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## President Obama declares Rosa Parks takes her "rightful place among those who've shaped this nation's course"

Excerpts from President Barack Obama's speech at the dedication of the Rosa Parks statue in Washington, D.C.

"This morning, we celebrate a seamstress, slight in stature but mighty in courage. She defied the odds, and she defied injus-

tice. She lived a life of activism, but also a life of dignity and grace. And in a single moment, with the simplest of gestures, she helped change America — and change the world.

Rosa Parks held no elected office. She possessed no fortune; lived her life far



from the formal seats of power. And yet today, she takes her rightful place among those who've shaped this nation's course.

A childhood friend once said about Mrs. Parks, "Nobody ever bossed Rosa around and got away with it."

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## Women's Foodservice Forum met with White House staff to discuss advancing women leaders

DALLAS-- Last week the Women's Foodservice Forum (WFF) brought more than 30 women executives from the foodservice industry to the White House to forge a strategic alliance between key business leaders and



*Fritzi Woods, WFF CEO and President; Sam Kass, Assistant White House Chef and Senior Policy Advisor for Healthy Food Initiatives; Lorna Donatone, WFF Chair, Sodexo Education, COO and President. (PRNewsFoto)*

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## Consumers believe IRS is responsible for preventing tax identity theft; how they can help

PALO ALTO – As tax identity theft impacts more and more consumers, a new survey from TrustedID – the nation's most comprehensive identity protection and privacy service – indicates that more than half of consumers believe that the IRS is 100% responsible for ensuring that no one can file a return in



their name and claim their tax refund.

According to the United States House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform, over 1.1 million tax returns were filed by identity thieves for the 2011 processing year, up more than 21 times from just 51,700 fraudulent returns in 2008. In ad-

dition, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration believes that tax identity theft could cost the IRS approximately \$21 billion in fraudulent returns in the next five years.

"Tax time is among the most vulnerable for consumers with all of their most

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COMMENTARY

## Turning the Clock Back on Voting Rights

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) Shelby County, Ala. is suing the Justice Department because they think that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (and its reauthorization in 1982 and 2006) is unfair. The facts: The small city of Calera redistricted its boundaries in a way that the sole African American councilman lost his seat. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act forced a new election with different boundaries, and Ernest

Montgomery regained his seat.

Shelby County (which includes parts of Birmingham) objects to the provision of the Voting Rights Act that requires that areas with histories of past discrimination have changes to voting laws and boundaries monitored by the Justice Department. This would include many southern states, as well as areas, such as Alaska, that have historical discrimination against

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## Dr. Calvin Mackie

(BlackNews.com) -- Dr. Calvin Mackie, motivational speaker, best-selling author, successful entrepreneur, and mechanical engineer, received the coveted Legacy Award from the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) on Friday, Feb. 15. It was presented as part of UNCF's annual leadership conference, which featured the theme of "Partnerships for Transformation: Moving Students To and Through College."

The Legacy Award honors Dr. Mackie, author of *A View from the Roof* (Acanthus Publishing, 2005) and *Grandma's Hands* (Acanthus Publishing, 2012), for his long-standing record of encouraging students to realize their full potential. A compelling role model, his accomplishments as a STEM educator, inventor, entrepreneur, and mentor have touched the lives of countless students, helping them achieve a brighter future.

Dr. Mackie's personal journey through higher education grew from humble

beginnings. After high school, Dr. Mackie was accepted to Morehouse College under the condition that he undertake remedial classes first. Surpassing everyone's wildest expectations, he went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude and as a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society. Over the course of 11 years, he earned four STEM degrees, reaching the peak of educational success with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech. In 2003, he was presented with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Math-



ematics and Engineering Mentoring.

For the past two decades, Dr. Mackie has shared his personal story with students and educators across the country,

proving to them that with hard work and perseverance anyone can succeed. He is a tenured professor at Tulane University and owns a patent on a device to retrofit luggage stowbins on 737 and 757 Boeing commercial airliners. He is also currently a partner in Golden Leaf Energy (www.GoldenLeafEnergy.com), a company that produces biodiesel, a clean-burning, renewable alternative to petroleum-based diesel.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Mackie takes great pride in his family and personal life.

