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## Entrepreneurs for North Texas marks 10 years of community service on Sept. 11

For the tenth consecutive year since the tragedy that struck America through terrorism, hundreds of business owners and their teams from across North Texas will volunteer to give back to Dallas through the Entrepreneurs for North Texas' (EFNT) Freedom Day.



Volunteers from DG Publishing, Telligent, Hunt Investment Group and other companies help to landscape, organize cabinets and paint at mural at Girls Inc. during Entrepreneurs for North Texas' 2010 Freedom Day. Photo Credit: EFNT

"There is no better way to honor the lives lost on September 11 than by serving communities in need with the North Texas business community," said Sunny Morris, chair of EFNT Freedom Day 2011 and founder of Core24. "This day personifies EFNT – a day that instills pride

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COVER STORY

## How September 11th Changed Us: Taking Our Power Back



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## The Diary of Black Men coming to Dallas

The very popular *The Diary of Black Men* is described as an exciting and tantalizing theatrical production that has played to sold-out audiences in the U. S. and United Kingdom for nearly a quarter century. Written by Texan Thomas Meloncon, who hails from



Tommy Ford

Houston, this choreopoem has stood the test of time and is the longest touring and most successful stage play in Black Theatre history.

Originally penned in the late 70's, this newly updated version addresses the issues of love, trust and black fam-

ily values that have long been discussed cross-culturally, by economists, politicians, theologians, social scientists and the like, thus making the black man, in the words of Mr. Meloncon, "...the most talked about an-

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## Smooth vocalist KEM concert scheduled for September

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## Something is Strange at FEMA

By Harold C. Alford (NNPA) Hurricane Irene has come and gone. She left a trail of damage from North Carolina to Canada. The recovery phase has started with much anticipation. We ended the Hurricane Katrina recovery with important lessons learned. In all, Black contractors performed over \$3 billion in contracts and I am most proud to have been a part of that. However, this Hurricane Irene recovery has started with unfore-

seen controversy already.

It has been reported to me that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is demanding that contractors wait at least six months for payment of any work performed during this recovery. The only corporations that could survive that would be large, mega corporations. Small businesses and certainly Black owned businesses could not possibly participate in that arrangement and ex-

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## Dallas Love Field hosts representatives from the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness

*Love Field Modernization Program Recognized for its Management and Job Creation*

Dallas Love Field became the spotlight of discussion when the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness recently visited the airport to recognize its current construction project, the Love Field Modernization Program (LFMP), and the impact it has made on the North Texas economy.

The morning reception—hosted on the construction site of the airport's future lobby—was part of the Jobs Council's national campaign to recognize infrastructure programs that have created economic growth for surrounding communities.

"We need jobs, and this is an example of what in-

frastructure can do for a city," Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) said during her speech.

Congresswoman Johnson, along with fellow speakers, said the success of Love Field's construction project is due to its public and private partnership; financial support

from the City of Dallas, Southwest Airlines and federal government; and the management team operating the project.

In addition to Congressman Johnson, event speakers included Southwest Airlines Chairman, President, and CEO (and Jobs Council Member)

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## Charles E. Crutchfield III, M.D.

Employees of Crutchfield Dermatology are proud to recognize Charles E. Crutchfield III, M.D. ([www.crutchfelddermatology.com](http://www.crutchfelddermatology.com)) as being named one of the "Top 21 Black Doctors In America" by the Atlanta Post. This prestigious award not only highlights Dr. Crutchfield's admirable work ethic, but also his commitment to his practice, patients, and profession.

Selections for this award were based upon accomplishments of physicians in their medical prac-

tices and respective fields, and as actively breaking ground and carrying on the legacy of dedication and determination exhibited by Dr. James McCune Smith. "I am exceedingly proud and humbled to have my name included in the list of Black physicians who are following in the footsteps of Dr. James McCune Smith, the first Black doctor to earn a medical degree and practice medicine in the United States," states Dr. Crutchfield.

The Atlanta Post writes, "Charles E. Crutchfield III,

M.D. has found himself on several lists of "top doctors", and for good reason. The accomplished dermatologist literally co-wrote the book on skin problems, "A Clinical Atlas of 101 Common Skin Diseases". He graduated from the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medicine with both a masters degree in molecular biology and doctoral degree in medicine.

Dr. Crutchfield is also involved in academic medicine. He has published over 100 dermatologic articles, and is currently a Clin-



ical Professor of Dermatology at the University of

Minnesota, teaching medical students, residents, and other clinical physicians. He has been selected twice as the Teacher of the Year at the University of Minnesota by the medical students and the Minnesota Medical Foundation. He lectures both at local, State-wide and national medical conferences.

Dr. Crutchfield has been awarded the "Karis" humanitarian award from the Mayo Clinic, and was also selected in a national survey, as one of the Top 10 African-American dermatologists in the United States, as reported by Black Enterprise Magazine. He is also currently the team physician for the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

For more information on Crutchfield Dermatology, and an alphabetical listing of all other physicians recognized, please visit [www.crutchfelddermatology.com](http://www.crutchfelddermatology.com)

## Jesse Jackson

Community Trust Bank has announced Jesse Jackson has joined the Bank as the Senior Vice President-External Relations. Jackson will bring his 18 years of experience in the financial services industry to the position at Community Trust Bank's Dallas Financial Center.

In his new role, Jackson will be responsible for maintaining and enhancing the Bank's relationships with external partners.

Prior to joining Community Trust Bank, Jackson was a senior member sales

officer at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, small business relationship manager for JP Morgan Chase Bank, and held marketing and consultative sales roles with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Wells Fargo, Inc., and Bank One Corporation.

A Dallas resident, Jackson is also active in the community, most recently selected to serve on the Board of



Trustees of Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas, where

he will an ambassador for the organization.

"We are very pleased to have Jesse join the Community Trust Bank family. His education, community service, and work experience illustrate the leadership he will bring to our institution," said Van Pardue, Texas Regional President, Community Trust Bank. "Further-

more, his drive and concern

with the impact of the current economic conditions for our customers embody the core values of our bank."

Jackson holds a Master of Business Administration degree in corporate finance from the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management, and a B.S. in business marketing from Grambling State University. He is also a graduate of the Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business School of Bank Management, and is a graduate of the Dallas Regional Chamber Leadership Dallas Class of 2010.

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## Dr. Alex Piquero

Dr. Alex Piquero has been named an American



Society of Criminology Fellow, the second such honor that the UT Dallas professor of criminology has received this year.

