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Dallas celebrations planned in honor of MLK Day

America celebrates the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, Jan. 21. Dr. King was born on Jan. 15 and stood for justice and peace. This holiday, there is plenty of activities to attend and celebrate in his honor. A few of upcoming events in celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy include candlelight ceremonies and pa-

rades. **Candle Lighting Ceremony** hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 18. The program will be held at 2901 Pennsylvania



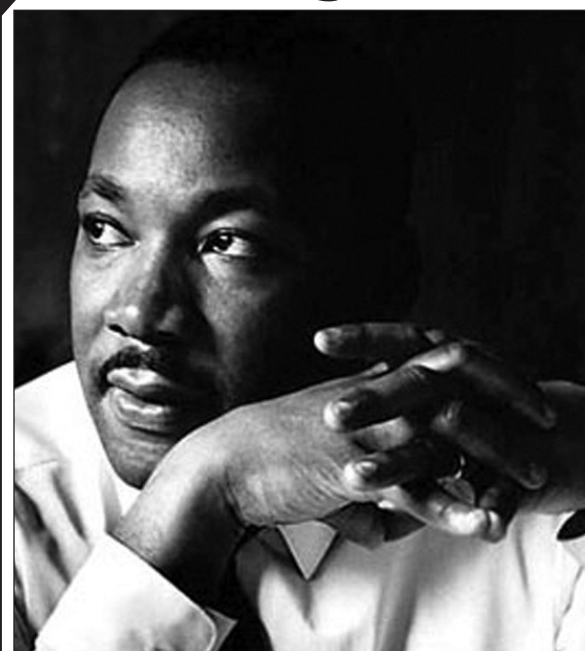
Ave, Dallas, Texas, 75215, MLK Jr. Recreation Center Gym.

MLK Birthday Celebration March / Parade will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 from Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, downtown Dallas. The participants will pro-

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What would King think?



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Rep. Johnson files bills to protect voting rights in Texas

AUSTIN – Rep. Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) last week filed legislation to increase access to the ballot box and facilitate greater voter participation.

"The ability to cast a ballot is a fundamental right that has come under attack in the last few years," said Repre-



Rep. Eric Johnson

sentative Johnson. "I have filed legislation that seeks to reverse this trend in order to protect the rights of all voters, while at the same time making the process more welcoming in hopes of increasing participation," he continued.

These voting rights meas-

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COMMENTARY

Connecting the past with the President

By JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) One hundred and fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. It was a flawed document that freed enslaved people in Confederate areas that he did not control. At the same time, it was a progressive document because it initiated discussion about the "freedom" Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.

One hundred years later, in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. riveted the nation with his "I Have A Dream" speech during the August 28 March on Washington. Many will remember that he said, "I have a dream that one day people will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Somehow people forget that in the same speech he said, "We have come to the nation's capital to cash a check that has been marked insufficient funds." If people said "cash the check" as often as

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Federal Reserve, OCC announce \$8.5B agreement with mortgage servicers

By CHARLENE CROWELL

The recent joint announcement by two key federal regulators believed a negotiated agreement with 10 mortgage servicing firms would help more than 3.8 million consumers who were wrongfully foreclosed during 2009 and 2010. Bro-



U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (Photo Credit: Flickr)

kered by the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), mortgage servicing firms agreed to jointly pay foreclosed consumers \$3.3 billion, and allot another \$5.2 billion for loan modifications and other services.

Yet as news of the settlement spread, a range of

opinions emerged. From a prominent Capitol Hill legislator to consumer advocates, varying views spoke about the harm wrought by wrongful foreclosures and how far \$3.3 billion split amount nearly 4 million consumers would really go.

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Kelia Bazile

My Secrets To Success: explores Kelia Bazile's twenty-eight years of personal and business experience, in order to help others achieve the success they deserve.

My Secrets to Success is a compelling story about a high school student who took a summer job at Taco Bell that turned out to be much more than she initially expected. The author, Kelia Bazile worked her way through the corporate ranks to become Taco Bell's first African-American region leader in the

company's forty-five year history.

The most difficult challenges she faced were working to earn her college education, while dealing with the responsibilities and issues that come along with a full time job, as well as being a wife, and the mother of three. Kelia Bazile found out early in her career what it was like to stand in the long food-stamp and (WIC) Women, Infants and Children lines; but it wasn't by choice, it was a much-needed benefit. Many people would have given up and thrown in the towel when faced

with the added stress of their parent's divorce and losing a sibling, but not Kelia. Instead, she used those personal obstacles as fuel, not only to motivate herself, but also to encourage others to never give up on their dream - no matter what.

My Secrets to Success also shines the spotlight on many inspirational leaders who have influenced Kelia's journey to the top of the corporate ladder. Kelia's ideals, strategies and techniques



will help anyone become successful in whatever type of business they represent. Kelia is definitely a prime example of that old cliché, "It's not where or how you start, but how you finish!"

Kelia was born Feb. 8, 1967 in New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up in Vacherie, Louisiana. The wife and mother of three children attended public schools and in 1985 graduated in the Top

Ten of her class from St. James High School.

After graduating high school, Kelia studied criminal justice at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. In 1986, she left Louisiana and moved to Dallas, Texas.

Upon relocation, Kelia transferred to Richland Junior College in Richardson, Texas where she received an associate's degree in Business Administration in 1993. Kelia advanced her education further by earning two degrees from Dallas Baptist

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Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

(USNewswire) The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observance Annual Commemorative Service, a major event during the King Week celebration, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 21, will feature keynote speaker the Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, President of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NH-CLC), who King Center CEO, Elder Bernice A. King, called "an electrifying orator" and "one of the most

dynamic and inspiring proponents of the social gospel in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Reverend Rodriguez's address will mark the first time a Latino leader serves as the keynote speaker for the Commemorative Service, which is the nation's 'flagship' ecumenical religious observance on the MLK holiday. Rev. Rodriguez was invited by the Congressional Inaugural Committee to participate in President Barack Obama's

inaugural activities, yet his commitment to this historic keynote address precludes his participation.

Rev. Rodriguez, President of the NHCLC, the nation's largest Christian Hispanic organization, said, "I am honored by the gracious invitation to be the first Latino Keynote speaker. I believe in the dream of Dr. King. I believe there is still work to be done. I celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King who inspired me and inspired this nation. We stand at the edge of a new civil rights

movement in America—a movement committed to righteousness and justice—one that is neither blue or red but the Lamb's Agenda—a movement where our communities will come together reconciling the vertical and horizontal planes of the Christian message via Billy Graham's message of salvation through Christ and the dream of this great



leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, and his march for justice."

The 2013 observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., beginning a year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. "Remember! Celebrate! Act! Ki-ng's Dream for Our World," is the theme for the birthday commemoration program, which begins Friday, Jan. 11, 2013 and continues through the MLK holiday on January 21.

Hellen Chen

According to a new 2012 Pew Research analysis of US Census data, barely half of US

adults are married -- a record low for US. Between 2009 and 2010, the Pew Research analysis also finds that the number of new marriages in



the U.S. declined by 5% in just one year -- a sharp one-year drop. These trends are occurring right after the great recession that started in 2008.

If the current trends continue, the share of adults who are currently married will drop to below half within a few years.

"It is a crisis which will affect us as a nation in terms of competitiveness and economics," said matchmaker extraordinaire and marriage expert Hellen Chen, who has counseled hundreds of men and women who have given up on relationships; and who has helped them learn

how to step onto the red carpet again.

"One plus one is more than two," Chen shared in a recent radio interview. "Marriage helps finances. Finances get better if two persons work together on creating a future. Life's problems become easier to solve as a team because there's simply greater energy."

For years as a business management consultant, Chen had traveled around the world and been invited to government agencies, small and large corporations, organizations and colleges around the world to give solutions on boosting productivity and improving leadership qualities.

"In every lecture that I give, the answers to better work results always end up with the areas of 'are you being a good spouse or parent in the first place?' or 'how do you treat your loved ones at home?'" said Chen.

Chen's bestselling book "The Matchmaker of the Century" which covers real-life stories of couples who turned their lives around in marriages, devotes a whole chapter on how management of one's intimate relationships affects the success of a person in life.

