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USPS honors Rosa Parks with new stamp

WASHINGTON — Legendary civil rights activist Rosa Parks was recognized with the U.S. Postal Service release of a new Forever Stamp in her honor during the 44th NAACP Image Awards in Los Angeles.

In a taped message — which aired live to audience members only during

the Image Awards program — Deputy Postmaster General Ronald Stroman highlighted a new set of civil rights stamps — including the stamp honoring Par-



Gladys Knight previews the Rosa Parks Forever Stamp in the USPS Civil Rights Stamp Gallery backstage at NAACP Image Awards on Feb. 1 at The Shrine Auditorium. (Photo by Todd Owen/WireImage)

ks. Her refusal to sit in the back of a Montgomery, AL, bus Dec. 1, 1955 ignited a movement that ultimately challenged racial segregation

and inspired others to similar actions.

The Postal Service launched a new set of civil rights stamps Jan. 1 with the Emancipation Proclamation Forever Stamp, issued at The National Archives in Washington, DC. In August, the series will culminate with the

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Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson offers reflections on Obama's first term and voting rights battle

Last month during the weekend of Inauguration events, Andrea Collin spoke with U.S. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson on behalf of the *North Dallas Gazette* about what President Barack Obama has accomplished



Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, his family and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson in Washington, DC last month.

and the journey ahead. The quick Q & A included:

What were a few successes from the first term of President Obama? - "There are too many to talk about. President Obama did not

have a Congress that was attempting to help him achieve anything like he needed for the last four years. The last four years has spent trying to defeat him and focusing on issues like getting the job bills passed. But really

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Claim all of your eligible credits and deductions this tax season

Free tax services save the cost of high-priced fees for seniors and low-to-moderate income families

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

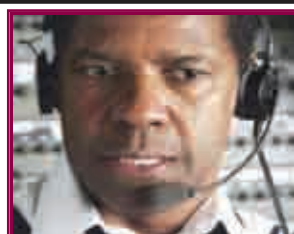
When W-2 forms begin arriving in the mail, it's a sure sign that tax season has again returned. This year however, there will be a slight delay for tax filers. Due to the lateness of tax law changes made by Con-

gress, IRS will begin processing returns on January 30. This date will apply regardless of whether tax returns are e-filed or on paper.

The consumer benefit from this brief delay means tax filers have more time to identify and include every

available credit. Depending upon family income, size and filing status, several tax credits can boost refunds — especially among low and moderate income households. Applying every eligible tax credit will maximize refunds.

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COMMENTARY

The state of equality and justice in America: America stands at a crossroads

BY REV. JESSE L. JACKSON SR.

America stands at a crossroads. We can take the high road toward equal access to high quality public education, reaffirm our commitment to democratically elected public officials, end the failed war on drugs, recommit to the right of workers to bargain for better conditions, lower our dreadful rate of hyper-incarceration and implement the affordable care act. Or we can travel in

the opposite direction and move the nation away from equal opportunity and justice.

One reason our political bodies are so sharply divided is over this question of justice. Some Americans seem to believe that we have done enough to achieve justice. Others understand that the struggle for justice and equality is a continuing American project that requires patience and perseverance.

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COVER STORY

Obama slammed for lack of cabinet diversity



President Obama greets Defense Secretary Panetta after delivering the State of the Union. Attorney General Eric Holder is seen at left. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

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Allen Iverson loses parental custody rights and ordered to attend AA meetings

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Tiffany Dale Hunter

Tiffany Dale Agency, a full-service public relations and marketing company based in Dallas and Fort Worth, announced that its President and CEO Tiffany Dale Hunter received a distinguished 2013 "Quest For Success Award" at the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's 29th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon. This celebratory event was Monday, Feb. 4 at the Dallas Convention Center-Ballroom A at 12 noon.

"It is truly an honor to be selected as a 2013 'Quest For Success Award' recipient,"

said Tiffany Dale Hunter, President and CEO of Tiffany Dale Agency. "I feel extremely blessed and honored to be amongst the exemplary group of business owners who have received this prestigious award throughout the past 28 years."

Tiffany Dale Hunter's professional accomplishments, continuous leadership and devout dedication to making a positive impact in the community earned her one of this year's coveted "Quest For Success Awards." Founded in 1985 by the Dallas Black

Chamber of Commerce, CHASE and The Dallas Morning News, the "Quest For Success Award" and luncheon honors Dallas/Fort Worth African-American entrepreneurs for their remarkable business achievements and outstanding involvement in the community. It is the largest black history month event of its kind in the Southwest and the largest business awards program in the state of Texas. During this year's 29th Annual Quest For Success



Awards Luncheon, Hunter along with six other business owners was honored with an award and video presentation documenting their professional success and accomplishments.

Tiffany Dale Hunter is a seasoned business and community leader who founded Tiffany Dale Agency in 2006. As the President and CEO, she leads the TDA talented team of writers, special

event planners, graphic designers and web designers in crafting innovative branding strategies, public relations and marketing campaigns and strategic events for small to mid-size businesses in an array of industries that include healthcare, hospitality, retail and development. Prior to launching Tiffany Dale Agency, Tiffany honed her business and creative communications skills at Wyndham International, one of the world's largest hospitality companies, where she was promoted to various areas throughout her tenure including investor relations, corpo-

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Fantasia Barrino

BY GRELAN MUSE SR.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Baltimore Ravens line-backer Ray Lewis won a Super Bowl with his team on Feb. 3, but the win is not the only accolade the now retired three-time defensive player of the year earned in New Orleans.

On Feb. 1, Lewis was honored with the Lifetime of Inspirations award during the 14th Super Bowl Gospel Celebration. The event was held at Lakefront Arena at University of New Orleans.

An extremely emotional Lewis accepted the award from his eldest son, Ray Lewis III. The all-pro was joined on stage by his two daughters, younger sons, and his mother, Sunseria Jenkins.

Lewis shared with the audience the importance God plays in his life and the relationship he has built with his family. He discussed a conversation he had with his biological father that changed his life.

"One day I went on a six-hour ride with my biological father. I wanted my dad to tell me all the things he had to say to me that he didn't tell me as a child and all the pain he had within him. I wanted to hear it. After that, we put it in the past. Now, we have a better relationship."

Lewis said the move also helped him become a better father to his children.

