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## Black Economic Dysfunction

By James Clingman (NNPA) Amazingly, Black folks in this country still don't get it. After all we have been through and after everything we have accomplished, prior to and after integration, our relative collective economic position in America has changed very little. In some cases we have regressed in terms of owner-

ship of land, from some 20 million acres of land (31,000 square miles) in 1910; and in our ownership of banks, of which 128 were founded between 1888 and 1934 and 64 Black-owned banks existed in 1912. As for other necessities such as supermarkets, manufacturing concerns, and distribution networks, we are not even

on the economic radar screen.

In light of the latest news reports that predict yet another recession just around the corner, and the financial "cliff" from which we will soon fall, as reported on CNN's, "Your Money," one would think Black folks are busy getting our economic act together, our history of busi-

ness ownership and mutual support notwithstanding.

Sad to say, we are still floundering, enamored by the trappings of the "good life" and living vicariously through reality television shows and the shallow personalities thereon. Instead of working on our own economy we seem to be

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COVER STORY

## Black Girls Run!: Running past the stereotype



Members of the Black Girls Run! Dallas Chapter

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## Costa Rica is a popular destination for medical tourism

Costa Rica is just a short flight from Dallas (direct flights daily) and offers many wonderful sights for visitors to enjoy. But what you may be surprised to learn is that Costa Rica has some of the best, internationally accredited dental clinics, in all of Latin America. It is literally cha-



nging people's lives as it offers an affordable alternative to treatments they could never afford in the U.S. In fact, the savings are so big, the cost of the trip and

stay in Costa Rica are negligible.

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## Katherine and TJ to Share Custody of Michael Jackson's Children

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COMMENTARY

## House GOP want to cut program that protects immigrant female domestic violence victims

BY CAROL JABLONSKI, SPECIAL NDG CONTRIBUTOR

In 1994 Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and then worked in a bi-partisan fashion to reauthorize it twice. It is currently due for reauthorization, and it was encouraging to see that in the Senate 15 Republicans joined the Democrats in passing renewing VAWA. What happened in the House was another story.

When Congress originally created VAWA, it

recognized that the abusive spouses of immigrants often failed to file residency petitions for these domestic abuse victims so they could threaten the victim with deportation if he or she were to report the abuse or try to leave the abuser. So VAWA provides a means for the abused spouse of a citizen or legal permanent resident to file a petition for status on his or her own. These petitions are reviewed by USCIS em-

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## Irving City Council hosting Special Meetings to discuss Entertainment Center Project

During an Executive Session of the Irving City Council at 5:30 p.m. on August 2, the council will receive legal advice regarding the Entertainment Center Project. Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyn requested the session.

A Special Meeting of



the Irving City Council has also been set for 7 p.m. to receive an update and explanation from Las Colinas Group, TDI or their representative on the newest proposal being presented to citizens throughout the city according to the agenda.

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## Machelle Williams

Volkswagen Group of America announced Machelle Williams, general manager of organizational development and diversity, Human Resources, Volkswagen Group of America, as the "Woman of the Year" by the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers (NAMAD). Williams, a 17-year veteran of the Volkswagen Group, was selected for her industry leadership and outstanding contributions to advancing diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Over the years, Williams' hard work and dedication have afforded her remarkable growth and advancement within the Volkswagen family. After a decade supporting Volkswagen Credit, Inc. in Libertyville, Ill., she has spent the past seven years leading Volkswagen Group's Talent Management organization, which includes talent strategy, employee development

and engagement, leadership development, recruiting and executing high-impact diversity initiatives. "Machelle's longstanding service to the Volkswagen family, and her commitment to promoting diversity within the organization has earned her well-deserved recognition," said Jonathan Browning, president and CEO, Volkswagen Group of America. "She is an exceptional asset to our company, the automotive industry and to the communities she serves; we couldn't be more

delighted to see her receive this award."

Williams was recognized during an awards ceremony at NAMAD's 2012 Annual Membership Meeting in Las Vegas on July 26. Also being recognized is Carl Barnett, Sr., president of the Barnett Auto Group, who has earned NADA's Lifetime Achievement Award. Barnett owns Onion

Creek Volkswagen in Austin, Texas, among other dealerships across the country.

Outside of work, Williams is also devoted to the betterment of rising minority leaders in her community and the communities in which Volkswagen has operations. She currently serves on the board of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga and the In-Roads Mid-Atlantic board.



## Edna Pemberton

Media Guru Jim Washington, Public Relations Executive Stan Levenson, Mega Community Activist Edna Pemberton and the world's largest beverage company, Coca Cola will be honored at the 2012 Urban League Annual Gala on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway at 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call (214) 915-4600.

"Our honorees have a history of accomplishments in their businesses and in the community," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, Urban League President & CEO "and

they continue to set high standards through their volunteerism and community service.

Washington will receive the Whitney M. Young, Jr. award for his long-time support of the Urban League movement and its mission.

Washington is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Dallas Weekly, one of the largest, most widely read and respected African-American news weekly in North Texas. He is also President and General Manager of the Atlanta Voice, the largest audited African American news-weekly in Atlanta, Georgia.

A communications practitioner for over three decades, Washington is an expert in all forms of public relations, corporate communications, advertising, ethnic marketing, broadcast and print news. In addition to his extraordinary professional career he remains involved in a wide range of community and civic activities. He serves on many area Boards including the Dallas Black Dance Theater, Dallas Theater Center and the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. He has served twice on the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas

Arboretum.

He was named "Man of the Year" in 1986 by the Dallas Metropolitan Club of Negro Business and Professional Women and was an original Dallas Black Chamber "Quest for Success" recipient. He has been honored for outstanding community service by organizations including The Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, United Way, Dallas Independent School District and the NAACP.



Levenson, the recipient of the President's Award, is

being recognized for his advocacy and leadership in community service and the arts in Dallas.

He is a widely recognized public relations professional whose career in Dallas spans over 45 years. He established his first PR firm, Stan Levenson Associates, in 1966 and it was acquired ten years later by Bozell & Jacobs (B&J). Following a successful tenure with B & J, Levenson co-founded Levenson & Hill with his wife Barbara and Bill Hill. The PR group merged

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## Joshua Humbert

In 2004, Joshua Humbert created the EnVest

that meaningful and consistent giving is the path-



Foundation, a social philanthropic organization comprised of a network of members with charitable mindsets who understand

way to becoming a philanthropist.

Co-founded with rising business stars Demek Adams and Fred Greene,

the three individuals incorporated EnVest as a nonprofit public grant-making foundation in 2005 and set out to educate, inspire and motivate the next generation of philanthropists.

The foundation's website allows individuals to create a profile and connect with like-minded peers, and participate in group volunteer projects and programs such as their annual 40 Under 40 event that recognizes community members making a difference.

In 2011, the EnVest Foundation launched the EnVest 2000 Campaign in an effort to develop professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 from first-time or occasional donors into society's next

generation of life-long philanthropists.

Through the campaign, the EnVest Foundation seeks to "redefine the profile of a philanthropist" by: developing and advising 2,000 or more new profiles on the website over the next five years; providing a high-level philanthropic curriculum to at least 500 new members over the next five years with the goal of transforming members' casual philanthropic habits into engaged and educated philanthropy; developing a minimum of 150 millennial philanthropists over the next five years who gives or pledges at least \$1,000 a year for a minimum of three years to a charity of their choice; coordinating and encouraging 20,000 or more vol-

unteer hours over the next five years; and growing

the scope of the organization

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## Mitt Romney's Jerusalem Speech Panders to the Right-Wing

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Mitt Romney's foreign policy speech to the Jerusalem Foundation in Israel on Sunday qualified him to be President of Israel. His observations were as remarkable for what he didn't say as for what he did. They could have been written by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, for they parallel his thinking almost exactly, and they were sharply at odds with current U.S. policy toward the region.