Chen wrote about how a good CEO would have the best of results in leading his or her company if he or she would also learn how to be a better spouse.

"It is the 'training' which people do not think of. People ask me: you mean, if I learn how to be a better spouse, I would do better in my career? Answer is yes," smiled Chen.

A 2012 US Census Bureau statistics show that married men and women are earning higher salaries than their single counterparts.

However, the question remains on how does one keep

a marriage together if the statistics of divorces is just as

high. (For every 2 new marriages, there is one divorce.)

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Beyond the Rhetoric: They are in your wallet by way of your cell phone

BY HARRY C. ALFORD

Governments – federal through local – are run by revenue. The source for their revenue is taxation. Their management is best when the revenue is low and worse when there is too much revenue. Too much revenue breeds corruption, waste, ineptness and disorder. That is why the last stimulus we had was a total failure. There was just too much money being manipulated and the nation did not improve at all. I want to discuss one of the stealth ways that government uses to stick us up for more taxation.

The subtle way of revenue raising is the Cell Phone Taxes. From the federal government down to your local town governments are taking advantage of the popularity and suc-

cess of our wireless devices. To tax cell phones is bad enough but the "salt" going into the wound is the fact that they are continuing to rise. According to economist Scott Mackey, "a recent study shows that the average American wireless consumer now pays more than 17 percentage (17.18 percentage, to be exact) in monthly wireless taxes and fees. That's up from 16.26 percentage since the last time he looked at these numbers in 2010. That means that for your wireless service every month, you're paying a tax rate nearly two and a half times higher than the average general sales tax rate (7.33 percentage) that you'd pay if you bought another taxable good or service". Yes, there are 47 states where wireless users like you are

being hit by federal, state, and local governments with excessive taxes and fees.

There has been a noble attempt to stop this madness. The Wireless Tax Fairness Act was introduced in our House of Representatives by Congresspersons Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and Trent Franks (R-AZ). If passed, this bill would prohibit any local and state governments from adding any more taxes on wireless users for five years. It sailed through the House (230 co-sponsors and unanimous voice vote) and was picked in the Senate by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME). However, our do nothing Senate has it stalled in the Senate Finance Committee. Somehow we have got to get moving again.

What are some of the ways to hit us up with these taxes? The big one is the Universal Service Fund. According to State Tax Notes: "The federal USF is administered by the Federal Communication Commission, with open-ended authority from Congress. The program subsidizes telecommunication services for schools, libraries, hospitals, and rural telephone companies operating in high-cost areas." Each one of you pays a rate of 5.82 percentage of your monthly wireless bill. Now, some states are starting to charge a State Universal Service Fund in addition to all other taxes that are assessed.

Some states assess a Telecommunication Relay Services fee, TRS, which helps fund services for people

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they said "I have a dream," we'd move more quickly forward in closing the economic gaps that African American people experience.

We've been doing this 50-year thing for the past couple years, and we'll be doing it for another few. The "Greensboro Four" North Carolina A&T State University Students (with the help of Bennett College students, who are often ignored) sat in at Woolworth counter on February 1, 1960. The March on Washington happened 50 years ago. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, and beyond that the 60s will resonate for the next few years with commemorations and anniversaries.

These celebrations are important historical moments, but who remembers? The median age of the population in the United States is about 37 years old. Many of these folks remember the civil rights moment through twice and thrice told tales. Those who are under the median age see the civil rights movement as something like a fable, something they heard about, but doesn't really matter to them. Many of these young people see themselves as

"post-racial." They hang out with their peers, race notwithstanding. They have never

reality shows (I think I blanked out after about a minute of "Bad Girls Club");

both president of the United States and the first African American president of our nation.

Most folks 50 and older get it. What about those who are both younger than our nation's median age and unschooled in the nuances of history? Is our conversation about race in America stuck in some kind of time warp, where we are unable to speak cross generationally because we have extremely different memories, recollections, and knowledge about that which happened fifty years ago?

We do our nation a disservice when we duck and dodge our racially tinged history. We have to grace and embrace the past in order to move forward with our future.

Somehow this is a message that needs to be transmitted to young people, especially in this 150th year after emancipation, this 50th year after the March on Washington, this season of embracing and celebrating our history.

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President Obama will be sworn in with the Bibles of President Lincoln and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (pictured). Image: BET

experienced discrimination. Even when they experience it, they are slow to embrace it. They are post-racial, whatever that means.

If some of these young people had been immersed in history, they might understand why the Black unemployment rate is twice that of the White rate. If they had books and speeches by Dr. King, who spoke of racial disparities in much of his work, they would understand the many ways the struggle continues. But popular culture suggests that when Black folks and White folks can both act extreme fools on

there is some measure of equality.

There has been a rich history and legacy of struggle and protest that has been swallowed by the notion of post-racialism in the first decades of this century. It is laudable that President Obama will use both the Bible of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that of President Abraham Lincoln, connecting the 150-year-old dots. President Obama's choice in using both Bibles in this anniversary year is a testament to his sensitivity and ability to juggle the tightrope he must manage as

Low Wages, High Blood Pressure: Is Your Job Killing You?

Low-wage earners, especially women and young people, are at the highest risk of developing hypertension, according to a new study from UC Davis.

"We were surprised that low wages were such a strong risk factor for two populations not typically associated with hypertension, which is more often linked with being older and male," says J. Paul Leigh, senior author of the study and professor of public health sciences at UC Davis. "Our outcome shows women and younger employees working at the lowest pay scales should be screened regularly for hypertension as well."

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, occurs when the force of circulating blood against artery walls is too high. The disease affects approximately 1 in 3 American adults and costs more than \$90 billion each year in

health-care services, medications and missed work days. It also is a major contributor to heart disease and stroke, both of which are leading causes of death and disability.

The Trouble With African Americans and Hypertension

More than 40 percent of African Americans have high blood pressure, says the American Heart Association. We are also more likely to develop a more severe form of the disease and get it at an earlier age than our white counterparts. The medical community believes high rates of diabetes and obesity put African Americans at greater risk for hypertension. Researchers have also found that there may be a gene that makes African Americans much more salt sensitive. In



people who have this gene, as little as half a teaspoon of salt could raise blood pressure.

The UC Davis study looked at the work and health records from more than 5,000 households, focusing on working adults between the ages of 25 and 65 with an income of \$2.78 to \$77 an hour.

It is the first study of its kind to take a worker's income into account, finding that young workers and women between the ages of 25 and 44 were at the highest risk of developing hypertension.

You may not be able to change your income status, but you can try these tips to keep your blood pressure in check.

Give the Salt Shaker a Break

Avoid processed foods and make sure you consume less than 1,500 milligrams of sodium a day. Check nutritional labels to keep track of your sodium levels.

Stop Smoking

The nicotine in cigarettes makes you two to six more times likely to suffer a heart attack, according the National

Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Smoking throughout the day also means a continually high blood pressure, damaged blood vessel walls and expedited hardening of arteries, which could eventually lead to heart disease.

Hit the Gym

Being overweight increases your risk for hypertension and makes you more likely to develop heart disease. As your weight increases, so does your blood pressure—even losing 10 pounds can significantly lower hypertension. Try to engage in 30 minutes of moderate (gardening, swimming, walking) physical activity a day.

Drink Alcohol in Moderation

Small amounts of alcohol can actually lower your blood pressure by a couple of points, while more than one

drink a day can do more harm than good, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Monitor Your Blood Pressure

"Women may not be aware that they are at risk for hypertension," Leigh says. While having your blood pressure checked is a routine part of a medical exam, the experts recommend a regular blood pressure check, instead of waiting until there's a problem.

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ures are the first five bills filed by Rep. Johnson in the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature. Three of the bills are meant to improve voter participation by means of creating uniform election hours at early vote locations, allowing for same day voter registration, and making Election Day an official state holiday.

The other two bills filed by Rep. Johnson seek to protect voting rights. One does so by repealing Senate Bill 14 from last session, the so-called "Voter ID" law, which has not yet taken effect because a federal court has blocked its implementation. The other aims to protect the voting rights of former felons, as the successful reintegration of ex-offenders into society is best served by encouraging their participation in the political process.