Mackie's parents provided a powerful, character-building influence growing up, which is a legacy he has succeeded in carrying on. He is a personal mentor to his younger brother Anthony Mackie, the accomplished Hollywood actor who will play the role of Falcon, Marvel Comic's first African-American superhero, in the upcoming *Captain America* sequel. He strives to create a supportive environment for his wife, Tracey, and pass on leadership lessons to his two young boys, Myles and Mason.

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## Nicole Richie

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS — The tips, tricks, and must-know tidbits of the beauty and fashion world aren't always accessible to everyone, but Suave Professionals believes they should be. That's why the brand has once again teamed up with designer and style icon Nicole Richie and is sponsoring NBC's *Fashion Star* for the second year in a row. Together, Nicole and Suave Professionals they are offering fans a behind-the-

scenes style and beauty secrets from the hit show. Also fans can see the new Suave Shine Suite on Suave.com, a robust digital destination where guests can access the latest trends and enter for a chance to win fabulous prizes including \$100,000.

"For over 70 years, Suave has focused on making beauty accessible to all women and we are continuing that commitment with the introduction of our new



digital destination — the Suave Shine Suite. This ro-

bust hub containing insider tips from industry experts and behind-the-scenes access from 'Fashion Star' Season 2 will make the latest beauty and style secrets available to everyone — especially when it comes to achieving gorgeous hair," said David Rubin, Unilever Vice President Marketing Hair, U.S.

Among the exclusive content featured in the Suave Shine Suite is a new webisode series hosted by *Fashion Star* Season 1 fan favorite Orly Shani titled,

"Unexpected Insider." Each week, Shani will bring viewers exclusive interviews and features with designers, trendsetters, and industry influencers, including Richie and Suave Professionals Celebrity Stylist Theodore Leaf.

Viewers inspired by the hairstyles from each episode can join Shani and Leaf in the Suave Professionals salon for the inside scoop on the runway's hottest styles and products, like Suave's Moroccan Infusion line.

Consumers can register for a free sample (while supplies last) of Suave's Moroccan Infusion products and enter for a chance to win. During the Weekly Giveaway, items such as spa getaways, gift cards, and tablets will be given away — all leading up to the Grand Prize giveaway of \$100,000.

For more information, fans can visit the Suave Shine Suite on Suave.com, the Suave Beauty Facebook Page and via @SuaveBeauty on Twitter.

## Rashada Whitehead

Flowers Communications Group (FCG), one of the country's leading multicul-



tural communications agencies, announced today Rashada Whitehead as chief executive officer. The announcement comes two years after Whitehead's appointment to the position of presi-

dent; and includes a deal that gives her an equity stake in the company.

"Today is a proud day for me as an entrepreneur and also a PR practitioner," said FCG founder Michelle Flowers Welch, who now also assumes the role of chairman. "Rashada started her career at Flowers Communications Group right out of college and I am so proud of her evolution into such a dynamic, young business leader. Her remarkable focus, passion for the business and entrepreneurial spirit are a powerful combination that will serve this agency and our industry well."

Since 2011, Whitehead has led the agency's growth and profitability by maintaining its legacy of leadership and providing quality public relations and integrated marketing services to an impressive, growing roster of client

partners which currently includes American Honda, Commonwealth Edison, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois Department of Transportation, McDonald's, MillerCoors, Sears Holdings Corporation and Wells Fargo, among other well-known and respected brands. The agency has been recognized with countless industry awards and honors for its creative, results-oriented work.

"Our goal at Flowers Communications Group has obviously been to grow our business but also to be leaders in the next era of communications," said Whitehead. "Succession planning for any firm is paramount, particularly those independent. We've worked diligently to position ourselves at the forefront of strategy and creativity, and are excited about what the future holds."

With an 18- to 24-month goal of taking the firm into the mid-size category for communications agencies, FCG has a forward-thinking, yet thoughtful business strategy to move its vision ahead. The firm also believes that the key drivers of its success are its strong credentials in driving total market communications initiatives with sound multicultural strategies, coupled with exceptional personnel talent.