Earlier this year, Piquero

was elected Fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Toronto. He is one of five criminologists in the world – and the youngest – to receive the Fellow designation in both criminology professional societies.

In addition, in January the Journal of Criminal Justice Education ranked Piquero as the No. 1 criminologist in the world in terms of publications in elite criminology journals, a distinction he has had since 1996.

Piquero is one of four criminologists this year to earn the American Society

of Criminology (ASC) Fellow distinction, awarded to people who have made a scholarly contribution to the intellectual life of the discipline. A Fellow also must have made a significant contribution to the field through the career development of other criminologists and/or through ASC organizational activities.

Piquero will receive his ASC award in November in Washington, D.C.

"The awards are really a credit to the people who got me into the position that allows me to do what I do for a living," he said. "It's really a reflection of those people – my family, my colleagues, my spouse and students. I have been taught by all of them, and I continue to learn from all them."

Piquero, who is a new UT Dallas faculty member,

said he embraces the responsibilities that the Fellow distinctions carry.

"You don't work in your career to become a Fellow," he said. "My goal was to be the best possible researcher and the best possible teacher that I can be."

He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles in the areas of criminal careers, criminological theory and quantitative research methods. He has collaborated on several books, including Key Issues in Criminal Careers Research: New Analyses from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development (Cambridge University Press, co-authored with David P. Farrington and Alfred Blumstein) and Handbook of Quantitative Criminology (Springer, co-edited by David Weisburd).

"My research interest is why do people start offend-

ing?" Piquero said. "Why

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## Democrats gear up for 2012 despite political minefields

By Sommer Brokaw (NNPA) While Democrats gear up for their 2012 national convention in Charlotte, their presumptive presidential candidate is wrestling with political realities.

A "year out" rally was held for the 2012 Democratic National Convention at Time Warner Cable Arena this week, a year to the day before President Barack Obama is expected to claim nomination for a second term. The conven-

tion is scheduled to open on Sept. 3, 2012.

"The energy and excitement we feel from the people of North Carolina is really a great fuel for the work we have to do," said DNC CEO Steve Kerrigan, who led the site selection team that chose Charlotte. "We're expecting a huge turnout...as a result of the excitement and energy that people feel about the president being re-nominated in North Carolina and in Charlotte."

However, Obama's popularity is slipping.

Frank Newport, PhD, who manages and analyzes The Gallup Poll, recently cast a bleak outlook on Obama's 2012 prospects. Obama's job approval rating, according to three-day averages based on phone interviews conducted across the nation, slipped after the debt ceiling deal, hitting a new low of 39 percent for Aug. 11-13, and recovering to 41 percent Aug. 22-24.

"Ten incumbent presidents have sought re-election since World War II, and none has won a second term with final pre-election job approval ratings below 48 percent," Newport said in a Gallup Politics report. "The last two presidents who lost their re-election bids – George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter – had job approval ratings in the 30 percent range in the fall of the

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pect to survive. So why is FEMA doing this? Could they be trying to block out Black business participation? That is certainly the effect. Or maybe they are broke. That's right. It is certainly possible with the lack of an official federal budget that they may have been caught unprepared. Maybe, they are "selling contracts" by eliminating competition from those who do not make sizeable political contributions.

Either way, it is a disaster that needs to be addressed immediately. It probably violates procurement law. We have started action through correspondence to federal officials and Congress including the Congressional Black Caucus. We pray that this will be addressed immediately and that our businesses will be included in the recovery. Small business is the biggest creator of jobs and jobs are in a serious downward spiral as you all know. The following is the letter I sent out to FEMA Administrator Fugate:

Dear Administrator Fugate:

I have received a complaint from a reputable member of my association. It is alleged that FEMA, in response to the recovery process of Hurricane Irene, is electing not to utilize the expertise of the Army Corps of Engineers in issuing contracts. Rather than that, they are sole sourcing pri-

vate firms such as SAIC for recovery contracts within North Carolina. Allegedly SAIC is telling potential subcontractors that they will not be paid by FEMA for at least six months after completion of work. Therefore, all subcontractors should not expect payment for work done until some time after that six month timeframe.

Requiring contractors to wait six months for payment eliminates any possibility of small businesses participating in this recovery. The seriousness of this matter is quite obvious. I, therefore, respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. Is the above claim accurate?

1. What is the reasoning for sole sourcing and delaying payment of work for at least six months?

2. Is there a small business goal for this recovery?

3. Is FEMA working with the SBA in the procurement process?

4. Does FEMA have budgeted funds to manage this recovery?

5. What is the percentage of Black business participation with FEMA procurement fiscal year to date?

Your rapid response to this inquiry is dearly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Harry C. Alford

President/CEO  
Cc: DHS Secretary

Janet Napolitano, Congressman Darrell Issa, Congressman Peter King, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, Congressman G. K. Butterfield, Congressman Mel Watt, Congressman Sam Graves, Governor Beverly Perdue, SBA Administrator Karen Mills

If the above is accurate, it is a sad turn of events for our nation. Scandalous at least and it screams for a major clean up in morals and in responsibility of federal officials. As I write this it is flooding in Louisiana and Mississippi. In addition to that, Hurricane Katia is gaining strength and is starting to move towards our east coast in a manner reminiscent of Irene. Hopefully, we can rectify the

above and, if needed, FEMA will get additional funding before the next disaster.

What is most disturbing is that Black unemployment is approaching 18 percent; double that of the national average. This is not the time to start blocking more job opportunities. It is callous and irresponsible. Job opportunities are the silver lining in regards to disasters. Let us not waste this opportunity. Hopefully, our congressional leaders will step up and see that we don't.

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## The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center Seek Support

While the citizens of Irving voted for the Irving Entertainment Center years ago, the city has yet to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

The complex, planned for development next to Irving Convention Center, is not only expected to bring commerce, restaurants and family-friendly entertainment. It is projected to create 2,000 – 2,500 jobs. This is why advocates of the project are going before officials to

form a special purpose political action committee in order to save it.

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center will be holding a 60-day petition drive and need the signatures of 6,000 Irving residents to present to the Irving City Council.

Irving residents are urged to contact Anthony Bonds at 214-830-6719 or at aebond09@yahoo.com for literature and information about how to participate in the petition drive.

## Quaker Oats recalls pretzel snacks

Quaker Oats Company, a division of PepsiCo, has issued a voluntary recall of 8-count Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel snack bars due to an undeclared milk allergen that is not noted on the label. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk products run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product.