House Bill 463 - Would make Election Day a state holiday in order to encourage employers to allow their employees to take the time required to cast a ballot without having to worry about missing work.

House Bill 464 - Would allow for same day voter registration at polling locations, making it easier for all citizens to vote.

House Bill 465 - Would repeal Senate Bill 14, the Voter

ID law passed during the last legislative session that is currently blocked in federal court.

House Bill 466 - Would require that voter registration forms be provided to ex-offenders who qualify for having their voting rights restored.

House Bill 467 - Would require that all Early Vote polling locations in the same county maintain the same hours of operation.

Additionally, in an effort to further increase voter participation on a national scale, Representative Johnson intends to file a House Concurrent Resolution calling upon Congress to designate Election Day as a national holiday.

Eric Johnson represents District 100, which includes parts of Dallas and Mesquite, in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Heart of Dallas Bowl Game raises \$100,000 in first year

DALLAS – Kicking off the new year, Heart of Dallas raised \$100,000 for the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) and provided nearly 12,000 meals to people in need through a partnership with the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB).

Heart of Dallas uses sports and entertainment events to raise community consciousness of compelling causes and inspire Dallas millennials to become the next generation of influencers and philanthropists. The new nonprofit

hosted the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl Game featuring Oklahoma State University and Purdue University on New Year's Day at the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium.

Funds raised by the organization's launch event will support MDHA's plans to provide permanent housing for 225 homeless individuals and families in early 2013. MDHA works with its 53 member agencies to provide housing, shelter and basic necessities to prevent and end homelessness.

"MDHA is grateful for the attention given to this issue," said MDHA president and CEO Mike Faenza. "The funds and awareness raised by Heart of Dallas will be instrumental in the fight to end chronic homelessness in our city."

Heart of Dallas also donated five percent of pre-game concession sales to NTFB.

"We are thrilled to have partnered with the Heart of Dallas Bowl," said Jan Pruitt, president and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank.

"Their outstanding efforts resulted in nearly 12,000 meals that will be provided to the people we serve struggling with hunger. We look forward to tackling hunger again with them next year."

Leading up to game day, players and coaches from both universities volunteered at the NTFB distribution center. Together, they packaged food to be delivered to food pantries, after school programs, senior meal programs, shelters, soup kitchens and other facilities.

"It's always good to give back, and it's our privilege to help the less fortunate and put a smile on these people's faces," Purdue University defensive tackle Kawann Short told reporters.

Other young supporters included, actor Jesse Metcalfe and the cast of "Dallas." The hit show's cast starred in a public service announcement promoting the Heart of Dallas Bowl Game and supporting the NTFB.

Honoring the many nonprofits that impact North Texans each and every day, Heart of Dallas offered free tickets to NTFB and MDHA, along with 40 other Dallas-area organizations. Others included Uplift Education, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Make-A-Wish, Salvation Army, Special Olympics Texas, Boys and Girls Club of Dallas, First Tee of Dallas, Captain Hope's Kids and Soul Harbor Homeless Shelter.

For more information, visit theheartofdallas.org.

Project aims to reduce wildfire risks in Dallas suburb

CEDAR HILL, Texas — Texas A&M Forest Service crews soon will begin removing potentially hazardous vegetation at selected sites in the community of Cedar Hill in an effort to reduce the wildfire risk facing the Dallas suburb.

Firefighters will use a Gyro-Track mulching machine, as well as chainsaws, a chipper and other hand tools to create shaded fuel breaks on sites at Northwood University, West Belt Line Road and Valley Ridge Park.

Breaks are used to help stop or slow down wildfires by removing the vegetation, which serves as fuel for the fire. A shaded fuel break often is constructed in a forested area, where trees are thinned and pruned but retain some canopy. Such a break can help keep surface fires from spreading into tree tops, which increases fire intensity.

The work is scheduled to begin Jan. 7 and will take place over the next three months.

"This project will enhance the access and egress for emergency responders," said Nick Harrison, a wildland urban interface forester with Texas A&M Forest Service. "And if a fire did occur, the fuel break could help keep it out of the adjacent populated areas and reduce the impact on university property."

The fuel mitigation

project is one of the initiatives outlined in Cedar Hill's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which helps communities identify their risks and develop methods to combat them.

Working in conjunction with Texas A&M Forest Service, Cedar Hill began developing its strategic plan in 2008. The community was nestled in the midst of the wildland urban interface, an area where populated development begins to encroach on rural, undeveloped land.

Aware of the challenges posed by their location, then-Fire Chief Steve Pollock put an emphasis on developing a protection plan. Pollock now serves chief regional fire coordinator for the Texas A&M Forest Service, but he has continued to work with the department and current Chief John Ballard, helping them continue to carry out the initiatives outlined in the plan.

Northwood University President Dr. Kevin Fegan said he was pleased to know the area would be safer thanks to the work being done.

"This project not only ensures we are taking steps to protect our campus, but also our community," Fegan said. "Part of our approach as an institution has been to be a good neighbor and a valued partner in our community. We are proud to be a part of this collaborative effort."

Citizenship Workshop scheduled in Plano on Feb. 9

The Plano Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable is hosting a Citizenship Workshop at the Sockwell Center located at 6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Plano, Texas on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m., as a service to immigrants who are not yet citizens.

Short presentations from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, FBI, English as 2nd Language Center, and Citizenship Class Centers will cover various aspects of becoming a USA Citizen including:

- Who can apply for Citizenship,

- How you apply,
- When can you apply, and

- Benefits of Citizenship

Additionally, immigration attorneys will provide individual consultations in various languages. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services will provide assistance to complete Citizen-

ship applications for those wishing to bring their documentation for completion on-site.

Hospitality will include light refreshments; however, childcare facilities will not be available at the event.

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Contrary to popular belief, 97% of all scholarships are given away by colleges and universities themselves, and the other 3% are given away by non-profit organizations and local/federal government agencies. The amount of funding that they give away all depends on how much revenue and donations they are generating, and as the economy recov-



ers, more money is able to be given away.

It's estimated that a staggering \$50 billion dollars in scholarship money will be given away this year.

One web site, ScholarshipsOnline.org, a free online directory of the latest scholarships and education grants, is already publishing available 2013 scholarships for students, parents and teachers. The web site literally posts a new scholarship every day, and each oppor-

tunity is real and legit - most of them being offered by recognizable corporations such as Verizon, Burger King, or Best Buy. Others are offered by reputable organizations, and government agencies managed by states, counties, cities, etc.

In addition to listing upcoming opportunities, the web site also features the top 100 tips on how to find, apply for, and successfully win a scholarship competition. Visitors can also make use of a comprehensive list of resources for their needs.

The site is 100% free to use, and does not require a membership of any kind.

For more details, visit ScholarshipsOnline.org

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Quest For Success Awards at 29th Annual Awards Luncheon

The oldest and largest Black chamber of commerce in the nation, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC), will celebrate the prestigious 2013 Quest For Success Awards at its 29th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4 at 12:00 noon (Workshops: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. / Registration: 11:00 a.m.) at the Dallas Convention Center-Ballroom A.

The goal of the award is to honor Dallas and Fort Worth entrepreneurs for their business achievements and volunteer service to the community. The Quest For Suc-

cess Award recipients represent diverse fields and a variety of sizes in companies, firms and professions.

The chamber has announced that one of its business workshops, which will take place on the morning of the luncheon, will focus on the upcoming MegaFest Conference to be hosted this year in Dallas by T.D. Jakes Ministries. The conference, scheduled for August 29-31, will bring an estimated 100,000 conventioners to the Dallas area and over \$41 million to the Dallas economy. Dallas officials and MegaFest representatives will be on hand to discuss

how local entrepreneurs and business professionals can benefit from the conference.

Individual tickets for the DBCC 29th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon are \$60 each, a small business table of ten (10) is \$600 and a corporate table of ten (10) is \$1,000.

For additional information on the 2013 Annual Quest For Success Awards or the 29th Annual Awards Luncheon, please contact Dvorah Evans at the DBCC office at 214-421-5200 or via e-mail at dae@dbcc.org. You may also log on to the DBCC website at www.dbcc.org.

