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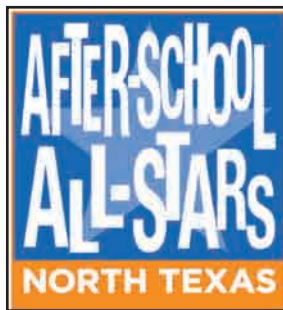
Dallas nonprofit ASAS North Texas expands after-school program for at-risk youth

National nonprofit After-School All-Stars (ASAS) announced the launch of its 13th chapter, ASAS North Texas, which will provide year-round, comprehensive, school-based after-school programs to keep local at-risk youth safe and equip them with the skills

and experiences need-ed to succeed in school and life.

In Dallas County alone, more than 100,000 children between the ages of five and 13 are without adult supervision outside of the home after school.

Beginning this fall, ASAS North Texas will fill



a critical after-school need for kids and the community with the launch of school-based after-school programs at KIPP TRUTH Academy in Oak Cliff, a public charter middle school that equips traditionally underserved students in grades 5-8

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How to save on back-to-school shopping

BY JASON ALDERMAN

On the fun-o-meter, I'd probably rank back-to-school shopping right above getting a flu shot and preparing income taxes. Never mind the hassle of figuring out what our kids need for the coming school year and dragging them to the mall, it's just so expensive.



For example, our son insists that we replace his

baseball glove and bat as he enters 7th grade. (He's right – his four-year-old mitt has seen better days.) Also, our daughter is starting soccer and needs cleats – good ones aren't cheap and footwear is one area where we refuse to scrimp.

Many years ago my wife and I learned our lesson and started setting aside money each month for the inevitable – and unexpected – expenses that crop up each fall. By trial and error – and sound advice from fellow parents – we've developed a back-to-school budgeting checklist:

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Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson's arrest for domestic violence leaves his career in shambles



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Preparation is the key to college experience

BY KENDRIA BROWN
NDG INTERN

Going to college can be a fun but anxious mission. The transition from high school to college and from community college to university can be overwhelming and exciting. There are the college costs and



depending on what college or university selected, there are possibly relocation stresses involved. However, these stresses can be reduced with the right preparation.

When I finished high school and at-

tended a two-year local community college, it was the best experience ever. The atmosphere and teachers were very inviting and welcoming. The courses were pretty simple and straightforward. I managed to graduate with 3.8 grade point average (GPA).

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COMMENTARY Need I say it again...

BY CLOVES C.
CAMPBELL

Last week I penned an article titled "Show Me the Money." The article questioned whether or not the Black Vote was being taken for granted by the OBAMA campaign due to the small amount of resources allocated to the Black press and other Black entities. I also stated that the Romney campaign allocated "0" dollars to the Black press and other Black entities that I was aware of. Recently, as of this writing, I have

had several conversations with various staff members from the OFA campaign. Each voiced their displeasure with the tone of my article and questioned my position on the issue. Conversely, I have still not received one reply from the Romney Campaign at all. That leads me to believe that the Romney Campaign is not taking the Black vote for granted... they just don't care about the Black vote period!

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Rahsaan K. Harris

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP) has announced the appointment of Rahsaan K. Harris as its new Executive Director.

Founded in 2001, EPIP develops extraordinary new leaders for foundations and the communities they support. With over 600 diverse members from 35 states and 12 robust chapters, the EPIP community offers members valuable peer support, professional development, and a voice in shaping the

future of organized philanthropy. Program offerings include orientation to foundations and grantmaking for social change; career coaching; support for emerging leaders of color; tools for supporting grantee talent; and the premiere conference for the next-generation of grantmakers.

"Rahsaan's experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector will serve the organization well as we harness the potential of emerging professionals to

create social change," said Trista Harris (no relation), EPIP Board of Advisors Chair and Executive Director of the Headwaters Foundation for Justice. "His laser-like focus on strengthening the value proposition of EPIP, and amplifying the voices of our members, will take our work to the next level."

Upon accepting the position, Harris noted, "Continuing to expand our membership, and the leadership development opportunities we offer members as they advance in their careers, will truly create a

powerful force for the field and for social change. I am looking forward to building on the great foundation that has been developed over the last decade."

Harris is a doctoral candidate in Public and Urban Policy at the New School University in New York City. His dissertation examines the philanthropic influences and interests of African-Ameri-



cans. Rahsaan holds a Masters in Management from NYU and a Masters in Education from Columbia University. He attended Princeton University, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uruguay.

He led diversity and racial equity initiatives as a program executive at The Atlantic Philanthropies, an international foundation with assets over \$3 billion. Dur-

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Chef Shawn Davis

When the audience watched the television reality show "Shark Tank" in 2011, they saw Chef Big Shake's pursuit of funding for his shrimp burgers be passed over. That happened in front of the camera, but it's what happened once the show was over that changed his life. Those changes have lead to "The Original Shrimp Burger," now available in over 2,500 stores across the nation.

"Not getting funded on the show was such a let down, but it turned out to

be an amazing experience and business move," explains Shawn Davis, otherwise known as Chef Big Shake, who is the founder of CBS Foods and The Original Shrimp Burger. "When I got home, the investors were there, ready to help me take my business to the next level."

While Chef Big Shake started out with humble beginnings as a restaurant dishwasher, it was his passion for cooking that kept him working his way up the ladder until he eventu-

ally became head chef. But his most important milestone came when he set out to make a healthy burger that his then-10-year-old daughter, who is a pescetarian, would eat. Since she would only eat seafood, he worked on perfecting the shrimp burger. It happily satisfied her taste buds, and his wife realized that there was an entire market of people it would also satisfy, nudging him to start a business. Thus his business was born, and he has been making history ever since.

"Sometimes, when you least expect it, an incredible business opportunity

finds you," adds Davis. "It not only happened with the initial creation of my burger line, but then happened again with the opportunity to be on the television show. Both have lead me to where I am today, and I couldn't be happier."

The Original Shrimp Burger is available in five frozen varieties, including original, jalapeno, Cajun, teriyaki, and Chesapeake Bay flavor.



They are high in protein, low in fat, and a good source of Omega-3 fatty acids. In addition to shrimp burgers, CBS Foods also offers lobster sliders, lobster pot pie, and lobster mac and cheese in their product line. For more information on Chef Big Shake, or to visit the store locator, visit the site at www.ChefBigShake.com.

Beyoncé

International star Beyoncé, the United Nations and humanitarian aid organ-

around the world to get involved by doing something good for others.



izations are launching a global campaign to shine a spotlight on humanitarian work and encourage people

World Humanitarian Day is a global day to celebrate humanity and the spirit of people helping people.

The World Humanitarian Day music video for Beyoncé's song "I Was Here" will be filmed in the UN General Assembly Hall in New York in front of a live audience. It will be released globally on August 19th. Beyoncé and songwriter Diane Warren are donating the video to the campaign.

"World Humanitarian Day celebrates humanitarian work," said Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs. "I hope everyone will pledge to complete at least one humanitarian action - however great or small - through www.whdiwashere.org. Together we can create an unprecedented awareness of the plight of people affected by crises around the world."

The campaign website provides everyone with an

opportunity to unite and share his or her individual acts of good. On August 19th, the campaign aims to reach 1 billion people in a day with a single message.

"We all see the headlines and we think what can I really do to help?," said Beyoncé. "World Humanitarian Day is an opportunity for all of us to work together to make a difference. This is our time to leave our mark on the world and show that we were here and we care."