Mr. Romney didn't mention the Palestinians (although he later made an invidious comparison of Palestinians to Israelis that was deemed racist by Palestinian officials), nor did he offer any remarks on the settlements in the West Bank arguably Israel's most pressing problem. Indeed, he explicitly called for Americans not to engage in any criticism of Israel at all, since Israelis seemed to be capable of self-critique.

What Mr. Romney did do in his talk was primarily to lambaste Iran.

He trotted out a laundry list of accusations against Iran, virtually all of which have been discredited fabrications or shown to be wildly exaggerated caricatures of Iranian thought and behavior. Among these was

the hoary old accusation that Iranians had threatened to "wipe Israel off the map"—a fabrication so well known that it has its own Wikipedia page. He also repeated the old saw that Iran is the "chief State supporter of terrorism," an unsupported assertion left over from the Bush administration. He also cited the discredited claims that the Iranian government supplied weapons used to attack Americans in Iraq something the U.S. military tried desperately to prove with absolutely no success.

He said, "When Iran's leaders deny the Holocaust . . ." branding them as Holocaust deniers. Iran's leaders, in fact, have never denied the Holocaust. To be sure, they have questioned its causes and results in ways that are inaccurate, but they never denied that it happened. There was even a widely applauded popular film in Iran dealing with the Holocaust and an Iranian historical figure who saved Jews from being killed.

Of course, no one denies Iran's dismal domestic human rights record something that should be of concern to the whole world but Mr. Romney barely touched on this one legitimate accusation of wrongdoing on the part of the Iranian government.

These broad swipes at Iran would be just garden-variety neoconservative palaver if it weren't for the additional steps Mr. Romney took in advancing a case for armed conflict against the Islamic Republic steps that were both reckless and ignorant. The case is based on the favorite neoconservative hobby-horse: Iran's nuclear program.

Mr. Romney hinted broadly that the United States would support a military strike against Iran. This would not be to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon as is current U.S. policy, but rather to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capacity. This is code for shutting down or destroying Iran's entire nuclear development program.

Mr. Romney seems unaware of the complexities of the Iranian case. Iran is signatory to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) along with all other states with nuclear development, except for Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea. The treaty grants all signatories the inalienable right to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. Iran is engaged in uranium enrichment to provide fuel for nuclear generation of electricity. However, Iran is not

alone in doing this. Nineteen other world states who are signatories to the NPT do so as well, and at least two, Japan and Brazil, have stated openly that they are prepared to manufacture nuclear weapons if the need arises. Even if there were any proof that Iran had a nuclear weapons program, they are far from producing even nuclear reactor fuel. Mr. Romney said, cagily, they are "five years closer" to producing a nuclear weapon but those attacking Iran have been saying this every year since 1990, and Iran is no closer.

The history of nuclear development in Iran also involves the United States directly. The U.S. government urged the Iranians to start their program in 1970 as a move toward modernization. The nuclear facilities they are now developing are a direct outgrowth of those mutually approved plans.

The complexity of this issue is apparent to the Obama administration, which is why diplomacy has been urged by every foreign policy adviser as a means of creating confidence and settling misunderstandings and differences between Iran, the United States and its allies. Brute force designed to damage Iran's nuclear facilities

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employees trained in abuse and must be based on credible evidence.

VAWA also makes available the U Visa, which allows a victim of certain crimes to stay in the US legally if he or she cooperates with law enforcement in prosecuting the crime, obtains certification from law enforcement of cooperation and suffers severe physical or emotional injury. These special visas are also subject to careful review for legal compliance.

House Republicans introduced House Bill 4970, which would gut both of these protections for immigrants.

First, with respect to self-petitions, this bill would raise the standard of proof to a standard much higher than the preponderance of evidence standard applied in civil cases to recover even multi-million dollar awards.

Second, the bill would do away with the trained reviewers and spread review among all officers throughout the country. Finally, the bill would do away with the confidentiality of the current law and inform abusers of the petitions and allow them to participate in the process.

With respect to the U Visa, the bill also imposes extremely strict standards.

For example, a rape victim who is unable to identify her rapist would not qualify, even though she cooperates with the police. Also, the bill takes away the ability of a U Visa holder to petition for a green card after three years.

Without the prospect of qualifying for a green card, a victim of abuse is less likely to report abuse and to cooperate with law enforcement officials in prosecuting their abuser as once the visa expires, its holder is subject to deportation. As a result, victims of crime would be better off NOT reporting criminal activity and staying under the radar.

Republicans claim that their legislation will prevent

an "amnesty program" for immigrants. However, with fewer than 5,000 self-petitions and only 10,000 U Visas in 2010, the provisions of VAWA hardly create a widespread amnesty program. And given the proof requirements for both forms of relief, it is difficult to see that there is any wide-spread fraud.

Democrats must unite to stop Republicans from further victimizing these vulnerable members of society.

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## African American children face higher risk of vehicle related deaths

*More than half of African American children in fatal accidents were not restrained in seatbelts or car seats – greater than for all other race or ethnic groups*

Responding to the disproportionate risks that African American children face in motor vehicle-related crashes, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Toyota are doubling the reach of their groundbreaking safety education program Buckle Up for Life. It is the only national program of its kind.

Research analyzed by Cincinnati Children's – a national leader in pediatric and adolescent medicine – shows that African American children are more likely than most other children to die in motor vehicle crashes. Studies also show that, due to multiple factors, African American children are significantly less likely than non-African American children to be buckled up in seat belts or car seats. (Studies show similar outcomes among children in the Hispanic community.)

The new locations for Buckle Up for Life include Houston, Las Vegas, Philadelphia and Orange County, CA. They join programs already in place with local hospital partners in Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and San Antonio. The program's expansion

to Las Vegas is being conducted in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Nevada at UMC and in Houston with Texas Children's Hospital. Hospital partners in Philadelphia and Orange County will be announced soon.

"Years ago, a mother who was involved in a car crash in which her child died said something to me that to this day haunts me but also inspires me, 'If I only knew,'" said Dr. Victor Garcia, founding director of Trauma Services at Cincinnati Children's, professor of pediatric surgery and a co-founder of Buckle Up for Life. "The number of African American children dying unnecessarily in motor vehicle-related crashes is alarming, something I see firsthand in my work as a trauma surgeon. This is a public health emergency that can be avoided and needs to be addressed. We know that safety education and access to car seats can make a major difference, and working with Toyota, we are glad to have the opportunity to help."

"At Toyota, we are strongly committed to the belief that everyone deserves to be safe," said Patricia Salas Pineda, group vice president of National Philanthropy and the Toyota USA Foundation at Toyota Motor North America. "Through our educational outreach, Collaborative Safety Research Center and numerous partnerships with leading hospitals, nonprofits and research universities nationwide, Toyota is engaged extensively in programs that help ensure that drivers and passengers are safe at every stage of life. Buckle Up for Life is a vital commitment for Toyota, and we are proud to be working with the visionary medical staff at Cincinnati Children's and with local hospital partners across the country to expand its reach."

Toyota's support for Buckle Up for Life is part of the company's ongoing commitment to help make local communities safer and stronger. The company has contributed more than half-a-billion dollars to nonprofits throughout the U.S. over the past 20 years.

### Motor Vehicle Safety and African American Children:

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related death for African American children through age 14.

- In crashes involving fatalities in children under 14, seat belt use is lower among African Americans than among all other race or ethnic groups.
- 52% of African American children in fatal crashes were unrestrained.
- Three out of every four car seats are not used or installed correctly (across race and ethnic groups).
- Young children restrained in child safety seats have an 80% lower risk of fatal injury than those who are unrestrained.
- The number of children buckled up nearly tripled among families who participated in one of Buckle Up for Life's pilot cities.

### How the Program Works

• Working directly with parents, caregivers and kids and through local churches and hospitals, Buckle Up for Life addresses the economic, information and cultural barriers to motor vehicle safety over the course of a six week program.

- Participants receive free car seats and are matched with safety experts to ensure that children are properly restrained.

