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## Dallas Women's Museum spotlights African, Caribbean and American iconography

"Jones' arduous professional journey is representative of the struggles many American women faced during the early 20th century," said Lyn Scott, COO, The Women's Museum. "We are thrilled to showcase



Acrylic. Courtesy of the Loïs Mailou Jones Pierre-Noël Trust.

this coveted and impactful art exhibition and share the important story of Loïs Mailou Jones."

The myriad of themes that were explored by Loïs Mailou Jones (1905-1998) over

the impressive length of her career makes for a dynamic exhibition of more than 70 works, including paintings, drawings and textile designs. The retrospective begins with her early textile designs and sketches from the Harlem

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## Man Up Group requests community to help send teens to summer camp

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

Want to stand up for teens? Memorial Day weekend is the chance to do so.

On Saturday, May 28, the Man Up Group of David W. Carter High School in Dallas will hold a fundraiser to help approximately 63 young people attend a teen summer

camp. The group's students will stand up at the mural painting on the corner of Camp Wisdom and Hampton beginning at 8 a.m. and remain there until all support is accomplished. The Man Up Group also requests community leaders to stand with teens for at least one hour Saturday.

Curtis Ferguson, teacher at Carter High School, said the group is in need of financial sponsors to support the youth by investing the \$175 per youth summer camp fee. Part of the camp includes a retreat to Broken Bow, Okla.

"A majority come from single-family homes," Ferguson

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Share your Memorial Day weekend photos on [Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette](https://www.facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette)

## DFW high schools dominate the Top 100 Public High School list

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

Recently *The Washington Post* published their Top 100 public high schools in the U.S. rankings with Dallas Independent School District's (DISD) Science/Engineering Magnet

rated number one, up from number four last year. During the past five years the school has been listed as number two twice and once at number five. Also, DISD's Talented and Gifted school located on 8th street was rated number two this

year. The school was rated number one the past two years, number three in 2008 and number one in 2007.

Irving's North Hills Prep has featured the top 20 for a fifth year at #10, marking a significant leap from number 15 last year.

This marks the second entry into the top 10, including ranking number nine in 2009. Also, DISD's Peak Prep was rated #11, marking their first entry on the list.

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## Richardson charter school offers second chance to students



Cynthia Trigg salutes one of the 2011 graduates, Joneisha Simpson

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## All black women are ugly? Come on now!

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COMMENTARY

## 'Maids' deserve protection against sexual assault

By Gary L. Flowers (NNPA) On Saturday, May 16, 2011, the western world was shocked to learn that a world banker, Dominique Strauss Kahn, had been arrested for allegedly attempting to rape a woman and sexually assaulting her in an upscale hotel room in Manhattan, New York. However, the reporting of the story rang all-too familiar for working-class and immigrant people in the United States and around the world.

Nearly every report on the incident provided a

career biographical sketch on Mr. Strauss Kahn, but referred to the nameless victim as merely a "maid", "chamber maid", "cleaning woman", or other less than dignified titles. The effect of such titles on the victim reduces her to a status lower than mother, daughter, and human being.

One thing we know about her is the victim is a 32-year old single mother from West Africa, who falls into the economic category of "work-

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## People In The News...



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## Bishop T.D. Jakes

GRAMMY® Award winner T.D. Jakes' record label Dexterity Sounds will release *Sacred Love Songs 2*, the second installment of the *Sacred Love Songs* series, on May 31, 2011. The compilation album was inspired by the film *Jumping the Broom* (Tri-Star/Columbia Pictures), which is now the number one comedy in the nation after opening in theaters on May 6.

The album features romantic love songs that pair talented gospel, R&B and pop music artists who per-

form new songs and classic hits. Artists include: T.D. Jakes, Joe, Karen Clark Sheard, Kirk Whalum, El DeBarge, Bishop Paul Morton, Fred Hammond, Ledisi, Micah Stampley, Crystal Aikin, Terry Thomas and Anaysha Figueroa. The album is the first joint venture between Universal Christian Music Group, T.D. Jakes and Dexterity Sounds.

*Sacred Love Songs 2* features 12 songs plus spoken words from T.D.



Jakes that encourage couples to love each other as instructed by the Bible.

"The intent behind *Sacred Love Songs 2* is to draw hearts back to love as God intended. Consider Song of Solomon in which the Bible poignantly displays romance from a biblical perspective. It is the common language of romance that links film and music together, which is why the film *Jump-*

*ing the Broom* helped to inspire a new *Sacred Love Songs* album," said T.D. Jakes, executive producer of the album and founder and senior pastor of The Potter's House church in Dallas.

Originally released by Kirk Franklin in 1997, the lead single *Love on Sacred Love Songs 2* is re-mastered and sung by Anaysha Figueroa and also features T.D. Jakes. The artist Joe reached #2 on Urban Adult Contemporary radio's Most Added Track for the single *Closer*, featured on *Sacred Love Songs 2*. El DeBarge lends his single *How Could*

*You Love Me* from his solo project Second Chance. Fred Hammond sings *My Lady & Myself*, while Micah Stampley covers Brian McKnight's *Back At One*. BET's *Sunday Best* first season winner Crystal Aikin contributes her new track *Just Take My Heart* to the project. T.D. Jakes and Cedric Caldwell are the album's executive producers.

For more information about *Sacred Love Songs 2* visit [dexteritysounds.com](http://dexteritysounds.com)

For more information about *Jumping the Broom* visit [jumpingthebroom-movie.com](http://jumpingthebroom-movie.com)

## Darius-Anthony Robinson

Darius-Anthony Robinson was recently named Director of Dance Education for the Plano Children's Theatre.

Robinson is extensively trained in dance and vocal performance. He studied classical and jazz voice technique at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas. After attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he stud-

ied dance education, Robinson moved to New York City and served as a principle and ensemble dancer with the Alvin Alley American Dance Theatre, Steps on Broadway and various dance troupes around the country. He also served as a guest performer for the well-known Dance Explosion and Dance Planet in Texas.

In addition to his many appearances on the stage, Robinson can be seen as the

fabulousness expert on WFAA-morning show Good Morning Texas. Some of his choreography credits include *Once Upon A Mattress* (Runway Theatre), *I Love A Piano* (Artisan enter Theatre), *Urinetown: The Musical* (Reparatory Company Therre), *Broadway Revisited: A Broadway Revue* (Malverone Players off-Broadway Theatre). Robinson was recently featured in the musical,



The Great White Way, at the WaterTower Theatre in Addison creating the role of Tinker Bell/Cowboy.

A singer by birth, Robinson began performing professionally at 7 years old. His regional theatre credits include Uptown Play-

ers, Irving Community Theatre, WaterTower Theatre, Dallas Children's Theatre, Theatre Arlington, Dallas Summer Musical, Garland Civic Theatre, Garland Summer Musicals, Theatre Britain, Theatre Three, Artisan Centre Theatre, and LifeStage Theatre. His New York credits include Malverone Players Theatre (off-Broadway), Duplex Cabaret Theatre, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the Westside Theatre.