The campaign is launched in collaboration with award-winning advertising agency Droga5, the UN humanitarian arm's lead agency for special projects. Production company Ridley Scott & Associates and directors Kenzo Digital and Sophie Muller will help bring the initiative to life.

Communities and organizations across the globe will celebrate World Hu-

manitarian Day through commemorations and pub-

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Minority mortgage lending often separate and unequal

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

A new report on mortgage lending has found disturbing disparities in purchasing or refinancing a home located in communities of color. "Paying More for the American Dream VI", is the latest annual update on mortgage lending by a group of organizations seeking to understand how and why systematic inequalities in mortgage lending persist.

Focusing on lending impacts to communities of color and lower-income neighborhoods in seven of the nation's large metropolitan areas, Paying More shows a disproportionate number of Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were found in Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York City and Rochester.

The report acknowledges the important role played by government-backed mortgages; but also says the evidence of a two-tiered market has troubling implications. In part it states, "Although FHA lending is a vital source of credit for borrowers of color, the disproportionate prevalence of

FHA loans in communities of color raises fair lending flags."

For example, the report found that in Los Angeles, homebuyers in neighborhoods of color received a government-backed loan five times more often than did those in predominantly white neighborhoods. Similarly, in Rochester, FHA and VA loans together accounted for 86.4 percent of all home-purchase loans made in communities of color. Among all metro areas surveyed, two out of every three home-purchase loans made in communities of color were government-backed.

A similar pattern emerged in refinance lending. In Chicago's communities of color, homeowners received government-backed refinance loans nearly five times more often than homeowners in predominantly white neighborhoods. For Los Angeles and New York City, the refinance disparities worsened respectively to 6.5 and 6.9 times as often as homeowners in white neighborhoods.

Other findings include:

- In the seven cities combined, FHA and VA loans accounted for 74.5 percent

of all home purchase loans made to black borrowers, and 66.3 percent of loans made to Latino borrowers – compared to only 35.9 percent of white borrowers.

- Cleveland had both the highest levels of government-backed refinance lending to black and Latino borrowers and also the highest rate of government-backed home purchase loans. For home purchases, over 85 percent were government-backed loans.

The report was jointly developed by: the California Reinvestment Coalition, the New-York based Empire Justice Center, Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project, Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Reinvestment Partners and the Chicago-based Woodstock Institute.

Since October 2010 three separate price increases on FHA loans have occurred. The most recent increase was the April announcement of the addition of an upfront mortgage premium payment that will add \$1,500 in upfront costs for a typical home of \$200,000.

Earlier research by the Center for Responsible Lending has shown that minority borrowers too often get higher-cost loans even when their credit and other loan qualifications match up with similar white borrowers who get more affordable loans.

The still unanswered question remains: What is the future of conventional mortgage lending in communities of color? Will we have a broadly accessible mortgage market that serves

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Letter to the editor

Dear editor,

It doesn't matter if you're a well-known entertainer or if you're just someone that likes to be entertained, if you break the law you need to pay a debt to society. Randy

Travis needs to learn the hard way that being a celebrity does not mean he can do whatever he wants, because he can't.

A.J. Chilson,
Princeton, TX

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Let's make sure we are putting my position in the proper perspective. At no time did I say that Black folks are not supporting our President. At no time did I say that the Black Press did not support our President. At no time did I say that we will not support our President. What I did say and ask was, as we are less than 100 days out "Show Me the Money." We know how the Romney Campaign feels about the Black vote, actions speak very loudly. When Romney can go to the NAACP conference and boldly state that the first act he would make as President of the United States of America is to repeal "OBAMACARE", it is obvious that his campaign does not care about the Black vote. That position has been crystal clear for months. If you



Cloves C. Campbell, Jr.

care to argue that point...I'll bet you \$10,000 dollars I'm right.

With over \$3 billion dollars being spent, I questioned why our newspapers were not being used for advertising. What I was told was that the audience our newspapers reach was not the demographic of the campaign. They believed

their resources would be better utilized by targeting younger Blacks that are more inclined to use digital, social media and other electronic means of communication. I believe that our newspapers touch all areas and also offered those platforms in our proposal. Let's keep it real. The Black press has been and continues to be the most trusted source for news for Black Folks for over 100 years. When any events of significance have occurred in the Black community the Black Press has always been and continues to be the most trusted source by Black folks! Our member publications reach 19.5 million Black readers each week. No other information outlet can make that statement. Our members, our history, our legacy and our publish-

ers stand by the credo of Black Press. It states: The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person regardless of race, color creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

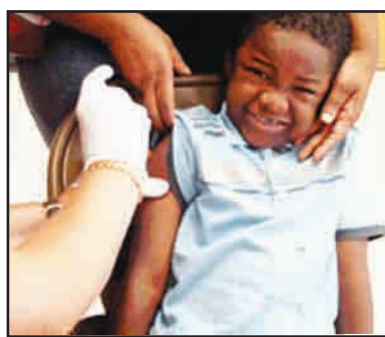
Let's put this to an end right now. Black folks, young and seasoned, read Black Newspapers every week. We the Black Press will continue to support the President, his campaign and his administration. But don't get it twisted, we will ask the questions when they need to be asked. Need I say it again....?

Back to school immunization requirements

Immunizations are an important part of protecting the health of the children and community. Also, state law requires students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) stresses the importance of getting the required vaccines at the earliest possible time, to avoid the back-to-school immunization rush.

Due to a recent policy change, effective January 1, 2012 local health departments and health service regional clinics may not vaccinate insured children using TVFC vaccine. This

means that a person with health insurance who has previously been vaccinated in a local health department or health service regional clinic may be referred back to his or her doctor, if the public health clinic does not carry private stock vaccine. Parents should call their family doctor now to set up an appointment if needed. Please be aware that students without the proper documentation of the required vaccinations or a valid exemption will not be allowed to attend school.



To determine the specific vaccines that will be required for your child, the information is available on the DSHS Immunization Branch website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com. If you need help determining your child's vaccine requirements for the 2012-2013 school year, please contact your child's doctor.

DCHHS offering seasonal flu vaccine Monday

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCH-HS) began offering the seasonal flu vaccine for adults on Monday, August 13.

This year's flu vaccine is an all-in-one inoculation that offers protection against multiple flu strains including the H1N1 virus.

Officials do not anticipate this season to be much different from last flu season, but that does not change the importance of getting vaccinated.

The flu vaccine is recommended for almost everyone except children

younger than 6 months and people who have severe allergies to eggs. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention recommend the flu vaccine as the best means of flu prevention.

"Offering the flu vaccine to the public comes a little early this year in Dallas County, but DCHHS is following the recommendation from the CDC to begin offering it as soon as it is available in the community," said Director Zachary Thompson.

It takes the body about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop

and provide protection against the flu virus infection. Dallas County residents are urged to come get their flu vaccine now.

The adult vaccine is \$20. If the patient is covered by Medicare, the vaccine is free.

The flu vaccine will be offered in the adult immunization clinic on the first floor at the DCHHS Building, 2377 North Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Appointments aren't necessary. For more information call 214-819-2162.

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ing his seven years at Atlantic, Harris managed the foundation's response to the Haitian earthquake; oversaw grants to community groups in Bermuda;

and supported the CEO on spend-down planning, discretionary grantmaking, and high-engagement grantmaking practices. Prior to Atlantic, Harris

was Executive Director of Playing2Win, the nation's first public access technology learning center serving inner city, low-income residents.