The affected product is limited to Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel snack bars with the UPC bar code ending in 31108 and best before dates: Oct 29 11 RB, Oct 30 11 MM, Oct 30 11 RB, Nov 22 11 RB, Nov 23 11



RB, Nov 24 11 RB, Nov 27 11 RB, Dec 22 11 RB, Dec 22 11 MM, Dec 23 11 RB, Dec 23 11 MM, Dec 24 11 RB, Dec 24 11 MM stamped on the side of the package. Con-

sumers with a milk allergy who have this product in their possession should return it to the retailer where it was purchased for a full refund.

No other Quaker Chewy Smashbars, Quaker Chewy granola bars or Quaker products including the 40-count Quaker Chewy Smashbar variety pack sold at club stores are involved in this recall.

Quaker is in the process of recovering the product involved and is in contact with the Food and Drug Adminis-

tration (FDA) to ensure the continued safety of those consumers who may be impacted by this issue.

This recall was initiated after it was discovered that the "may contain milk" disclaimer the product required was not included on the package. One allergic reaction has been reported to date in association with this product and the individual was treated immediately.

Consumers with questions or concerns about the recall of Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel granola bars should contact Quaker by calling the toll-free hotline at 800-856-5781.

## Free men's health tune-up event scheduled

Men are invited to come and boost their health at the Men's Health Tune-Up, a free event at Methodist Dallas Medical Center. Attendees will get their engine checked with a free health screening for hypertension,

cholesterol, diabetes, and prostate cancer. Physician-experts will discuss issues common with men such as indigestion, erectile dysfunction, and heart,

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### GOUT and Heart Disease?

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## 'Just Bring It' results in savings for Irving Library

The Irving Public Library's implementation of new policies has resulted in the timely return of materials and payment of fines.

During March through July, the number of lost items was reduced by 26 percent from the same time period in 2010. The Irving

Public Library saved \$10,055 with fewer items considered in lost status over the four-month time period since the campaign began.

In addition, an estimated 7,100 items previously considered lost were returned to the library collection.

## Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship to host First Annual Community Health Fair

Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship Church Outreach Ministry will host its first annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The goal is to empower the community with knowledge on various health top-

ics and issues.

Scheduled to attend are: 360 Chiropractic, American Heart Association, Carter Blood Care, and several other health organizations. The event is free, and will be held at 7185 Main Street in downtown Frisco.



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## Local Merchant Helps Shelter Raise Money for the Cause

New Beginning Center has created a new program that will allow local merchants to join the battle against domestic violence. Organization officials hope this new effort will help fill depleted coffers drained by a sagging economy and increase need for services.

"This program gives local merchants and people in our community the op-

portunity to support our organization while enjoying great food," said Jennifer Morrison, Executive Director of New Beginning Center. The program "Merchants for a New Beginning," calls for business owners to contribute a percentage of proceeds from sales by customers who identify themselves as supporters of the organization.

One of the first to sign on to the new program is Fuzzy's Taco Shop at 2125 N. George Bush, Ste. 700, Garland, TX. "Fuzzy's Taco Shop is very excited about this new partnership as well as having the opportunity to meet the Garland Community," says John Bilbow, Fuzzy's Operating Partner. The restaurant has designated all Tuesdays as New



Beginning Day. Customers having breakfast, lunch or dinner will only need to tell the hostess that they support the New Beginning Center and Fuzzy's will make a do-

nation to the center based on the amount of the check. Morrison is expecting other merchants to sign up for the program soon.

Any business interested

in participating should call the center for information.

The New Beginning Center is committed to ending the plague of domestic violence in the community. In 2010, reportedly 136 women in Texas were killed by an intimate partner or ex-partner; and more than 193,000 reported family violence incidents in Texas alone.

## City of Plano Police and Fire Sirens to Sound September 11, Noon

City of Plano Police and Fire emergency sirens will sound for one minute beginning at 12:00pm (noon), September 11, 2011, as part of the national STOP AND REMEMBER September 11th tenth anniversary national commemoration.

This will apply to fire apparatus and police squad vehicles in the field but will not apply to those engaged in emergency response or where deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

Plano's Fire and Police Departments will hold a public

September 11th remembrance at 2:00pm, September 11, 2011, Plano Fire Station 1, 1901 K Avenue.

The U. S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution (S. Res. 237) calling on all Americans to participate in a Moment of Remembrance on Sep-

tember 11, 2011. For one minute, at noon, first responders and others in cities across the nation will sound sirens and bells in a signal to each of us to STOP AND REMEMBER the tenth anniversary of the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

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Gary Kelly, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), and Southwest Airlines Vice President of Properties Bob Montgomery.

"I'm happy to see the orange cones out here, because that means people have jobs, they're getting paid," said Secretary LaHood.

The LFMP is a \$500 million project that will result in almost 9,500 created jobs. Mayor Rawlings congratulated Love Field for not only meeting but also

exceeding its goal of issuing 26 percent of contracts to minority and women businesses by reaching a current level of 34 percent.

"To do something like this, you have to have great teams at all levels," said Mayor Rawlings. "Dallas, the state, the nation will benefit from this facility."

For additional information about the Love Field Modernization and to view the LFMP economic statistics presented at the reception, visit [www.lovefield-modernizationprogram.com](http://www.lovefield-modernizationprogram.com) and click on Press.

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through good corporate citizens reaching a common goal of paying it forward."

This year more than 400 volunteers will work to renovate a Fair Park neighborhood with five service partners: the Innercity Community Devel-

opment Corporation, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Texas Trees Foundation, the African American Museum and the City of Dallas Code Compliance Department.

The event is scheduled to kick off at 8 a.m. and end at 2

p.m. at the Juanita J. Craft Community Center, located at 4500 Spring Ave. in Dallas. From Center the volunteers will be dispatched to different locations throughout Fair Park to do numerous tasks including: painting hallways at the

Museum, exterior painting and minor repairs for 10 homes with Dallas HFH and planting 100 trees in the neighborhood.

For more information about Freedom Day 2011 or EFNT, visit [www.EFNT.org](http://www.EFNT.org) or call 214-750-2222.

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## 'Share your thoughts' site offers poignant memories

SMU is preserving the community's feelings about the trauma of 9/11 with a newly created website at 911remembered.org. Created by SMU's Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility,

the site, "Share Your Thoughts, Preserve Your Memories," shares sentiments from SMU students, faculty and staff, as well as the Dallas-Fort Worth community and beyond.