### Doubling the Reach of Buckle Up for Life:

- Toyota and Cincinnati Children's are doubling the reach of Buckle Up for Life.
- New programs in Houston, Las Vegas, Philadelphia and San Antonio join ones already established in Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and San Antonio.

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## Irving working to reduce crime in Belt Line Northgate neighborhood

The Irving Police Department has launched a website for the new Belt Line Northgate Initiative at [www.ipdbni.com](http://www.ipdbni.com). The initiative involves one sergeant

and six police officers who were reassigned to work 12-hour shifts in the area during peak times for calls for service. Their goal is to reduce crime, reduce calls for serv-

ice, and educate the business owners and residents about crime prevention. For more information, contact Officer Robbi Cline at [rcline@city-ofirving.org](mailto:rcline@city-ofirving.org).



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## Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program hosts Monthly Legal Clinics for Dallas County Residents

In the month of August, the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), a joint initiative of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, will hold eight free Legal Clinics for Dallas County residents who meet certain financial guidelines. All clinics begin at 6:00 p.m.

Schedules and locations are as follows:

East Dallas (Grace United Methodist Church

— 4105 Junius at Haskell)

•Thursdays, August 2; and August 16

South Dallas (Martin Luther King, Jr. Center—2922 MLK Blvd.)

•Tuesdays, August 7; August 14; and August 28

West Dallas (Marillac Social Services Center—2843 Lapsley Street)

•Thursdays, August 9; and August 23

Garland (Salvation

Army — 451 W. Avenue D, Garland, TX 75040)

•Thursday, August 16

The clinics offer free legal advice and consultation in civil matters for those who qualify under Legal Aid's income eligibility guidelines. Applicants are asked to bring proof of income, identification, legal papers, etc. with them to the clinic. For more information, log on to [www.dallasbar.org/dvap](http://www.dallasbar.org/dvap).

## The Dallas Foundation awards more than \$1.4 million in grants

The Dallas Foundation recently announced that its board of governors has awarded more than \$1.4 million in discretionary grants. These grants are largely awarded from field-of-interest funds, which are established by donors in support of a particular area of interest, such as education, health, homelessness or poverty.

"The Dallas Foundation's field-of-interest grants link a donor's philanthropic legacy to current community needs," said David Corrigan, chairman of The Dallas Foundation Board of Governors. "Fortunately, our discretionary grantmaking program is growing and evolving at a time when Dallas nonprofits need us most."

The largest grant, \$350,000, was awarded to Commit! for a county-wide initiative to build an educational community in Dallas that is cohesive, coordinated and aligned in its endeavors. Commit! will measure existing educational efforts; coordinate districts, nonprofits, foundations, businesses and the community; and advocate for educational policies and funding.

"With a collective will, we can support every child

in Dallas County from cradle to career," said Todd Williams, executive director of Commit! "We are incredibly grateful for The Dallas Foundation's commitment to the power of education and excited to strategically work together as we rally leaders from every sector, industry and corner of our community behind our kids."

Other noteworthy grants include:

- \$100,000 to the YW Nurse-Family Partnership, an evidence-based home visitation program for first-time, low-income pregnant women. Registered nurses work with the women to improve pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and self-sufficiency.

- \$70,000 to the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute, the cornerstone of Baylor's Southern Sector Health Initiative, located at Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center. Funding is for programs for children living with diabetes.

- \$75,000 for Education is Freedom, a DISD graduation/college preparation program. Education is Freedom provides a comprehensive college-planning program for underserved students in Dallas.

"During this discretionary grant cycle, The Dallas Foundation received 100 funding requests, an increase of about 35 percent compared with a typical year," said Mary Jalonick, president of The Dallas Foundation. "The board of governors approved grants to 36 agencies that are doing amazing work for the Dallas community in the areas of social service, healthcare, arts, animal welfare and education."

Additional grants awarded include:

- The Bridge \$100,000 - Operating support for the homeless shelter

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas \$50,000 - After-school programming for children and teens

- Pegasus Leadership Grant Initiative \$50,000 - Support of a funding initiative, focused on the early-childhood needs of low-income children in Dallas

- Irving Cares \$40,000 - Comprehensive basic needs in Irving

- Reconciliation Outreach - \$30,000

Flooring for a youth center in East Dallas serving low-income families

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## Irving's school and city partnership program spotlighted at international conference

The City of Irving showcased its school partnership program at the International American Water Works Association Conference hosted in Dallas in

June. During the conference, Irving Water Programs staff teamed up with the Cities of Waco and Arlington to provide an overview of the program.

Irving's partnership kicked off in 2008 when it launched a program to provide training to high school students seeking Texas Commission on Environ-

mental Quality licensing to work in the water industry. In 2010, Waco created its own program using Irving as the prototype. One year later, Arlington did the same

and now there are a handful of other schools across Texas making similar plans.

The conference provided a forum to exhibit the methods for developing and

executing such programs with the hope that these efforts will help the water utilities industry reinforce its workforce as retirement numbers grow.

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more interested in the economies of others, like the Kardashians who make about \$30 million per year, not counting Lamar Odom's contribution. We just love to check in on those "wives" of wherever and listen to their vulgarity and watch their extravagance. We can't seem to get enough of the gossip shows and things that will take us nowhere while making others quite wealthy.

Bob Law once said, "Black folks are just happy because Oprah is rich," as he pointed out how ridiculous we have gotten when it comes to our own collective economic empowerment. He also chided us for just wanting to see a Black man in the White House – that's all, just to know he is there.

Most of the people we follow and nearly worship are multi-millionaires and couldn't care less about us. They wouldn't give most of us the time of day if we saw them on the street. Yet we idolize and follow them in all that they do, as we slip further and further behind in building (or should I say rebuilding) our collective economic base.

Recent reports cite how important the Hispanic consumer market is and that it comprises more than \$1 trillion in buying power. They also point out that Hispanics are the second largest population group in the U.S. and by 2015 they will be 18 percent of the total population at nearly 58 million persons. Those of us who were paying attention to Claud Anderson 15 years ago heard him predict just that. He also warned that if we didn't get anything from this society when we were in second place, what do we think we will get when we

fall to third place? He begged us to get prepared but we were too busy helping everyone else build up their wealth and take care of their children. As the saying goes, "It's time to pay the piper."

What can we do now? For starters we can look into a mirror and admit how we have played a role in our own economic demise; and then ask, "What can I do to contribute to our collective economic uplift?" Establish or get involved in a local effort to empower Black people, whether through education, politics, economics, or all three. You have to take action.

Remember when the lady on the school bus was harassed by students, and a couple of days later more than \$660,000 was raised for her through Facebook? That's how easy it is for us

to do something collectively to help ourselves, yet we fail to take advantage of models that have been and could be implemented to help ourselves.

There was, and could be again, the Blackonomics Million Dollar Club that sent money to 20 Black institutions; we tried to get just 200,000 people to send \$5 each to a designated charitable entity, but at its height there were no more than 1,000 participants involved. We have the Collective Empowerment Group (formerly Collective Banking Group) that should have a chapter in every major city across this country, but some heads of churches are too egotistical and individualistic to get involved. We had the 10-10-50 Movement, the Nationalist Black Leadership Coalition, the Bring Back Black Move-

ment, and even a Black-owned and operated distribution network, The MATAH. Of course there have been many more opportunities that we have squandered for lack of involvement.