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with the knowledge, skills and character traits necessary to succeed in top-quality high schools, colleges and careers. In addition, ASAS has plans to expand to other schools in the North Texas area next year.

ASAS programs fuel students' passions by combining academics, enrichment opportunities and

health and fitness activities. The programs also will give students a safe haven during the after-school hours when kids are most likely to be exposed to negative influences.

Richardson-based MetroPCS Communications, Inc. has provided the funding to launch ASAS North Texas as part of a multi-year, na-

tional partnership with the national ASAS organization. With MetroPCS' support, ASAS is also expanding its programs in other cities where the nonprofit has existing chapters, including Orlando, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Atlanta, South Florida, New York City and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Counselor, nurse to speak at VNA Bereavement Luncheon September 6

Barb Petsel, a licensed professional counselor and registered nurse, will be the featured speaker at the September 6 bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. Ms. Petsel will speak on "Getting the Support You Need."

The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Saturn Road Church of Christ, Room 188, on 3030 Saturn Road in Garland. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through September 4 by calling (214) 689-2922.

VNA's bereavement luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Healthy moms, healthy kids

Women who are obese before they become pregnant may be putting their child at a disadvantage. New research shows that reading and math scores for kids ages 5 to 7 were lower if the mother was obese before she got pregnant. Obesity can alter how a baby receives nutrients and grows inside the womb.

Rika Tanda is at Ohio State University said, "Fetal period is known as a critical period of brain development, where any disruption in the development during this sensitive period may cause sustained or permanent changes in structures or functions."

Future moms can give their children the best chance at success by maintaining a healthy weight.



TRMC-Sunnyvale to offer colonoscopy pre-screenings Aug. 23

Colorectal cancer, commonly called colon cancer, is the third-leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States. Nearly 50,000 people die of the disease each year, American Cancer Society statistics show.

That is why Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale and local physicians are offering colonoscopy pre-screening events

at no charge in August. Drs. German Oliver and Faye Seif of Texas Digestive Disease Consultants in Mesquite will pre-screen patients from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

Each patient who is pre-screened will receive a 50 percent discount on the cost of his or her colonoscopy, although there are restrictions. Reservations are required and may be made by

calling 877-554-TRMC (8762).

A colonoscopy provides a look inside the colon so physicians can spot polyps that could become cancerous.

More than 140,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year, ACS statistics show. Colonoscopies are most commonly recommended for those 50 years old and older.

Back-to-school teen conference this weekend

"The Power of Words" is the theme of this year's teen conference that will present information on bullying, the good use of social media, plus college preparation tips to help today's teens and 'twens'. This year's Teen Leadership, Purpose, and Destiny Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 18. The conference is held annually to help recharge student 'batteries' before most school districts begin on August 20. The Conference will be held in Conference Center A and B of the Collin County Community College's Spring Creek



Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The conference offers workshops and a panel discussion with solutions for issues that many of today's teens face. Those

topics include: Social Media, Relationships, Peer Pressure Solutions, and College Preparation tips.

"This conference offers solutions for issues that many of today's teens

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I, Ajmer Singh son of Jagan Singh, aged 60 years old and resident of Murphy, Texas, U.S.A. have changed my name to Ajmer Singh Deol for all purposes.

Prosper Library hosting end of summer book sale

Bookworms of all stripes are invited to take advantage of the annual End of Summer book sale at the Prosper Community Library, according to Librarian Linda Shaw.

"We're putting out all sorts of books for sale, and avid readers can take advantage of these incredible bargains. Some civic-minded organizations may want to purchase numerous ti-

tles at these prices, and donate them to schools, retirement homes, or detention centers," she said.

The book sale is currently taking place and will continue through Thursday, Aug. 23 during normal operating hours at the library.

Hardback books are sale priced at \$1 and paperback books are \$.25 or six for \$1.

"If an individual or organization wants to pur-

chase large quantities, we can certainly entertain offers," added Shaw.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the "Teen Friends of the Prosper Community Library" and will be used for programming and activities that either benefit the Teen Friends or are sponsored by the Teen Friends benefitting other groups.

New Beginnings calling on supporters to give up and give

New Beginning Center is asking community members and supporters to help them on September 13, designated North Texas Giving Day.

From 7 a.m. to midnight, New Beginning Center will partner with the Communities Foundation of Texas and Donor Bridge to participate in the North Texas Giving Day. Every donation of \$25 or more

will be matched by a percentage if you donate to New Beginning Center through the official Donor Bridge web site at www.donorbridgetx.org.

Communities Foundation of Texas will contribute over \$1 million dollars in matching funds and prizes to those charities receiving donations linked to Donor Bridge that day. Several cash donation prizes will be

made to charities that have the most donations, most unique individual donors, and the largest increase of unique donors.

To make a contribution to New Beginning Center through Donor Bridge on September 13:

1) log in to www.donorbridgetx.org

2) Search "New Beginning Center" and click "Donate Now."

Dallas asking citizens to pitch in for It's My Park Day

Sign up by August 31 to volunteer

City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department is asking citizens to make their neighborhood parks cleaner and greener for It's My Park Day. A citywide beautification effort, It's My Park Day will bring com-

munity volunteers together from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 8, to enhance the City's park system.

Individuals, families, homeowners' associations, social and civic clubs, Scout troops, corporate teams, and

Friends groups can organize beautification projects at a park of their choosing, and then invite others to pitch in. With assistance from the City's park and recreation staff, volunteers will help with litter and debris

pickup, graffiti removal, weeding, and flower mulching.

Anyone interested in organizing their own or joining an existing It's My Park Day project should sign up by August 31 at <http://itsmyparkdaydallas.eventbrite.com> or call Dallas Park and Recreation at 214-670-8483.

The department hosted the first It's My Park Day last year to mobilize citizens to address specific

needs in their neighborhood parks. Since the event began almost two years ago, more than 2,240 volunteers have participated in cleanup and maintenance projects at almost 100 Dallas parks.

The NAACP files amicus brief supporting the University of Texas at Austin's admission policy

The NAACP, Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches and University of Oregon School of Law Professor Barbara Bader Aldave have filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Fisher v. The University of Texas at Austin, et al.* The Court's decision could significantly impact admissions policies at public colleges and universities. NAACP Legal Department prepared the brief with the assistance of global law firm DLA Piper LLP (US). The brief supports the University of Texas at Austin's

admission policy.

"Texas has an ugly legacy of *de jure* and *de facto* discrimination at all levels of public education," stated NAACP General Counsel Kim M. Keenan. "The University of Texas's admission policy is narrowly tailored to eliminate the continuing effects of that legacy. The policy is individualized and considers race simply as a factor of a factor of a factor."

The brief emphasizes several key points. First, it asserts that The University of Texas's (UT's) admission policy has no racial

preference and caused no injury in fact to Petitioner Abigail Noel Fisher. The overwhelming majority of applicants are selected without any consideration of race. For fewer than 10 percent of the applicants, race is merely a factor of a factor, which can positively impact applicants of all races, including white applicants. Moreover, since the Petitioner's academic index (AI) was not within the required range, she would not have been admitted to the UT regardless of her race. AI includes the applicant's class rank and ACT/SAT scores.