International Museum of Cultures relocating

Raul Trevino, Chairman of the International Museum of Cultures, has announced plans for the only contemporary anthropology museum in the southwest will

relocate to 411 E. Hwy. 67, Duncanville in late January.

The new location will afford greater visibility and accessibility for visitors. There will meeting space

available as well as conference room access. Tours for ten or more will be Docent led. School tours in greater number will be accommodated.

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ceed down Ervay Street, turn left on MLK Blvd and end at Fair Park.

The MLK Birthday Celebration Award Banquet is Saturday, Jan. 19 at

Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207. The Keynote Speaker for our banquet is John Bryant, CEO of Operation HOPE. The VIP Reception

will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Dinner Award Program immediately following.

For more information visit <http://www.mlkcelebrationdallas.org>.

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with disabilities via devices like talking phones and digital communication services. According to State Tax Notes: "Most states impose 911 fees to fund capital expenses for the 911 system, and in some cases the fees fund 911 operations as well".

As you can see various forms of government are choosing to get in on the hustle. We must find a way to stop this madness as it does nothing to improve the "business" of governing.

These taxes should not be there. They are there because we don't have any outrage as they subtly tack them to our phone charges. Most of us think it is the phone company charging us and not local, state and federal politicians hitting us up.

We get mad at T-Mobile, Sprint, AT&T, Verizon, etc. But it is not them but politicians hiding behind their "cover".

Let's start doing something about this. Tell your politicians "enough already!" Taxation in America is as bad as a European nation. They jump into yo-ur pay check big time while

find sneaky ways to chip away at your wallet. As President Thomas Jefferson once said, "A government that governs least governs best."

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Butterfly Kiss Wines raise money and hair for Locks of Love

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

Wine consumption has risen dramatically in recent years in Dallas and throughout the country. Recently Butterfly Kiss Wines hosted an evening of pampering, wine tasting while raising money for a local charity.

Last month on Dec. 5, I was invited to bring a guest to enjoy light snacks and sample wines from the California winemaker. The

the option of a quick touch up on our hairstyle or a manicure.

Although the 90 ladies in attendance were certainly pampered with the beauty treatments, food and wine, it was also an opportunity to give back. Guests were invited to give a monetary gift, or donate their hair. Three ladies graciously decided it was time for a shorter hairstyle, and donated their locks for charity. The \$150 received

provides hairpieces for disadvantaged children struggling with long-term hair loss as a result of a medical condition.

The main event of the evening was a chance to taste the different varieties offered Butterfly Kiss Wines – I chose their Pink Pinot Grigio and was not disappointed. My guest selected the Moscato, her absolute favorite varietal and I believe she found a new favorite winemaker.

I love rose-styled wines because they tend have a great balance of being light yet full of fruity flavor that complements a meal or a conversation – never dominates. Butterfly Kiss Pink Pinot Grigio really tasted like summer in a glass. I felt like it would be great with a light salad for lunch or just with cheese and crackers while laughing with friends. In addition to the Moscato, they also offer Chardonnay and Pink Pinot Grigio.



So, if your Valentine shopping list includes a wine lover, the affordable Butterfly Kiss Wines should be at the top of the list. Your friend will enjoy it and you can easily find it a nearby Market Street, Kroger or Tom Thumb for around \$12 a bottle. Recently, when shopping in Tom Thumb I found it easily just by searching for the pretty butterfly on the bottle.

For more information visit <http://www.butterfly-kisswines.com>.



Three guests at the wine tasting donated a total of 36" of hair to the Locks of Love charity.

event was held at the eclectic Uptown salon The Beauty Box where we had and 36" of hair collected was given to Locks of Love, a nonprofit, which

Eight finalists selected for 21st Annual Gardere MLK Jr. Oratory Competition



Pictured L to R (back row): Karyme Herrera, Maame Forson, Chinelo King, Ahmad Crawford, Akira Winfield and Dwight Francis, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP Trial Partner and Semifinalist Judge; (Front row): Jamiya McNeil, Leah Wizeman and Aolani Hill

Fourth- and fifth-grade students representing 20 Dallas ISD elementary schools took part in the semifinals of the 21st Annual Gardere MLK Jr. Oratory Competition, on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Dallas ISD Administration Building. Each talented orator presented an original three- to five-minute speech that addressed the topic: "If you could talk directly to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. about your dream for our future, what would you tell him?"

Students were judged on their delivery, stage presence and decorum, content interpreta-

tion, and memorization, and were selected from amongst 207 students who participated at first round in-school competitions held in October and November.

The eight students pictured above will advance to the final competition, a community event open to the public, on Friday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at The Majestic Theatre.

The competition is presented, hosted and sponsored by Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and is one of the popular annual events in Dallas to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Irving Civil Rights legend Kenneth Walker Hearn, Sr. celebration services scheduled for Saturday

Dallas native Kenneth Walker Hearn, Sr. was born on Dec. 24, 1935 and died at the age of 77 following a long illness on Saturday Jan. 12. He leaves an indelible legacy in Irving/Grand Prairie's Bear Creek community.

When African American children visit an Irving Public Library, it is thanks in part to efforts he led in the 1960s to integrate the city's library system. When children play baseball on the Scott-Hearn Field adjacent to Jackie Townsell Heritage Park it is a field bearing his name in honor of years of service to the community by him and his entire family.

Hearn was one of the founders of the West Irving Improvement Association (WIIA) in 1964, the oldest Black nonprofit organization in Irving. Over the years they led successful efforts to integrate the city's schools and swimming pools and many other milestones. He also co-founded in 1997 the Bear Creek Development Corporation, where he served as a board member until resigning due to poor health last September.

"Mr. Hearn was a Father, a Big Brother, a Comforter, a Friend, a Mentor, a Teacher and most importantly his life will forever be a lasting example to me of how to be a man of integrity and honor at all times," Anthony Bond, long time Irving community activist.

Irving City Councilman Dennis Webb is quoted on the program, "He was a major inspiration for me to serve the Bear Creek Community. He had a very simple nature and never wanted a pat on the back. He just worked for what was right."

Hearn and his wife of 59 years, Mae Ruth, moved to community in 1958. Together they worked to make Irving a better community for all children including their son the late Kenneth Hearn, Jr. and daughter Makini.

The Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church on the Grand Prairie side of Bear Creek at 316 E. Shady Grove Road.

BLI Group host a launch party



Riska Crowder (middle) celebrity makeup artist, her husband and Delo Gates

The BLI Group LLC is a full service multimedia services firm specializing in branding. BLI does it all ... from apparel to PR services. They are touted as an up and coming force to be reckoned with now that owners Eric T. Bettis and Ivy N. McQuain have combined either experience in graphic designs, print and PR to form BLI.

Earlier this month McQuain and Bettis hosted a launch party at the Absinthe Lounge at the

Southside on Lamar. The event hosted more than 50 clients, potential guests, family and friends. Special guest performances included comedian Josh Drake and the LOL Girls, a fictitious girl group created by MC and host of In The Flow Jazzmyne Greer. DJ Swerve was on the wheels of steels bringing great music for the night. Guests received goody bags filled with promotional items and a custom t-shirt from The BLI Group LLC's apparel



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Comedian Josh Drake

What would King think?

by Philip M. Jones
(NNPA) African Americans have been the most rapidly advancing oppressed people in the history of the world, according to some major historians. To come from brutal and hard slavery, with virtually no legal basic human rights, to rise to lawmakers, local leaders and ultimately the presidency of the United States of America within a 400-year span is a feat surpassed by few, if any other people.

African American advancement has come in increments and spurts, with some of the greatest acceleration in social, political, cultural and legal advancement led by the honorable Dr. Martin Luther King. By most historical assessments, the most phenomenal aspect of this rise and advancement from a brutal slave past through the Jim Crow era and into the present is that Dr. King led people out of bondage without using brutality or violence.

"We didn't fire one shot; we didn't lynch one person," said Andrew Marrisett, one of the first four of the paid field staff workers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Birmingham, Ala. SCLC is the civil rights organization King helped co-found in January 1957 in the wake of the Montgomery bus boycott. It would serve as a major springboard to launch the careers of numerous African Americans, but beyond that SCLC was a model that would lend its tactics and successes to organizations well outside of the Black community.