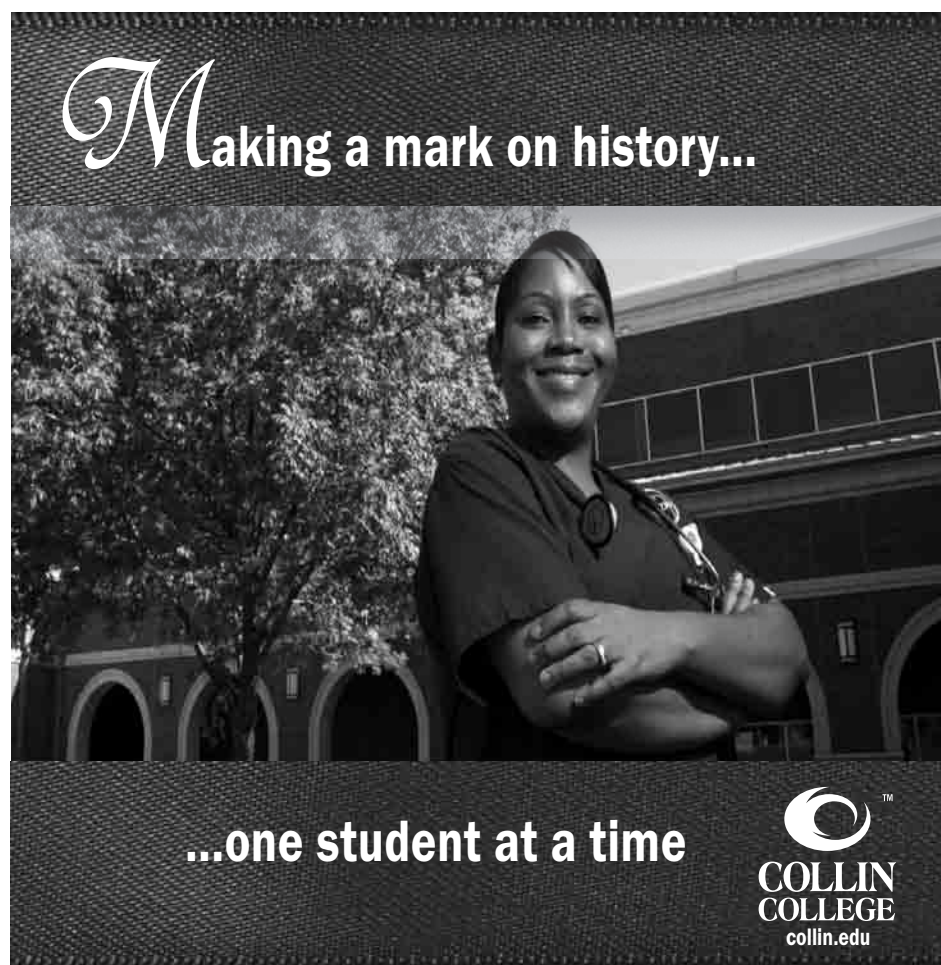
Now we have the Unity Movement (myunitymovement.com), which is calling for 2 million people to simply sign up on its website in an effort to capture a critical mass of folks to begin a collective effort to inform and educate, and to start, support, and grow Black businesses. Will you at least do that?

Please, let's reverse our economic dysfunction and help create a meaningful, pragmatic, and sustained economic movement. Don't you think our children deserve that as a legacy from us?

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati

African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people.

He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Website, blackonomics.com.



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## Rhema Life Fellowship members donate fans to Plano Community Charity

Pastor James Thomas of The Rhema Life Fellowship Church encouraged his members to come together and make a difference by committing a simple act of kindness. He called them to do this not only in their homes but to reach out to those in the community in need. As a result the church hosted a fan drive to give out as many suffer during the current triple digit heat wave. The church set a goal of donating 25 fans. The membership responded

with financial donations or the direct purchase of the requested fans.

The fans were presented to Dr. Myrtle Hightower of the Plano Community Charity on July 29. They still have fans available. To receive one just visit their offices at 2436 Avenue K weekdays between the hours of noon – 4 p.m. It is located in the same shopping center as Poor Richards Café and Firestone. There is a simple form the recipient is re-



Jesus & Ashley Garcia with their five children: Gabriel, Adriana, Tatiana, Anthony and 2 month old Curtis.

quired to complete.

On an unrelated note,

the staff of NDG extends their condolences to Pastor



Dr. Hightower & Pastor Thomas holding one fan with other fans behind them.

Thomas on the passing of his father, Lester Joe Trib-

blett. Mr. Tribblett resided in Muncie, Indiana.

## Platinum Motorcars Re-Launches the Drive 5 Exotic Car Tour

Platinum Motorcars, an exotic car rental dealership, has re-launched the Drive 5 Exotic Car Tour, an adrenaline-pumping, heart-racing, four-wheel adventure. Experience five top-of-the-line cars, such as Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Aston Martin, and Bentley, for less than the cost of a daily rental. Tours are available on select Sundays for \$695 per person for ten



people (two people per car). Customized packages and dates are also available. For

more information, visit [www.platinummotorcars.net](http://www.platinummotorcars.net) or call 469.374.9090.

Each adrenaline-pumping tour is a predetermined road course led by Driving Specialist Steve Fordham. The 150-mile tour takes approximately five hours with a break for lunch. Each participant will have an opportunity to stream their drive with a vehicle-mounted HD camera, and each participant receives a video of their driving experience and either a Drive 5 baseball

cap or t-shirt. Whether a bachelor or bachelorette party, corporate incentive, birthday party, client appreciation, or just a Sunday spin, the Drive 5 Exotic Car Tour is the perfect gift.

The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Platinum Motorcars with a briefing on road safety, rules and logistics from Steve and Platinum Motorcars Owner Benny Black. The two will

provide an overview of the cars, how they operate, and answer any questions you might have to assure comfort, safety and fun. Then you hit the road, led by Steve, through some of the area's best roads to be seen – and not! Every 20-30 minutes, drivers will switch at designated checkpoints to experience a new style, a new ride, and new sense of wonderment.

## Upcoming job fairs in Dallas and Plano

Urban League of Dallas Job Fair - On-Site Interviewing for HVAC Technicians, Bench Workers, Paint shoppers, Machinists at the Urban League of Greater Dallas. Aviation experience is a plus, but NOT required; pay range is \$12-\$23 an hour. Medical, dental, and

vision benefits are offered; This event will take place on Friday, August 3 at 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Urban League of Greater Dallas, 4215 S. Lancaster Rd.

Dallas Career Fair is being held on Tuesday, September 18 at Park Inn by Radisson- Dallas Love Field,

1241 West Mockingbird Lane from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Dallas North Career Fair will be on Monday, August 13 at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Plano East, 700 Central Pkwy East in Plano from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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tion beyond the Washington, DC region to major metropolitan areas such as New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Additionally, the EnVest Foundation has chosen to place a special focus on increasing its African American mem-

bership. This focus was chosen given the socioeconomic status of black communities (a burgeoning middle and upper middle class) and the strong legacy of black philanthropy within the cities targeted for expansion.

To learn more about the EnVest Foundation visit <http://envestfoundation.org/> and create a profile to connect and network with young professionals who are redefining the profile of philanthropy.

## IRVING, continued from Page 1

Councilmen Michael Gallaway, Dennis Webb and Councilwoman Rose Canaday requested this special meeting.

The Irving Convention Center, which opened in January 2011, has been the focus of discussion throughout political and

Irving community circles. Supporters believe it will lead to jobs and economic growth for the city.

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## Garland's Community Multicultural Commission Focuses on Seniors and Education at 10th Anniversary Event

Garland's Community Multicultural Commission (CMC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary by hosting the *We The People, For The People* Conference Saturday, September 22 at the Curtis Culwell Conference Center. This event will feature a naturalization ceremony to welcome new United States citizens and several workshops and interactive learning opportunities for senior citizens and parents/guardians with children in the Garland public school system.

"The CMC was created in 2002 to make sure the widely diverse cultures represented in Garland have a seat at the local government table," says CMC Chair Jennifer Nguyen. "The CMC is organizing this event in coordination with the Healthy Living Expo to help Garland citizens gain access to important services and information, as well as to broaden awareness of the intricate cultural tapestry that is Garland."

All Conference activities are free and will take place in the Conference Center portion of the Curtis Culwell Center. The

Conference will begin with an invitation-only Leadership Breakfast to engage and inspire community, neighborhood, non-profit and business leaders. Following the breakfast, the U.S. Office of Immigration and Naturalization Services will swear-in 40 new citizens. This ceremony will take place in the Culwell Center Lecture Hall and is open to the public, although seating is limited.