Second, the brief argues that Texas's long history of state-sponsored segregation necessitates its actions to remedy the lasting effects. The NAACP's brief outlines Texas's history of segregation and Texas's failure to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The NAACP further asserts that "the mere adoption of racially neutral policies for prospective application is not an adequate remedy to the consequences of past discriminatory conduct."

"I am disappointed that the Court granted the petition for certiorari in this case so soon after *Grutter v. Bollinger and Bollinger v. Gratz*," stated Texas State Conference NAACP President Gary L. Bledsoe. "Hopefully, when making its decision, the Court will consider the University of Texas's long history of segregation and the lingering effects of such discrimination."

Additionally, brief explains that "UT's admission policy is constitutional because it is narrowly tailored to eradicate the vestiges of Texas's prior official policy of discrimination." More specifically, the NAACP contends that the "program considers race as only one

factor among many, in the context of 'truly individualized' evaluation of each applicant for admission to UT."

Finally, the brief explains how ignoring race would force UT to ignore the accomplishments of racial minorities. DLA Piper LLP Partner Anthony Ashton noted, "DLA Piper considers it an honor to have worked with the NAACP on this brief of historical importance. The future of higher education in our nation is at stake, and we hope that our work will help the U.S. Supreme Court reach the correct decision."

Homelessness Prevention Assistance

The City of Irving announced they have successfully completed its Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). Over the past three years, Housing and Human Services staff has assisted 2,681 homeless or near-homeless people in Irving. The HPRP funds were made available to the City of Irving through an



allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and through a competitive grant from the

State of Texas. The City of Irving was widely considered a model for program administration.

Anyone in need of rental assistance is encouraged to call 2-1-1. This statewide call center, provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, matches clients, in need, with available resources.

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face," said Navolia Bryant, Founder and Executive Director, Training for Excellence. "During the conference, teens actively engage in the workshops, and they walk away with tools and resources that build their self-esteem and provide a plan to set goals for the future."

The Conference is presented by Training for Excellence, established in 2001 as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that

provides professional life skills, job readiness, and leadership development programs. The programs are geared to empower the attendees with knowledge to become productive citizens, to improve their economic status, and to make life better for themselves and their families.

Registration is required and seats are limited. To register go to www.trainingforexcellence.net. The conference

is free and lunch will be provided.

I, Charanjeet Kaur wife of Ajmer Singh Deol, aged 53 years old and resident of Murphy, Texas, U.S.A. have changed my name to Charanjit Kaur Deol for all purposes.

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Walls at new Richardson Gymnastics Center put into place

Construction of the new Richardson Gymnastics Center hit a major milestone last week, as its exterior concrete walls were erected. The next step is to begin installation of the facility's structural steel and roofing, which will allow work inside to move forward without interrup-

tions from inclement weather.

The new Gymnastics Center will open early next year. The City broke ground for the new facility, as well as the new Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center, in May. All three projects are part of the 2010 Bond Program.



Keepin' It Real! provides backpacks, education and fun to area youth



Youth attending the 9th annual Keepin' It Real! Youth Summit receive backpacks and school supplies.

Back to School Bash hosted by 16 year old

It is uncommon to read about young people willingly giving of themselves and opening their hearts and their birthday to help others in need. But for soon to be 16-year-old Tatiyana of Dallas Can Academy, that is exactly how she plans on celebrating her Sweet 16 - giving to the other kids and families in her community. Tatiyana's Party Like a Rock Star themed Sweet 16 Back-2-School Bash and School Supplies Give-away will benefit the children in the Mesquite area.



Tatiyana decided that community service was the best way to celebrate her big day on Aug. 18, 2012 at the Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way in Mesquite from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$3 and the first 50 kids to register at

beeflyproject@gmail.com are guaranteed to receive school supplies for the upcoming school year. There will be a special surprise performance from a special guest.

Applications for school supply assistance are available at Florence Recreation Center Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Wed., Aug. 15. To get school supplies parents must bring a picture ID, proof of address and proof of public assistance or part-time job. Reg-

istration for school supplies starts at 2:30 p.m.

Proceeds from this power packed event will benefit the Women Empowering Women Foundation, an organization dedicated to the eliminating domestic violence.

For more information call 214-854-9291. Tickets are available in advance or at the door for \$3. There are still sponsor and vendor opportunities available, just email BeeFLYProject@gmail.com.



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Where Does DJ Kayotik

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Dallas Black Dance Theater is Olympic bound

By IVY N. MCQUAIN,
NDG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the Dallas Black Dance Theater (DBDT) there is no greater honor than representing not only the City of Dallas, but also the state of Texas and the United States of America at the 2012 Booking Dance Festival, which is part of the Cultural Olympiad at the Edinburgh Fringe in Scotland. Although the games are over at the 2012 Summer Olympics, but the international cultural celebration spans four years. Events at the festivals throughout the United Kingdom include musicals, comedy, art exhibitions and dance performers from around the world.

The 11 selected dancers in the first company will entertain thousands in seven total performances, two of which are solo performances, from Wed., Aug. 15 to Sun., Aug. 19 at the 1,200 seat Venue 150 at The Fringe.

On Friday, a free reservation only reception was held at the DBDT headquarters on Flora St. in downtown Dallas

to salute the 11 dancers who are performing in this Olympic sized event. Supporters of DBDT enjoyed Olympic colored drinks and savored artisan cheeses, fruits and other light refreshments as photo opportunities were available with the dancers and founder, Ann Williams. The atmosphere was light and excitement filled the air. While this is not the first opportunity DBDT has received to perform at the Olympics, they also went to Atlanta in 1996; everyone was excited

bestowed this honor.

The DBDT did not have the funds in their budget to pay for the dancers and five staff members to fly to Scotland for the festivities so they did what they knew best - ask their supporters for help. The fundraising started in late April and the support was overwhelming. Media supporters highlighted the wonderful invitation with their audience as much as possible.

"We are excited to have been invited to perform at



DBDT team is excited to represent Dallas and the USA in Europe Photo Credit: Ivy McQuain

to represent the State of Texas as the only dance company

the Olympics again," said Williams. "And we thank



DBDT dancers receive honors

Photo Credit: Ivy McQuain

our supporters who helped us be able to go on this trip and those who will be supporting us when we return."

Williams started the Dallas Black Dance Theater in 1976 because of her passion and love for dance. She recalled her ballet and tap dance lessons at the local Y then pursuing dance in college before earning her Master's degree in Dance from Texas Women's University. She now teaches dance, but has more of an administrative role in se-

lecting the dancers and the day-to-day operations of the company. She urges the residents of Dallas and lovers of the performing arts to continue to celebrate and support the DBDT.

"We have never missed a season," she said proudly, "because of our supporters who give and attend the performances yearly. We operate like a real company and pay our dancers twice a month so we need the support of the community to keep going."

The dancers of the first company have come from

all over the country and Canada to perform for the DBDT and are excited for the opportunity to perform at this year's Olympic events. While they regularly tour and perform on national and international stages, none have had the opportunity to perform at the Olympics.

Michelle Hebert, a Detroit native and dancer for 18 years, is enjoying her third season with the DBDT. She is excited about performing internationally because she has never per-

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Rep. Rafael Anchia urges eligible youth to submit requests for consideration of deferred action

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will now accept requests for consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - the Executive Order issued by President Obama to grant work permits and protection from deportation to immigrant students who meet specific requirements. Figures show that 226,700 young people in Texas will be eligible for the deferred action. State Representative Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas), who represents parts of Dallas, Farmers Branch, Carrollton and Irving, supports President Barack Obama's deferred action and urges eligible youth to apply.