Beyond grooming key leaders like Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson, SCLC helped grow grassroots people like Marrisett, Cathy Deppe and Ken Cloke into local leaders, who were inspired to fight for change in their communities.

King's work through SCLC also helped to inspire, motivate and lead the women's movement, the

peace movement of the 1960s and 1970s, as well as the fight for human rights by Hispanics, Whites, and other races here in America, and oppressed nations around the world.

Marrisett got to know Dr. King personally because he was the SCLC's go-to guy for errands, conveniences and personal necessities for King and his staff in Birmingham.

"We did it with nonviolence and our minds, bodies and souls, and of course with the help of God," Marrisett said.

Marrisett spoke of a time and way of life forgotten by many. He speaks with a southern drawl, in an eloquent manner for a man with not much formal education, as he described a time in the 1940s when many Blacks in southern and rural areas, who were then referred to as 'coloreds,' were all but totally unaware of the freedoms that were already gained and enjoyed by Blacks in the North.

Now at age 74, his memories of the civil rights years remain sharp and vivid. He is the only surviving member of the four initial paid SCLC field staff that included James Orange, Elizabeth Hayes and Robert Seals. This was a job within the SCLC similar to what Medgar Evers did as an organizer and recruiter with the NAACP. And this, along with his driving duties for the church, gave him frequent contact with Dr. King.

"I'm starting in 1963, April," said Marrisett as he first described his duties for SCLC, which he joined after 27 years of what he calls a wasted life before the Civil Rights Movement. "We became the first four (of) SCLC's national paid field staff. We weren't called foot soldiers yet. We were paid \$25 every two weeks, which was more than enough for what we were doing. We were in New Orleans, when the church (the infamous 16th

Street Church where four little girls were killed) was bombed.

"We were down there getting ready to go over into Texas to get people to register to vote to help Barbara Jordan run for Congress. We had to come back and be served an injunction."

"I grew up brainwashed that segregation and discrimination were the order of the times," Marrisett said, describing his total obliviousness to the freedoms that he never knew existed or were possible in his time.

"I grew up in Birmingham, Ala., in the '40s and the '50s, in one of the most segregated cities in the South at the time. I use that term because we had the water fountains, the rest rooms, the lunch rooms, everything was Black and White and signs said 'White' and the other signs said 'colored.'"

"Everything was segregated, and we had all of the Jim Crow laws that were on the books more than anywhere in the world.

"I was a product of all kinds of misconceptions. I just didn't know any better," said Marrisett. "I thought that's the way it was. My mother died when I was 18-months-old. My grandmom raised me until I was 14, when she passed, and then my daddy and I had to scuffle as best we could to keep our heads above water. So I grew up poor, poor, poor, poor and poor.

"See in the '40s and the '50s, I had no choice, because I just didn't know any better. See, I was a youngster. In 1942 is when I started school at 6 years old. Bull Conner ruled at that time.

"I'm speaking for lots



Martin Luther King, Jr.

and lots of other Black folk at that time who was under that spell of Jim Crow and didn't know how to get out from under it," he said. "Birmingham on a Sunday morning, between [the hours of] 11 and 2 was really the most segregated city in America, probably even the world. Everything here was segregated.

"There were lots of college kids, Black kids, that went to predominately Black colleges that got involved, you know SNCC and CORE and all of those, but those was college kids. I was just a little poor kid out of the alleys in the back alleyways of Birmingham, running around believing that this was it, until 1963. I knew things was wrong, but I didn't understand how to get involved or didn't know to get involved, because I thought that what was going on at the time was it."

"... time rolled on, I began to realize and to think, as they say, outside of the box, and I said that I know things are not going right and I decided to get involved," he said. "My beginnings were right there at the 16th Street Baptist Church and Kelly Ingram Park," Marrisett continued, "seeing the police officers sick a canine on a little girl in Kelly Ingram Park down there in 1963, near the church they bombed.

"That first mass meeting that I attended, Dr. King spoke and he spoke directly

to my heart," Marrisett continued. "He spoke directly to what I knew I had to do. I came home and told my daddy. I said 'daddy I'm joining this movement. I don't know why or what's going to happen to me, but I've got to do this,' and he understood. He said 'well go, son, and do what you have to do.' There wouldn't have been nobody or nothing that would have stopped me at that time. See, the same way I was doing nothing those 27 years, that spirit hit me, my guardian angel. God said 'Andrew you are called. You have to get involved.' I did and I still am. He opened my eyes the same way when you go to church and the pastor preach a good sermon and it hits you and you feel stuff going all over you and you want to shout. That's what that movement and that speech and Dr. King did that night, convinced me that it was my time, April 1963, the first Monday in April.

"Here and in Selma, these two cities changed the course of American history," he continued. "We would go into a community or a town or a city and do the organizing and get the mass meetings lined up. We did the advance work and then Dr. King or whoever was going to come—Dr. King and Ralph (Abernathy)—they'd come in and do mass meetings and whatever needed to be

done. At the time in this state, we had a poll tax, an application that you had to complete (to vote). One of the questions that we still laugh about now is: 'How many bubbles are in a bar of soap.'"

Marrisett's account of nonsensical questions asked of a person in order to vote were one of the worst realities of the time period before SCLC and prevented thousands from exercising their right to vote.

"We would fire up the crowd. We sang field songs, make little speeches; we'd work the crowd, and then when it was time for the speaker, it didn't have to be Dr. King. It could have been Ralph, A.G. (Gaston), or Dr. King. We would have a mass meeting and make plans, if we were going to march the next day, we'd plan who would make signs, who would do this and that. We were field staff, organizers."

Marrisett described Dr. King as a down-to-earth person. "He was fun-loving; we'd have fun. Rev. Abernathy, he was a little more reserved than Dr. King and out of sight, but they all were human beings who would cry for this and laugh for this, but they were sincere and serious people, so that made us sincere and serious staff people. When we had our retreats and our staff meetings and our conventions, I was kind of one of Dr. King's liaisons and he was always nice to me and everyone. King was a human being who loved people, loved life and loved right. I tell folk that he was Christ-like, 'cause I seen that halo."

Cathy Deppe is a former SCLC, SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) and SCOPE (Students for Community Organizing and Political Education) volunteer originally from Urbana, Ill. She worked early on to register voters in the rural South and primarily in Alabama. She now works for the nonprofit

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NDG Gossip: Although Walmart is not Nicki M.'s favorite, maybe she will have better luck with Kmart

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

When Nicki's *Pink Friday*: Roman Reloaded came out a couple of months ago, she predicted it would not do so well at large retailer stores like Walmart, Target, and Best Buy due to availability and access issues- read full article here <http://northdallasgazette.com/2012/11/28/ndg-gossip-nicki-minaj-blames-walmart-for-small-record-sales/>.

Well now the Barbie is launching a fashion deal with the none other- Kmart! She has officially signed a deal with Sears Holdings to feature her fashion line at Kmart and ShopYourWay.com. Her fashion line will include a multi-department lifestyle brand, apparel, and affordable accessories available for shoppers everywhere.

Now that Nicki will bring her style to Kmart, the chain hopes this will attract consumers who like the rapper or just wants to know what her fashion sense is all about.

Nicki says, "I am so excited to work with this iconic, mass retailer and to bring affordable fashion to my beautiful barbz all across the U.S."

Nicki is not the only celebrity who is bringing a fashion line to Kmart either. Adam Levine of Maroon 5 is also bringing his fashion line to Kmart as



Nicki Minaj

well. Both celebrities' fashion line is scheduled for stores before 2013.

Are you interested in this new brand Nicki will bring to Kmart? Tell us what you think at Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.