## Kevin Wayne Johnson

The *Give God the Glory!* nine-book series by multiple-award winning and best-selling Christian author, Kevin Wayne Johnson, continues to expand around



lence. Its founder, chief visionary, and author, Pastor Johnson, continues to enthusiastically embrace God's Word, not only for his life, but presents it in such a way that it is easy to grasp, encouraging his global readers to apply the principles therein for a more victorious Christian life. With current translations in FALAM, NGAWN, BU-RMESE, and URDA, as well as other languages under consideration, this series of books has also earned 17 literary/media

awards, and counting! In celebration of the milestone ten year anniversary, this series of books and devotionals will be featured

prominently at three key events this spring/summer: (1) Book Expo America 2011, Javits Center, New York, New York, May 23-26, [BEA Author's Studio Podcast, New Title Showcase, African-American Pavilion - Booth #4869], (2) 97th Annual Hampton Minister's Conference, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia, June 7-8 [UMI Bookstore signing - 2 days], and (3) International Christian Retail Show, Georgia World Dome, Atlanta, Georgia, July 10-12 [Christian Small Publishers Association catalogue, STL Distribution of North America booksigning - Booth #1183, International Rights Center representing by the Bluth Agency, and Christian African-American Book Sellers Association booth display]. At each these key events, and others, Pastor Johnson's book series will minister to book buyers and readers in the five (5)

primary areas of life: Through personal relationships; In the workplace; In the family; In the Local Church; and While at rest and relaxation. All books in the series are available in print, Amazon.com (The Kindle), Print-on-Demand (P-O-D), and electronic book (e-book) formats.

Johnson's ministry, Writing for the Lord Ministries, [www.writingfortheLord.org](http://www.writingfortheLord.org) / [www.writingfortheLord.com](http://www.writingfortheLord.com), includes the series *Give God the Glory!* series of books and devotionals, speaking at multiple venues, teaching God's Word, serving as faculty at numerous writer's conferences and serving as a contributor author to several books, articles and devotionals. Here is what others are saying about the current book series:

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Johnson currently lives in Clarksville, Maryland, with his wife and three

teenage sons. He founded Writing for the Lord Ministries in 2000 and is the author of the nine-book series - *Give God the Glory!* - win-

ner of 17 literary /media awards, including 2010 International Best Books Awards Finalist, 2009 National Best Books Award Fi-

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# When trouble comes a knocking, don't answer the door

By Rev. James Snyder

For as long as I can remember, I have always looked forward to Monday. Throughout the years there have been very few Mondays that I have missed, although there are some Mondays I miss. After a long weekend of labor, I enjoy the slow pace that Monday brings with it. I can sleep in as long as I want, do anything my little heart desires and just simply enjoy the day.

It is the one day of the week when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly can just take it easy and enjoy the day together. Sometimes we enjoyed the day together and sometimes we enjoy the day going our separate ways. Usually, my way goes by the bakery to sample a freshly baked Apple Fritter. As an Apple Fritter connoisseur, I need to constantly study and keep up-to-date on the world of Apple Fritters. Since this is not on my wife's diet, I save her the awkwardness and only go there when I am by myself. It is not that I am trying to hide it; I am just thinking of her.

Lately, something has been messing with my Mondays. In fact, it is becoming a little bit to the point that I am about to mark Mondays off my calendar. Then see what Monday will think of that.

It began several weeks ago. It was a Monday after-

noon and I needed to visit someone in the hospital. Usually I do not do this sort of thing on a Monday, but sometimes you have to do what you do not normally do. I went to the parking place and discovered there was only one parking slot, which was just as I went in through the gate. It was a tight squeeze, but I finally got my truck parked. Everything seemed in good order.

After making my hospital visit, I returned to my truck to leave. I knew I was in a tight spot but, after all, I have been driving since Henry Ford said, "Let's take this buggy for a spin." With the care that years of experience have afforded me, I backed out of my parking space and just as I did, I heard something crack. I pulled forward and much to my chagrin, I had backed into the gate and broke it in half.

I parked my truck and went into the hospital to turn myself in to the hospital guards. They came out, looked at the damage and discovered I had broken the gate in two. After two hours of filling out paperwork, taking photos and generally standing around admiring the damage, I was free to go home. It was late Monday afternoon and I was ready to call it a day. Oh, what a day it was.

It took me almost a week to recover from that. On the following Monday I

got up as usual to enjoy the pleasantry of the day. It was late in the afternoon and I was at a small strip mall to do a little shopping. I went in to a West Indian store to buy an ice-cold soda. It was one of those hot days begging for a cool drink.

I got my soda out of the refrigerator and went to the counter to pay for it.

I greeted the young woman behind the counter, we exchanged a few pleasantries and then I crossed the line. I do not often cross the line, but for some reason I did. I asked her how her day was going. I should note that this is an absolute no-no, especially on Monday.

"Oh," she said with a cheerful bounce, "this has been a wonderful day. Nothing has gone wrong today and I'm most grateful for that."

I should not have done it, but I did it without thinking. I smiled at her and said, "I sure am glad for you." I then handed her a dollar to pay for my soda. She opened the door to give me a quarter change and as she did, she pulled the entire money drawer out of the register and everything went all over the floor.

All I could say was "keep the change." I could have waited around for her to collect the money and put it all back into the register drawer but then, what more damage would I cause in that store in the mean-

time? The best part of valor at that point was to vamoose.

And, vamoose I did, valiantly.

How well I remember the time when I looked forward to those carefree Mondays. Now, I go to bed Sunday night with a certain level of apprehension for what the next day will bring forth. My Mondays are not quite as carefree and peaceful as they used to be.

I remember what my father used to tell me. "Son, when trouble comes a knocking, don't answer the door." At the time, I had no idea what he was talking about, but now, after several Mondays of what some might call misfortune, I am beginning to understand what he meant.

I have something new to look forward to, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2 KJV).

No apprehension here at all.

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ing poor." Regrettably, the history of colonizing countries such as France, England, and the United States includes countless instances of poor Black women being routinely raped by wealthy White men. In most cases, the Black woman was portrayed as a "jezebel", "prostitute", or some type of wanting whore.

On the other side of the story most White wealthy rapists have been somehow given victim status. Immediately after his arrest, Dominique Straus Kahn was portrayed in French newspapers as a potential "vic-

tim of a political set-up", notwithstanding that Straus Kahn was widely known as "The Great Seducer" in French tabloids. In France, and many other European countries media outlets glorify sexual promiscuity of elected officials, who are rarely brought to justice.

Currently the International Monetary Fund—Straus Kahn's former employer—has very loose regulations on sexual assault by high-ranking diplomats on employees, with no mention of "lowly chambermaids."

However, there is an eerie irony in world history

for the impunity of rape by White men against Black women, predicated on the false notion of White supremacy; and the inferiority of Black women (and women of color). During the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade, African and African American women were routinely raped within prevailing law.