"I encourage you all to be responsible for rearing their children and teaching them respect. Be a parent and not just their friend."

The bond Lewis has with Jenkins has always been his strength. He said he started lifting weights at an early age to become strong enough protect her from an abusive relationship.

Lewis is only the second person the celebration has honored. He joins former NFL coach and current Sunday Night Football analysis Tony Dun-



gy as the other award winner.

The NFL-sanctioned gospel celebration featured a star-studded show with Grammy winner Fantasia as the headlining act. The singer said it was a blessing to be able to appear in the show.

"My life has been up and down. I had to make God the center of my life. Doing so, I had to go back to my foundation, the church and singing gospel music and re-establish the relationship I had with

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Houston Person

A film based on a UT Dallas professor's novel, a contemporary dance per-

formance and a sax-driven jazz concert followed by a



the School of Arts and Humanities.

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Tickets to all events are free to UT Dallas students with valid identification. The schedule is as follows:

On Friday, Feb. 8, in the Alexander Clark Center, tenor saxophonist Houston Person will play a night of jazz. Person is known for his soulful, hard-bop sound. After years as producer and house tenor for HighNote Records and touring with the vocalist Etta Jones, Person is considered a master of popular songs played in a relaxed, highly accessible style. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

The Amernet String Quartet will wrap up the week with a performance on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Alexander Clark Center. The New York Times described the quartet's performances as "immensely satisfying." The quartet,

which serves as ensemble in residence at Florida International University, includes Julliard graduates Misha Vitenson (violin), Marcia Littlely (violin), Michael Klotz (viola) and Jason Calloway (cello).

For both concerts, faculty and staff members presenting their UT Dallas Comet Cards will be admitted free of charge at the ticket office at the evening of the event. In addition, they may buy up to four additional tickets for this concert at the discounted price of \$5.

General admission tickets for Friday's concert are \$20 and \$15 for Saturday's concert. \$10 for non-UT Dallas students. The ticket office is open 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and one hour before show time. Tickets can be purchased in advance online

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vance may be picked up at the door prior to the show.

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Letter to Editor: What is really causing all of the gun violence in Chicago?

Last week we published on the North Dallas Gazette website the story *Gun violence claims the lives of Chicago mom's 4 children* and the comment below was received.

"First of all, my condolences to the family because I too know first hand the deep pain that one goes through when they lose someone close to them, as a result of a gun homicide. In 2004, I lost my best friend to an unfortunate drug-related shooting by an illegally obtained firearm.

I would ask that you look at the facts though rather than being clouted by the political rhetoric that we have seen around us as of recent. Chicago has long been known for its strict firearms laws and inability for everyday citizens to obtain handguns. You would think that with as tough of laws that they have in Chicago that they would have a seemingly effective

means of controlling crime. Well that is not the truth. I would highly suspect that, just like my friend, her son was killed by an illegally obtained firearm. This can be prevented in the future.

Unfortunately, we have allowed ourselves to be spoon-fed a scapegoat to the actual deeper issue at hand. No, it isn't firearms that we should be focusing on. With a statistic of 78% of gun homicides in this country being gang- and drug-related, we must ask ourselves how can we reduce this overwhelming figure? The issue that has been hidden from us all of this time is the stance of the US Government for allowing drugs to remain ruled by underground distribution networks. As a drug dealer, you cannot go to the police if you get robbed. Instead, the heavy burden of justice lies in the hands individuals rather than the judicial system. We see this point mag-

nified within our cities, where drug networks and gangs are willing to use armed violence to sustain their industry. This point is even more exemplified if we take a look over our Southern boarder in Mexico, where cartels are literally hacking each other to pieces in order to retain power and order within the black-market.

This should not happen. We do not have this level of armed vigilantism with tobacco or pharmaceuticals because these industries are brought into a commercial and legal setting. Store owners can call the police, keep a paper record, they can legally protect themselves, and robbers aren't as willing to rob a storefront as they are a seemingly weak drug dealer or flashy gang-member.

What is promoting this violence? It is clearly our entire positioning of keeping drugs illegal within this

country in the first place. The same thing happened during alcohol prohibition, and the same thing happened in the numbers racket. We cannot arrest our way out of this problem, and we surely cannot ban our way out of this problem. This issue needs to be solved at its core, not by scapegoating a tool or an individual who is just trying to survive the trials and tribulations of life. This burden of justice was placed in their hands by a Government who had the best intentions, but could not see the downfall of their drug-prevention strategy.

I urge you guys to see this issue for what it is. If you want real change, then look at the core, not the proprietary. This does not mean we cannot enlist effect gun obtainment changes to prevent the illegal undercurrent of guns within this country.

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There are some disturbing trends. A decade ago there were 40 million uninsured people. Today the number is closer to 50 million. There is greater income inequality and more poverty. Average Americans have lost trillions of dollars in family wealth - largely the result of unregulated real estate markets. We have not yet regulated exotic Wall Street investments like derivatives. Our incarceration rate continues to grow; we imprison more people than any other developed nation in the world, per capita, while drugs are more plentiful and lower priced than they were a decade ago. Fewer boys are finishing college and the rate at which we produce engineers is dropping. We rank lower in health outcomes than much poorer nations. These trends must be addressed and reversed if we are to continue to prosper and lead the world.

We seem fatigued with questions of racial and ethnic justice. Affirmative action is under attack, again. Racial profiling, abuse of

prosecutorial discretion, excessive use of police force, runaway juries, disparate sentencing and selective prosecution are generally accepted as normal, not exceptional. While we celebrate the promise of the Lillie Ledbetter Act, too much race discrimination lurks in our work places. Instead of looking at our immigrant population as a strength to be cultivated, we ignore, or pander to them.

Our civil rights apparatus is fraying. There is a trend away from joining and supporting organizations - churches, unions, and civil rights organizations. Rugged individualism is no substitute for institutional voices for justice and equality. Noah built an ark to withstand the flood. Those who could swim died outside the ark. Those who could not swim survived inside the ark. Good swimmers can't swim 40 days and 40 nights. We need strong institutional bulwarks to protect us from exclusion and prejudice.