The site also features a

video of SMU student Christina Rancke discussing the impact of losing her father, A. Todd Rancke, who perished in one of the World Trade Center towers. "Just try to imagine having a loved one

who had to experience the terror of being in those buildings," she says. "Honoring that day is a great way to help overcome what happened 10 years ago."

Ten years ago, SMU invited students, faculty

and staff to write their thoughts in a remembrance journal started by Michael Waters, then an intern in the SMU Chaplain's office and now a pastor in South Dallas. The original journal is available for media

viewing and filled with hundreds of inspiring statements — such as "Pray, cry, remember, but never hate" — shared by the SMU family on Sept. 11, 2001.

## North Lake College Partners with Healthcare Associates for \$163,482 Job-Training Grant

North Lake College has partnered with Healthcare Associates to provide job training using a \$163,482 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will be used to custom train 135 new and incumbent workers to enhance their skills and enable them to earn advanced cer-



tifications.

"The Skills Development Fund grants are an

invaluable asset to both employers and workers across the state," said state Rep. Linda Harper Brown. "It is vital that workers, particularly those in the healthcare field, are trained and certified in the latest technology and methodologies. This grant will help ensure that quality care is available for the people served by Health-

care Associates."

Those trained will include clerks, lab technicians and medical assistants. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$19.25.

"The training programs made possible by this grant will build competent skills," said TWC Commissioner Representing

the Public Andres Alcantar. "The number of Texans working in these jobs earning good wages will be a great economic boost for this region of Texas."

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 26,718 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$26.07. These grants assisted 207 Texas

employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature appropriated \$90 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2010-11 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at <http://skills.texasworkforce.org>.

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election year. Thus, Obama's challenge is not only to move his rating back above 40 percent, but also to push it close to or above 50 percent."

In addition to disapproval of his agreement to raise the federal debt ceiling, Obama faces pressure for more job creation after the recession that started at the end of George W. Bush's second term and budget cuts spurred by the 2010 Republican takeover of the House of Representatives. Liberals and African Americans — core Democratic constituencies — have become more vocal in taking Obama to task over jobs, the deficit and his handling of tea party Republicans.

But Kerrigan said Obama's difficulties have not drained convention enthusiasm.

"We're excited about this opportunity to really showcase the work we're doing in getting ready for a convention that's a year away," he said. "This isn't just about what happens on the floor, it's about opportunities across the board with economic development and organizing, and reaffirming who we are as Democrats. The president

has been working tirelessly in job creation, it will be exciting to highlight all our hard work."

Thelma Byers-Bailey, a Charlotte voter who has dabbled in political activism, is excited about the DNC's impact.

"I'm not concerned about his poll numbers because they fluctuate with emotion and emotion rarely has anything to do with progress," she said. "I think it's good for the economy. It's good for Charlotte image-wise. Charlotte wants to play with the big dogs. This one of the things the big dogs like to do. So it's good for us."

Shortly after it was announced that Charlotte would be the site for the 2012 DNC, the Carolina Regional Minority Partnership Coalition formed to ensure that minority businesses are able to equally participate and have timely access to information. "It's a work in progress, and we're doing all we can to make sure that minority vendors are fully included this time around," said Charlotte attorney James Ferguson, chair of CRMPC.

Vice Chair Colette Forrest added: "I think the

most important thing that's lacking is information: How do I bid for a contract? What is the bid process? Who do I submit my bid to? That type of critical information right now hasn't been made public. I think our organization could serve as that conduit by getting information from the Democratic National Convention officials and providing it to the public and our membership."

Forrest isn't worried

about polls.

"Over the last 14 years, I've been working on campaigns, and I've never known anyone, especially a minority, to be called to participate in a poll," she said. "I don't really get too caught up with numbers because to me the most important poll is the poll that occurs on election day."

Thelma Byers-Bailey of Charlotte said the 2012 Democratic National Convention will have a posi-

tive impact on Charlotte despite President Barack Obama's flagging popularity with voters.

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Atkins were among the guests who packed the Hilton Anatole Hotel for an evening which highlighted tributes to dianne Gibson, recipient of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Humanitarian Award and State Farm Insurance Companies, recipient of the Buddy J. Minyard Corporate Award.

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The Whispers

their unwavering support of the Urban League Programs and Services," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO.

In special remarks, Dr. Mitchell-Brooks also emphasized the importance of

the League's mission to provide critical skills and resources necessary to enable all citizens to secure economic self-reliance.

A brick campaign was also unveiled as part of the Urban League plans to build a new Trades/Tech-

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do some of those people stop and why do some of these people continue? Once we have that basic knowledge, then you can use that knowledge to help develop prevention and intervention programs to reduce those problems. We can't come up with those solutions unless we understand those problems."

He serves as an adjunct professor for the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice, and Governance at Griffith

University, and he is co-editor of the Journal of Quantitative Criminology.

Piquero was a professor of criminology at Florida State University before joining UT Dallas. He earned his undergraduate and advanced degrees from The University of Maryland.

He didn't always know he'd work as a criminologist. He started out as a radio television and film major as an undergraduate at The University of Mary-

land. It wasn't until he took an introductory criminal justice class that a passion was ignited for the topic. He decided to study criminology and go to graduate school.

"I wake up every single day, and I think, 'I'm the luckiest person in the world,' he said. "I love what I do for a living. I would not trade it. I get to teach, get to do research, and I get to help people become better teachers, and better scholars."



**Ongoing**

**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 [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 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.ning.com](http://www.nbwenorg.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).

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**Through September 12**

Registration for **Plano Children's Theater Classes and Shows.** Plano Children's Theater, 1301 Custer Road, Suite 706. Info: 972-422-2575.

**Through September 24**

**Funny, Money, Honey,** a new Black comedy, plays at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue, Plano, TX on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm with a matinee Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 2pm. Info and ticket prices: [roverdramawerks.com](http://roverdramawerks.com).

**September 8**

The North Garland Branch Library will hold a special **Daddy and Me storytime for children and their male relatives** at 6:30 p.m. at 3845 N. Garland Ave., in Garland. Info: 972-205-2804.

**September 8 – 10**

**Gathering of the Souls 2011** comes to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2001 W. Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115. Registration \$40. Feasting at the King's Table \$30. Information 214-734-0367 or [likeadoveministries.org](http://likeadoveministries.org).