"I encourage all eligible youth to submit requests for consideration of deferred action," said Rep. Anchia. "This is an important step toward stopping the deportation of those individuals who pose no threat to this country, and who only want to participate in the American dream."

An individual may be considered for deferred action if he or she:



1. Was under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching his or her 16th birthday;
3. Has continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Was present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making his or her request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or his or her lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Is currently in school, has graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from which school, has obtained a

GED, or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and

7. Has not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more misdemeanors, and does not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Individuals applying for deferred action must submit the following three forms:

1. Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals;
2. Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and
3. Form I-765WS, Form I-765 Worksheet.

Detailed instructions on requesting deferred action and applicable fees are available at <http://www.uscis.gov/USCIS/files/form/i-821dinstr.pdf>.

Representative Anchia advises individuals who may be eligible for deferred action to seek advice from reputable legal services and to be cautious of notarios and unscrupulous attorneys.

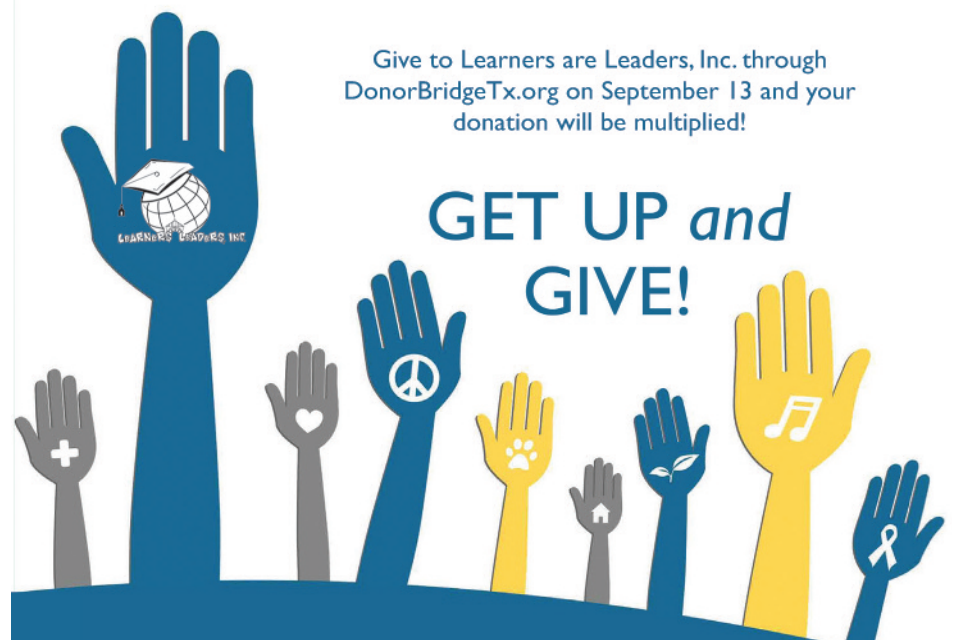
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Fashionable and affordable back-to-school shopping at The Children's Place

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Over the last four years The Children's Place has become a store I am very familiar with despite not having any children of my own. It is my go to spot to find adorable clothes for the kids in my life. More importantly, not only does the clothes look great, but they are incredibly affordable. I have never visited and not discovered a display boasting prices as low as \$3.99 –



and yes there is a solid selection from which to choose in that price range.

Therefore, I was delighted when a representative from the company invited me to visit so I could learn more about their back-to-school and fall season. I was surprised at how much I learned about a store I thought I knew so well.

For example, The Children's Place offers clothing and accessories for newborns to teens size 14. In each age range, parents (and their fashion forward kids) will like the accessories offered to cover the kid liter-

ally from head to toe. Adorable hats, scarfs, jewelry and even shoes are on display. Loved the fedora hats for the boys and sequined caps for girls.

Parents not wanting to shop around town can finish their lists with purses, colorful tennis shoes and boots. The children can also pick-up their backpack with patterns ranging from pink and red hearts to camafrouge and sports themes. Just so little brothers and sisters will not feel left out, they have cute little backpacks for the preschool crowd too.

Of course right now every parent throughout DFW is focused on back-to-school shopping. The Children's Place offers uniform options with khaki and navy shorts or pants for boys and girls, plus plaid skirts for the girls. They have plenty of shirts in red, white and blue for both genders – so pretty any student will find something that fits their school colors.

The store displays demonstrate how students can remain within the boundaries of the dress code but allow a little personality to peek out by layering shirts, sweaters and jackets. And do not be surprised to see the girls showing off their sequined headbands and caps at pep rallies and football games.

While The Children's Place proclaim they are "the place" for back-to-school, the brand offers a large selection for outside the classroom. Their fall season includes rugby and bohemian themes so kids can look stylish, but comfortable at the local football game or hanging with friends.

Parents looking to create the perfect "look" for family portraits or of course the proverbial Christmas



card will find The Children's Place offers one stop shopping again. They can avoid, the matchy-matchy look, which everyone will ridicule 20 years later, while still staying within the same color scheme. This gives Mom the ability to have a cohesive look, while allowing children to display their own personal style.

The Children's Place provided a gift card and invited to me shop after I met with them at their Galleria store. I decided to shop later with two friends who have three boys ranging in age from 2 – 11 years old. We spent less than \$90 and



walked out of the Town East Mall location with two pairs of jeans for each boy and plus a few shirts thanks to the \$10 jean sale going on last week. Plus all graphic tees were only \$5. We are looking forward to visiting the outlet location at the Park Lane shopping center (off Central Expressway near North Park Mall) during tax-free weekend to find even more bargains.

When I spoke with one of my guests a few days later and ask for her impression, she pointed out how helpful the sales person was to both mothers. She shared that all too often



when a store has a great sale on a busy Saturday afternoon, they will quickly dismiss questions with the comment "everything we have available is on display." Instead, this young lady took the time to go to the back to find the items they each needed for their sons.

I heartily recommend parents – or aunts like me – put The Children's Place at the top of your shopping list whatever the reason or season shopping for kids. I always enjoy the thrill of the hunt in finding clothes the children and their parents will love, at prices I can afford.

Five ways to save money on back-to-school shopping



Take inventory of what you already have – Consider it the back-to-school fashion show. Have the kids pull out their brown paper bag of school supplies and uniforms out of the closet, sit down and go through everything. The backpack is good condition – check. The tennis shoes still fit – check. Still have three pair of pants that fit – great double check! Now, make a list of what is still needed then you are prepared to go shopping.

Find sales online – During your lunch break each Monday, browse Sunday inserts for Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, and Target. Then go online to find the best deals, writing down the coupon codes for more savings. For example, a recent sale included buying loose-leaf paper for a penny from Staples with only a \$5 purchase. Also, buying the store brands saves big money. You do realize those are often produced by the name brands you love and just offered wholesale to the stores who pass on the savings.

Arrange a back-to-school family and friend swap – Call up your friends and family and swap clothes. By partnering up with a family with older girls, one mother received four pairs of Converse tennis shoes in good condition. She simply had to replace shoestrings with pretty ribbons to give them new life.

Try replacing buttons on old uniform with cute ladybug buttons from a local craft store or add rhinestone transfers of the school's mascot to cardigans and jackets to turn old clothes into new treasures. *Just a note:* several stores sell transfers (\$2-\$6) on Harry Hines that will also press them for free.