Throughout the morning, the CMC will host informational workshops and booths focused on the needs of senior citizens and of parents and children in the Garland Independent School District. Sessions for senior citizens include benefits and services provided by the Social Security Administration, preventing fraud and identity theft, adult education opportunities, and much more. A workshop is being offered to provide a special focus for adults caring for aging parents. Meanwhile, Garland ISD will answer questions about standardized testing, college readiness, how parents can work with schools to benefit their students, and much more.

The days activities will culminate with the Mosaic Festival, which features local musical and dance performers representing an array of cultures including Latino, African, and Asian just to name a few. The Mosaic performers will appear on the Culwell Center Arena stage from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., entertaining those who are attending the Healthy Living Expo.

For more information about the CMC's *We The People* Conference, please visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) and look for the link under the Programs and Initiatives tab, email [WeThePeople@garlandtx.gov](mailto:WeThePeople@garlandtx.gov), or call 972-205-2676.

The first 300 patrons who visit the *We the People* Conference will receive a free, reusable shopping bag. Sponsors for the Conference include the City of Garland, Garland Independent School District, Cindi's NY Delicatessen, the DFW Asian American Citizen Council, Garland Chamber of Commerce, Hiep Thai Foods, Hong Kong Market Place, Spirit in Motion, Trophy Dental of Plano, and the Waffle House.

## UNCF is featured non-profit on donation canisters at Kroger stores

Kroger and UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective minority education assistance organization, announced that UNCF will be featured on Kroger's donation "coin canisters" at all North Texas store locations now through September 8. Kroger's coin canisters are placed at every checkout lane to encourage customers to donate their change to support non-profit organizations. Proceeds from the UNCF program will help financially disadvantaged students at UNCF's private HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities) in Texas. Kroger, a longtime community supporter, also supports UNCF through its Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

"UNCF is very grateful for Kroger's partnership in our mission to help reduce the financial barriers that prevent so many deserving students from attending college," said UNCF Dallas Area Development Director Diane Stephenson. "Kroger's



contributions have helped hundreds of promising young people earn their college degrees and start careers of success and service. Kroger's continued support is playing a critical role in the future of our communities in Texas and around the country by preparing students to succeed in today's economy. We salute Kroger for investing generously in UNCF and the education of our future leaders."

"As college costs continue to rise, more students and their families are facing financial challenges. In an effort to help raise funds for talented and deserving stu-

dents across the region, Kroger has once again selected UNCF to be a beneficiary of our coin canister donation program," said Kroger Consumer Affairs Director Gary Huddleston. "Kroger takes pride in being a community partner and we are committed to building strong alliances with organizations such as UNCF that are dedicated to enriching the lives of others."

For more information about UNCF, or to support UNCF scholarships or other programs, please visit [UNCF.org](http://UNCF.org) or call UNCF at (972) 234-1007.

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ities has been decried as dangerous and useless by American and Israeli military and intelligence officials.

The most ironic part of Mr. Romney's speech came toward the end when he stated: "If you want to hear some very sharp criticisms of Israel and its policies, you don't have to cross any borders. All you have to do is walk down the street and into a café, where you'll hear people reasoning, arguing, and speaking their mind. Or pick up an Israeli newspaper — you'll find some of the toughest criticism of Israel you'll read any-

where. Your nation, like ours, is stronger for this energetic exchange of ideas and opinions."

If Mr. Romney had taken this observation to heart and showed even a modicum of nuance in his remarks, he might have appeared statesmanlike. As it was, his speech was little more than a screed of right-wing slogans designed to please his Israeli host, and the Americans who support the most extreme right-wing policies of the Israeli government. His need to pander may go even further. Part of his live audience in Jerusalem was Israeli-supporter, bil-

lionaire Sheldon Adelson, who is bankrolling Mr. Romney's campaign with unlimited amounts of money.

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# Black Girls Run!: Running past the stereotype

BY KAYLA GRAVES  
NDG INTERN

It's six thirty in the morning and the parking lot at Arlington's River Legacy Park is echoing with the chatter of over a hundred African American women. Laces tied and water bottles at the ready, the women laugh as the group organizer, Scymmentress Williams, clad in bright pink cheetah print running tights, gives directions into a megaphone and cracks a joke before everyone breaks into smaller groups of five or six. It's time to run.

About four out five African American women are considered overweight or obese, according to a 2012 study from the Office of Minority Health. In 2009 the group Black Girls Run! was formed by Toni Carey and Ashley Hicks in an effort to combat obesity in the African American community, as well as provide resources and encouragement for all levels of runners.

Williams, one of the three Dallas Ambassadors, acts as an administrator for the group. She provides information pertaining to nutrition, running gear and events. Although the chapter has over a 1,000 members on Facebook, Williams said only around 300 of them are active.

"A lot of people just watch and use the group for motivation," Williams said. "My job is to just encourage



Members of the Black Girls Run! Dallas Chapter

movement, so it doesn't matter if you're not a runner yet."

There are currently 44 Black Girls Run! (BGR!) chapters throughout the country and the group plan to expand to 50 by the end of the year. The Dallas area chapter, which includes Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin and Rockwall counties has nine running groups:

- Addison
- Arlington/ Grand Prairie / Fort Worth
- Dallas
- Flower Mound / Lewisville / Denton
- Frisco/Plano/McKinney
- Garland/ Mesquite/ Rowlett/ Rockwall
- Irving
- Keller/ HEB/Alliance/ Saginaw / North Richland Hills / Grapevine; and Lancaster / DeSoto / Cedar Hill /Duncanville.

said. "I want to eliminate barriers."

Jonie Eubanks, 39, ran for the first with BGR! on July 14 after hearing from it by word of mouth and did not have any previous running experience.

"I thought it was amazing," Eubanks said. "I felt welcomed. For me to come and not know what I was getting into it was a good experience."

Marilyn Hellum, 56, started running in 2003 after taking a class with her friend at Luke's Locker.

"I had never run before," Hellum said. "The first day of the running clinic was January 10, 2003 and it was the coldest day ever. I was driving and was like, 'whose idea was this?' I hate the cold, it's the coldest day ever and I'm not a fan of running. But we did it and I haven't looked back since."

After going to a meet and greet on New Year's Eve Hellum joined BGR! on New Year's Day 2010 and now runs with the Uptown/Downtown group. Hellum said that due to her age there is also a stereotype associated with older people not being able to run that she wants to burst right through.

"My philosophy is that if you take care of your body when you're young it will

take care of you when you're old," Hellum said. "You keep moving, you're body is going to keep moving. You stop moving, your body is going to stop moving. We don't have to get to 50 and say, 'I can't do this anymore.' You can do this at 90."

Brenda Newton, 52, who is part of the Dallas group, discovered the group through Hellum during work, but said she considered herself ath-

letic due to her military experience in the 80s.

training. She is currently training for the Rock n Roll San Antonio marathon in November.

"Running is my therapy," Williams said. "It's cheaper than therapy. It gives me this adrenaline rush. I used to be a news producer so running gives me that same adrenaline rush when I worked in the fast pace of news."

A 2009 Los Angeles Times article points out that excersing in groups provides the social support to continue working out. Newton said she feels inspired through the group.

"I'm not by myself," Newton said. "I have somebody that's teaching me different things about running and health."

Williams said she be-

lieves that there is a misconception about black women not running because of their hair. She said about half of the women in the group have natural hair styles, so that excuse can be taken out of the mix of things preventing women from exercising.

"Women want to protect their hair and it's kind of hard to protect a relaxer when you just sweated it out," Williams said.

Because African American women have more obesity related diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, Hellum said she thinks there is a stereotype because people see those statistics on the news.

"My main goal is to just get people moving and let them know they can move," Hellum said. "Anybody can do it, but at the same time, if you don't [exercise] all of those things are inevitable."

Williams said that the group gives her an opportunity to exercise and socialize with women who look like her.