**September 9 – October 9**

Dallas Theater Center performs Shakespear's **The Tempest** at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Wyly Theatre, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Tickets start at \$15. Show times vary. Info: 214-880-0202 and [DallasTheaterCenter.org](http://DallasTheaterCenter.org).

**September 10**

**Lil Wayne: I Am Still Music Tour** hits the Gexa Energy Pavilion, 1818 First Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75210. Ticket prices vary. Info: 800-745-3000.

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**Brew at the Zoo Festival** hits the Dallas Zoo, 650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, TX 75203, with live music and samples of more than 30 types of beers from around the world. 7pm. Tickets \$30. Info: 214-757-8452. [Dallaszoo.com](http://Dallaszoo.com).

**Irving Main Street Event** is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Heritage District. The event will feature the Manifolds on Main Street car show, artisans, crafts, music, magic, food and children's activities.

The Irving Fire Department will host a **ceremony dedicating a new Firefighter Memorial Wall** at 9:30 a.m. at the Irving Veterans Memorial Park, 644 Rock Island Road.

**September 11 Observance** at 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd.

**September 11**

The Ervay Cedar Bible Church, 2837 Prosperity Ave, Dallas, TX 75216 presents **James Fortune & FIYA in Concert** with special guests Myron Williams, Gaye Arbuckle and the Ervay Cedar Mass Choir at 4pm. Tickets are \$20. Info:

214-376-2447 or [www.ervaycedar.org](http://www.ervaycedar.org).

**9/11 Sunday Brunch Honoring Irving Police & Fire** at the Glory House Bistro, 109 South Main Street, Irving, TX 75060. 11am – 2pm. Cost is \$9.95. 10% of proceeds benefit the Irving Fire and Police Blue Christmas. The brunch features a hot buffet and salad bar. Reservations strongly recommended. Info: 972-259-1123.

**We Remember! A Concert Honoring the Victims and Heroes of 9-11** Concert Bells of Fort Worth along with the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mesquite, will present a concert of patriotic and memorial music to celebrate our country, and to honor both the victims and heroes of 9/11/2001 at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, TX 75149. 5pm – 6:30pm. FREE. Info: 972-365-0116.

**September 13**

**Texans Helping Texans Healthcare/Medical Job Fair** at Cowboys Stadium, 1 Legends Way, Arlington, TX 76011. 9am -2pm. FREE. Candidates of all ages, experience levels and industries are encouraged to attend. All job seekers should pre-register online or call. Info: 866-711-3984.

**September 14**

Arts Unite Dallas and the Cultural Affairs Commission invite Dallas to a **Meet and Greet with the new Mayor and City Council** in the Flag Room of the Dallas City Hall, 6th floor, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, TX. 7:30am. For limited parking access call 214-902-4182 or email [keith-nix@artsunitedallas.org](mailto:keith-nix@artsunitedallas.org).

**September 15**

The upbeat Gospel comedy state play **Is There a Hater Among Us?** comes to Johnson's Chapel, 1400. Hampton Rd, DeSoto, Tx. Play starts at 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$20.00. Info: 469-371-1172

and [hater.eventbrite.com](http://hater.eventbrite.com).

**September 16 – 17**

**Diary of Black Men,** the longest running play in Black American Theater comes to the Majestic Theater, 1935 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201 for three shows. Admission starts at \$22.50. Info: 800-285-1466 or [diaryofblackmenontour.com](http://diaryofblackmenontour.com).

**September 15-18**

**Addison Oktoberfes Grape-Fest** in downtown Grapevine

**September 17**

**Garland NAACP 21st Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction** begins at 9 a.m. with brunch starting at 10 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1981 N. Central @ Campbell Rd., Richardson. Info: 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or [www.garlandtxnaacp.org](http://www.garlandtxnaacp.org)

**September 19 – 20**

Artisan Center Theater is holding **auditions for Scrooge: The Musical** at 7pm Barbara's Dance Studio located at 204 West Holloway Drive, Hurst, Texas 76053. To audition please call 817-284-1200 or email [Lindsay@artisanct.com](mailto:Lindsay@artisanct.com) with your name, phone number, and day/time you wish to audition.

**September 23-24**

**Jazz by the Boulevard** in the Cultural District in Fort Worth **Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico "Mexican Influences"; 6:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center - Brownlee Auditorium** Tickets \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors and children under 7 years old. Info: Alex Palencia at 972-429-1082

**September 24**

**Smithsonian Day:** In the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, the Irving Arts Center will offer free admission to "Genghis Khan: The Exhibition" from 9 to 11 a.m. Capacity is limited and a special Museum Day ticket must be presented to enter. To print a ticket, visit [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/ticket](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/ticket)

**September 29**

**Technology: Opportunities & Risks in Corporate Governance** from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. will include various speakers: Dan Burrus, author of "Flash Foresight", D. Wayne Watts, SVP & general counsel at AT&T, Stephen F. Schuckenkrook, president of Dell Services, Philip L. Asmundson, managing partner, telecommunications sector, Deloitte. Event will be held at UT Dallas, School of Management located at 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, MTBC members receive 30% discount, Original price \$495, with discount \$347 Register on UTD's site, use code GR2011

**Irving International Women's Consortium** Presents International food, dance & musical event featuring Chinese, Cambodian, Philippine, Indian, Laos and Texas Dancing - Thai Music at The Oasis Ballroom, 3225 W. Airport Freeway, Suite 200, Irving, event is free. Info: [www.iwc.com](http://www.iwc.com)

**September 30**

**State Fair of Texas** opens at Fair Park

**October 1**

Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus is hosting the **second annual Harvest Fest Health Fair** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The campus is located at 802 S. Buckner.

**It's Time To Laugh** at 7 p.m. A comedy for the entire family to enjoy featuring Ms. Vickie, Brenda Garza, Antonio Johnson and Al Fike at Irving Arts Center - Dupree Theatre, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving; \$20 Advance/\$25 Night of Performance. Info: [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com), [www.irving-blackarts.com](http://www.irving-blackarts.com) or call 972.252.ARTS (2787)

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# How September 11th Changed Us: Taking Our Power Back

By Dr. Dan Collins

Just like the day when President Kennedy was assassinated, everybody remembers exactly what he or she were doing when those four hijacked planes snuffed out nearly 3,000 lives on September 11, 2001.

It was personal. In the initial seconds, there was confusion. Perhaps, it was just a tragic accident. But as the morning of 9/11 unfolded, it became crystal clear. This was no accident. It was terrorism - cold and calculated.

