge Short Film Competition launched in December 2010 and is open until 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 4, 2011. Two selected winners of the competition will

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## Waterparks seeking to hire youth college students and adults for supervisory positions

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Download application at <http://www.hfalls.com/waterpark/employment.html>

Job Fairs will be held on the following dates/locations:

### Garland:

4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8  
Firewheel Church  
1600 W. Campbell, Garland 75044  
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9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12  
Firewheel Church  
1600 W. Campbell, Garland 75044  
1 block north of Hwy 190 at Campbell

### The Colony:

4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday, March 3  
Griffin Middle School  
5105 North Colony Boulevard, The Colony 75056

10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5  
Griffin Middle School  
5105 North Colony Boulevard, The Colony 75056

### Mansfield:

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5

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ley, assistant director of admission at California University. "We found out that 84 percent of our students went on to jobs or graduate schools."

Data regarding post-graduate success for former students is not always readily available to prospective students and might present an inaccurate picture, as students going on to graduate school are often included in statistics. However, schools like Duquesne, whose nursing and pharmacy programs boast 100 percent job placement, can use job placement numbers as key selling points.

In order to adapt to the changing economic climate, colleges and universities

must go a step further to ensure their students job placement upon graduation. Many schools are integrating cooperative education into their curriculum to give students more professional work experience.

"Co-operative education is an integration of classroom experience with real world job experience. There's a long history of doing that at Northeastern," said John Clark, a recruitment officer with Northeastern University. "(The economic climate) is hindering because job creation in this country isn't happening. Because of that, a lot of our students are going on to graduate school."

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6450 State Highway 360, Mansfield 76063

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, March 7  
Crossroads Church  
6450 State Highway 360, Mansfield 76063

**Roanoke:**  
4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9  
Roanoke Recreation Center  
501 Roanoke Road, Roanoke 76262

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12  
Roanoke Recreation Center  
501 Roanoke Road, Roanoke 76262

Apply and interview the same day at the Job Fair.

Hawaiian Falls waterparks, with locations in Garland, The Colony, Mansfield and Roanoke will open to the public Memorial Day weekend. More info at [www.hfalls.com](http://www.hfalls.com).

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"I was extremely impressed with Devin's ability to implement such high level strategic initiatives to effectively reposition the Burger King brand in St. Louis," said Jay E. Amarosa, president and CEO of Liberty Restaurant Group, which is the title sponsor for HavenHouse's HopeFest. "I observed first-hand his ability to direct all aspects of our public relations, sponsorship activation, event marketing, social media strategies and Web initiatives and not once did he deliver anything less than an incredible, cutting edge solution that exceeded our needs."

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#### February 27, 3:30 p.m.

Our Youth Department will present "Continuing to Press toward the Mark" a celebration of African American History. They will feature exciting drama with uplifting musical selections entitled: "Who Am I? . . . A Journey of Self Discovery."

**On Going**  
You are invited to visit our Job Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon in our Computer Training Room in the Educational Building.

**On Going**  
Let your child or children attend TTS (Test Taking Skills) for math classes for TAKS (5th – 12th Grades) and special TTS for math Class (5th – 8th Grades.) Call 214-235-3190 or 214-541-8292 for time, place and other details.

**March 4, 6:30 p.m.**  
You are invited to a Pre-Revival Service at Bexar Street Baptist with Pastor Price bring the message.

**March 5-13**  
Join us for a City-Wide Revival at Good Street Baptist, March 5 is Young Adult Night, March 12 is Youth for Christ and March 13 is Ushers/Nurses Day.

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#### On Going

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for Girls in Action meeting. Girls 6-17 are encouraged to explore Christ and the Word of God.

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#### Thursdays, 7 p.m.

You're invited to hear anointed men and women bring the Word of God.

#### February 26, 6 p.m.

Join us as we partnership with Christ Community Connection, Inc. and host a city-wide Black History Celebration at our church honoring history makers of Carrollton and Black history makers world-wide.

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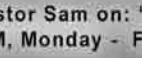
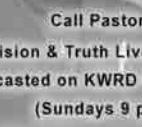
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**Romare Bearden**, an artist known as the “**Master of Collage**” (the art of covering a surface with fragments of pictures from magazines, drawing, painting, and whatever else the artist is inspired to attach. **Otis Boykin** in 1955, created an electrical mechanism regulating unit for the **first heart pacemaker**. **Marshall “Major” Taylor**, known as “**The Black Cyclone**” became the first African American to win a national title in any sport in 1898. In 1896 he won the World One-Mile Sprint Championship at a Montreal meet and set a world’s record in a Chicago bicycle race. Taylor took his motto from Booker T. Washington: “I shall allow no man to narrow my soul and drag me down.” He concluded his autobiography by asserting, “I am a Negro in every sense of the word.”

**Susie King Taylor** was the **first Black Army Nurse**. She was with the 33rd U.S. Colored Infantry and served

at a laundress, cook, and nurse. She also taught classes for the men, having learned to read and write in a secret slave school. Later in the Civil War, Taylor tended the men of the famous Black regiment, the Massachusetts 54th, and she worked with Clara Barton, the woman who founded the Red Cross. **Walter S. McAfee** is the first African American mathematician and physicist who **first calculated the speed of the moon**. Participating in the U.S. Army program, Project Diana in the 1940’s; McAfee made the necessary calculations and on January 10, 1946, allowed a team to send a radar pulse through a special 40-feet square antenna towards the moon. Two and a half seconds later, they received a faint signal, proving that transmissions from earth could cross the vast distances of outer space.