Perhaps the most disturbing trend is away from

the universal franchise. The right to vote secures every other right. We are encountering stiff headwinds that threaten to undermine democracy itself. Despite "Citizens United", money is not speech. Our elections should not be bought and sold like vacation homes and yachts. Latter day, politically driven obstacles - voter suppression - is un-American. There is no political goal that justifies dishonest schemes to disenfranchise American citizens. America is not a race, or a religion, color or language. America is built on a set of noble, but fragile premises: All men are created equal; one person-one vote; majority rule. It is these principles that make the American experiment work - undoing them could unravel the fabric of the nation.

Yet, I remain optimistic. Our union has been in the process of perfecting itself throughout its entire existence. America has been a laboratory experiment in justice and equality. The enslaved never adjusted to

being considered less than human. Women never adjusted to second-class citizenship. Workers refused to acquiesce to exploitation. Seniors refused to accept the indignity of poverty after a life of industry. Young people refused to be seen and not heard. That is the genius of the American experiment - we become a better, stronger nation when we insist that the nation live with its conscience.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. is President/CEO of the Chicago-based Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. This article - the fourth of a 20-part series - is written in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity - work that continues to be vital today. For more information, please visit lawyerscommittee.org.

Your eye to your brain

From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I'm Nicholas Garlow with HHS HealthBeat.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage

your optic nerve, which transmits visual information from your eye to your brain. When the optic nerve is damaged, vision problems can occur.

James Tsai at the Yale School of Medicine is chair of the Glaucoma Subcommittee for the National Eye Health Education Program.

"Sometimes, patients will complain of some eye discomfort, but the scary thing about glaucoma is often times, patients do not have any warning signs or symptoms."

African Americans ages 40 and older, all people ages 60 and older, and people with a family history of glaucoma, are at higher risk.

Once the damage is done, it cannot be repaired. You should visit an eye care professional every one to two years for a dilated eye exam. Learn more at healthfinder.gov.

Survey shows Americans willing to pay more in taxes if it means keeping social security benefits

Americans support Social Security and are willing to pay more to preserve and even improve benefits, according to a new survey released last week by the non-

partisan National Academy of Social Insurance.

The study, Strengthening Social Security: What Do Americans Want? finds a sharp contrast between what

Americans say they want and changes being discussed in Washington, such as cutting benefits by using a "chained" Consumer Price Index to determine Social Security's

cost-of-living adjustment. In fact, large majorities of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, agree on ways to strengthen Social Security — without cutting benefits.

Fully 74 percent of Republicans and 88 percent of Democrats agree "it is critical to preserve Social Security even if it means increasing Social Security taxes

paid by working Americans."

To see the full results of the survey, go to <http://tinyurl.com/bkrcgky>.

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rate communications, social responsibility, minority and women marketing, diversity and inclusion and supplier diversity.

She served on the board of directors for the Southern Methodist University's Business Associate Program, Dallas Wind Symphony, Dallas Symphony Orchestra League's Élan Circle, Fort Worth Jubilee Theater and Dallas Arts District Alliance.

Tiffany is also a graduate of the Dallas Regional Chamber's 2007 class of the coveted Leadership Dallas program and the Business Council for the Arts 2007 class of the Leadership Arts program. She participated in the Dallas Regional Chamber's CEO Roundtable, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's YP214 and was selected by D Magazine as a top finalist for the "10 Most Beautiful Women in Dallas."

Tiffany is a former president of the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals, for which she served a three-year term, while concurrently serving on the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas. She has also been a member of and/or corporate representative for the National Association of Women Business Owners, National Investor Relations Institute, Executive Women's Golf Association, Ladies Professional Golf Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Women's Leadership Exchange.

Tiffany Dale Hunter holds a BBA in Marketing from the University of North Texas. While obtaining her

business degree, she completed marketing training programs with Ernst & Young, LLP; Arthur Andersen, LLP and Denton Municipal Electric. She is a member of Oak

Cliff Bible Fellowship with Senior Pastor, Dr. Tony Evans. For additional information about Tiffany Dale Hunter, please visit www.tiffaneydale.com.

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City of Dallas seeking volunteers for upcoming It's My Park Day

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 community volunteers together from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 2 to enhance the City's park system.

Individuals, families, homeowners' associations, social and civic clubs, Scout troops, corporate teams, and Friends groups are encouraged to organize beautifica-

tion 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 lit-

ter and debris pickup, graffiti removal, weeding, and flower mulching.

Anyone interested in organizing or joining an existing It's My Park Day proj-

ect should sign up by February 20 at www.itsmypark-daydallas.eventbrite.com.

For details, call Dallas Park and Recreation at 214-670-8483.

Dallas Architecture Forum to discuss "Since 2000 - Dallas City Fabric"

Dallas Architecture Forum's 2012-2013 Panel Discussion Series returns on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at 1909 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 100 in Dallas (the DCFA offices in the Five Star Institute Building).

The participants will review new residential buildings in and around downtown, special districts and public spaces, and the linkages in between. They will also discuss the contributing factors of success, and will analyze to what degree these buildings,

special districts and public spaces have achieved success.

Panelists are Brent A. Brown, AIA, Founding Director of City of Dallas' City Design Studio, Larry Hamilton, Chairman and CEO of Hamilton Properties Corporation, Theresa O'Donnell, Director

of Sustainable Development and Construction for City of Dallas, and Ken Hughes, President of Hughes Development LP.

Coy Talley is the moderator for the evening and the founding principal of Talley Associates. He has been ac-

tively involved in planning and design of site development projects of urban areas, town centers, and college campuses, among other projects.

Panels are open to the public and are presented free of charge for all attendees as

a public outreach of the Dallas Architecture Forum. No reservations are needed to attend, and there is open seating for these Panels. For more information on the Dallas Architecture Forum, visit www.dallasarchitectureforum.org or call 214-764-2406.

Dallas International Festival on May 25 in the Dallas Arts District

The second annual Dallas International Festival is a free family event held in the Dallas Arts District (along Flora Street from Pearl to Jack Evans: 2403 Flora, Dallas TX 75201) on Saturday, May 25. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. children and adults can

enjoy three stages of music and dance from around the world. The day's events will feature more than a hundred booths in the International Bazaar, a Global Cuisines Pavilion, a Parade of Nations, a Passport to Adventure game, the Children's

Discovery Center and Get-Up-&-Move! Workshops, demos by Master Chefs, and a closing Drum Circle.

Nearly 40,000 people are expected to attend the festival, in which more than eighty-five cultures / countries will be rep-

resented. Built around the motif of a 'traditional plaza' the Dallas International Festival features strolling musicians, indigenous dancers and drummers, clowns and balloon vendors, and hands-on activities and games for the whole family.