"The group is so much more than a running group," Williams said. "It's like a sisterhood. I talk to these ladies about parenting my son. I talk to them about food. I talk to them about problems. I've never been part of a group that has allowed me to be who I am. No holds bar, no limits, no restrictions to be who you are."

One of the things Hellum said stands out about the group is the philosophy that everyone makes everyone better.

"No matter if you're advanced or a beginner, a marathoner or an ultramarathoner, we all bring something to the group and we can all take something from the group," Hellum said. "We all truly make each other better."



Scymmentress Williams, the organizer for the Black Girls Run! is one of three Dallas Ambassadors



Black Girls Run! members: Marilyn Hellum, Rhonda Kines, Brenda Newton, Kayla Graves (NDG writer), and Kimberly Pero

and inspire everybody to just get out there and run. I just want to encourage forward

"We're expanding [because] I want to be able to provide access," Williams



## NDG Gossip: Lamar Odom has bad breath?

BY KENDRIA BROWN  
NDG INTERN

Yes he does according to Kim Kardashian. She wonders how her sister kisses him and says that his breath is so bad. It makes her want to puke and is disgusting. Lamar goes to the dentist to get

his teeth checked out and finds out that he needs dental work done. He gets his teeth worked on and feels a lot better. Now he can have a fresher and more cleaner feeling when he kisses his Khloe.



Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian have been together for a while now and they really express their affection for one another. Khloe is always there for her man, going wherever with him

as he wishes. When he went to Dallas to play for the Mavs, Khloe was right by her man.

She calls him her Lam-Lam. Well now that his teeth are cleaner for her I think they will all enjoy it

better. They love to kiss all the time. To view Kim telling Lamar his breath stinks go to <http://slumz.boxden.com/f610/kim-kardashian-says-lamar-odoms-breath-smells-like-s-t-tv-1791295/>

## Katherine and TJ to Share Custody of Michael Jackson's Children

(NNPA) After returning from a trip to Arizona that resulted in her losing custody of Michael Jackson's three kids, Katherine Jackson and Tito's son TJ have agreed to share guardianship of Michael Jackson's three children, Paris, Prince Michael and Blanket

According to Radaronline.com, Katherine's attorney, Perry Sanders, released the following statement:

Later this morning, T J Jackson's attorney, Charles Shultz, will be filing a petition for TJ to be appointed permanent guardian of Michael Jackson's three children. The court ordered that this petition be filed pursuant to the temporary guardianship he granted TJ on Wednesday of this week.

However, after a very productive meeting yesterday, first between Mrs. Jackson and me, and then joined by Prince Jackson, TJ Jackson and Mr. Shultz, it was agreed by all that it is in the best interest of Mrs. Jackson and the children to file a modified joint pleading at the beginning of next week.

With some changes, that pleading will essentially now legally reflect how Mrs. Jackson and TJ have often shared responsibilities of raising the children since Michael Jackson's tragic passing. Following reaching agreement, Margaret Lodise,

the court-appointed guardian ad litem for the children, was brought into the



Katherine Jackson

meeting by conference call. Ms. Lodise confirmed with Prince that the agreement reflected the wishes of all the children. The joint filing will request that the court reinstate Mrs. Jackson and appoint TJ as a co-guardian of Michael's children.

If the court grants this joint request, it will eliminate concerns such as the ones triggered by the events of the last few days. It will also empower TJ to take joint legal responsibility for certain day to day duties such as the management of household personnel, including security.

It will also make clear for school personnel and anyone else coming into contact with the children that TJ is authorized to act on their behalf. TJ has frequently attended school conferences and dealt with school related matters and this agreement, if approved by the court, allows for continuity as sanctioned by the court.

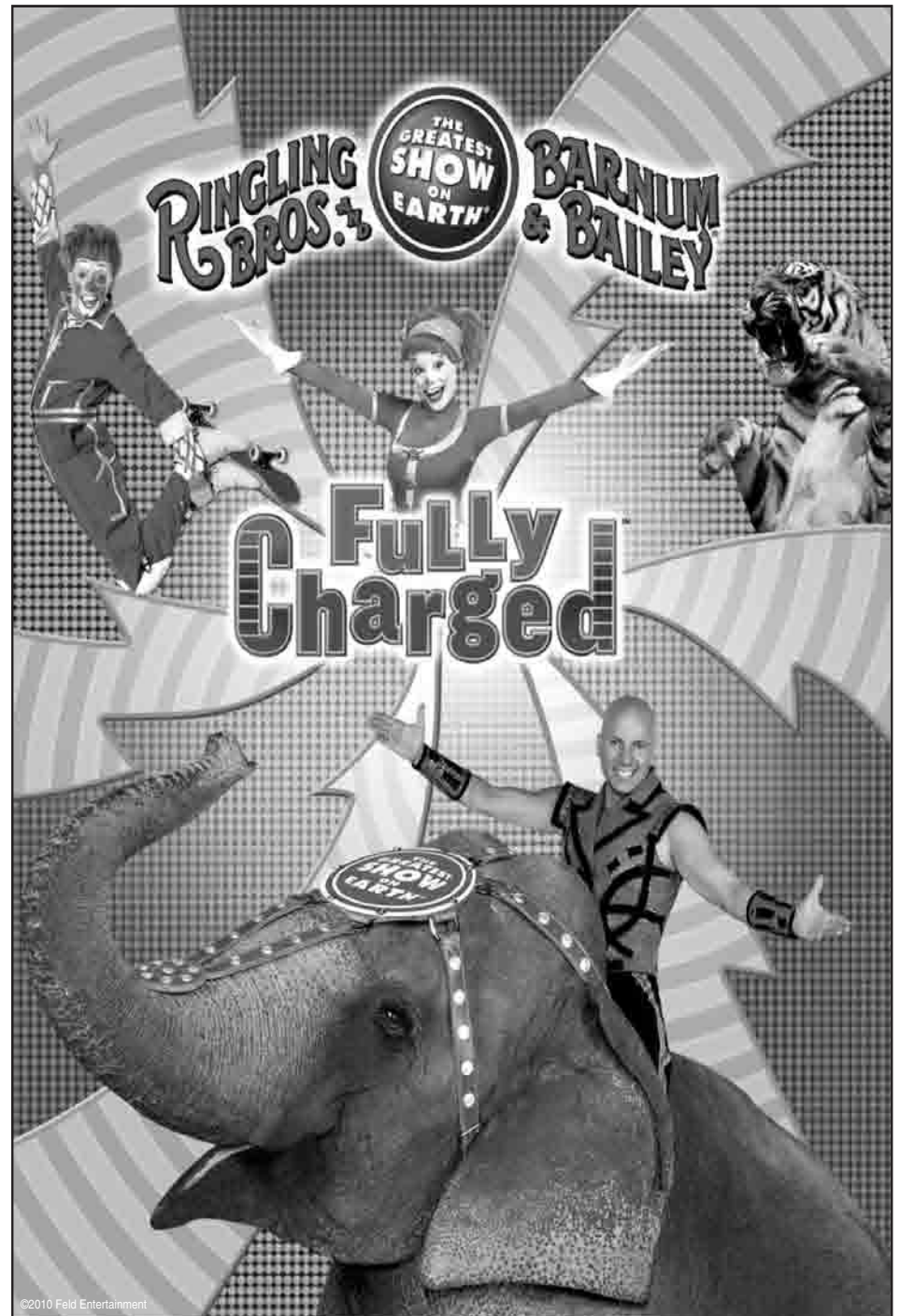
Mrs. Jackson will then be freed up to focus on the more personal everyday

decision making related to the lives and activities of the children. She would also remain in control of the children's family allowance. Mrs. Jackson is extremely pleased with the prospect of enjoying the pleasure of raising Michael's children without the

day to day tedium of items such as managing the large staff that goes with such a high profile family and focus her attention on being a grandmother and raising Michael's children.