Emotionally, there is a big difference between falling down the steps and being pushed down the steps. Collectively, we were all "pushed down the steps". Intention makes all of the difference in the world. Our psychological injury from 9/11 comes, in large part, because it was the terrorists' plan to harm us.

Defiantly, we have survived. But personally and culturally we would never be the same. We were unavoidably changed: scarred, dazed, and traumatized. Psychological and emotional trauma leaves an indelible mark. It alters the way we see things. Trauma changes the way we take in the world. Here are a couple of the key ways that the overwhelming stress of September 11 continue to affect us:



**Can't Balance Your Emotions** - Ten years after the initial attack, we may still find we may find ourselves experiencing moments of what I call the four useless emotions of trauma: panic, worry, rage, or despair when confronted with information related to 9/11. These emotional responses are useless because they never help us to identify helpful ways of handling our reactions to what happened on that fateful day in a balanced and rational way. Instead, trauma puts us on

edge and prompts us to over-react. Specific to September 11, another emotion that surfaces is an irrational fear of people of the Islamic faith tradition because the terrorists claimed to be Muslim. We may also take the emotional extreme of being so affected by our feelings about 9/11 that we hit the "emotional off switch" and numb out. We can tell when this happens when someone detaches to such a degree that they seem to not care.

**Taking Our Power back** - We take our power back by taking away the terrorist's greatest weapon: fear. We can choose our emotions. Instead of fear, we can choose compassion, keeping us connected with the best in others and us. We can even use anger effectively. While rage is an out-of-control emotion, anger can be effective when used to affirm a boundary, which says, "I won't tolerate being violated with aggression". We can also choose determination, an emotion, which enables us to keep moving forward in a positive direction. We can choose to not remain bottled up with toxic emotions. We can identify responses that work, like not taking the "hate bait". We can be wise enough to not confuse the distorted perspective of terrorists with anything remotely resembling the nobility of devout faith. True faith replenishes life.

## National Moment of Remembrance 9/11/11



The City of Carrollton is participating in the 9/11 National Moment of Remembrance. The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution on July 22 establishing a National Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011 at 12 p.m. (CDT) to memorialize the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with ringing of bells and sirens and one minute of reflection.

**Can't Tell Time** - When people have been overwhelmed by trauma, they tend to live in the past. Some people have a hard time getting over what happened to them regarding 9/11 because they keep re-experiencing their pain through nightmares, flashbacks and intrusive thoughts. Think of 9/11 nightmares and flashbacks as "instant replays" of our trauma. Intrusive thoughts occur as we are engaged in almost any activity and our mind "changes the channel" to something 9/11 related.

**Taking Our Power Back** - We take our power back by realizing that the way out of trauma is living in the present. Trauma confuses the past with the present. We can heal powerfully, as we acknowledge the tragedy of September 11th, but give new life to ourselves as we affirm that 9/11/01 is over and September 11th 2011 is a new day with a whole new story and we get to write it!

Dr. R. Dandridge Collins, known as "Dr. Dan", is author of the bestselling book, *The Trauma Zone: Trusting God for Emotional Healing*. More information: [www.dr-dan-collins.com](http://www.dr-dan-collins.com). Email: [drdan19@comcast.net](mailto:drdan19@comcast.net). Phone number: 215-768-8512.



## Local firemen climbing in honor of fallen firemen on 9/11 and to raise money for families

September 11th, 2011 marks the tenth anniversary of a day that most promised to never forget.

On September 11 over 300 firefighters from the north Texas region are coming together for a day of extreme physical challenge and intense reflection in a truly inspirational setting. They are asking the community to donate \$1 per floor climbed at the Renaissance Tower. The monies will be used for the families of local firemen who have died in the line of duty. They are delighted to have exceeded their goal already. The goal was \$37,730 but as of Wednesday, September 7 they have received pledges of \$110,878.

They were seeking volunteers but due to an overwhelming response from the community, they are no longer accepting applications. North Texans are actively seeking ways to honor the memory of those who lost their lives tragically 10 years ago.

As of the end of August, Garland has 10 firemen registered, Richardson leads the way with 27, Flower Mound and Coppell both have 13 and Dallas has four. Other fire departments listed include Mesquite, Addison, Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Grapevine and Southlake.





## Smooth vocalist KEM concert scheduled for September

Smooth grooves, powerful vocals, heartfelt lyrics, and just plain feel-good music best describe KEM, the headliner for the national tour as it comes to Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie, September 30 at 8 p.m.

In 2002, the self-taught musician wrote and produced his critically acclaimed debut solo album, *Kemistry* which spawned the hit single *Love Calls*. The classic track went onto break records for longevity on the Urban A/C chart while the disc achieved gold-plus status



2007, *KEM Album II* which debuted at an impressive No. 5 on Billboard's all-important Top 200 Chart-provided KEM's staying power in the very competitive world of R & B.

Now with the release of *Intimacy*, KEM is opening up to reveal the elusive man behind the voice.

KEM will be joined by Chrisette Michele and El DeBarge.

Tickets are available at [www.TicketMaster.com](http://www.TicketMaster.com).

## NDG Gossip: NDG Gossip: Soulja Boy is outside his mind

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

Soulja Boy has found a way to piss off all people who have and still protect and serve. According to Young, Black and Fabulous the rapper said in his song Let's Be Real, "f@#k the FBI and the army

troops ... fighting for what? Be your own man ... I'll be flying through the clouds like I'm Peter Pan."

What was that fool thinkin'? Did he get a bum rap from his high school army recruiter? Regardless of the hate he portrayed in this song, what



a way to honor those who died and fight for your freedom to say stupid mess in your crappy rap songs.

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I'd like to share a love story with you. It's probably not the kind you'd expect. The characters in this story are not sultry women and manly men. They are tablets, like iPads, eReaders (electronic devices that allow you to digitally read books, magazines, etc.), and other mobile connected devices. But, I promise I'll make it interesting.

Once upon a time, oh, way back a year ago (which is, in fact, a long time as technology seems to evolve at warp speed), Nielsen's quarterly survey of smartphones, tablets and eReaders reported that men and younger folks dominated the tablet and eReader ownership market. The survey showed that 62 percent of tablet owners were 34 and younger, and that those in the 55-plus crowd made up only 10 percent. But, old man time came along, and showed what a difference a year makes! By the second quarter of 2011, the percentage of users over 55 jumped to 19 percent; while

## A grown folks tale

the number of young'uns who owned tablets dropped to 46 percent, according to Nielsen data. While men (still by far) prefer tablets more than women, 61 percent of women have taken an affinity to eReaders, up from just 46 percent this time last year.