DFW International Community Alliance is the portal for global North Texas, a network of 1,600 of the regions ethnic and internationally-focused civic, community and educational organizations. Its mission is to build mutual under-

standing and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities.

The organization promotes and links North Texas global groups through its website and cultural calendar at www.dfw-international.org/.

Dallas' Rep. Rose appointed to Corrections and Human Services Committees

AUSTIN – Texas House Speaker Joe Straus announced committee assignments for the 83rd Legislative Session on Jan. 31, 2013. Rep. Toni Rose (D-Dallas) was appointed to serve on two key committees, the House Committee on Corrections and the House Human Services Committee.

As a member of the House Committee on Corrections, Rep. Rose will be working on legislation that pertains to matters of incarceration and rehabilitation of convicted felons, both adult and juvenile.

The committee also oversees the establishment and



Rep. Toni Rose

maintenance of programs that provide alternatives to incarceration; as well as the construction, operation, and management of correctional facilities.

Rep. Rose was also selected to serve on the House Human Services Committee. The committee's jurisdiction includes: oversight of the Health and Human Services commission, and the prevention and treatment of intellectual disabilities; and its programs. Rep. Rose will be working to ensure the development, administration and control for welfare and rehabilitation.

With over twenty years of experience in the fields of both criminal justice and mental health, Rep. Rose will be an active voice in improving the delivery of our social services programs and addressing mental health problems in our prison system. "We have many serious issues to tackle and have tough decisions to make," added Rep. Rose. "I am looking forward to working on behalf of

the residents of District 110 and all citizens of Texas."



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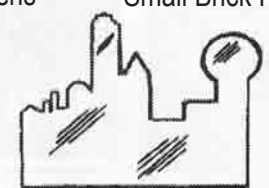
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BNSF and other companies raise money for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children

Reception at SMU's Collins Center recognizes winning relay teams

DALLAS — SMU Cox School of Business and the Dallas Marathon board of directors announced the results of the 2012 SMU Cox Corporate Relay Challenge presented by Behringer Harvard. The announcement was made at a reception in the James M. Collins



SMU's Kevin Knox, Dallas Marathon executive director Marcus Grunewald, BNSF team members Michael Brown, Doug Hinds, Andrew Montes, Behringer Harvard's Jason Mattox and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital's CEO Bob Walker.

Center at SMU's Cox School of Business.

"We have seen fantastic participation from the business community in this year's Corporate Relay Challenge," said Kevin

Snyder, chairman of the Dallas Marathon board of directors. "Dallas corporations show their support for local health and fitness initiatives by committing to this challenge every year, and they also support our wonderful beneficiary, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children."

The relay challenge, which is now in its seventh year at the MetroPCS® Dallas Marathon, consists of

five-person relay team. In 2012, a record number of participating corporations registered more than 215 total teams.

"SMU Cox School of Business is proud to once again co-sponsor the Corporate Relay Challenge," said

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Students explore history in district competition

DALLAS—Students from 16 Dallas ISD schools who explored the theme "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas and Events" in 64 projects during the recent Dallas ISD History Day competition will be advancing to regionals. More than 300 students from 21 district schools competed at district level at Hector P. Garcia Middle with

plays and theatrical presentations about history topics as varied as the Freeman's Bureau to the English Civil War to the Bay of Pigs



Invasion. The Dallas Area Regional History Day will take place on Feb. 16 in Richardson.

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Blood drive in Plano this weekend

2013 is the year to be a part of something great by donating blood. Collin Creek Mall makes it convenient to do just that, when on Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, the shopping center hosts Carter BloodCare's mobile donor unit. From 12 to 6 p.m., the unit will be in the parking lot on the east side near Sears.

Walk-in donors are welcome, but individuals can



make an appointment by calling 817.412.5245. Donors with appointments will be taken first.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with a parent's consent, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good gen-

eral health. Photo ID is required. There is no upper age limit for donors, and most medications do not interfere with donor eligibility. Carter BloodCare recommends eating a nourishing meal and drinking plenty of water before donating. For information about eligibility, visit www.carterbloodcare.org.

DISD's 2013 African American Read-In: Step onto the Train of Reading

DALLAS - In an effort to celebrate African American literacy and literature, Dallas ISD Trustee Bernadette Nutall, District 9, along with the Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, will hold the 2013 African American

Read-In: Step onto the Train of Reading. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1819 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Families and students are welcome to celebrate

literacy and rediscover the joy of sharing the lost art of reading together through a variety of reading activities, story-telling, music, and food. Participating students will be eligible for giveaways.

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dedication of a stamp recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington.

The new civil rights stamps focus on freedom, courage and equality. In his message, Stroman expresses how the Civil War was "a struggle for unity" that became "a fight for freedom," as reflected with the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation. "Rosa Parks' act of courage changed American history," said Stroman. In referencing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech delivered during the



Actor Tyler James Williams previews the Emancipation Proclamation Forever Stamp at the USPS Civil Rights Stamp Gallery at the NAACP Image Awards at The Shrine Auditorium on February 1, 2013 in Los Angeles, California. (Photo by Todd Oren/WireImage)

March on Washington, Stroman reminds viewers that "the dream of equality galvanized a nation."

The Rosa Parks Forever Stamp went on sale nationwide Feb. 4, which would have been her 100th birthday, at local Post Offices, online at usps.com/stamps or by phone at 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724).

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God," Fantasia told Pew Talk Radio during a brief interview on the red carpet. She attended the event with her mother, Diana Barrino.

Additional performers included Donnie McCl-

urkin, Bishop Paul S. Morton, Lecrea, Myron Butler, and Pastor Marvin Winans. Kirk Franklin will serve as host of the music portion, with "The View" co-host Sherri Shepherd as MC for the event.

The NFL Players Choir also performed selections for the audience. The choir, in its sixth year of existence, includes former and current NFL players and coaches.

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Obama slammed for lack of cabinet diversity

By Freddie Allen
(NNPA) President Barack Obama has been accused of everything from not being born in America to secretly being a Muslim. But the most surprising – and accurate accusation – is that the nation's first Black president has a cabinet less diverse than that of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

And unlike his first term, Blacks are not biting their tongue about their disappointment in President Obama.