Whitehead's leadership has been recognized by PRWeek's coveted "40 Under 40" award in 2009, and is evident in the accolades of the agency and her team which range from Best Places to Work in 2011 to top awards for social media, media relations and integrated communications campaigns in 2012. Prior to her return to FCG, she was a vice president with GolinHarris, where she led

national and global strategies for McDonald's, including

support of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

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## Lessons from Mark Essex and Christopher Dorner

By George E. Curry (NNPA) Over a 43-year career in journalism, I have been blessed with some memorable experiences: I have covered presidential and vice presidential campaigns, I have flown on Air Force One, I have gone to parties at the White House, met Pope John Paul II, spent two weeks in Egypt, visited former slave dungeons in Dakar and Accra and have traveled around the world, including Rome, Paris, London, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Havana, Vienna and recently Beijing and Shanghai.

Of the thousands of stories I covered since I began my career in 1970 – primarily for Sports Illustrated, the St.

Louis Post-Dispatch and the Chicago Tribune, Emerge magazine and the NNPA News Service – one has affected me more than any other. It was the violent death of 23-year-old Mark Essex on Jan. 7, 1973.

Essex, who was known as the New Orleans Sniper, killed nine innocent people, including five police officers, and wounded 13 others. I was sent to Emporia, Kan. to interview relatives and friends in an effort to learn what triggered Essex's outburst. What has stayed with me over the years is not the carnage he inflicted – though that's unforgettable – it's the events that led up to that point. Essentially, Essex felt that he had

been harassed in the Navy, an account partly supported by friends, and he became so embittered that he was ready to die.

In fact, that's exactly what he wrote home to his parents shortly before his death. I interviewed Essex's mother and father after his bullet-riddled body was pulled from the roof of the Howard Johnson Hotel and sent back to Emporia for burial. Family members told me how a quiet, happy go lucky youth became embittered in the Navy. So bitter that he began hating all White people and was never the same again.

I suspect the reason the story has stuck with me for

four decades is because I realized that had I not been able to handle the stifling racism while growing up in segregated Tuscaloosa, Ala. during the 1950s and 1960s, that could have been me. Because I had relatives and adults who coached me on how to deal with overt racism, I didn't go down that bloody path.

When I first heard about Christopher Dorner, the former Los Angeles cop who also went on a murder spree, I was reminded of Mark Essex. Like Essex, he complained of reporting racist acts to his supervisor and nothing was done about it. His manifesto, while ram-

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Native people, and Texas and parts of California, that have historic discrimination against Latinos. They say that it's all equal now and there is no need to monitor them.

Not surprisingly, conservatives and the Attorney Generals of several affected states have filed amicus briefs to support Shelby County. These include the states of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Texas. Additionally the usual suspects such as the Conservative Legal Defense Fund, the Cato Institute, the Pacific Legal Foundation and the Southeast Legal Foundation, among others, have lined up to support Shelby. It is not surprising that the conservative Project 21, nominally an African American organization, has lined up to support Shelby.

It is more surprising that the National Black Chamber of Commerce has filed an amicus brief. I'd be most interested in leaning where the Black Chamber polled its membership before filing this brief. If I were a member, I'd have to cancel my membership. If my dues were used to support that nonsense, I'd be repelled. I guess it just goes to show that "everybody

brown ain't down", and raises questions about this organization.

Many suggest that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act means there is no need for Section 5. While Section 2 allows lawsuits, it forces plaintiffs to show that changes in voting provisions are motivated by "invidious practices." Section 5 says that those who are known to have engaged in such practices are required to have the Department of Justice review them.

If our nation had never chosen to implement the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, there would have been no need for the Voting Rights Act. The Fourteenth Amendment actually states that state population decides the number of Congressional representatives, but if enough people are denied the right to vote, Congressional representation should be reduced. This provision has never been enforced, even when the whole Black population in some southern states could not vote.