She greatly appreciates the recent love and concern that supporters have shown for her and the kids, and she hopes the court will grant this request for co-guardianship. She is eager to simply enjoy her great relationship with these children, while deeding over some of the stressors that go hand in hand with being a guardian. Once the joint filing is made next week, it will be served on all interested parties and the specifics of what is being requested will be spelled out in the public record. Until then, no further official comment about guardianship will be made.

Information from Radaronline.com contributed to this report.



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## TWC warns Texans about gift card email scam

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warned today that emails claiming to offer free gift cards "on behalf of Texas Workforce Commission" are not to be trusted. Such offers are not attributable to TWC, and anyone who receives such an email should delete it immediately. Responding to the email, or clicking on the included web link, may result

in harmful malware being downloaded to the recipient's computer, TWC warned.

TWC has received reports of scam emails claiming to be sent on behalf of TWC stating the recipient has won a \$1,000 gift card. The email instructed the recipient to visit a website called "rewards2012" to claim the gift card. However,

if a recipient follows the link to the website, malware attempts to download to their computer.

This is a known "phishing" scam, and TWC reminds Texans never to click on links in an email from an unknown source. Phishers and scammers often will direct people to websites that look very similar to legitimate websites in order to ob-

tain login credentials or personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers, dates of birth or mother's maiden names. Following these links may result in monetary or identity theft.

Texas residents also are reminded that TWC staff will never call or email to obtain personally identifiable information, perform home visits, or use text messages to contact them. Unemployment benefit recipients should only

give personal information when filing for benefits online at [ui.texasworkforce.org](http://ui.texasworkforce.org) or when speaking to an unemployment benefit customer service representative on the Tele-Center phone filing system at 800-939-6631.

## Shoe Carnival announces new store opening in Dallas

Shoe Carnival is expanding in Dallas with an open floor plan, catchy music, and friendly associates to provide a unique shopping experience for customers. The leading footwear retailer's grand opens their Dallas store on Saturday, July 28 at 9 a.m.. Customers can visit the new store Wheatland Shopping Center on West Wheatland Road next to Ross, Near Target.

The first 100 customers will receive a \$10 reward card to use toward anything

in the store. Other special events during the day will include:

- A 10 a.m. drawing for free shoes for a year

- An 11 a.m. drawing for \$1,000 cash courtesy of Skechers

- A drawing for a \$100 Shoe Carnival shopping spree every hour noon-5 p.m.

- Doorbuster deals from 9 a.m. to noon

- Prizes and give-aways all weekend

"We are excited to bring another Shoe Carnival loca-

tion into the Dallas, TX market. Shoe Carnival is known for our one of a kind shopping experience, unbelievable product assortment and unique atmosphere, which creates a customer focused way to shop for shoes." said Senior Vice President of Marketing Todd Beurman. "At Shoe Carnival our customers will find a fun shopping experience and a great value on name brand footwear and accessories for the entire family that is sure to thrill them."

## GRANTS, continued from Page 5

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- Housing Crisis Center - \$25,000

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- The Bridge Breast Network - \$20,000

Cancer treatment for uninsured women

- Captain Hope's Kids - \$20,000

Basic supplies for children in homeless shelters

- Circle of Support - \$20,000

Summer programming for low-income boys and girls

- Dallas Community Lighthouse - \$20,000

Apartment-based after-school tutoring program

- Metrocrest Social Services - \$20,000

Emergency rent assistance and financial education for low-income families

- Mi Escuelita Preschool - \$20,000

General support of a preschool for low-income children

- Mosaic Family Services - \$20,000

Transitional shelter for immigrant families fleeing domestic violence

- Wesley-Rankin Com-

munity Center - \$20,000

Youth development program for low-income girls grades 4-6

- Dallas Police Athletic League - \$13,190

Programs for at-risk African-American teens

- Hope Cottage - \$10,000

Support of adoption programs for foster children

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Domestic violence and/or dating violence support and therapy

## Public Notice

I, Amit Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar Goyal, aged 22 years old and resident of Dallas, Texas have changed my name to Amit Kumar Goyal for all purposes.



## Don't miss VISIONS: The Women's Expo at Market Hall during August 25-26!

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This year's guest speaker Victoria Snee shares her best secrets in her new

book "The Beauty Buzz." She interviewed celebrities and their make-up artists

to find out what products stars like Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Lopez use

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<p><b>Through August 5</b> <b>Oklahoma!</b> at Arts Centre Theatre in Plano, 5220 Village Creek Dr; Tickets \$12-\$15; Info: 214.810.3228</p>	<p><b>Through September 9</b> <b>The Magic School Bus Kicks up a Storm</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park at 10:30 a.m.; Book readings are on June 23 (Ms. Fizzle appearance), September 1, and September 8; Admission is \$7-\$10; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>Through December 8</b> <b>New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women</b> each Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Audelia Branch Library located 10045 Audelia Rd. (at Church St.) in Dallas. Info: <a href="mailto:hellen.fissihaie5@gmail.com">hellen.fissihaie5@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>August 10</b> <b>Cover Down performing at Firewheel Town Center in Garland.</b> They are an energetic dance party band from the Dallas area playing the best hits from the 70s to today. Info: <a href="http://Facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter">Facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter</a></p>	<p><b>August 25</b> <b>Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez &amp; Wisin &amp; Yandel</b> at the American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m.; Tickets \$26-\$196; Info: <a href="http://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a></p>	<p><b>IMAX: Flying Monsters</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>
<p><b>Through August 12</b> <b>Ringling Bros and Barnum &amp; Bailey Circus: Fully Charged</b> at American Airlines Center. Ticket are \$15 - \$100 at <a href="http://www.Ticketmaster.com">www.Ticketmaster.com</a></p>	<p><b>Through September 14</b> <b>Shark Feedings</b> on Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>August 3</b> <b>Six of the Matter:</b> A taste of everything. If you enjoy country, classic rock, current hits, dance/ disco, get ready to party 7 – 9 p.m. at Firewheel Town Center in Garland</p>	<p><b>August 11-12</b> <b>Discovery Days: Discover Going Green</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>September 2</b> <b>Shark Sunday: Shark Celebration</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>September 20</b> <b>Beer &amp; Bones: Science in the City</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park at 7-10 p.m.; 18+; Info: 214.428.5555</p>
<p><b>Through September 16</b> <b>Sharky Sundays- Planet Shark: Predator or Prey exhibiton</b> at Musuem of Nature &amp; Science, 3535 Grand Ave; Cost \$7-\$10; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>Through September 15</b> <b>Shark Dissections</b> on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>August 5</b> <b>Life in the Deep Ocean</b> at Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park part of Shark exhibition - Dive to the darkest depths of the oceans to discover the animals that call this strange world home.</p>	<p><b>August 12</b> <b>Mindless Behavior #1 Girl Tour at the Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie</b> at 7p.m.; Also featuring Lil Twist &amp; Jacob Latimore; Info: <a href="http://www.axs.com/dallas-tx/music-events/mindless-behavior-2012-august12-3634-3.html">http://www.axs.com/dallas-tx/music-events/mindless-behavior-2012-august12-3634-3.html</a></p>	<p><b>September 15</b> <b>B.L.A.S.T. I Workshop;</b> Info: <a href="http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu">www.lifelong.tcu.edu</a> 817-257-7132</p>	<p><b>September 19</b> <b>The Family Place Trailblazer Awards Luncheon</b> at 11:30 a.m. at the Omni Hotel, 555 S. Lamar, Dallas. Tickets are \$125. Sponsorships available, info @ <a href="http://www.familyplace.org">www.familyplace.org</a></p>
<p><b>Through September 23</b> <b>Sandy Lake Amusement Park</b> in Carrollton. Admission is \$2 and children</p>	<p><b>Through November 27</b> <b>Family Movie Time</b> at Irving Public Library, 801 W</p>	<p><b>Shark Sunday: Life in the Deep Ocean</b> at the Mu-</p>	<p><b>August 19</b> <b>Shark Sunday: Sharks with guest Kelly Morales of SeaWorld Antonio</b> at the Museum of Nature &amp; Sci-</p>	<p><b>September 16</b> <b>Shark Sunday:</b> Award-winning shark conservationist David McGuire at the Museum of Nature &amp; Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555</p>	<p><b>September 22</b> <b>B.L.A.S.T. II Workshop;</b> Info: <a href="http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu">www.lifelong.tcu.edu</a> 817-257-7132</p>
				<p><b>September 25</b> <b>The King's Men</b> at Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie at 7 p.m.; Tickets range \$30-\$100; Info: 972-854-5050</p>	

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with Brinker Communications twenty years later creating Levenson & Brinker Public Relations, which operates interactively within the Levenson Group of companies.