"He's not being held accountable for his policies or his appointments," said Mary Frances Berry, a history professor at the University of Pennsylvania and former chairwoman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. "In politics, the squeaky wheel gets the most oil."

And there are plenty of squeaky wheels in President Obama's second term.

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) said on MSNBC that the criticism of President Obama's lack of diversity in his cabinet is "embarrassing as hell."

He explained, "If it's the first term, you could see people got to know who is around that's qualified in order to get this job, No. 1. I had thought, and maybe it's so, that it could be the Harvard problem where people just know each other, trust each other and women and minorities don't get a chance to rub elbows and their reputations and experience is not known."

Every if that were the case, Berry states, that still wouldn't be an acceptable excuse.

"Black people go to Harvard, too," she said. For example, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick graduated from Harvard Law School in 1982 cum laude.

Blacks graduating from the nation's most prestigious university is not a recent phenomenon. Historian and civil rights activist W.E. B. DuBois received his doctoral



Obama's 2012 cabinet President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden pose with the full Cabinet for an official group photo in the Grand Foyer of the White House, July 26, 2012.

Seated, from left, are: Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Acting Commerce Secretary Rebecca Blank, Former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Susan Rice, and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Standing in the second row, from left, are: Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Former Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, Former Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner, Chief of Staff Jack Lew, Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk.

Standing in the third row, from left, are: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Jeffrey D. Zients, Council of Economic Advisers Chair Alan Krueger, and Small Business Administrator Karen G. Mills. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)

degree from Harvard in 1895. William Monroe Trotter, the crusading editor of the *Boston Guardian*, graduated from Harvard that same year *magna cum laude* and earned a Phi Beta Kappa key. DuBois and Trotter were among the founders of the Niagra Movement in 1905, the forerunner of the NAACP.

More important, an Ivy League degree is not the ultimate measure of one's ability to serve in top positions, said Berry, who graduated from historically Black Fisk University in Nashville and Yale University Law School.

While Rangel speculates that Obama might have had few Black contacts beyond his Harvard and Chicago inner circle during his first term, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.) said the Congressional Black Caucus vetted

in sent the names of 61 potential appointees to the White House that were qualified to serve in his second term.

Speaking at the National Newspaper Publishers Association mid-winter convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Hastings said, "Not one of that 61 was selected – not one."

One seems to be the magic number with the Obama administration. Of the permanent cabinet positions –not including positions that can be elevated to or demoted from cabinet level at the direction of the president – Obama has had only one Black in his permanent cabinet – Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. In fact, he has had more Republicans in his permanent cabinet than African-Americans.

By contrast, President Bill Clinton, a southern Democrat who grew up during segregation, appointed a record four Blacks to his cabinet during his first term and three during his second term.

During his first term, Bill Clinton appointed Ron Brown to serve as Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Energy Hazel D. O'Leary, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown.

Serving during Clinton's second term were Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Togo D. West, Jr.

Two Blacks served in the cabinet of Republican President George W. Bush

during each of his terms. Bush made history in his first term by selecting retired General Colin Powell to serve as Secretary of State. Powell was the first African American to hold that position.

During Bush's second term, he appointed Condoleezza Rice to succeed Powell, making her the first African American woman State Secretary. The Secretary of State is third in line in succession to the President of the United States.

Alphonso Jackson served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during Bush's first and second terms.

Under his administration, Obama has conferred Cabinet status to UN Ambassador Susan Rice, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa

P. Jackson and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk.

Although Obama was considering picking Susan Rice as his next Secretary of State, former Senator John Kerry disclosed last week that he was offered the job before Rice asked that her name be withdrawn from consideration.

Professor Berry said diversity is not an issue President Obama or anyone else should get a pass on.

"Inclusion is not only important to the individual, it's important for the pipeline," said Berry. "Diversity strengthens the institution, as well. You have to have different perspectives in the mix."

Dianne Pinderhughes, a political science professor at the University of Notre Dame, said Blacks must insist on a larger share of appointments.

"People can complain about his response or how he's not doing things for the Black community. I think that's a lousy strategy," she said. "I think people ought to be proactive and aggressive."

At press time, five cabinet-level positions were still open: Interior, Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Energy. In addition, Jackson has resigned as EPA Administrator and Ronald Kirk has quit as U.S. Trade Representative, two positions Obama had elevated to cabinet status.

"I would love to see more Black women in the cabinet," said Avis Jones-DeWeever, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women. "I would also love to see a Black woman on the Supreme Court."

Obama is asking the public to withhold judgment on his diversity record.

"We haven't completed the formation of my Cabinet," he said. "So I'll let people judge it after all my appointments have been made whether or not we've made progress."

NDG Gossip: Allen Iverson loses parental custody rights and ordered to attend AA meetings

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

The judge was not happy with Allen Iverson when and ruled stripped Iverson of custody of his five children, granting him only visitation rights. Full custody was granted to Tawanna Iverson, the mother of the children. In finalizing Iverson's divorce from Tawanna, the judge disapproved of Allen's parenting patterns which included his alcohol use and the resulting poor decisions. For example, he left the children unattended, unsupervised, and around strangers - according to the divorce decree.

The judge reported, "Iverson does not know

how to manage the children; has little interest in learning to manage the children and has actually, at times, been a hindrance to their spiritual and emotional growth and development."

According to this judge, Iverson is a bad parent and a bad influence on his children. Now he must undergo the appropriate plan of action to get his life in order before he is fit to be of any use around his children. Iverson has to change his life-style if he plans to be in his children's life.

Iverson is ordered to not drink alcohol in the next 18 months, and when visiting his children he cannot consume alcohol within 24 hours of seeing them. In ad-



Allen Iverson

dition to this, Iverson must seek help from a psychiatrist and attend AA meetings for one year.

Is this a fair ruling or do you think the judge has been too hard on Iverson? Comment at Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.

Win a copy of Denzel's *Flight* for your favorite Valentine!

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

If looking for a Valentine's gift for a movie-loving sweetheart, Denzel Washington's latest movie *Flight* is available on a Blu-Ray / DVD combo disc. Washington, undoubtedly one of the greatest actors of a generation, is once again nominated for an Academy Award for his performance in *Flight*.