Smartphones are the darling devices and are pretty evenly split between men and women. To break down our love affair with smartphones even further, Nielsen research shows that 40 percent of all of U.S. mobile owners over the age of 18 own smartphones. And, of those, Android is now the most popular operating system (40 percent) edging out Apple's iOS (iPhones), which came in second with 28 percent of all smartphone owners. I heard you gasp! Surprised weren't you? What's a story without a twist?

People across the land are pretty passionate about their smartphones. I've witnessed some conversations that almost take on a Hatfields vs. McCoys quality between devotees of the iPhones vs. the Android. But wait, there's more. There's a new sheriff in

town – er, uh, a new device in town. I told you I'd make it interesting.

While the iPhone may be behind in the smartphone market, additional Nielsen research shows that the iPad continues to dominate the market in the United States in the tablet race; even with the introduction of new Android-based entrants to the field almost everyday, like the Samsung Galaxy and the Motorola Xoom. So, now people may have the Hatfields and the McCoys living harmoniously in the same house. And, the manufacturers across the land are of course pleased as punch with this co-existence.

So, we have all of these cool toys. How are we using them? Households with mobile connected devices as well as desktops or laptops were asked which device they use more since they acquired a tablet: 35 percent of tablet owners report using their desktop computers less often or not at all, while 32 percent of laptop owners say they use their laptops less often or not

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## Harvard study finds housing affordability a growing issue

By Charlene Crowell

While the recession has contributed to a price drop in residential homes, many consumers still lack the resources to transition from renting to homeownership. In fact, according to a recent housing report, not only are the numbers of renters growing; but the nation's supply of affordable rental housing is shrinking.

According to a recent report, *America's Rental Housing: Meeting Challenges, Buildings on Opportunities*, from the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, the number of renters paying more than half their income for housing is at a record. A record high of 19 million American households – homeowners and renters combined – pay more than half their income for housing. One in four renters – 10.1 million households nationwide – spends more than half their income on rent and utilities. Workers earning \$45,000-\$60,000 saw the biggest increase in housing costs since 2001 with an increase of nearly eight percent from 2001-2009.

The common standard for housing affordability is that the combined cost of rent and utility costs are less than 30 percent of household income. A housing burden connotes monthly costs between 30-50 percent; and when housing costs are more than 50 percent of household earnings, the residents are severely burdened. By 2009, the share of moderately burdened renters stood at 49 percent and those severely bur-

dened passed 26 percent.

With these data points, it is clear that the financial stress of housing affects middle class Americans and the poor alike. Lower and middle income households together represent 79 percent of the nation's renters – including a significant number of minorities. Blacks and Latinos accounted for 89 percent of the growth in rental housing in this decade.

In the 100 largest metro areas studied, the share of severely cost-burdened renters climbed by an average of seven percentage points between 2001 and 2009. According to the report, by the end of this decade the shares of renters spending more than half their incomes on rent and utilities will be a financial challenge in 73 metros areas.

As the rental market grew from 2000-2010, there was no comparable increase in the supply of affordable housing. By 2009, for every 100 low-income renters, the competition was keen for the 64 available and adequate housing units. The gap between available units and the number of renters contributes to overcrowded housing.

Miami had the largest share of severely burdened renters in 2009, followed by McAllen (TX) and Detroit. Two Connecticut metros (New Haven and Bridgeport) and two Ohio metros (Toledo and Akron) also had shares above 30 percent. New Orleans, Orlando, and Memphis rounded out the list of the 10 least affordable metros.

According to the report,

"With millions of homeowners delinquent on their mortgages, further increases in the renter population are likely," advises the report. "Owners that have gone through foreclosure are especially likely to remain renters for a number of years to come."

With mortgage lenders now favoring would-be buyers who can offer larger down payments, higher credit scores, and verified incomes, few families will readily make the transition to homeownership and the opportunity to build wealth. Remaining current on high rental housing costs removes the ability to save aggressively for a home on the current national median income of \$64,200.

The irony is that right now, mortgage interest rates remain historically low and home prices are down in most areas of the country – even for high-end homes. In 2010, says the Joint Center, the median home price fell to about 3.4 times the median household income – the lowest since 1995.

Even so, for the foreseeable future – housing costs for purchase or rental will continue to challenge many American households.

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**Sports  
Talk with  
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Fathers Day is nine months away and there is plenty of time to get your dad that special gift. No excuses like "I got off work late" or "didn't have time to get you something special dad."

For three-hundred and sixty-five days a year Richard Williams the father of Venus and Serena Williams is the father who is always there. He is not the Cliff Huxablt of the Cosby show from the 1980's with a medical degree or the Father Knows Best father from the 1950's with the briefcase and the Buick station wagon.

He is open minded, smart and a divorcee who maintains a viable relationship with his ex-wife Oracene, who manages Venus and Serena. He has been controversial in the past because there were times his girls were not being treated fairly in a country club sport.

How ironically that the camera spans him only once throughout a tennis match and the commentators never mention how a great father he his, but quickly bring up trivial gossip such as he is a distraction at tournaments.

He attends their matches consistently with

## Father Knows Best

his Canon camera taking photos and his girls like they are toddlers as he cringes on some of the mental mistakes they make during a match.

What can you say about a guy like Richard who supports his daughters unconditionally and thier endeavors even though he had to let them become women?

We live in a society where it's cool to curse in front of your parents or shame the family name because you think it is all about you. When was the last time Venus or Serena went to jailed, been on probation or been drug rehab?

In a recent interview Mr. Williams stated; "I was so proud of Venus in high school excelling in math and trigonometry because education is what I pushed to them." Where are the Britney Spears, Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan fathers and the Kardashians step-father Bruce

Jenner when it comes to teaching core values and upholding the family name.

Richard may not have raised his girls they way the Dr. Bill Cosby might recommend but he did the best he could with what he had.

It's a thin line with a guy whose view of tennis today is to be more vocal, "Let's have some fun out here." Who wants to come out here, buy a ticket and sit still? Does it matter what your perception of Richard Williams and his mishaps along the way may be?

Bottomline, he instilled to Venus and Serena that father knows best when comes to being successful.

You can listen to Donald 'Spider' Willis each Sunday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on the Fishbowl Radio Network.com. For topics or opinions you can call 469-335-6668 or email [entertainment@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:entertainment@northdallasgazette.com).