Conversely, imagine if a wealthy Black man stood accused of raping a White hotel employee? First, the woman would not be called a "chamber maid", but rather referred to by a more dignified title. The Black man, of course, would not

be allowed to post bail and live in a luxury condo while awaiting trial.

Therefore, the United States Congress and the United Nations should pressure the International Monetary Fund to: 1) Elect the first woman to head the IMF; and 2) Establish strict policies and regulations against the sexual brutalization of women. Out of this tragedy perhaps new rules with be enacted.

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7 tips for cleaning fruits and vegetables

Federal health officials estimate that nearly 48 million people are sickened by food contaminated with harmful germs each year, and some of the causes might surprise you.

Although most people know animal products must be handled carefully to prevent illness, many don't realize that produce can also be the culprit in outbreaks of foodborne illness. In recent years, the United States has had several large outbreaks of illness caused by contaminated fruits and vegeta-

bles—including spinach, tomatoes, and lettuce.

Glenda Lewis, an expert on foodborne illness with the Food and Drug Administration, says fresh produce can become contaminated in many ways. During the growing phase, fruits and veggies may be contaminated by animals, harmful substances in the soil or water, and poor hygiene among workers. After produce is harvested, it passes through many hands, increasing the contamination risk. Contamination can

even occur after the produce has been purchased, during food preparation, or through inadequate storage.

FDA says to choose produce that isn't bruised or damaged, and make sure that pre-cut items—such as bags of lettuce or watermelon slices—are either refrigerated



or on ice both in the store and at home. In addition, follow these recommendations:

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before and after preparing fresh produce.
- Cut away any damaged or bruised areas before preparing or eating.
- Gently rub produce while holding under plain running water. There's no need to use soap or a produce wash.
- Wash produce BEFORE you peel it, so dirt

and bacteria aren't transferred from the knife onto the fruit or vegetable.

- Use a clean vegetable brush to scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumbers.
- Dry produce with a clean cloth or paper towel to further reduce bacteria that may be present.
- Throw away the outermost leaves of a head of lettuce or cabbage.

Lewis says consumers should store perishable produce in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below.

EPA asks Texans to fight skin cancer in U.S. Friday

Every hour, one American dies from skin cancer – the number one cancer in the U.S. To help people learn easy ways to combat the disease, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SunWise program has partnered with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention to designate the Friday before Memorial Day (May 27) as "Don't Fry

Day." EPA encourages Texas residents to learn about and practice sun-safe behaviors this Don't Fry Day to reduce overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation – the main cause of skin cancer.

"This is the perfect time of year to remind people to protect themselves and their family members from too much sun by taking simple

steps like putting on sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and a t-shirt," said EPA Regional Administrator Al Armandariz. "Teaching sun safety is crucial because nearly half of all new cancers diagnosed in the United States each year are skin cancers."

Each Memorial Day weekend, millions of Americans kick off the summer

season and begin enjoying the great outdoors. Though skin cancer risks exist all year long, the dangers are even greater during the summer months, when the days are longer, and more people are outside for longer periods of time. To help educate youth, the Council began its first ever video public service announcement contest this year, and it was a group

of Texas students that won first place for their sun safety video.

For "Don't Fry Day," EPA encourages Texans to practice the Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap safety tips, which include:

- Slip on a shirt, preferably with sleeves;
- Slop on SPF 15+ sunscreen generously;
- Slap on a hat; and

- Wrap on sunglasses.

SunWise also recommends that families seek shade during the sun's peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Checking the UV Index to plan outdoor activities is also key for identifying times that pose the greatest risk for overexposure to the sun.

In the U.S., skin cancer affects more than two million people each year, outnumbering the cases of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers combined. One in five Americans will develop the disease in their lifetime. Meanwhile, melanoma—the most serious form of skin cancer— is on the rise. It is the most common cancer among young adults ages 25 to 29.

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paper's website the formula used to determine the ranks are:

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To see the other schools on the listing visit: <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/schools/2011/list/national/>.



## Dallas residents have a chance to trade-in used cooking oil and grease for a Whole Foods gift certificate

*The offer is part of city's "Cease the Grease" week promotion*

Officials with Dallas Water Utilities' grease abatement division are partnering with Whole Foods for this year's "Cease the Grease" week public awareness campaign. As part of the campaign, the first 15 residents who bring at least one liter of used cooking oil or grease to the Lakewood or Park Lane

Whole Food locations on June 1st will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Whole Foods. Restrictions apply.

The promotion is part of DWU's ongoing campaign to convince residents to properly dispose of used cooking oil or grease instead of pouring that waste down the drain. Waste cooking oil

and grease can clog sewer pipes both inside your home under city streets, resulting in potentially expensive repairs.

"With Memorial Day weekend approaching, many people are planning cook-outs and family gatherings, and we encourage residents to consider recycling instead

of pouring waste oil and grease down the drain," said Helen Cantril Dulac of Dallas Water Utilities. "We appreciate Whole Food's involvement in this important public education campaign," Dulac added.

Waste oil collect by DWU is given to Dallas County Schools, which con-

verts the oil to bio-fuel that is used to help fuel approximately 1,000 school buses. So far this school year, Dallas County Schools has saved over \$100,000 in fuel costs by blending bio-fuel with regular diesel.

To receive a \$10 gift certificate, residents should bring at least one liter of

used cooking oil in a sealed plastic container to the Lakewood or Park Lane Whole Food locations between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. One gift certificate per family.

For more information about the Dallas "Cease the Grease" campaign, go to [www.ceasethegrease.org](http://www.ceasethegrease.org).

## Police join two-week 'Click It or Ticket' mobilization

Prosper Police Department will join local and national law enforcement officers and highway safety advocates all across the country for the 2011 national 'Click It or Ticket' seat belt enforcement mobilization, May 23 to June 5, according to Assistant Chief of Police Gary McHone. This year marks the tenth year of the campaign.

"During the mobilization, officers will be cracking down on motorists who fail to wear their seat belts, both day and night. Nighttime occupants are the least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes," he said.

For that reason, nighttime enforcement has be-



ment of seat belt laws during the mobilization. We will be out in force to remind drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts, both day and night," said McHone.

High-visibility enforcement such as the 'Click It or Ticket' mobilization is credited with increasing the national belt usage rate from 58 percent in 1994 to 85 percent in 2010.

"Law enforcement will be cracking down on seat-belt violators around the clock. Local motorists should be prepared to buckle up. If law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a ticket, not a warning. No excuses and no excep-

tion," he said.

The 'Click It or Ticket' mobilization runs from

May 23 to June 5. Police remind you to buckle up and encourage your loved ones

to do the same. You may save the cost of a ticket and may even save a life.



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## Natinsky endorses Rawlings

After much consideration, Ron Natinsky today announced his endorsement of Mike Rawlings for Dallas mayor in the run-off election being held June 18.