Harlem Globetrotters let fans determine rules of the game in Dallas on February 2

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Known as innovators of the game of basketball for decades, the world famous Harlem Globetrotters are again introducing something unparalleled in the history of sports and family entertainment. The Globetrotters will take kid participation and fun to a whole new level when they come to American Airlines Center in Dallas on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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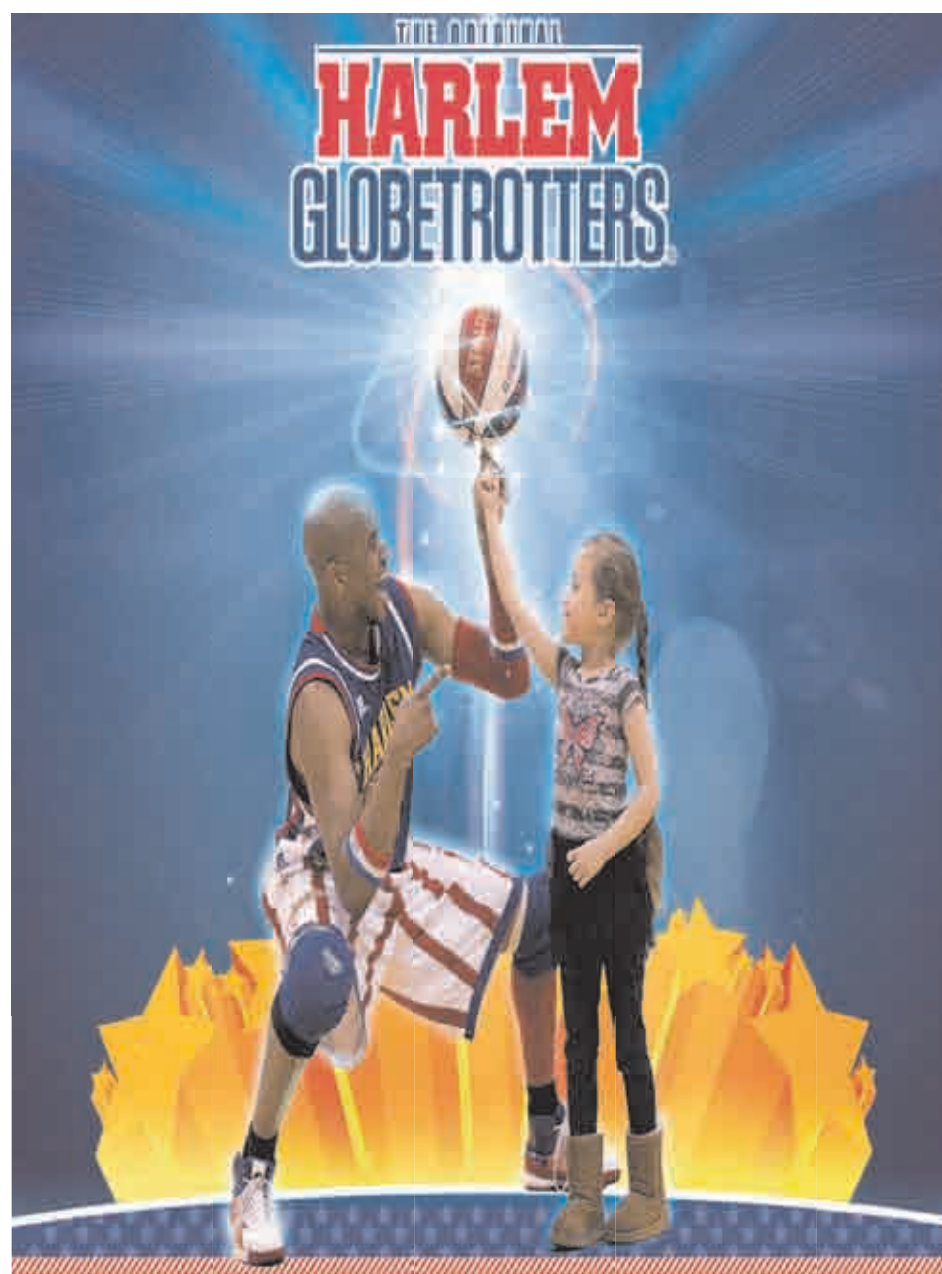
Rules" World Tour, your family's smiles will begin before you even get to the show. Fans will decide the rules for the game that could affect the final outcome. This could be anything from playing with two basketballs at once, to getting double the points for each basket made.

Go online with your kids to www.harlemglobetrotters.com to vote for which ground-breaking rule you want to see implemented in the game. Then,

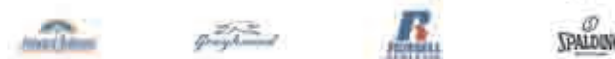
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agency 9 to 5 and is a branch member of the National Association of Working Women (NAWW), which is concerned with women's rights. Deppe said that her original involvement with the Civil Rights Movement gave her the inspiration and provided the perfect model to follow when she began to subsequently fight for women's rights, peace, farmer's rights and more.

Deppe marched on the second and third unsuccessful attempts to cross the Edmond Pettus Bridge from Selma to the capitol in Montgomery. She also marched on the fourth attempt, which was successful.

"I actually think the Civil Rights Movement was a good model for us to bounce off of and an inspiration as well," she said. "My student days in the Civil Rights (Movement) just morphed into other movements, never forgetting the Civil Rights Movement."

Deppe detailed how she, a young White college student from the North, went on to fight for civil rights in the North and the South.

"I was young and going to school at the University of Illinois in Urbana," she said. "At the time, I was involved in a group on campus that was called Friends of SNCC. When the opportunity came to go down to Alabama with other students that I knew and had worked with as part of the

SCLC's SCOPE Project, I was ready to do that, so I spent the summer of 1965 in Green County, Ala. doing voter registration and in integrated teams of young people led by the local leaders there, including Rev. Thomas Gilmore who went on to run for sheriff of Green County. Our work there was to help people register to vote.

"While we were down there, Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965," she continued. "It was a very heady time, because it looked like we were making progress. I was pretty naïve, a kid from a small little town in Illinois, and I was pretty shocked by what I saw there and felt, and (was) probably permanently changed by that experience," said Deppe.

"Being there and seeing the consequences to people's lives when they (tried to take) what seemed in my high school civics experience to be a basic right that everybody had," she paused sadly recalling the early 'colored' people that she attempted to register to vote. "It was very dangerous to register to vote for a Black in the South. You could lose your job, get kicked out of your house or your apartment, you could face crosses burning on your lawn and in some cases death, several cases actually."

"We were taking a step outside the box and when we would go in integrated

groups to register people to vote we actually frightened some of the people by being together, and they would close the doors because it was an unusual sight and meant trouble," she concluded. "I'm still doing voter registration and will probably die doing voter registration, because it is so important for a democracy that everybody have that right."

Ken Cloke grew up in a chicken farm area in California and said that the Civil Rights Movement inspired him to become a lawyer.

"I'm a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement, both in the North and in the South," said Cloke, who also conducts training for lawyers on stereotyping, prejudice and bias awareness.

"I worked in Selma and Montgomery, Ala., just after the first Selma March, also in a place called Greensboro County, Ala. Then I worked predominately in South Georgia, in Albany, Ga.

"I also worked in San Francisco and the Bay Area, with what was called the Ad Hoc Committee to End Discrimination in the Bay Area, which conducted the sit-ins at Mel's Drive-ins (Oakland, Calif.) and Sheraton, Cadillac Rail and other places like that, and I participated in many demonstrations in support of civil rights workers.

"I was a college student at the time in Berkeley, so I

participated to support the people who were sitting-in in Greensboro," he continued. "I also participated in the Woolworth sit-ins in Berkeley and Oakland. I think the most important thing that we need to realize is this is something that we were not doing just in order to benefit Black people or Latinos or anyone else. This was a human right that we are looking at. Whenever anyone is treated in a discriminatory or prejudicial or unfair way, it hurts everyone; it hurts all of us and we all suffer for it. My children suffer. My grandchildren suffer as a result of it," Cloke said.

"My oldest grandson is now 7 and is in school in Washington, and in the school they did a whole section on Martin Luther King and the SCLC and all of the various demonstrations that were part of what we call the movement," Cloke continued. "He was very impressed by it and very touched and affected by it in a way that I was quite surprised at, and so he asked me if I would speak to his class about Dr. King, which I did. This was a small group of kids who were about 6 years old at the time. Last year they did a whole section on Dr. King, and they were all completely empathetic and understanding of the basic ideas that we were trying to advance in the movement.