**Frederick McKinley Jones**, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1893 and orphaned at the age of nine, is best remembered for devising a **method to refrigerate trucks** carrying perishable

food, an idea expanded to include air coolers for ships, planes, and trains. As a result of this method called pre-fabricated refrigerated construction, meat, fruit, vegetable, and butter could be transported long distances. The Institute for Colored Youth (now known as **Cheyney State University**) founded in Philadelphia in 1832 is the **first historically Black college**. It began as a private school, but was taken over by Pennsylvania in 1921 and became part of the state system. Longer than any other American college, Cheyney served the educational needs of the Black community. However, **Middlebury** was another college teaching African Americans during this time; it was the **first college to grant a degree to an African American** (Alexander Lucius Twilight) in 1823.

**Peter Hill**, born a slave and lived in New Jersey from 1767 – 1829, was a **highly skilled clock maker** (at the time, a clock was a delicate mechanism, which had to be perfectly constructed for it to

work. Only the most skilled craftspeople could create one), and fortunately two of the clocks Hill made still exist. One is in the Westtown School in Westtown, Pennsylvania. The other is in the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

**Inventions:** *Shoe Lasting Machine* by **H.E. Matzeliger** on September 22, 1891. *Sugar Refinement* by **Norman Rillieux** on December 10, 1846. *Thermostat Control* by **Frederick M. Jones** on February 23, 1960. *Egg Beater* by **Willie Johnson** on February 5, 1884. *Dough Kneader* by **L. Bell** on December 10, 1872. *Eye Protector* by **P. Johnson** on November 2, 1880. *Fire Escape Ladder* by **J.B. Winters** on May 7, 1878. *Fire Extinguisher* by **T. Marshall** on October 26, 1872. *Folding Bed* by **L.C. Bailey** on July 18, 1899. *Folding Chair* by **Purdy & Sadgwar** on June 11, 1889. *Lawn Mower* by **L.A. Burr** on May 19, 1899. The *Refrigerator* by **J. Standard** on June 14, 1891.



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Little Bro. Jadell Daziel Burns, age 13, debuts his public-playing the guitar of the song “How Great is Our God” at a revival featuring his mother, Prophetess Barbara Calloway, singing at the Word of Life COGIC, Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor in Carrollton, Texas. Burns’ hobbies are football, wrestling and basketball.

An *Insect-Destroyer Gun* by **A.C. Richard** on October 6, 1895. The *Stove* by **T.A. Carrington** on July 25, 1876. The *Automatic Gear Shift* by **Richard Spikes** on February 28, 1932. *Chamber Commode* by **T. Elkins** on January 3, 1897. *Horseshoe* by **J. Ricks** on March 30, 1885. The *Lock* by **W.A. Martin** on July 23rd in the 1800’s. *Mailbox* by **Paul L. Downing** on October 27, 1891. *Riding Saddles* by **W.D. Davis** on October 6, 1895. The *Stove* by **T.A. Carrington** on July 25, 1876. The *Automatic Transmission* by **R.B. Spikes**. *Asphalt* by **Lloyd Hall**. The *Helicopter* by **Paul E. Williams**. *Multi-stage rocket* by **Adolph Shamm**. The *Urinalysis Machine* by **Dewey Sanderson**; and the *Traffic Signal* by **Garrett Morgan**.

## HAIR, continued from Page 1

**Q:** What type of product did slaves use on their scalp as an oil?

**A:** Warm bacon grease.

**Q:** Was braiding of the hair in certain braid patterns symbolic to female slaves?

**A:** Yes, a woman wearing her hair in a certain braid pattern was often symbolic if she

was in mourning, getting married, or a high priestess.

Now in America, wearing a sculptured braid design is not symbolic, but is considered a creative way of wearing braids. However, in Africa, many tribes still maintain their culture by wearing symbolic braid patterns, spe-

cific hair color, feathers, hand crafted hair accessories, etc.

**Q:** Where did the male slaves receive their hair cuts every Sunday morning?

**A:** On the front porch.

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## Martin



By Myrna Brazell  
Special NDG Contributor

Martin Luther had a dream, the child ask, what does it mean? And you try to explain to them, what this dream really meant to him.

A dream is only in the mind the say, hoping to come alive one day.

Dreams can come true if we begin to live it

And put our very heart and soul in it.

Often time we need a partner

To make our dreams come true,

Now this means me and it means you

So come on children, there's work to do

If you want to be a live part of the dream

Of a godly man called Martin Luther King.

A dream is a vision that can happen today

But what do you wish me to do they say?

King opened the door, he led the way

I would say your strongest tool

Would be to follow the golden rule.

Whether you are black or white

King dreamed we could live together without strife,

King also wanted children to get a good education

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## Final week of Black History celebrations

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

### February 25

Eastfield College faculty member **Dusty Reasons** and the Eastfield Theatre group will present a look at black American actors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. in room G101. Eastfield College is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite. Event is free.

### February 25-26

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters will present the musical revue **Blue, Black and Hot** starring Dallas' Benita Arterberry and Yarbrough and Peoples with performances at 8:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday in the Clarence Muse Cafe

Theatre at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, located at the corner of Akard and Canton streets. Tickets are \$15. [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org)

### February 26

Dallas will play host to its **Black History Parade** from noon to 3 p.m. The parade will begin on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and end at Fair Park. Call 972-765-2454.

### February 28

Eastfield College, 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, concludes Black History Month with a program titled **Who Cares What Black People Think Anyway** beginning at 12:30 p.m. in room C135.

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