"Mike Rawlings is a visionary leader who has the skills to put the team together to keep our citizens safe, to provide quality city services while protecting our taxpayers," said Natinsky. "Mike will help move Dallas forward. He understands that economic development and jobs - especially in the Southern Sector - are critical if we want to maintain and improve our quality of life."

Natinsky also supports Rawlings' commitment to public education. He has pledged to work with and

campaign for Rawlings in the coming weeks.

Natinsky opened the news conference by thanking his supporters and expressing appreciation to all those who worked on his campaign.

"Ron Natinsky is a man of incredible integrity who loves Dallas and has been a great leader for our city,"

said Rawlings. "He has an extremely strong business background -- especially in the international arena -- which will be invaluable as we work to achieve our economic development goals for all of Dallas. I'm very honored to have Ron standing with me and plan to engage him as we move the city forward."

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## UNT Health Science Center graduates 158 doctors

### Several local students earn DO degree

The UNT Health Science Center graduated 158 doctors of osteopathy from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 14. Sixteen graduates are from the Dallas Fort Worth community. They include:

David Anderson from Plano TX - Anderson will specialize in Traditional Rotating Internship and complete residency at the Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee FL.

Jennifer Collins from Dallas TX - Collins will specialize in Pathology and complete residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore MD.

Tam Cung from Plano TX - Cung will specialize in Family Medicine and complete residency at the Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies in

Kalamazoo MI.

Sarah Curtis from Dallas TX - Curtis will specialize in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy and complete residency at the St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx NY.

Danielle Friedman from Dallas TX - Friedman will specialize in Anesthesiology and complete residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas TX.

Kyle Gummelt from Garland TX - Gummelt will specialize in Internal Medicine and complete residency at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas TX.

Abiha Husain from Plano TX - Husain will specialize in Internal Medicine and complete residency at the Presbyte-

rian Hospital in Dallas TX.

James Kahn from Irving TX - Kahn will specialize in Internal Medicine and complete residency at the Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine/Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago IL.

Carolyn Kenney from Irving TX - Kenney will specialize in Obstetrics/Gynecology and complete residency at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago IL.

John Longanecker from Dallas TX - Longanecker will specialize in Anesthesiology and complete residency at the Texas Tech University Affiliates in Lubbock TX.

Svetlana Lupashko from Dallas TX - Lupashko will specialize in Psychiatry and complete residency at the Univer-

sity of Hawaii in Honolulu HI.

Cuong Nguyen from Irving TX - Nguyen will specialize in Traditional Rotating Internship and complete residency at the Largo Medical Center in Largo FL.

Stephen Shu from Dallas TX - Shu will specialize in Anesthesiology and complete residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio TX.

Neal Vassa from McKinney TX - Vassa will specialize in Internal Medicine and complete residency at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston TX.


Albert Vu from Plano TX - Vu will specialize in Traditional Rotating Internship and complete residency at the Touro University College of Os-

teopathic Medicine-California/Valley Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas NV.

Jun Zhao from Dallas TX - Zhao will special-

ize in Pediatrics and complete residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Austin TX.

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## Dallas Bar Association builds 20th Habitat for Humanity house

The Dallas Bar Association recently dedicated its 20th house for Habitat for Humanity. The DBA Home Project Committee, led by co-chairs David Diaz, a partner at Korn, Bowdich & Diaz, L.L.P. and Brad Johnson, of Jane-Ashley McMillan, LLC, is a committee of the Dallas Bar Association that partners with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity (DAHfH) to sponsor and build a Habitat home each spring. The Dallas Bar Association is the longest running whole-house sponsor.

Dallas Bar Association President Barry Sorrels turned over the keys to the 2011 owners of the 2011 DBA Habitat House — the Buchanan family: Mahogany, her daughter Akiayah (9) and her sister Jasmine (17).

With numerous attorneys, judges and other legal professionals participating in the build and donating money, more than \$30,000 has been raised so far this year, putting the Home Project Committee well on its way to meeting its goal of \$60,000.

This year's event was had a special tone as it was the 20th anniversary of the Dallas Bar Association's participation in the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. The project began in 1991 when the DBA decided to adopt an additional community service project—one that would motivate, inspire and benefit the Dallas community. And so the DBA began its partnership with Habitat for Humanity, years later becoming the longest running whole-house sponsor in the Dallas area.



(left to right): The recipient family Mahogany, daughter Akiayah, sister Jasmine, Dallas Bar Association President Barry Sorrels, partner at Sorrels, Udashen & Anton; DBA Home Project Committee Co-Chairs Brad Johnson, attorney at Jane-Ashley McMillan, LLC; and David Diaz, partner at Korn, Bowdich & Diaz, L.L.P.

Volunteer attorneys have carried the torch since, making the project what it is today: a coordinated effort by hundreds of attorneys from firms across Dallas, each giving their time and money to support the cause of afford-

able, decent housing. The central theme is that no commitment of time or money is too small; every hour and every dollar make a difference.

This year's supporters are: American Airlines Legal

Department; Arlington Court Reporting; Baker & McKenzie LLP; Canada Ridley, LLP; Casterline Reporting Service; Chamblee Ryan Kershaw & Anderson, P.C.; Court Reporting Institute of Dallas; Cozen O'Connor; Dallas Asian American Bar Association; Dallas Association of Young Lawyers; Dallas County Judiciary; Dallas County Official Court Reporters; Dallas Court Reporters Association; Dallas Hispanic Bar Association; Dallas Bar Association Board of Directors; DBA Community Involvement Committee; DBA Energy Law Section; DBA Government Law Section; DBA Probate, Trusts & Estates Section; Dickman Davenport, Inc.; Energy Future Holdings; Esquire Deposition Services; Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP; Haynes

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For more information on the Dallas Bar Association, visit [www.dallasbar.org](http://www.dallasbar.org) or call (214) 220-7400. To learn more about the DBA Home Project Committee and the Habitat for Humanity Project, log on to [www.dbahp.com](http://www.dbahp.com).

## DART announces poster contest winners

Erick Gonzalez, an Irving high school senior from Jack E. Singley Academy, was selected the 2011 grand prize winner in Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Annual Student Poster Contest.

As the grand prize winner under the theme "It's All Connected," Erick's art-

work will appear on DART buses from May through August and on the web page at [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org).

The entry by Erick was selected from among 213 entries submitted by students from 24 schools throughout the DART service area.

First place winners were

chosen from five different grade-level categories: kindergarten through first grade, second through third grade, fourth through fifth

grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade.

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 lev-

els will have their artwork featured at DART rail stations and inside DART trains.

## Thelma Wells celebrates 70th birthday & 50th anniversary



Thelma & George Wells

Thelma and George Wells were recently surprised by their children, Vikki Wells, George Wells Jr. and Lesa Wells Cohen with a dessert reception in celebration of Thelma's 70th birthday and Thelma and George's 50th wedding anniversary. The backdrop of the event was a gorgeous



Thelma Wells

sunset over White Rock Lake while guests mingled at the Alex Camp House at the Dallas Arboretum. More than 100 of the couple's closest family and friends joined in the celebration. Guests and family members had the opportunity to offer special remarks to the couple. It was an affair to remember.