"This was what Dr. King talked about a lot, the idea that children, Black

and White, would someday be able to sit down together and be able to share their educational experiences with each other, and that was what was going on in this classroom," Cloke went on. "While we have now an African American president of the United States, President Barack Obama—something that none of us in the movement would have imagined. Nobody thought of it as even possible at the time.

"I was also a supporter of Jesse Jackson when he ran for president many years ago, and there's been a tremendous amount of progress in terms of people's willingness to accept the political leadership of someone who is African American. At the same time it was very, very clear watching the (2012) campaign that there was a lot of coded racial rhetoric that was taking place.

"It's not over, we are still having to put forward the idea of equality and dignity and respect in a way that seems to me is going to continue for many years," Cloke concluded. "So we're not done yet, while the progress has been significant, there have been a lot of studies that have shown that there is still a residue of fear regarding race and even political and religious differences as well.

"The basic idea, as I learned it from Dr. King, is that you can't stop hatred with hatred. All you get is more hatred. The only thing that stops hatred is love and standing up to that hatred and refusing to bow to it or to accept that hatred. I became a lawyer as a result of the Civil Rights Movement. I went to law school because I realized that law was an essential element in bringing about social change. What I'm now concerned with is working in an area in which it's possible to touch people's hearts and minds. The approach of not just nonviolence, but nonviolent resistance to discrimination and oppression is something that we need to carry with us.

"For me, I think the principal lesson I learned was (that) going from the North where discrimination was more subtle and hidden and indirect and (then) into the South where it was more blatant, open and obvious, and then returning to the North and seeing that it was the same basic problem in both locations and it was just the form that the discrimination took that was a little different in each location. Underneath it was the same basic fear and selfishness, essentially the desire to get ahead at the expense of somebody else."

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University (DBU) in Dallas, Texas including a Bachelor of Applied Business degree (1995). She worked full-time while she earned her Master of Business Administration degree from DBU in 2004. Kelia is also a beloved teen mentor that works with community organizations to "create a better place to live."

Today, Kelia is a Joint Venture Partner (JVP) at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Tampa, Florida, under the umbrella of Bloomin' Brands, INC., which is

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DFW International Airport Board approves new concessions opportunities for Terminals B and E

Customer preferences and recognized brands shape the future of shopping and dining for DFW passengers

(PRNewswire) The DFW International Airport (DFW) Board of Directors approved seven recommendations for concessions packages last week, culminating the latest competitive process for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Terminals B and E Part II. The approved packages include well-known restaurants and retail concepts that complement the growing number of consumer-preferred brands and create a sense of place with local favorites.

Jeff Fegan, DFW Airport CEO said, "Trusted

brands and local flavor are important to our customers, and we are thrilled to add more passenger-driven concepts to our retail and restaurant offerings."

The seven packages are part of DFW's renewal of its concessions program in conjunction with the \$2.3 billion Terminal Renewal and Improvement Program (TRIP). TRIP renovations include the allocation of 50% more space for concessions in Terminals B and E, which creates more restaurant seating space and ad-

dresses projections for increasing passenger counts to 2020 and beyond.

The local, national and international brands approved in this RFP are:

• **Food and Beverage:** Blue Mesa Taco & Tequila Bar, Genghis Grill and Wendy's

• **Retail:** Today / La Crème (news and coffee); Southwest News / La Crème (news and coffee), SoundBalance, and Lone Star Attitude

One direct negotiation location in Terminal B was also approved by the Board for Smashburger.

"We are confident that these concepts will be great additions for passengers," said Zenola Campbell, vice president for concessions at DFW Airport. "It's really exciting to implement new restaurant and retail concepts using the input from our customers that identifies their preferences."

"Our staff did an excellent job conducting thorough research and reaching out to the community and the industry to put forth a fair solicitation process," said Ken Buchanan, executive vice

president for revenue management at DFW. "With these new concessions, DFW continues to demonstrate not only top notch service for our customers, but also its continuing economic benefit to the Dallas/Fort Worth community by providing new business opportunities for local firms that in turn provide jobs."

The Airport received a total of 22 proposals. All of the submittals were reviewed and evaluated using a clearly designed process and criteria. Two retail packages with loca-

tions in Terminals B and E will be reevaluated for future competitive opportunities or direct negotiation.

In the coming years, DFW will conduct several more TRIP-related RFPs for concessions outlets, including additional offerings for Terminals B and E and a complete renewal for Terminal C. Opportunities also will be forthcoming in DFW's International Terminal D.

Renovations to DFW's four original terminals under the TRIP program are scheduled to be completed in 2017.

3 out of 10 Organizations will close for business on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

(USNewswire) This year, almost 30 years after President Reagan signed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day into law, slightly more than three in ten employers (32 percent) will give the civil rights leader's birthday (January 21) as a paid holiday to most or all of their workers. In addition, 11 percent reported they will sponsor programs or events to acknowledge Dr. King's life and achievements, regardless of whether they will give the day off.

The increase in paid leave reflects a one percentage-point change from last year's figures reported by employers (31 percent), the second year in a row a marginal one percentage-point increase was reported. Despite this small, though steady, increase, the average proportion of companies who observe MLK Day by giving employees a paid holiday for the past 10 years is 30 percent while the average proportion recorded in the 1990s was at 22 percent.

When asked if their organization sponsors programs or events which recognize Dr. King's accomplishments, 11 percent of respondents do currently have a program or event regardless of whether they

give the holiday or not. Programs range from simple (e.g., emails, posters, and blog posts) to more elaborate (e.g., discussion groups, speakers, memorial celebrations, and volunteer opportunities). At least one organization provides a floating day of paid leave to enable employees to acknowledge Dr. King by volunteering in a way that they deem appropriate.

Of the 30 percent of employers who give Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday, over half (56 percent) had established the day as a paid holiday for all or most of their employees before 2000, some as early as 1970. Between the years of 2000 to 2009 another 40 percent of this year's respondents started offering the holiday to all or most of their employees, and in the past three years an additional 5 percent started to offer the holiday.

As in past years, among organizations that give Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a paid holiday, clear differences between industries are seen. Nonbusiness employers will give Monday, January 21 st as a paid holiday in 56 percent of firms surveyed. Twenty-eight percent of employers in nonmanufacturing will

give a paid holiday, half the proportion of nonbusiness. A clear minority, 7 percent, of manufacturing employees will have Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a paid holiday.

Differences by workforce size and union status are much smaller. Of those who employ fewer than 1,000 employees, 31 percent will give all or most of their employees off on

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 2 percentage-points less than the number who employ more than 1,000 employees (33 percent). Organizations with employees represented by a

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January 23 & 30, 10 a.m.

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In 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated; Representative John Conyers, D-Michigan, introduces legislation for a federal holiday to commemorate Dr. King.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise moving the holiday from January 15, Dr. King's birthday, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

Illinois is the first state to adopt MLK Day as a state holiday in 1973 and in 1983 Congress passes and President Reagan signs legislation creating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Three years later in 1986 the Federal MLK Holiday goes into effect. But

in 1987 Arizona's governor, Evan Mecham rescinds MLK Day as his first act in office, this sets off a

boycott of the state of Arizona.

There were 44 states in 1989 that adopted and celebrated a MLK Day holiday.

In 1991 the National Football League moved its 1993 Super Bowl site to Pasadena, California because of the MLK Day boycott.

Arizona citizens vote to enact MLK Day in 1992 after a tourist boycott. The Super Bowl is held in Tempe, Arizona in 1996.

For the first time in 1993, MLK Day is held in some form—sometimes under a different name, and not always as a paid state holiday—in all fifty states.

New Hampshire becomes the last state to adopt MLK Day as a paid state holiday, replacing its optional Civil Rights Day in 1999.

Utah becomes the last state to recognize MLK Day by name, renaming its Human Rights Day state holiday in 2000.

Also in 2000, South Carolina becomes the last state to make MLK Day a

paid holiday for all state employees.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia; he was both a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist and he had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States.