The Fifteenth Amendment prohibits denying the right to vote based on race, color, and previous condition of servitude, and authorized Congress to enforce this amendment with

the appropriate action and legislation. Until 1876, federal troops enforced the right that African Americans had to vote, spurring an unprecedented level of African American civic participation. Because the African American population (and number of voters) was greater than the number of Whites in Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina, African Americans were elected as lieutenant governors, secretaries of state and treasurers (not to mention Gov. Pinchback of Mississippi, who served a scant two months and was denied seats he was elected to in the Senate and to Congress). Additionally 16 African Americans served in Congress – two in the Senate and 14 in the House of Representatives. No wonder some were eager to nullify the Fifteenth Amendment. Federal troops were withdrawn from southern states in 1877; in 2013, 136 years later, southern states are asking that voting protection be withdrawn from their states.

Why? Just as the election of 16 African American legislators alarmed the South, so has the election and reelection of President Barack Obama alarmed our nation. His election reminds us all of the power of

the vote, and emboldens those who would limit it. That's why several states have passed voter ID legislation requiring people to have an official government ID in order to vote. That's why a 102-year-old Black woman waited more than six hours to vote. That's why some states have consolidated voting places, making people travel further and wait longer to vote. We don't have poll taxes anymore (although forcing people to travel more than an hour and wait more than an hour is an implicit poll tax), nor do voters have to take a fitness test, so the means of voter suppression have been both more and less subtle. It reminds us of why we had the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, and in our nation's failure to implement, the Voting Rights Act.

The court heard these arguments on Wednesday, February 27. We must be alarmed and, if we live in states that filed amicus briefs, aware of those who would suppress our vote.

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# Health care law protects consumers against worst insurance practice

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have issued a final rule that implements five key consumer protections from the Affordable Care Act, and makes the health insurance market work better for individuals, families, and small businesses.

"Because of the Affordable Care Act, being denied affordable health coverage due to medical conditions will be a thing of the past for every American," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Under these reforms, all individuals and employers have the right to purchase health insurance coverage regardless of health status. In addition, insurers are prevented from charging discriminatory rates to individuals and small employers based on factors such as health status or gender, and young adults have additional affordable coverage options under catastrophic plans.

The final rule implements five key provisions of the Affordable Care Act that are ap-

plicable to non-grandfathered health plans:

**Guaranteed Availability** - Nearly all health insurance companies offering coverage to individuals and employers will be required to sell health insurance policies to all consumers. No one can be denied health insurance because they have or had an illness.

**Fair Health Insurance Premiums** - Health insurance companies offering coverage to individuals and small employers will only be allowed to vary

premiums based on age, tobacco use, family size, and geography. Basing premiums on other factors will be illegal.

**Guaranteed Renewability** - Health insurance companies will no longer refuse to renew coverage because an individual or an employee has become sick. You may renew your coverage at your option.

**Single Risk Pool** - Health insurance companies will no longer be able to charge higher premiums to higher cost enrollees by moving them into

separate risk pools. Insurers are required to maintain a single state-wide risk pool for the individual market and single state-wide risk pool for the small group market.

**Catastrophic Plans** - Young adults and people for whom coverage would otherwise be unaffordable will have access to a catastrophic plan in the individual market. Catastrophic plans generally will have lower premiums, protect against high out-of-pocket costs, and cover recommended

preventive services without cost sharing.

In preparation for the market changes in 2014 and to streamline data collection for insurers and states, the final rule amends certain provisions of the rate review program. And, HHS has increased the transparency by directing insurance companies in every state to report on all rate increase requests.

Additional information is available at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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That's what an Alabama driver learned on December 1, 1955. Twelve years earlier, he had kicked Mrs. Parks off his bus simply because she entered through the front door when the back door was too crowded. He grabbed her sleeve and he pushed her off the bus. It made her mad enough, she would recall, that she avoided riding his bus for a while.

And when they met again that winter evening in 1955, Rosa Parks would not be pushed. When the driver got up from his seat to insist that she give up hers, she would not be pushed. When he threatened to have her arrested, she simply replied, "You may do that." And he did.