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

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

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

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-898-5882.

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

**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. Info @ 214-942-6698.

**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.

**Oak Cliff Cultural Center,** 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. [www.tangocanyen-guedallas.com](http://www.tangocanyen-guedallas.com)

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

**May 26**

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

Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones will host his monthly **"Mayor's Evening In"**

event on Thursday, May 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. This month's event will be held at the Mayor's Office, 200 North Fifth Street. Info: 972-205-2471 or [edatomo@garlandtx.gov](mailto:edatomo@garlandtx.gov).

**May 27**

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

**Devin The Dude** brings his show to Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville Ave. in Dallas at 7 p.m. Individuals 21 and older admitted. Tickets are \$20. 214-824-9933.

**Culinary demo with wine pairing at Cityfest Arts** hosted by Regional Executive Chef David F. Holben of Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House serving Barbecue Spice Rub Chicken with Mango Mojito Chutney and wine pairing: Robert Mondavi Private Select Chardonnay and Robert Mondavi Select Cab

**May 27-29**

Dallas' premier weekend arts celebration, the **City Arts Festival**, scheduled for Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. in Dallas at 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Event is free.

**May 28**

Musicians **Miguel Antonio** and Vladimir **Kaliazine** will bring their *Fiesta Concierto* tour to the Performance Hall of The MCL Grand, 100 N. Charles St., in Lewisville at 7:30 p.m. as part of the inaugural *Around the World* performance series. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors age 65 and older or children age 12 and

younger) and can be purchased at [MCLGrand.tix.com](http://MCLGrand.tix.com) or at the Customer Service window at Lewisville City Hall, 151 W. Church St., during regular business hours. Lewisville residents can purchase single-show tickets for \$5 each, either in advance at city hall or on the performance date at the MCL Grand box office. [www.cityoflewisville.com](http://www.cityoflewisville.com)

**May 31**

This Memorial Day holiday escape the summer heat by heading over to Buttons Restaurant to enjoy the **"Buttons, Blues & Barbeque" dinner.** Beginning at 5 p.m., this celebratory dinner will feature a variety of Chef Keith "Buttons" Hicks barbeque classics including smoked brisket, smoked chicken, smoked sausage and pork ribs, as well as his famous potato salad, deviled eggs, barbeque red beans and collard greens. The soulful sounds of Texas Blues music will set the mood for the evening, so guest should bring both an appetite and their dancing shoes! To make reservations, please call the restaurants directly or [visitwww.buttonsrestaurant.com](http://visitwww.buttonsrestaurant.com)

**June 3**

**McKinney High Graduation** scheduled for 10 a.m. at Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 West Park Blvd, Plano. Info: 972-820-5000, [prestonwood.org](http://prestonwood.org)

**June 4**

**DeSoto Parks and Leisure Services** presents Creekfest from 3 to 9 p.m. at the DeSoto Amphitheater, 211 Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto. 5 Second Rule will perform at 4 p.m., Sons of Godform at 5:30 p.m., Lil Cane p.m.p.m., Joe King at 6:45 7:45 and Havana NRG at tx.us p.m. [www.ci.desoto.tx.us](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us)

**Through June 11**

**Rover Dramawerks** will present *Murder at the Orient Burlesque* by award-winning local playwright Carol M. Rice. Performances will be at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue in Plano (next to the Courtyard Theater), continuing through June 11, with shows on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and an additional matinee performance on Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 on Thursdays and matinees and \$20 on Fridays and Saturdays and can be ordered online at [www.roverdramawerks.com](http://www.roverdramawerks.com). Season ticket packages are also available.

**June 9**

**Fancy Nancy Butterfly Tea Party** 10 a.m. to noon will include activities, tea, snacks, and more as we celebrate the fun children's book, "Bonjour Butterfly!" We'll end our party with crafts and a special edition of our noon butterfly release. \$15/child; \$10/TDG members. Parents: you can pay regular TDG admission at the door! (Member parents get in free).

**June 11**

**Home Buying Expo** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 West Wheatland Road, Dallas. Info: 214-819-6060 or email [HLCC@dallascounty.org](mailto:HLCC@dallascounty.org) for more information.

**June 11-12**

**Garland Civic Theatre**, 108 North Sixth St. in downtown Garland, will play host to auditions for *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare beginning at 1 p.m. Callbacks begin at 6 p.m. on the 12th. Appointments can be made by calling 972-485-8884. A parent must accompany

their minor children.

**June 17**

**Writing through Grief** at the Dallas Meditation Center located at 727 S. Floyd Rd – Richardson, cost is \$50. Info: 972-432-7871

**June 18**

**Urban League of Greater Dallas 2011 Women's Health Expo.** The event, which works in partnership with National HIV Testing Day, will be held at Southwest Center Mall, 3663 W. Camp Wisdom in Dallas from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation** will commemorate Juneteenth starting at 9 a.m. with a parade. Events will take place at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church and Willie B. Johnson Park on Willowdell Drive in Hamilton Park, the oldest African American neighborhood in North Dallas. Festivities will follow. To be a sponsor or vendor, call 214-614-8359. [www.hpjuneteenth.com](http://www.hpjuneteenth.com)

**June 23**

From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Urban League is *Re-Employing Dallas and Fort Worth* at this year's **Job Fair and Career Symposium.** The event will be held at the Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Dallas. 214-915-4600

**August 20**

AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting **Event Planners Boot Camp** at UTA, 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or at [teri@anyevent.org](mailto:teri@anyevent.org). Register online at [www.anyevent.org](http://www.anyevent.org).

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# Richardson charter school offers second chance to students

*With more than 1,500 graduates in its nine-year history, Evolution Academy recently graduated nearly 200 students in the class of 2011*

By Kayla Tucker Adams  
NDG Special Contributor

On Thursday, May 19, the stadium-style seats at the Garland Special Events Center were filled with parents and other family members who beamed with pride for the 2011 graduating class of Evolution Academy Charter School. The graduates marched in to the traditional, "Pomp and Circumstance," but for many, their stories of triumph and perseverance are not traditional at all.

When Dwayne Richards came to Evolution Academy in 2009, he was a sophomore and homeless after his mother was incarcerated. With determina-



*Evolution Academy Charter School Class of 2011*

point average, is ranked as #3 in his graduating class, and got a near-perfect score on the SAT, with a score of 1580."

The graduation ceremony was a shining moment for Dwayne and his fellow classmates. Dezzerrick Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cindy Zermeno, senior class vice president, welcome the crowd. Michael John saluted his class as the salutatorian of the class of 2011.

Russell C. Jackson offered inspiring words as the valedictorian. "The potential of our minds is limitless," said Jackson. "It's up to you to make an impact in this world."

Dr. W.L. Stafford, senior pastor of Fellowship Christian Center Church in Allen, encouraged the students in a moving keynote address. "High school graduation sets the tone for everything else you will do in life," said Dr. Stafford. "Class of 2011, you did it! Keep moving and keep improving!"