Washington plays a morally challenged airline pilot. His life is in shambles personally but professionally he has been rather lucky. But we all know eventually luck runs out. In a blink of an eye, Whip

Whitaker (Washington) goes from being hailed for his skill in landing an airplane and saving hundreds of lives to being questioned about if he legally he should have been flying in the first place.

Denzel received the nomination but Don Cheadle, his high-powered attorney, delivers another funny and sexy performance. Also, John Goodman was unfortunately overlooked for a truly funny "fix it" kinda guy who is steals every scene he is in.

The features on the Blu-ray include an incredible *Anatomy of a Plane Crash* featurette, which gives you a peek behind the scenes on how they created the crash

for the movie. Also, *Origins of Flight* and *The Making of Flight*, plus Q&A highlights.

One of the other nice perks is you are no longer tied to your DVD or Blu-ray player, when you open your package, it contains a code so the film can be downloaded and watched on your smartphone, laptop or tablet.

The movie is available in stores today. **North Dallas Gazette readers can WIN a copy of *Flight* by registering on our Facebook page – Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette today. We have several copies to giveaway so register to win today.**

Visit NorthDallasGazette.com on Friday
for new movie reviews:

Side Effects starring Jude Law & Catherine Zeta Jones
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Snoop Dogg performing at St. Patrick's Day Concert

This year, the St. Patrick's Day Concert on Saturday, March 16 will feature Snoop Dogg. Gates will open at noon for the St. Patrick's Day Concert in Energy Square immedi-

ately after St. Patrick's Parade. Energy Square is located at the Corner of Greenville Ave and University Blvd. in Dallas.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and on sale beginning Friday,

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there are just too many things to go over," according to Johnson.

Are you satisfied with the outreach to the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) from the White House? – "The Congressional Black Cau-

cus is a Caucus that looks out for people around the world. It was very difficult for the President to proceed; we did not have the Congressional leaders to cooperate with him. The President does not pass the laws, the Congress does.

No matter what the President wants Congress has to pass it. And they were determined not to pass anything that the President wanted pass, which included things that we (CBC) wanted to pass," Johnson reflected.

Do you see it as a positive sign that the Supreme Court has not put the Texas redistricting on the agenda, leading to speculation it will perhaps not be heard this term? Johnson indicated, "I cannot call anything about the

Supreme Court, I'm not sure anyone can. There is a case coming up that will be heard the later part of this month on Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder case which addresses Section 5 of the Civil rights Act. That is the same topic the Attor-

ney General of Texas (Greg Abbott) is challenging in redistricting, so I have a feeling when they rule on that case it will also carry over to the next case and if that is the case, then they probably will not hear the Texas redistricting case."

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Kevin Knox, assistant dean of external relations at SMU Cox. "This event offers us a great opportunity to support the important cause of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and its patients."

For the sixth time since the race's inception, BNSF Velocity captured the prize of Fastest Corporate Team. Relay teams compete in a variety of categories for a total of \$30,000 in prize money, which is given directly to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) – one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopaedic conditions – in

the names of the respective corporations.

"We are proud to serve our seventh year as co-sponsor of the Corporate Relay Challenge," said Jason Mattox, chief operating officer for Behringer Harvard. "We were also thrilled to have our employees participate, forming eight relay teams and 40 volunteers. This event exemplifies the generous spirit of the local business community, and we love being a part of it."

Registration for the 2013 Corporate Relay Challenge opens June 1, 2013. For more information

on registration or corporate sponsorships, visit <http://www.dallasmaraathon.com>.

Results for the 2012 SMU Cox Corporate Relay Challenge presented by Behringer Harvard are:

Fastest Corporate Team (first corporate teams to finish relay)

•1st place – A \$5,000 donation to TSRHC was awarded in BNSF Velocity's name for winning the relay in 2 hours, 52 minutes, 02 seconds.

•2nd place – A \$2,500 donation to TSRHC was awarded in AugustaWestland: Tiltrun's name for

running the relay in 3 hours, 10 minutes, 42 seconds.

•3rd place – A \$1,500 donation to TSRHC was awarded in Sewell 1's name for running the relay in 3 hours, 12 minutes, 44 seconds.

Most Corporate Teams (based on total number of five-person teams completing the relay)

•1st place – A \$5,000 donation to TSRHC was awarded in Sewell's name for a total of 31 teams.

•2nd place – A \$2,500 donation to TSRHC was awarded in TXU's name for a total of 21 teams.

•3rd place – A \$1,500 donation to TSRHC was awarded in L-3 Communication's name for a total of 10 teams.

Oldest Corporate Team (average age of all five runners as of race day)

•1st place – A \$3,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in Sewell 5's name for an average age of 59.8.

•2nd place – A \$2,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in Atmos Energy Corporation – 2's name for an average age of 55.6.

•3rd place – A \$1,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in L-3 Communi-

cations: L-3 Trotters' name for an average age of 52.

Youngest Corporate Team (average age of all five runners as of race day)

•1st place – A \$3,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in Sewell 4's name for an average age of 19.2.

•2nd place – A \$2,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in Sewell 3's name for an average age of 21.6.

•3rd place – A \$1,000 donation was awarded to TSRHC in AT&T: NETDP's name for an average age of 23.6.

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Human Rights documentary festival at Angelika Dallas Feb. 9-10

DALLAS — Three 2012 documentaries revealing the epidemic of sexual assault in the military ("The Invisible War"), the struggles of an all-women's basketball team in Iraq ("Salaam Dunk") and a gay man's life and murder in Uganda ("Call Me Kuchu") will be focus for discussion at the Human Rights DocU Film Festival at Dallas' Angelika Film Center & Café Feb. 9-10.

Tickets for the annual event — sponsored by SMU's Embrey Human Rights Program, SNR Denton, Human Rights Watch, the Dallas Film Society and the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas — are

\$10 each or \$24 for a weekend pass; they are available online at the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth (dfw-world.org).

"These films should serve as constant reminders

that human rights issues affect everyone, everywhere, in every life situation imaginable," says SMU Embrey Human Rights Program Director Rick Halperin, who will join others in post-screening discussions.

Feb. 9 (Saturday), 5 p.m.: "Call Me Kuchu": On the outskirts of the Ugandan capital city of Kampala, veteran activist David Kato is shown work-

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For example, although four out of five workers is eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), IRS advises that one out of four fails to claim the credit for one of two reasons. Either they failed to file a tax return at all, or filed one, but failed to claim what they were due.