Buy used uniforms – Check on your school district's website for PTA sales. Sometimes you can purchase gently used items for a \$1 per piece. Spending as little as \$20 per girl can yield five uniform shirts, five long sleeve shirts or sweaters, five pairs of pants, and five skirts. That is enough uniforms for two weeks.

Go Double "O" (online and outlet) for clothes – The Children's Place and Old Navy are great for school clothes because only do the kids like the clothes but they offer coupons online that can be used even at their outlet stores. And if you want to avoid long lines and beat the heat, most major retailers have fantastic clearance online and you can have it shipped to a store for free most of the time.

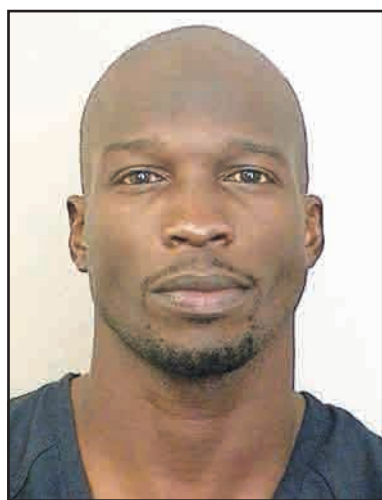
NDG Gossip: Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson's arrest for domestic violence leaves his career in shambles

BY KENDRIA BROWN
NDG INTERN

Former NFL Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson's wife, Lozada was sent to the emergency room after he allegedly head-butted her Saturday night. She fled to a neighbor's house with a gash on her head and the neighbor called the police reporting the domestic dispute between Lozada and Johnson. Lozada wanted police to "keep it quiet" but Johnson was arrested on battery and domestic violence charges and later was released from jail on \$2,500 bond.

The couple married on July 4 of this year. Yes, it was only about six weeks ago.

The fight allegedly stemmed from an argument about a receipt for condoms Lozada discovered in Johnson's car. When police were called that night, Lozada could be heard in the background saying, "He head-butted me."



After Johnson was arrested, the NFL's Dolphins dropped him from the team and VH1 pulled the couple's reality show from air, scheduled to premiere in September. While it may seem a quick rush to judgment, recent reports indicate he has a history of domestic violence allegedly.

It appears that such a little argument cost will result in grave consequence for the

two. Should Lozada have kept it cool about the condoms? Apparently, he did not want to explain the reasons for his condom purchase, so I guess he found knocking her in the head with his hard head was the right thing to do at the moment.

Lozada filed for divorce following the incident and shortly after, Johnson issued a

statement of apology on his website <http://ochocinco.com/>.

"I would like to wish Evelyn well and will never say anything bad about her because I truly love her to death. To all the fans and supporters I have disappointed, you have my sincerest apologies. I will stay positive and get through this tough period in my life. I will continue to be positive and train hard for another opportunity in the NFL."

Rover Dramawerks bringing *The Girls In 509* to Plano stage

Rover Dramawerks is presenting the comedy *The Girls in 509* by Howard Teichmann at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue in Plano. Performances are August 23 – September 15. The shows are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on Saturday, September 1 at 2 p.m.

Do today's politicians make you want to bury your head in the sand? Two wealthy ladies (played by Alice Montgomery and Veronica Day) cut themselves off from the outside world in 1932 when "that man" Roosevelt succeeded Hoover. Twenty-five years later their hotel has been condemned and a swarm of reporters (played by Phineas Bennett, Rick Blodgett, Danielle Shirar, and George Zimmerman) has discovered their hideaway, followed close behind by the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties (Bill Otstott, playing both leaders), greedily drawn to their supposed wealth. What changed during the girls' seclusion,



Alice Montgomery, Walt Threlkeld, Veronica Day, and Bill Otstott. Photo by Carol M. Rice

along with all that has ridiculously stayed the same, makes this a comic delight no matter who you vote for!

Rounding out the talented ensemble cast are Walt Threlkeld as a college professor trying desperately to be a reporter; Rick Rinner III as Old Jim, the last hotel employee; Audrey Ahern as a misguided social worker; and Kevin Fuld as the girls' attorney.

Tickets for *The Girls in 509* are \$16.00 on Thursdays

and matinee and \$20.00 on Fridays and Saturdays. Thursday, August 23 is Preview Night, and all seats are "pay-what-you-can." The performance on Friday, September 7 is "Nostalgia Night," sponsored by Photography by Misty. There will be a pie and coffee reception following this performance.

Tickets may be ordered online at www.roverdramawerks.com. For more information, call 972-849-0358.

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formed in Europe. She hopes the performances attract the attention of international touring agencies and provides the DBDT with more international touring opportunities.

Longtime DBDT dancers, Nycole Ray of Detroit and Richard A. Freeman Jr. of Washington D.C., are equally excited to be representing Company I, Dallas, the state of Texas and the United States. Ray, the director for Company II, admitted to feeling slight pressure with the upcoming international performances. Freeman, choreographer for Company I and II, who has been dancing professionally since he was seven, described the DBDT, as his home.

For Vancouver, Canada native Sean J. Smith performing at the Olympics is an honor. He admits to admiring the athleticism of the Olympians from all over the world. He like the other dancers has never performed at the Olympics, but is honored to do so with the DBDT. He offered future dancers the advice of remaining open and flexible in their careers to wide-range of possibilities.

The other dancers performing in at The Fringe Festival include Claude Alexander II, Katricia Eaglin, Diana Herrara, Rachel McSween, Derrick Smith, Jamie Thompson, Tyrone C. Walker and Michelle Zada. The 2012 season begins in Nov. with the Dance Africa performance at the Winspear Opera House. For more information on the upcoming season, tickets and donations, visit <http://www.dbdt.com>.

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lic events, from Dubai to Geneva, Bangkok to Panama City and Addis Ababa to New York.

In 2008, the UN General Assembly designated August 19th World Humanitarian Day to raise public awareness of humanitarian assistance worldwide, recognize people who risk their lives to help people in need, wherever they are, and to mark the day in 2003

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beck, founder of What Business To Start, LLC. “It can be a very energizing and creative time.”

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Don't overlook the benefits of miscellaneous deductions

If you are able to itemize your deductions on your tax return instead of claiming the standard deduction, you may be able to claim certain miscellaneous deductions. A tax deduction reduces the amount of your taxable income and generally reduces the amount of taxes you may have to pay.

Here are some things you should know about miscellaneous tax deductions:

Deductions Subject to the 2 Percent Limit. You can deduct the amount of certain miscellaneous expenses that exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. Deductions subject to the 2 percent limit include:

- Unreimbursed employee expenses such as se-

arching for a new job in the same profession, certain work clothes and uniforms, work tools, union dues, and work-related travel and transportation.

- Tax preparation fees.
- Other expenses that you pay to:

- Produce or collect taxable income,

- Manage, conserve, or maintain property held to produce taxable income, or

- Determine, contest, pay, or claim a refund of any tax.

Examples of other expenses include certain investment fees and expenses, some legal fees, hobby expenses that are not more than your hobby income and rental fees for a safe deposit

box if it is not used to store jewelry and other personal effects.

Qualified miscellaneous deductions are reported on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. Keep records of your miscellaneous deductions to make it easier for you to prepare your tax return when the filing season arrives.