Several students and teachers were recognized for their achievements.

Dankeyah Key and Renato Porter were recognized as Panther Award Recipients. Vernell Trigg, Jr., campus consultant and CEO of Cynergy Collaborative Consultations, awarded scholarships and book awards to several students, including a \$500 Valedictorian Scholarship to Russell C. Jackson, \$250 Salutatorian Scholarship to Michael M. John, and \$100 Book Scholarships to Dwayne M. Richards, Adan C. Penaloza, Cindy Zermeno, Dezzerrick J. Greer, and Lovell Q. Porter. Staff members who were recognized for 5 years of service include Shadé M. Badejo, Sherron D. Davis, Karen Easley, Tami Eli, Roger L. McNeil, Ty Andra Pogue, Gregory Trigg, Mariot Valcin, Jr., and Tina B. Williamson.

The graduation was even streamed live through a partnership with InCommand Broadcasting. The graduation ceremony was broadcast live and available on-demand immediately after the ceremony and can be watched on any computer from anywhere in the world. This allows out-of-town friends, relatives and parents in active-duty military service to take part in this landmark event.

Evolution Academy was founded in 2002 by Cynthia Trigg a school administrator with 19 years of experience. "We are very proud of our students," said Trigg, CEO.

"We have high expectations that is unmatched by other public, charter, or private

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The seniors worked hard and have risen to the occasion."

The mission of the Evolution Academy Charter

schools. With a low student-teacher ratio of 18:1, the progressive charter school is able to offer the one-on-one attention and instruc-

expanded three times. The latest expansion includes a two-building campus, boasting more than 50,000 square feet, which includes a science lab, fitness center and wellness program, piano lab, culinary arts program, and full-service cafeteria.

Evolution Academy is focused on providing vocational opportunities to equip its graduates with tangible skills that can be used in the real world. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the school will serve breakfast and lunch to all students, and provide DART passes for transportation. Additionally, the school will offer music business courses teaching students how to write and produce music in the newly added state-of-the-art music studio.

Evolution Academy is a public charter high school, serving area students grades 9-12. The school offers two convenient sessions, Monday - Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Open enrollment for the upcoming



*Dr. W.L. Stafford*

tion, a loving aunt who took in him, and dedicated teachers and administrators, Dwayne has risen above those challenges. He was selected senior class president, graduated with honors and is on his way to college. In the fall, Dwayne will enroll as a journalism student at Richland College, with plans to transfer to Southern Methodist University in the future.

"Dwayne has been an exceptional student," said Lynn McCall, student advisor. "He has a 3.39 grade



***Members of the Evolution Academy Charter School class of 2011, Markice Flournoy, Larissa Funes and Myciera French***

School is to enable its students to achieve academic, social and career success. With its mission at the forefront, Evolution Academy has an academic offering

tion that many students need to advance them to the next level.

In its nine year history, the school has graduated over 1,500 students and has

school year starts in June and classes begin on August 22.

For more information, visit [www.evolutionacademy.org](http://www.evolutionacademy.org).



# Gazette Gossip: All black women are ugly? Come on now!

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

I am shocked at the things "learned" people will come up – the bell curve and the theory that black athletes are faster because they have an extra muscle in their legs quickly come to mind. You would think with all the education they have, they would know better than to make stupid, baseless comments. Case in point: Satoshi Kanazawa. This fool came up a theory that black women are less attractive than women of other races. What is the basis of his research – hate? I cannot believe the editors of Psychology Today had the nerve to run this mess in the first place. The journal has



Keyshia Cole

since pulled the story from its website because of public outcry. This is just another ploy for non-blacks to

spew hate. I applaud London University's recent move to cancel an on-campus lecture for the bigot.

## Cole ties the knot, Evans ends nuptials

Congrats are in order for Keyshia Cole. The singer tied the knot Saturday in Las Vegas with her boyfriend, Cleveland Cavalier Daniel Gibson. The groom

tweeted Saturday the couple were taking a helicopter ride and being on cloud 9. "So the World ain't end. Not yet ... But a brand

new world for me and my family has just Begun!" Gibson tweeted. On the flipside, Faith Evans and her record producer/manager husband, Todd Russaw, are officially done. Evans filed papers in a Los Angeles Superior Court last week, and cited irreconcilable differences as the culprit. Russaw and Evans have been married since 1997. Young, Black and Fabulous.com reported the couple has been legally separated since 2005, but had their youngest of two children in 2007. Evans is also the mother of a daughter she had with record executive Kiyamma Griffin and a son she had with the late rapper Christopher "Biggie Smalls" Wallace.

## 'Round About DFW

May 25 - 26

Registration for the Simon Cowell singing show, *The X-Factor*, will take place at the Dallas Convention Center, 650 South Griffin Drive in Dallas, on Wednesday at 6 a.m. Wristbands will be distributed until Thursday at 6 a.m. Auditions begin at 8 a.m. [www.fox.com/theXfactor](http://www.fox.com/theXfactor).

May 26-29

Comedian **Godfrey** to make an appearance at Arlington Improv, 309 Curtis Mathes Way in Arlington. [improv.com](http://improv.com)

May 27

Singer **Tank** will play Bella 32, 15203 Knoll Trail Drive in Addison at 10 p.m. Free cover before 10 p.m. Free entry until 10:30 p.m. with RSVP. Call 214-842-7747 for reservations.

May 27-June 26



Sheran Goodspeed-Keyton

*Alice Wonder* starring Sheran Goodspeed-Keyton will return to Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St. in Fort Worth. [www.jubileetheatre.org](http://www.jubileetheatre.org)

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May 29-May 30

**Erykah Badu** a.k.a. Lo Down Loretta Brown Memorial Day Weekend planned for 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Beamer's Night Club, 2443 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas. General admission \$20; VIP admission \$40. [www.beamersclub.com](http://www.beamersclub.com)



Erykah Badu

June 9

The elements, **Earth Wind and Fire**, will perform at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.50. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

Read more entertainment online at [www.northdallasgazette.com](http://www.northdallasgazette.com). Submit entertainment announcements to [assignmenteditor@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:assignmenteditor@northdallasgazette.com)

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nalist, and 2006 & 2007 Christian Publisher of the Year, Book Expo America, African-American Pavilion. Johnson's radio and television show - *Give God the Glory!* - has aired on VoiceAmerica.com and BlackTVOnline.com, respectively, from 2004 to 2007, reaching a global audience. When he is not writ-

ing, Johnson and his family are active members of CELEBRATION CHURCH in Columbia (Maryland), where he serves as Pastor of Discipleship and on the Purpose Management Team. Johnson also serves as Secretary, National Association of the Church of God (Anderson, IN) Men's Ministry and as adjunct professor at

the National Bible College and Seminary World Outreach Center, Fort Washington, Maryland. He attests everyday that God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things!