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imal in America."

The play attempts to address that statement and the aforementioned question of black love through a series of vignettes and scenarios examining the relationships between Black men and women using six male stereotypes: The Player, a Blue Collar Worker, a Militant, an Urban Professional and Intellect, a Black Muslim, and a Pimp.

The cast includes Tommy Ford, best known for his role as Tommy on the *Martin* show in the 1990s

and recently as the Pope of Comedy on TVOne's *Who's Got Jokes*. Carl Anthony Payne II first claim to fame was as Cockroach on the *Cosby* show in the 1980s, the 1990s saw him as a co-star with Ford where he played Martin's best friend Cole.

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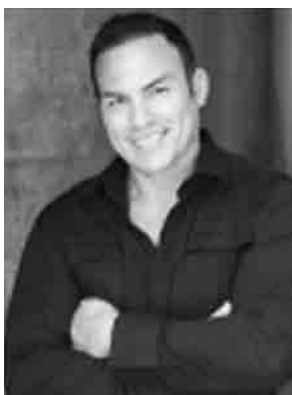
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**NOTE:** Every now and then I like to run the story of how Grandparents Day started and why.

It was in watching my parents, Mr. Lloyd David & Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus with their grandchildren (the happiness from hugs and kisses, hand made cards, etc.) that I saw and realized how important grandchildren were and the importance that grandparents took their role. As a grandparent of one beautiful granddaughter, Tyanna Don-nise (my first) and three handsome grandsons (in order of their births): David Edward, Deven Jaquan and Philip Im-manual, I am especially proud and thankful to God for His blessings to me.

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for grandparents. Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and political leaders, this campaign expanded statewide.

It is said that her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly people that were in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage that their grandparents could provide.

The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia. Also in 1973 a Grandparents Day resolution was introduced in the United States Senate. Mrs. McQuade and her team contacted governors, senators, and congressmen in every state. They sent letters to churches, businesses, and numerous national organizations interested in senior citizens.

President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. September was chosen for the holiday to signify the "autumn years" of life.

The real importance is that along with grandparents we should not forget to include shut-ins and those in nursing homes who are unable to be with their families or have no families. Every effort must be made to include these people in the mainstream through cards, community projects and

visitation at times other than just holidays. The need is increasing every day to fill the

senior organizations, should help children **adopt a grandparent!** It doesn't have to be a gift that you spend money on; spend "quality time" with someone, listen to what they have to say, you might be surprised as to what you may learn. The official flower of Grandparents Day is the Forget-Me-Not.

**MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING** - There was a lady who had grown tired of life. She had everything one could wish for except happiness and contentment. One day she said, "I will go to the

river and end my life."

As she walked along, she suddenly felt a little hand tugging at her skirt. Looking down she saw a frail, hungry-looking little boy who pleaded, "There are six of us. We are dying for want of food." The woman thought, "Why not relieve this wretched family? I have the means; I will have no

use for riches when I am gone."

Following the little boy, she entered a scene of misery, sickness, and want. She opened her purse and emptied its contents. The family members showed joy and gratitude to the lady. Even more taken with their need, the woman said, "I'll return tomorrow; and I will share with you more of the good things which God has given to me in abundance!"

She left and was rejoicing that the child had found her; for the first time she understood the reason for her abundance. Her life was now filled with meaning and purpose.



Grandfather Edward Lott and Grandmother Shirley Tarpley at grandson Philip Lott's birthday party.

void of their loneliness. In every neighborhood, there are elderly people who would love an opportunity to be a Foster Grandparent.

Most important, Grandparents Day can signify a loving spirit that lives within us throughout the year--a spirit of love and respect for our elders. Parents, churches, schools, and

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# Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation 2nd Legacy Gala

Among the many achievements from the Hamilton Park community is, Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office, Hamilton Park Male Chorus, former Dallas Cowboy Everson Walls, Miss UNCF Natasha Lawton and Miss Black Texas Nicole Barrett. These are just a few who grew up in Hamilton Park and made an impact on the community and the world.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 and will focus on the importance of education and health in the community.

In an effort to raise awareness on these issues Hamilton Park Historic Preservation



Dr. Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes

Foundation (HPPHF) will honor the legacy of Anderson Bonner and the lifetime achievements of Everson Walls.

The speaker of the hour will be Dr. Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., the Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he served for 28 years. He was Adjunct Professor of Preaching at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University for 24 years. Known as much for his community activism as

his preaching and teaching, Holmes was elected to the Texas House of Representatives from 1968-1972, while he also served as a United Methodist District Superintendent. The author of *Reaching for Revival* (1991), *Encountering Jesus* (1992), and *When Trouble Comes* (1996) Holmes has also written chapters in *Our Time Under God is Now* (1993) and *Power in the Pulpit: How American's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare Their Sermons* (2002).

Attendees will include

original homeowners, heirs, former students, teachers, churches, Richardson Independent School District, Texas Instruments, elected officials and anyone with a connection to the school or community.

The gala will be held at The Fairmont Hotel located at 1717 Akard St. Dallas and the ticket price is \$50. For more information go to the website: [www.hp-foundation.net](http://www.hp-foundation.net) or call 214.914.2007

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at all and 27 percent of those tablet owners who also own eReaders reveal that they now use their eReaders less often or not at all.

As is often the case with any story there is a damsel in distress. And, in this story that would be me! I own both a Kindle and an iPad2, but I prefer to cuddle up in bed with a good book. But, I'm clearly in the minority because according to Nielsen, 61 percent of eReader owners are snuggling

up in bed with one of any number of eReaders, rather than a conventional book. Somebody save me! The eReaders are taking over; bookstores are rapidly closing down (a moment of silence please over their demise. No really, ssshhh). But, I remain steadfastly devoted to the smell of freshly printed books and the feel of actual, not virtual, pages between my fingers. So, I'm holding out hope against hope that books won't

go the way of the dinosaur, the eight track or VCR!

Of course, people are not just reading in bed (mind out of the gutter people, it's not that kind of story). Research reports show that we enjoy playing with all of our technical toys while supine as well: 57 percent of tablet owners and 51 percent of smartphone users are using them in bed, and 70 percent and 68 percent of tablet and smartphone owners, respectively, use them

while watching TV.

The moral of this story is whether you're reading this column, holding the paper in your hands, or skimming it on your smartphone, tablet, eReader, laptop or PC; keep reading! Because knowledge is power. The End.

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