There are also many expenses that you cannot deduct such as personal living or family expenses. You can find more information and examples in IRS Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions, which is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).



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Low-Cost Ways to Market Your Business

(Family Features) Just like any good sports team, every business needs a good coach. Marketing consultant John Jantsch, bestselling author of “Duct Tape Marketing” and “The Referral Engine,” has some low-cost ideas that will help you create a strong message and communicate it to the right people.

- Find Your Zone – Ask customers how you're really different from your competitors, Jantsch advises. The best way to find out is to ask your customers.

- Be a Coach Yourself – Instead of advertising your

products and services, promote valuable content that tells your prospects how to do or get something you know they want more of in an ebook or video. Create awareness for educational content and you'll have the chance to build the trust required to start a sales conversation.

- Know Your Fans – A lot of small business owners want to know how to make social media pay off. Jantsch recommends that you go through your client list and append every record with the Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles for each.

- Grow Your Local Team – Take advantage of local resources, like The UPS Store, to take things off your to-do list. For example, they can handle the logistics of printing and delivering direct-marketing mailings through the Every Door Direct Mail™ Retail initiative with the U.S. Postal Service to every address in a neighborhood. Things like that free you up to do what you do best.

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all qualified homebuyers – regardless of color?

In 1954's historic *Brown v. Board of Education*, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously held that in

the field of education, separate schools based on color were inherently unequal.

Why doesn't the same reasoning apply to lending?

Charlene Crowell is a

communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

Community Calendar

Visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com and click on *Community Calendar* for more events!

Through August 30
Havana Nights at W Dallas Victory, 24440 Victory Park Lane at 7 p.m.; Info: 214.397.4100

Through September 1
"Present Laughter" at Theatre Three Inc., 2800 Routh St. Ste. 168; Tickets \$10-\$50; Info: 214.871.3300

Through September 16
Sharky Sundays- Planet Shark: Predator or Prey exhibiton at Musuem of Nature & Science, 3535 Grand Ave; Cost \$7-\$10; Info: 214.428.5555

Through September 23
Sandy Lake Amusement Park in Carrollton. Admission is \$2 and children under 3 years old is free (see family coupon for free admission online) and coupons for rides are \$.50. Info: sandy-lake.com

Through September 9
The Magic School Bus Kicks up a Storm at the Museum of Nature & 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

Through September 14
Shark Feedings on Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

Through September 15
Shark Dissections on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

Through November 27
Family Movie Time at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd at 4:30 p.m.; free; Info: 972.721.2628

Through December 8
New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women 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: hellen.fissihae5@gmail.com

August 17
Chris Tucker Live at Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place at 7 p.m.

August 18
Library Live in the auditorium of the Park Forest Branch Library; Library Live is a family friendly fun experience. Library Live is sponsored by Target Stores and supports Every Child Ready to Read. Texas Bluebonnet Award Book Club in the auditorium of the Park Forest Branch Library at 1 p.m.

August 19
Shark Sunday: Sharks with guest Kelly Morales of Sea-World Antonio at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

August 25
Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez & Wisin & Yandel at the American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m.; Tickets \$26-\$196; Info: www.ticketmaster.com

Urban League of Greater Dallas 45th Anniversary GALA at the Hilton Anatole at 7 p.m. 214-915-4632

August 31- September 2
The Lewisville Saddle Club, with sponsorship from the City of Lewisville, will present the **48th Annual Labor Day Rodeo** starting at 8 p.m. nightly, at Lewisville Rodeo Arena, 101 Parkway Street. Featured will be the Red River Shooting Stars Drill Team. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children age 5-11, and free for children younger than 5. A military discount will be available. www.lewisvillesaddleclub.net.

September 1
Back to School Community Bazaar at Urban League Community Service Center Pleasant Grove Parking Lot, 3312 N. Buckner, Suite 234 from 7 a.m.- 2p.m.; Info: 214.915.4688

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Shark Sunday: Shark Celebration at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

September 15
B.L.A.S.T. I Workshop; Info: www.lifelong.tcu.edu 817-257-7132

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September 25
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Parkland launches massive recruitment effort

In an effort to recruit the best and brightest people the healthcare industry has to offer, Parkland Health & Hospital System officials today announced plans to accelerate the hiring process and put more people to work.

The recruitment effort comes at a time when Parkland and other healthcare organizations across the country are challenged to find professionals in key areas such as nursing, pharmacy and physical therapy.

"Health care is a dynamic field and Parkland has been fortunate to have some very talented and skilled individuals working with us," said Debbie Branson, Chair, Parkland's Board of Managers. "The Board has pledged the resources necessary to continue that tradition to ensure that the patients whom Park-

land serves receive safe and high quality care."

To that end, Parkland is enhancing its referral and sign-on incentive programs for the majority of its vacant positions. Many of the open positions were created as a result of Parkland's commitment to improving patient safety and the quality of care. In addition, Parkland's Board and senior leadership have placed a renewed emphasis on the total patient and employee experience.

"Parkland employees have always been highly recruited by other institutions," Mrs. Branson noted. "Our staff is comprised of dedicated individuals who truly care about our patients. The Board believes in Parkland's mission and the employees who strive each day to carry out that mission."

Those who apply for positions at Parkland will notice a streamlined hiring process, which includes an enhanced feedback loop with applicants. Once interviewed, candidates will be kept regularly apprised of their recruitment status and those selected will begin

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Next, I faced the transition to a four-year college university. This transition was exciting, but again you must be prepared for higher expectations from instructors and the study and scholarship involved in the courses. So much is expected from a student seeking an undergraduate degree. There are student services to assist with these educational transitions while pursuing higher education, but you have to have the proper mindset for success in order to achieve your goal of obtaining a degree.

One important aspect of any college is communication. When taking the courses, make sure you know your instructor, maintain consistent communication as needed via email, or if necessary, office visits with them. This opportunity will allow you and the teacher to get better acquainted beyond simply being one of 40 or more students in the classroom.

The college experience is fun and rewarding. It is so diverse and you get to meet all types of people and learn new things. There are clubs, jobs, and events to provide you with useful knowledge and insightful experience on living a better life and having a better future.

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August 26, 10:45 a.m.

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August 22, 7 p.m.

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August 18, 11 a.m.

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August 19

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

August 22, 7:30 p.m.

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August 12, 9:30 a.m.

Join us and experience the joy of praising and worshipping God to the fullest at Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss Drive, Allen, TX. We will have Baby Dedication and praise God for His blessings.

August 15, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive, with old school prayer and testimony. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

August 17, 7 p.m.

Friday Night Live! This event is for Single & Saved Christians only, a Worship Service to give God all the honor and glory, in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall.

August 25-26

You're invited to help us celebrate Pastor & Sister Stafford's Anniversary. Call the church for details.

August 27

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A woman died after living a long life. She met God and asked, "If man was created in Your image and created equal, why do people treat each other so badly?" God replied that each person who enters our life has a unique lesson to teach. It is through those lessons that we learn about life, people, relationships and God. Then God explain.

When someone lies to you, it teaches that things are not always as they seem. The truth is often beneath the surface. Look beyond the masks people wear if you want to know their heart. Don't forget to remove your own mask to let people know your heart.

When someone steals from you, it teaches that nothing is forever. Learn to appreciate what you have; you never know when you might lose it. Don't take your friends and family for granted; today is the only guarantee you have.