The *Give God the Glory!* series of books and devotionals are distributed globally through 13 strategic distribution partners in the

United States, United Kingdom, France, Spain and Australia, including STL Distribution of North America - [www.stl-distribution.com](http://www.stl-distribution.com), INGRAM, Lush-ena Books - [www.lushenabks.com](http://www.lushenabks.com), New Salt Distributors, and Black Christian Book Distributors, LLC - [www.BlackCBC.com](http://www.BlackCBC.com).

## Fly away with AKOO clothing brand at Radio One Springfest

AKOO Clothing brand announces partnership with Radio One SpringFest in Miami, Florida during Memorial Day Weekend by sponsoring a flyaway sweepstakes where music listeners from all over the country will have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win a trip to Springfest 2011 by visiting [www.facebook/akoooclothing](http://www.facebook/akoooclothing).

Springfest is an annual event geared toward Hip Hop and R&B music lovers of all ages. Springfest showcases dozens of today's hottest artists. This year's headliners include: Chris Brown, Big Sean, and Keri Hilson. Not only will flyaway participants win tickets to the show but will also have an opportunity to hang out with breakout sensation Travis Porter courtesy of AKOO Clothing, Jive Records and Porter House Music. "We're thrilled that music lovers especially fans of Travis Porter will be able to be up close and personal with their favorite trio in an

intimate environment and we thank AKOO Clothing for this unique and special opportunity," states Toya Summers, Manager, Marketing & Digital Media at Jive Records/Zomba Label Group.

As part of the promotion, Radio One will be conducting radio remotes at select retail stores located in Baltimore, Houston, Cleveland, Detroit and Raleigh where consumers can register to win tickets to Springfest Flyaway. Consumers can also enter by visiting [www.facebook.com/akoooclothing](http://www.facebook.com/akoooclothing). During Springfest AKOO will be streaming celebrity interviews and backstage action LIVE via the AKOO TV channel on [www.facebook.com/akoooclothing](http://www.facebook.com/akoooclothing). "We believe in multi-platform programs especially digital platforms involving social media as it has successfully impacted our business and has helped us reach consumers in many channels," states Jeff Belizaire, Director of Marketing at AKOO Clothing.

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# McKinney City Council lays out goals, vision

*Economic development tops the list*

The McKinney City Council adopted long-term goals and major priorities for the coming year during their regular meeting last night. The five-year strategic goals include five major points for the community.

- Strong, balanced economy
  - Fiscally sound, service-oriented city government
  - Vibrant, authentic historic district
  - Progressive mobility within, to and from McKinney
  - Sustainable, unique neighborhoods
- "As a City Council, we are working hard to create a vision to keep our commu-

nity's identity as we move from a nationally renowned community into a world-class city. We know that McKinney is an unparalleled place to live, work and play now. By outlining what we are and what we want to be, we are creating the map to help keep us on this path as we grow," said Mayor Brian Loughmiller.

The priorities and tactics for the coming year to reach the five-year goals were broken into top priorities and high priorities.

## 2011 Top Priorities

1. City economic development
2. Gateway project
3. Collin County Regional

Airport

4. Corporate business park

## 2011 High Priorities

1. Quality development standards
2. Aquatic center
3. Historic District ordinances
4. Annexation policy

Economic development continues to be emphasized. The direction of the Gateway development at the northeast corner of U.S. 75 and the Sam Rayburn Tollway, Collin County Regional Airport development and development of a corporate business park also top the list of priorities. Other high priorities focus on maintaining the city's identity

of a strong hometown spirit and historic ties by ensuring quality development standards, determining direction for an aquatics center, addressing historic district ordinances and creating an annexation policy.

"Many of the priorities that take precedence this year are tied to the continued economic vitality of our city. City Council can play a big part in not only ensuring new business development, but managing how we develop to en-

sure that as a community, we keep our unique nature. This is an exciting time for McKinney, and I believe with the pieces we have in place, we will see major achievements in the coming year," said Loughmiller.

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## It's what you watch, not how much, that matters

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

(NNPA) "What you do in the dark will always come out in the light." Remember when your grandma used to tell you

that? And you hoped like the dickens that she didn't know what she was talking about. But well, yeah, she kinda did. Sorry. And you know how the more sophisticated and intel-

lectual we become the more we say we don't do "so and so?" "We don't eat greasy foods because we know it's bad for us;" "we don't mix all

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our trash together because we recycle now;" and "we don't watch all that much TV anymore because we simply don't have time?" Umm hmm. Well, it's light outside. And while I can't vouch for the authenticity of your first two statements, I can tell you African Americans ARE spending almost 40 percent more time watching TV than any other American demographic group. I didn't get this from grandma – because she's probably sitting right there watching TV along with you– I got it from The Nielsen Company's recently released comprehensive report, The New Digital American Family.

The thing is, unlike eating greasy foods or not recycling, watching TV doesn't have to be a negative. If we use our consumer power for good, as I'm always stressing in this column that we should make it a point to do, we can use our viewing habits to our advantage. If we, as Blacks, are over indexing on television viewing – which means watching way more than anyone else – that means we should be demanding that we see people who look like us in the programs and commercials we're viewing. If we're watching more television than any other group we should be watching the type of programs that depict us in positive ways. And since we're watching more television we should have a stronger voice of dissatisfaction which we

exercise fully if we don't find these things happening. So the question shouldn't be, "how much television are you watching?" The question should be rephrased: "as a connoisseur of television viewing, are you making your viewing preferences known by what you're watching? And are you using your television viewing power for good?" Only you know the answer to that, but remember grandma's words: what you do in the dark will always come out in the light."

The Nielsen report also noted that TV ownership is down. While African Americans now own four or more sets per household, the number of American homes with a television set dropped to 96.7 percent from 98.9 percent. Why the decline? During a shaky economy, economics is always in the mix, especially with "luxury" items like televisions. Part of the decrease in TV ownership can be attributed to economic belt-tightening, particularly in rural or low-income households. You may also remember that back in the summer of 2009, the Federal Communications Commission mandated the switch from analog to digital broadcasting. After that transition, consumers were only able to watch TV via a newer TV with a built-in digital tuner, a satellite dish – or with a special digital-to-analog converter box to connect to their old analog set. Many people simply could

not afford that upgrade, even though the government tried to subsidize the converters.

But while Americans overall are watching less television for the first time in 20 years, now at 114.7 million, down from 115.9 million, Nielsen data shows that consumers are actually viewing more video content than ever before. Through the wizardry of technology, video can be viewed on multiple platforms, like laptops, tablets, iPods or smartphones. Another recent Nielsen study shows that the number of Americans watching video on their mobile devices rose more than 40 percent in the last two quarters of 2010. That's nearly 25 million people.

And, what does any of this mean? It means Nielsen still has a responsibility to measure all of this content and report the total picture of video consumption regardless of delivery method. And that we as consumers have more opportunity than ever before to express our preferences to "the industry" – TV networks, mobile companies, marketers and advertisers -- who rely on us for our business and who must re-think the way they reach us for your hard-earned dollar. See? It all matters.

*Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations for The Nielsen Company. For more insights go to [www.nielsen-wire.com](http://www.nielsen-wire.com)*

## Little Elm resident promoted to lead consultant

Univers Workplace Solutions, the nation's leading benefit communications and enrollment solutions provider, has named Little Elm resident Faye Saenz lead consultant for the Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Kentucky region.

In her new role, Saenz is responsible for helping benefit consultants and their clients develop cost effective and meaningful benefit communication and enrollment strategies.

"Faye brings a unique perspective to the Univers sales team depth. Her human

resource and benefits strategy insight, combined with her great communications skills, will be an asset to Univers both regionally and nationally," said Greg Morano, CEO of Univers Workplace Solutions.

With over 20 years of experience, Saenz is an award-winning leader in the Employee Benefits field. She was most recently named a 2010 Workforce Management Optimas Award recipient for Innovation. She most recently served as director of employee benefits for GameStop Corporation. Prior to that she



**Faye Saenz**

held the position of benefits manager for Martin, Sprocket and Gear in Arlington, Texas. She currently resides in Little Elm, Texas.

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son said. "Most of the homes are single mother or grandparents on a fixed income who desperately need assistance."

Ferguson said individuals can help by sponsoring a teen in full, sponsoring a teen in part or by purchasing a bottle of Eddie Deen barbecue sauce for \$5 per bottle or \$60 per case. Each student is asked to request individuals to invest at least seven cases of sauce.

The camp, slated for June 6 through July 31, takes teens out of their "natural environment" and expose them to a "whole new world." Ferguson said the camp includes a two-week break.

If your church, business, social organization or group would like to participate or make donations to the teens, call Ferguson at 469-337-

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With turmoil all around us, people are edgy; their minds are being attacked by the enemy. They are doing things that they perhaps wouldn't ordinarily do. People have lost jobs and homes which causes stress. With the price of gasoline now days, it's getting harder to buy food and gas at the same time. For those still working, they can barely get to their jobs. Most people are living from paycheck to paycheck.

When a person's mind is being attacked, it would be a good thing for him or her to remember, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusted in thee." **Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)**

The philosopher Descartes once said, "I think, therefore I am." You are your mind and you are your soul. You are conscious because of your mind. When someone is asleep, they are unconscious. They are not aware of their surroundings or even their own existence. The Christian mind is spiritual not tangible (something

you can touch.) It can't be physically touched but it certainly has feelings.

Jesus told of a rich man that died and went to hell. The story is found in **Luke 16:19-31**. While in hell the rich man had a conversation with Abraham, he had recognized Lazarus, he felt pain, and he remembered his family back on earth. But Abraham reminded the man of his own life, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things. . . ." Verse 16:25. It seems for a certain that eternity will not erase the mind because the mind is a spirit.

The physical body is not the total individual, but merely the house that he or she will travel through in his or her life time.

Satan attacks the Christian's mind because he knows that the greatest bondage is in the mind. Many people have been physically incarcerated but were free in mind and overcame their situation. Apostle Paul was often in bondage, but his mind was elevated to Heavenly things. He later told us to overcome every situation in our lives by thinking on good and positive things. In **Philippians**

**4:8 (KJV)**, he tells us, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Many people are physically free, yet bound in their minds and they live in misery. The mind is like a sponge, it can absorb suggestions from certain types of music that we hear and certainly things that we see on TV. Certain types of music can affect a person's physical behavior as well. Some songs have a technique called "back-masking" meaning when the music is played backwards it has a different message that only the subconscious mind can translate. My former pastor, the late Elder Philip White, Pastor of Love Chapel COGIC in Dallas said many times, "Music can make an elephant dance."

The five senses that we should have can trigger the mind. It is said that the human mind is at least 1000 times more powerful and sophisticated than the most powered computer in the world. It can compute and process information at an enormous rate of speed no matter what a person's IQ may be.

In the Dale Carnegie's Golden Book, it states: "The Perfect Way to Conquer Worry is to Pray! Also, the Golden Book states that the "Fundamental Principles for Overcoming Worry," are: 1.) Live in "Day-tight compartments;" stay focused! 2.) Learn how to face trouble: Ask yourself, "What is the worst that can possibly happen?" "Prepare to accept the worst." "Try to improve on the worst." 3.) Remind yourself of the exorbitant price you can pay for worrying in terms of your health.

It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but, remember that it has been said



**Dr. Kimberly Porter, M.D.** is "dressed" for Mother's Day 2011. As Director of the Women's Department at Word of Life, COGIC in Carrollton, she prayed a special prayer for all mothers, including her mother, Mrs. Myrna Porter.

that if God brings you to it - He will bring you through it; and when Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you! These things will help keep your mind in perfect peace if you think on them.

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Renaissance. After graduating from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, at a time when racial and gender prejudices pervaded society, Jones began her career as a textile designer. She sold her bold fabric creations to department stores until a decorator told her that a "colored girl wasn't capable of producing such beautiful designs." This incident prompted Jones to shift her artistic focus to the fine arts so she could sign her name to her works.

During a brief teaching stint at Palmer Memorial Institute, a preparatory school in Sedalia, North Carolina, Jones created



Loïs Mailou Jones, *Street Vendors, Port au Prince, Haiti, 1978*. Acrylic. Courtesy of the Loïs Mailou Jones Pierre-Noël Trust.

several paintings that marked her transition from design to fine art. The paintings *Negro Shack I*, *Sedalia, North Carolina* (1930) and *Brother Brown*

(1931) demonstrate the Regionalist character of her early paintings. Though far less vivid than the later works for which she became famous, these early paintings still clearly show her fascination with color and culture.

Jones' influences were extensive throughout the remainder of her career. Her lush oil paintings of the French countryside

and traditional fruit and flower still lifes highlight her skillful observation of nature. The influence of philosopher Alain Locke, who encouraged Jones to

draw inspiration from African art, is evident in many of her later works, such as *Irma* (1972). She also conveyed the social struggles of African-Americans through powerful psychological portraits such as *Mob Victim* (1945) and *Jennie* (1943). Her marriage in 1952 to noted Haitian graphic artist Louis Vergniaud Pierre-Noël instigated a change in the subject matter and palette of her paintings. Her frequent trips to Haiti re-energized her strong design sense and inspired vivid acrylic and watercolor paintings that displayed a marked fascination with Caribbean culture. After additional travels that included African countries, her work became characterized by brilliant color, rich patterns and a variety of Haitian and African motifs.

In addition to her outstanding accomplishments as an artist, Jones was also a noted educator at Howard University in Washington,

D.C. for 47 years. It has been said that Jones was just as involved in her students' career developments as her own. Among her illustrious students are David Driskell, Elizabeth Catlett and Robert Freeman.

President Jimmy Carter

Washington, D.C. held an 89th birthday party for Jones and apologized for previous prejudicial policies. Loïs Mailou Jones continued to create her vibrant paintings until her death in 1998.

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