In 2011, 27 million eligible workers received a total of \$62 billion in EITCs, making it the largest tax program for working families, according to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

This year, workers earning \$50,270 or less can apply for EITC. The exact amount of EITC eligibility will vary by income, family size and filing status. Even so, last

year the average EITC credit was \$2,200, according to IRS. This year, IRS expects that workers, the self-employed and farmers that qualify for this credit could receive even higher refunds.

Another key tax credit is the American Opportunity Credit, designed to financially assist parents and students to pay for college expenses. Either individual filers with modified adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less, or married filers with a joint return earning \$160,000 or less are eligible to apply. The maximum amount of the annual credit is \$2,500 per student — not per family. Eligibility for this tax credit can cover up to four years of post-secondary education.

For consumers of any age pursuing post-secondary education, a Lifetime Learning Credit can help for that cost. Up to \$2,000 in qualified, paid educational expenses can be claimed when enrolled in an eligible educational institution. There is an important caveat to claiming this credit: filers can claim either the Lifetime Learning Credit or the American Opportunity Credit; but never both. Additionally, the Lifetime Learning Credit has no limit on the number of years it can be claimed for each student.

With so many consumers struggling with student loan debt, tax season also offers a tax deduction on paid student loan interest. If a filer's modified adjusted gross income is

less than \$75,000 or less than \$150,000 for joint returns, a special deduction is allowed for voluntary and required interest payments. IRS advises that this tax deduction can reduce the amount of income subject to taxation by as much as \$2,500.

Here's one last cost-saving tip for tax season: Utilize the free tax assistance services in your area. In many instances, there is no reason for consumers to pay the high-cost fees charged by tax services.

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) available to any worker making \$51,000 or less. These IRS-certified volunteers can help filers to determine all eligible

credits and/or deductions. Interested consumers are asked to phone 1-800-906-9887 to determine the closest local assistance center.

AARP Foundation Tax Aid offers free assistance through more than 6,000 locations nationwide to consumers aged 60 or over. To lo-

cate a nearby service center, visit: <http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

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February 13, 7 p.m.

Come to our Wednesday's Bible

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Also bring your children to our Wednesday Night Children Program, three things are incorporated when they come, children learn and they play and have fun.

February 8, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Women's Fellowship as we praise God; worship Him and Study His Word.

February 9, 9 a.m.

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February 13, 7 p.m.

Join us for our Church Wide Fasting each Wednesday (100% juice & water only); the fast begins at 12:01 am with our 1st prayer at 3:30 am; 2nd prayer at 12 Noon, and the closing prayer at 6 pm. Then join us for 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.)

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February 17, 3 p.m.

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cerpt from her book.

This is the 24th National African American Read-In of the Black Caucus of NCTE and NCTE. The Read-In is endorsed by the International Reading Association. Over a million readers of all ethnic groups from the United States, the District of Columbia, the West Indies, African countries, and more have participated over the years. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. For information, please contact: Historian Committee Chair – Tracey Richardson, csrich47@hotmail.com (469)585-6844

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**February 10,
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Join us in our Sunday Morning Worship Service. After both services ministers and deacons are available to meet with you for prayer or questions.

February 13, 7 p.m.

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February 10, 9:30 a.m.

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February 12, 7:30 p.m.

You're invited to our School of The Prophets as Pastor Voss; who is also a prophet, bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise His Holy name.

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February is our nation's observation of Black History. It is disheartening to think of the controversy surrounding this very important holiday.

Some people have joked, "We were given the shortest month of the year to celebrate Black History." The truth is that Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Father of Black History picked February because it corresponded with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men that he admired.

This is not just Black History that we are celebrating but the history of America and the world. Many great and useful inventions that are being used daily and taken for granted is because many individuals wrongly believe that Black people are incapable of inventing anything worth while or that it's pure accident when Black Americans invent anything.

One prime example is Henry T. Sampson, the Black man who patented the gamma-electric cell, Patent

No. 3,591,860, which gave birth to the modern use of cell phones, I-Phones and Blackberries, etc. on July 6, 1971.

Mobile Communications took a big step forward in 1983 with the invention of the Cellular System regulating the portable telephones, which use radio waves to transmit and receive audio signals. There are many stories of lives being saved because of the use of the cell phones, I-Phones, Blackberries, etc., which are used World-Wide.

I often say, "Henry T. Sampson, could not have imagined the use of cell phones in today's society." On a trip to Hong Kong China one year I was amazed to see so many people with cell phones. I asked a Tour Bus Guide if she used her house phone as much as she formerly did before she purchased her cell phone, she told me that very few people in China had house phones; and now, the majority of people in America only use cell phones I-Phones, Blackberries, etc.

Many of my friends and associates do not have line-

based phones in their homes anymore, they say they never use them, only their cell phones, so why pay for a phone they never use, it's a waste of their money.

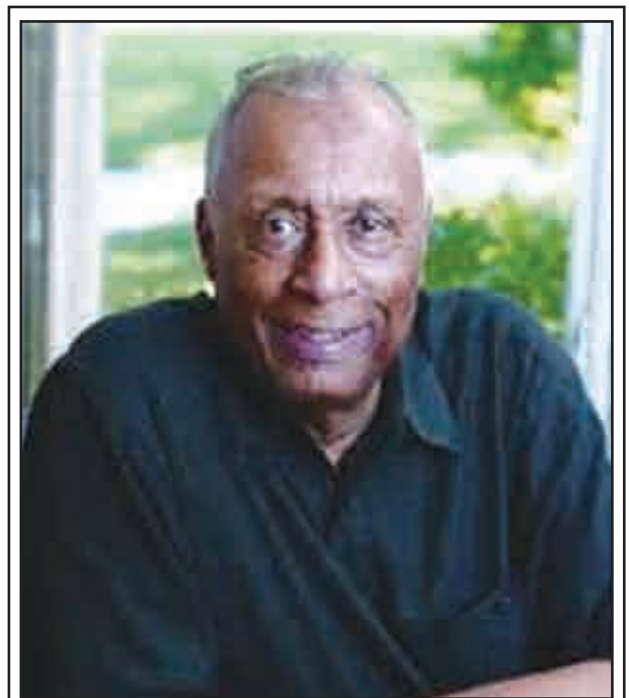
Some individuals easily accept that we have famous entertainers, sports figures and a few entrepreneurs making millions of dollars; but they are slow to recognize that there are many Black Americans that have excelled, and are continuing to excel and invent useful devices using math and science to make a difference in how we live, work, play and entertain today. They invent daily things that are useful and life changing.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was born in New Canton, Virginia. One of the first Black Americans to receive a doctorate from Harvard, He dedicated his career to the field of Black American history and lobbied extensively to establish Black History Month as a nationwide institution. He also wrote many historical works, including the 1933 book *The Miseducation of the Negro* in 1933.