Beginning in the mid-1950s among many efforts, Dr. King headed the SCLC as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, the youngest man ever, among several other honors.

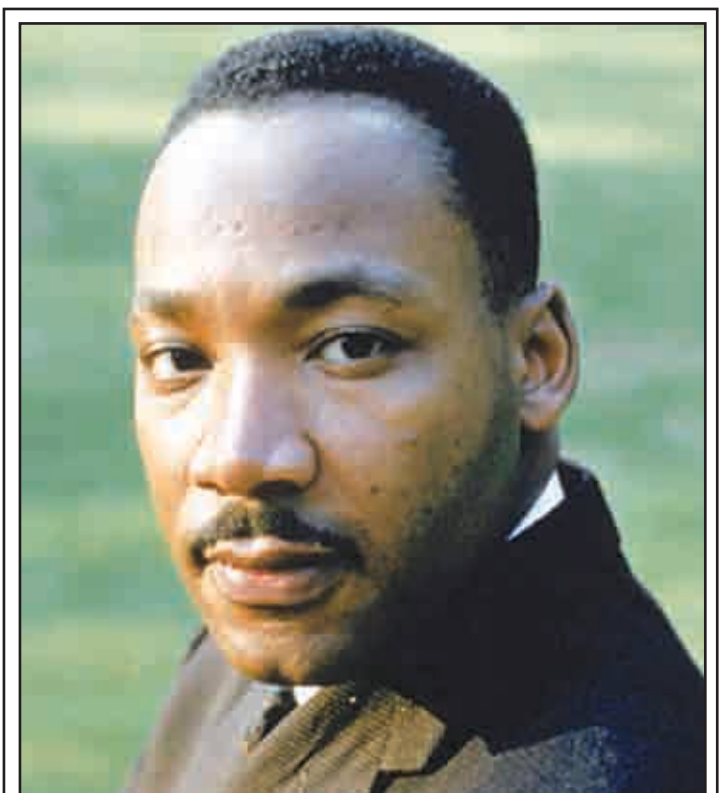
Dr. King continues to be remembered as one of the most lauded African-American leaders in history, often referenced by his 1963 speech, "I Have a Dream."

Born as Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was the middle child of Michael King Sr. and Alberta Williams King. Michael King Sr. stepped in as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church upon the death of

his father-in-law in 1931. He too became a successful minister, and adopted the name Martin Luther King Sr. in honor of the German Protestant religious leader Martin Luther. In due time, Michael Jr. would follow his father's lead and adopt the name himself.

Some Famous Quotes of Dr. King: "I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land."; "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.

Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love."; "A man who won't die for something is not fit to live."; "At the center of non-violence stands the



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968)

principle of love."; "Right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."; "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.";

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."; "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." – Martin Luther King Jr.

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According to Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, "I do not know what the rush was to make this settlement without answering key questions, and although I look forward to obtaining information about how this deal may assist homeowners, I have serious concerns that this settlement may allow banks to skirt what they owe and sweep past abuses under the rug without determining the full harm borrowers have suffered."

Speaking for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), Paul Leonard said, "We are deeply concerned that there be adequate safeguards in the settlement to ensure that borrowers and communities hit hardest by the foreclosure crisis will receive their fair share of both the cash payments and mortgage relief that

will keep as many people as possible in their homes and out of foreclosure."

Debby Goldberg with the National Fair Housing Alliance was even more direct. "Communities of color were particularly hard hit by abusive mortgage practices. In order for the public to have any confidence in the fairness of this settlement, the OCC and the Federal Reserve must ensure that borrowers in these communities have equal access to the help it provides."

Even if public debate of this development continues, how much financial loss America's homeowners and communities have already suffered has been researched and revealed the facts of who has lost homes, wealth, and quality of life.

CRL's most recent research, The State of Lending in America and its Impact on U.S. Households,

(<http://www.responsible-lending.org/state-of-lending/>) updated earlier foreclosure research, finding that the nation has a still-troubled housing market. CRL also developed a new state-by-state analysis of foreclosures and lost wealth.

According to the report, since February 2012, 11 percent of African-American borrowers and 14 percent of Latino borrowers have already lost their homes to foreclosures. By comparison and during the same years, African-foreclosure rates for non-Hispanic whites amounted to six percent and among Asian-American borrowers, eight percent.

Even worse, African-American and Latino borrowers were respectively 2.8 and 2.3 times as likely to have received a mortgage loan with a prepayment penalty – even though many of these bor-

rowers could have qualified for more affordable and sustainable loans.

Across the country, over half (52 percent) of the lost wealth resulting from living in close proximity to foreclosures was borne by minority census tract homeowners. In the District of Columbia and seven states --California, Florida, Illinois, Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey and New York – an even greater share of lost wealth occurred in minority communities.

Additionally, African-Americans remain at a higher imminent risk of more foreclosures in Florida, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and Illinois. For example, Black Floridians risk of imminent foreclosures is doubled that projected for the entire state.

As the nation prepares for the 2013 observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr.

holiday, the martyred leader's historic call for economic justice has yet to be fulfilled.

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NDG Book Review: *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis

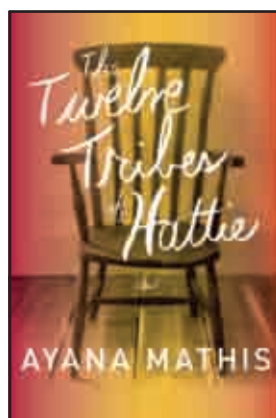
But sometimes, no matter how hard you try, things just go bad. That's when, as in the new novel *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis, doing your best just isn't good enough.

Floyd always thought of himself as the oldest Shepherd child, even though the twins came before him. His mother, Hattie, never forgot about her dead babies and as a result, Floyd and his siblings grew up in a suffocating house. That was good reason to leave home as soon as he could. Why he felt a strong pull toward loving young men, well, he couldn't answer that.

Just fifteen, Six wondered if he had somehow

inherited his mother's temper. People thought he was a quiet child; poor Six with scars from that long-ago accident. What they didn't know was that the accident charred more than just his skin: he burned with fire enough to beat another boy near to death, and he burned with the Holy Spirit.

Growing up, Alice was like a mother to her own brothers and sisters. It almost had to be that way; their father, August, was al-



ways away, and Hattie had her hands full with babies. Alice had a particular soft spot for her brother, Billup, and she promised to take special care of him for life.

Billup didn't need Alice, and he told her so. She didn't need to protect him any more. She wasn't the one who was molested, anyhow.

And there were always more babies. Ruthie, who was the child of another

man. Ella, whom Hattie gave away. Bell, always on the outside.

And then there was Sala, the child Hattie could do right by.

The child she could save. The child who could save her.

Who can resist a book that starts out sweet, quickly turns tragic, gives you hope and then... well, not me. That's why I loved *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* so much.

Author Ayana Mathis doesn't bother to tug on our heartstrings in this book. No, she rips at them with this story of a woman who holds her hurts close and in doing so, makes her pain

echo through several decades.

Where this book shines is in Mathis' character development: it's oh-so-very easy to forget that the people aren't real. You'll squirm at some of the troubles here. For sure, there are parts of this book that will make you breathless.

Be aware that you may want a tissue for parts of this novel. Be aware that you won't be able to put this book down. If you need a good story in the worst way, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* may be best.

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis, (Knopf, \$24.95, 247 pages)

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riages in the US, there is 1 divorce occurring.)

Chen recently talked about the pitfalls of the dating culture – critically analyzing another person's qualification based on their wealth or lack

of, and critically scrutinizing every weaknesses of the other person so that 'one does not make a mistake in marrying the wrong person.'

"That is the biggest mistake," said Chen "People

change. You change. If all you are after to have is a stagnant 'perfection,' you end up with a decay that is inevitable."

Chen spoke about how frequent dating keeps a per-

son thinking that the next man or woman would be better. Some men and women never learn what it takes to work through a problem with another person and that is the biggest

missing skill that will result in failed relationships.

"Marriage does not have to be an experience that ends up badly. If you understand the mechanics of marriage and how it

works, you can manage it much better and thus succeed than going into it blindly. But you must get that knowledge of how it works!" Chen concluded.

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