While achieving a leadership role in the public relations profession, Levenson has dedicated several decades to community service, the arts and support for higher education. A former chairman of the Greater Dallas Chamber's marketing committee, he has directed numerous civic initiatives including the Mayor's Task Force on Marketing Southern Dallas; chairing the grand opening of the African American Museum at Fair Park; serving on the boards of the Dallas Arboretum and the North Texas Commission; two term Chairman of the Urban League of Greater Dallas Board of Trustees; and a member of the President's Advisory Council of the AT&T Center.

Edna Pemberton is the recipient of the League's Spirit of Community Award.

You would be hard pressed to find a community activity in the Southern Sector that has not involved Edna Pemberton. Some say it was the tenacity of Pemberton and the Southern Dallas Task Force that the doors, not only remained open, at Southwest Center Mall, formerly Red Bird Mall, but it is thriving. Her duties at that time included everything from persuading the meter man not to turn off the power at the Mall to leading a group of store owners to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Department of Labor. She is currently Marketing Coordinator of the Mall.

Even with the demands of her current job, Pemberton continues to be involved in numerous organizations including Texas Teen Curfew; Bridge Over Troubled Waters Program for the Homeless; Just Say No; Feed The Hungry; When Women Vote Campaign; Back to School Clothes & Supplies Drive; and Concerned Citizens for Oak Cliff to name a few.

She has also received numerous awards for her many acts of kindness. They include the Elite News Senator Eddie Bernice Johnson Community Service Award; Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Banquet Community Service Award; KKDA Sherone-es

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**August 8**

Join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and come back at 7 p.m. for Prayer, Praise and Songs as we worship and praise God.

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**August 5**

Join us in worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. as we praise and worship God's to the utmost.

**August 8, 7:30 p.m.**

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**August 8, 7 p.m.**

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**August 9, 7 p.m.**

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**August 8, 7 p.m.**

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**August 7, 7:30 p.m.**

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Today is my birthday; and I thank God for blessing me all of these years. This story came to mind as I reflected on my life's journey.

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all of the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

As my Angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficulty for me; the challenges and temptations that I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me; nobody else in this group had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

My Angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding the air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed; held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others raised each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My Angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I didn't have all of the earthly fortunes as the others. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and even death of loved ones. There were false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only somehow mustering the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking God for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully; but each time I offered it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the condemnatory gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-packed gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who

stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then my Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time that you gave your life to me, it became My life, My hardships and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you." May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through! --Anonymous

**Striving Versus Abiding** - "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." - Psalm 127:1a

What does it mean for the Lord to build the house? It almost seems a contradiction when we consider that we might be the builders in this passage. God wants us to allow Him to build the house. He explains further:

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those He loves" (Psalm 127:1-2).

God is telling us there is a way of working without

## My Quilt of Life



*Sister Tarpley and David Nicholas Demus Johnson from Mexia, Texas, a 2012 Graduate from Teague High School that received offers of a full scholarship from all branches of the United States Service Academies; he selected the Air Force Academy in New York.*

striving. His warning to each of us is to avoid thinking that outcome is based on our sweat and toil. Outcome is based on obedience. That outcome is sometimes more than we deserve. Sometimes it is less than we hoped for. His desire for each of us is to see Him working in our daily work life. He wants us to avoid looking to our own effort to gain an outcome.

One day Jesus called out to Peter from the shore of the lake and suggested he throw his net on the other side of the boat. It was this simple act of obedience that yielded a tremendous catch that he would not have received unless he obeyed.

We are called to work; He is called to bring forth the fruit. He is the vine. We are the branches. Fruit comes forth naturally from a healthy tree.

Ask God to show you when you enter into striv-

ing. Ask Him to show you the difference between loving trust and obedience and striving for outcome. It can be challenging for us to balance this in our daily life. He wants to help us walk in this freedom and rest.

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that you have a great experience in and out, of the dentist office.

One patient, John from Fort Worth, shared his experience. "I thought I would never be able to show my true smile again. The prices quoted to me for my implants by my local dentist would have used up too much of my retirement." He said, "when I found flytoagreatsmile.com I was thrilled to learn that I could get the same treatment done for 70% less." When asked about his treatment John replied, "I am very impressed with everyone I met

in Costa Rica. The dentist was trained in the US and spoke perfect English. The staff was all very friendly, and my assistant from flytoagreatsmile.com was there for me every step of the way. Costa Rica is a wonderful place and the climate is just perfect. I'd do it again in a heartbeat!"

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How – and when – will the world end?

Depending on what (or who) you believe, it's coming sooner, later, or not at all. We'll go in glory or a fiery ball of war; Armageddon, Rapture, or a lights-out fizzle. Depending on who (or what) you listen to, it's going to happen in five minutes, five hundred years, sometime around Christmas, or ten days after never.

But can you outrace the end of the world? Is it possible? In the new book "Devil's Wake" by Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due, a small band of survivors will surely try.

Kendra Brookings hated doctor visits.

That was doubly so when the visit in question was occurring on her sixteenth birthday. Yes, she knew her parents had her best interests in mind, just like they did when they moved to Portland for a better life. Yes, the antiviral shot might keep her from getting sick, but on her birthday? Really?

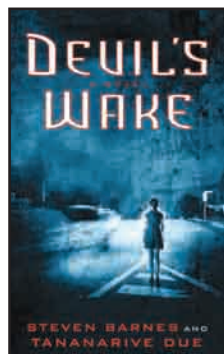
Still, she didn't want that virus. She'd seen the news on TV, and what was going on in

L.A. was horrifying. Authorities were warning people not to let anybody bite them - as if Kendra was actually going to let someone bite her.

And then a wild-eyed, grey-haired lady rushed into the hospital, gnashing her teeth...

For Terry Whittaker, dealing with brats at Camp Round Meadows was better than being in juvie for the summer.

He'd been given the choice and his sister begged him to take three months in the woods near Seattle. So he



did and, when all was said and done, Terry supposed the camp was okay. The owner, Vern, was decent. Vern's wife, Molly, baked great cookies, and Terry had become tight with the other camp leaders,

Piranha, Sonia, Dean, and Darius.

It might've been a great summer, actually, if Vern hadn't been bitten by the red-eyed cop in the tattered uniform.

Nobody was safe from the hungry, infected creatures,

even in the middle of nowhere, and Terry knew it. Taking charge, he also knew he had to gather resources and get his friends out of Seattle, maybe to Portland or somewhere. But everything seemed like a trap and nobody could be trusted.

Except, maybe, a coo-skinned girl standing alone near a bashed-in car...

There is nothing earth-shattering in "Devil's Wake." Nothing here is going to change your life, make you energized, or fill your wallet.

But wow, is this a fun book!

Authors Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due take a classic zombie story and give

it a fresh look with plenty of gore and a band of smart young survivors to get through it all. That made me like this book a whole lot more than I thought I would; in fact, I was expecting to roll my eyes a lot while reading it, but I didn't. I was too busy turning pages.

While it might seem more like a young-adult novel, I think this book will appeal to anyone who craves a little Undead. For you, "Devil's Wake" is something you'll never want to end.

"Devil's Wake" by Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due (Atria, \$15.00, 278 pages)

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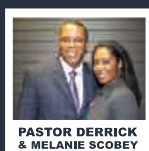
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