The first son of nine children, the young Woodson worked as a sharecropper and a miner to help his family. He began high school in his late teens and proved to be an excellent student, completing a four-year course of study in less than two years.

Dr. Woodson said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." He was a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian who put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History Week, (in the 1960s it was established as Black History "Month".)

He also believed that Blacks should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. He strongly believed that Black History—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so diligently to erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of our society.



Henry T. Sampson was born April 22, 1934. He is the first Black person to earn a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering in the United States. He also earned the Atomic Energy Commission between 1964 and 1967.

Dr. Woodson often said that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Month would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as

a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month.

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ing to repeal Uganda's homophobic laws and liberate his fellow lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender men and women, or "kuchus." His task is made even more difficult and dangerous when a new anti-homosexuality bill proposes the death penalty for HIV-positive gay men and prison for anyone who fails to turn in a known homosexual. With a dedicated group of activists, Kato battles an oppressive government and abusive press



for this reason: "If we keep on hiding, they will say we are not here." Sadly, Kato was killed Jan. 26, 2011, but his inspiring story lives on.

Feb. 9 (Saturday), 7 p.m.: "The Invisible War": While exposing the epidemic of rape and sexual assault in the armed

forces, this groundbreaking documentary also reveals the crimes' systematic and shameful cover-ups. At the heart of the film are people who embraced

their military service with pride and professionalism, but ultimately had their careers and lives crushed during their fights for justice. The Academy Award-nominated film was named Time Magazine's "Ten Best" of 2012.

Feb. 10 (Sunday), 2 p.m.: "Salaam Dunk": This unlikely tale revolves around a winning group of Iraqi women basketball players at the American University in Sulaimani. Two years prior to joining

the team, many had never played sports and none had been on a team with other women. The women have arrived from all corners of their war-torn, patriarchal country to attend this prestigious school, but many

cannot tell their families back home they go to an "American" university. Interviews and personal video diaries shed light on the women, their families and their experiences after the U.S. invasion in 2003.

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But it does mean that we cannot solve this problem without addressing America's drug and gang problem; more importantly, our legal position creating this problem. We all have blood on our hands if we continue to dismiss the truth.

Again, my deepest condolences to the families out there effected by a gun-tragedy. But take it from an active owner and gun-en-

thusiast: 10-round magazines, pistol gripped long guns, and assault rifle bans will not change a thing. It doesn't take more than 1/4 of a second to reload a weapon, and a .45 caliber handgun has more stopping power at closer ranges than even an AK-47. These bans are laughable to an experienced shooter, but it does not take away from the fact that we will just be limiting

law-abiding citizens from legally possessing these items. Criminals will still have the ability to get any configuration of firearms they need, and it is just us whom are left at the disadvantage.

Again, my deepest condolences to the family effected by this tragedy; but do not let the political parties sway you from the facts. They are not propos-

ing viable solutions or are even willing to address the issues at their core. They are not experts or God's gift to saving our youth.

We must take responsibility for ourselves and each other."

James via our website at <http://northdallasgazette.com/2013/01/30/gun-violence-claims-the-lives-of-chicagos-mom-4-children/>

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BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
You never paid close enough attention to the "part" part.

You were young (too young!) and in love when you walked down the aisle, nervous and sparkly-eyed. "For richer, for poorer" were just words. "For better, for worse." Marriage has its ups and downs; everybody knows that. No problem.

Then.... "In sickness and in health, until death do you part."

NDG Book Review: Young widows learn to live again in Becky Aikman's *Saturday Night Widows*

Whoa. That's a long ways away, right?

For author Becky Aikman, it wasn't. Blindsided by the early death of her husband, she explains how it takes a small village to raise one's spirits in the new book *Saturday Night Widows*.

Life was not supposed to happen that way.

Becky Aikman's husband, Bernie, was supposed to become an old man one day. They were supposed to retire together, travel together, spend weekends sharing a newspaper and watching the sun set.

He was not supposed to die young.

But he did, and once the shock had softened a bit, Aik-

man tried finding support at a widow's group. There, she learned that she was decades younger than those peers and that they seemed to resent her. She was uninvited to return.

Years later, once returned to normalcy and newly in love again, Aikman decided to learn more about herself and her widowhood. She asked around and found five young widows, all who agreed to Aikman's "plan" to support one another for one year.



"We would share our stories, and we would share one story," said Aikman.

Widowed just months, Denise was raw from her loss and would need the tenderest support. Dawn was "pure confection," a beauty with two small children to raise. Homebody Lesley was starting a relationship that gave her hope. Marcia, a lawyer, "never cracked." And Tara was holding extra hurt about her husband's death.

For one year, through tears and giggles, spas and shopping,

"zingers" and memories, the five women leaned on one another, tiptoed together through a minefield of dating, met milestones, and helped one another heal.

It was only a year, but it was time enough to learn that "sometimes things turn out exactly right."

Often desperate, sometimes feisty, partly hilarious, and warm as a fleecy blanket, *Saturday Night Widows* is a surprisingly feel-good, girl-bonding, which-role-will-Meryl-Streep-play-in-the-movie kind of a book. And I loved it.

Though there are a few continuity confusions, author Becky Aikman tells a story of sharp loss, fog, love, and fighting one's

way to a new normal. She does it through a year spent with five onetime-strangers who were also "too young" to be widows, their separate situations, and their emotional repair. Along the way, Aikman looks at scientific studies on grief here and in other cultures, and how both genders deal with loss.

Did I mention that I loved this book? I did, for its humor, its help, and for its heart.

This is obviously not a dark memoir, and I daresay it's not for your widowed granny, either. It's sad, it's happy, and, in fact, once you start *Saturday Night Widows*, you won't be able to part with it.

"*Saturday Night Widows*" by Becky Aikman (Crown, \$26.00, 337 pages)

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