When someone inflicts an injury upon you, it teaches that the human state is a fragile one. Protect and take care of your body as best you can;

it's the only thing that you have here on earth. When you are mocked, it teaches that no two people are alike. When you encounter people who are different from you, don't judge them by how they look or act; base your opinion on the contents of their heart.

When someone breaks your heart, it teaches that loving someone do not always mean that the person will love you. But, don't turn your back on love; when you find the right person, the joy the person brings will make up for all past hurts.

When someone holds a grudge against you, it teaches that everyone make mistakes. When you are wronged, the most virtuous thing you can do is forgive the offender without pretense. Forgiving those who have hurt us is the most difficult and courageous thing man can do.

When a loved one is unfaithful to you, it teaches that resisting temptation is man's greatest challenge. Be vigilant in your resistance against temptations; doing so will be rewarding with a sense of satisfaction greater than the temporary pleasure by which you were tempted.

When someone cheats you, it teaches that greed is the root of evil. Aspire to make your dreams come true. Do not feel guilty about your success; and don't let an obsession with achieving your goals lead you to engage in malicious activities.

When you are ridiculed, it teaches that nobody is perfect. Learn to accept people for their merits and be tolerant of their flaws. And don't reject someone for imperfections over which they have no control.

After hearing the Lord's wisdom, the woman thought that there were no lessons to be learned from man's good deeds.

God replied that man's capacity to love is the greatest gift he has. At the root of all kindness is love; each act of love teaches us a lesson. God once again explain: When someone loves us, it teaches that love, kindness, charity, honesty, humility, forgiveness and acceptance can counteract all evil. For every good deed, there is one less evil deed. Man has the power to control the balance between good and evil, but the lessons of love are not taught often enough, the power is often abused.

Things that are taught



Mr. Joe Green from Clovis, New Mexico playing the piano at Premier Transitional Care Rehab Center on Harry Hines Blvd. for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

When you enter someone's life, whether by plan, chance or coincidence, consider what your lesson will be. Will you teach love or a harsh lesson of reality? Will your life have results in loving or hurting; in comfort or pain; more joy or sadness? Each of us has power over the balance of love in the world. Use it wisely. Everything happens for a purpose; we may not see the wisdom of it all now, but trust in the Lord that everything is for the best.

Remember, fear and defeat cannot live long in a heart that trusts the Lord. I'm not saying you'll understand the lesson to be learned, but you can choose to dwell on His provision and care instead.

Also, when time is devoted to God in prayer, espe-

cially in the morning, the day's time seems to increase and most people do not feel rushed for anything the rest of the day. The scripture says, "The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened."

Proverbs 10:27 (NKJV)

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First, calculate how much you can afford to spend on school-related expenses without blowing your overall budget or racking up debt. Scoring bargains won't help your bottom line if you end up paying interest on unpaid balances.

Next, make a comprehensive list of anticipated expenses for each child and build in a cushion for unexpected costs. Try these strategies:

- Examine previous years' bills and compare notes with other, more experienced parents.

- Ask the school which supplies they expect you to buy. Pool resources with other families to take advantage of volume discounts and sales.

- Spread clothing purchases throughout the year so your kids won't outgrow everything at once; plus you

can take advantage of off-season sales.

- Review school dress codes so you don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.

- Before buying new clothing or accessories, look for "gently used" items in the closets of your older kids, friends and neighbors, at garage sales, thrift and consignment stores, and sites like Craig's List.

- Find out how much extracurricular activities (athletics, music, art, etc.) cost. Account for uniforms, membership dues, private lessons, field trips, snacks, etc.

- Compare the cost, convenience and nutritional value of school lunches and snacks versus food you prepare yourself.

- Learn your school's policy on immunizations and see what's covered by your insurance – or which

ones you can access free at health fairs or community clinics.

- Factor in public transportation, school bus or carpool expenses.

- Although shopping online can save money, time and gas, don't forget shipping and return costs, which could undo any net savings. If your kids are old enough, put them in charge of online comparison shopping.

- Clip newspaper and online coupons. Many stores will match competitors' prices even if their own items aren't on sale. Plus, many consolidation websites post downloadable coupons and sale codes for online retailers.

- Mobile shopping apps let in-store smartphone and mobile browser users scan product barcodes and make on-the-spot price comparisons, read reviews, down-

load coupons, buy products and more.

Some parents wrestle over whether or not to take their kids on shopping trips. I think it's worth the effort so they can hear and absorb your decision-making process and understand what's available to spend. My kids are probably sick of hearing me say, "I'm going to buy this brand of underwear because it's cheaper, which will give us more money to buy a better-quality jacket."

Bottom line: Back-to-school shopping can be tedious, but if you plan carefully, you can save time, money and aggravation.

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Nothing in life is ever as it seems.

The package of potato chips feels full, but you find twelve chips inside when you open it up. It appears that you've got plenty of money for vacation, then you actually get there. The party sure seemed fun, until the next morning. Your new co-worker was nice, before his first temper tantrum.

NDG BookShelf: *Clearly Invisible* explores "passing" from different angles

Things – and sometimes people – can be something they're not. They "pass" for various reasons and in the new book *Clearly Invisible* by Marcia Alesan Dawkins, you'll find out why it happens and how multiracialism will change that.

"Generally speaking," says Marcia Alesan Dawkins, "passing refers to the means by which nonwhite people represent themselves as white." Judging by literature and firsthand accounts, it's nothing new, it's not going away, and it waxes and wanes. We care, then we don't, or we have "guess-my-race encounters."

But why do people – and not just black people – attempt it? Dawkins believes there are

several main reasons.

People pass as white or black for "persuasion" when social or political reasons make doing so beneficial. Dawkins uses as an example a theoretical case of interracial dating, and a "clairvoyant" who keeps the pass a secret.

Passing can be "powerful" by "bending conventional boundaries of... culture." To illustrate, she cites a fascinating case of two married slaves who devised a brilliant way to escape: the wife, who was very light-skinned, passed as a young white

man, while the husband "passed" as the young man's slave. Surprisingly, during their daring journey, the darker-skinned husband was accused of passing, too.

Dawkins also says that passing-as-power works for gender as well as race, citing Afghan girls who pass as boys to escape death.

When Homer A. Plessy boarded a train bound for Louisiana, he used passing as "property" to challenge current laws, creating what became the Supreme Court's first case of identity theft.

Passing can be unintentional (when people caught under the "one drop" law are unaware of their ancestry); it can be a "pastime" (in the movies); and in one astounding case, it can be a "paradox": Dawkins writes of a man who "entered prison as an angry black man and exited as a white supremacist leader."

As a Visiting Scholar at Brown University, Marcia Alesan Dawkins writes with authority. Her impressive education shows in her research and in what she shares with readers in *Clearly Invisible*. The problem comes in understanding it all.

Deeper than a canyon and more highbrow than an Ivy League conclave, this is a book

filled with ten-dollar words and hypotheses to accompany them; in fact, if you're unaccustomed to the terms Dawkins uses, you'll be lost in short order. Yes, there are some interesting anecdotes but they're buried deep in the "rhetoric" that Dawkins so often mentions.

I think if you can devote the very considerable time needed to grasp the ideas here, you'll understand why this social action may "progress from passing to passed." For readers looking for a curl-up-this-weekend book, though, *Clearly Invisible* seems awfully scholarly.

Clearly Invisible by Marcia Alesan Dawkins (Baylor University Press, \$29.95, 259 pages, includes notes)

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