A few days later, Rosa Parks challenged her arrest. A little-known pastor, new to town and only 26 years old, stood with her — a man named Martin Luther King, Jr. So did thousands of Montgomery, Alabama commuters. They began a boycott — teachers and laborers, clergy and domestics, through rain and cold and sweltering heat, day after day, week after week, month after month, walking miles if they had to, arranging carpools where they could, not thinking about the blisters on their feet, the weariness after a full day of work — walking for respect, walking for freedom, driven by a solemn determination to affirm their God-given dignity.

Three hundred and eighty-five days after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, the boycott ended. Black men and women and children re-boarded the buses of Montgomery, newly desegregated, and sat in whatever seat happen to be open. And with that victory, the entire edifice of segre-

gation, like the ancient walls of Jericho, began to slowly come tumbling down.

It's been often remarked that Rosa Parks's activism didn't begin on that bus. Long before she made headlines, she had stood up for freedom, stood up for equality — fighting for voting rights, rallying against discrimination in the criminal justice system, serving in the local chapter of the NAACP. Her quiet leadership would continue long after she became an icon of the civil rights movement, working with Congressman Conyers to find homes for the homeless, preparing disadvantaged youth for a path to success, striving each day to right some wrong somewhere in this world.

And yet our minds fasten on that single moment on the bus — Ms. Parks alone in that seat, clutching her purse, staring out a window, waiting to be

arrested. That moment tells us something about how change happens, or doesn't happen; the choices we make, or don't make. "For now we see through a glass, darkly," Scripture says, and it's true. Whether out of inertia or selfishness, whether out of fear or a simple lack of moral imagination, we so often spend our lives as if in a fog, accepting injustice, rationalizing inequity, tolerating the intolerable.

Like the bus driver, but also like the passengers on the bus, we see the way things are — children hungry in a land of plenty, entire neighborhoods ravaged by violence, families hobbled by job loss or illness — and we make excuses for inaction, and we say to ourselves, that's not my responsibility, there's nothing I can do.

Rosa Parks tell us there's always something we can do. She tells us that we all have re-

sponsibilities, to ourselves and to one another. She reminds us that this is how change happens — not mainly through the exploits of the famous and the powerful, but through the countless acts of often anonymous courage and kindness and fellow feeling and responsibility that continually, stubbornly, expand our conception of justice — our conception of what is possible.

Rosa Parks's singular act of disobedience launched a

movement. The tired feet of those who walked the dusty roads of Montgomery helped a nation see that to which it had once been blind. It is because of these men and women that I stand here today. It is because of them that our children grow up in a land more free and more fair; a land truer to its founding creed.

And that is why this statue belongs in this hall — to remind us, no matter how humble or lofty our positions, just

what it is that leadership requires; just what it is that citizenship requires. Rosa Parks would have turned 100 years old this month. We do well by placing a statue of her here. But we can do no greater honor to her memory than to carry forward the power of her principle and a courage born of conviction.

May God bless the memory of Rosa Parks, and may God bless these United States of America."

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## Japan-America Society of DFW delegation plan to attend 2013 Grassroots Summit in Japan July 1-8

Dallas — The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW) recently announced they are organizing a North Texas delegation to attend the 2013 Japan-America Grassroots Summit which will be held July 1-8, in Shimane Prefecture, Japan. This week-long trip, which is open to the general public, includes a homestay in a Japanese community.

Persons interested in learning more about this opportunity are encouraged to attend a free public information session on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in McCord Auditorium in Dallas Hall on the SMU campus.

Elaine Browning, JASDFW vice president and expert on Japanese culture, will share program highlights and photographs from her recent trip to Shimane. For parking information, please visit [www.jasdfw.org](http://www.jasdfw.org).

The Grassroots Summit is an annual gathering of Japanese and American citizens, which strengthens the peaceful relationships between the two countries by fostering friendships at the grassroots level. The Summit, which alternates between Japan and the United States, took place in 15 North Texas host cities in 2012. JASDFW was the local organizer for the 2012 Grassroots Summit.

"The Grassroots Summit is a wonderful way to visit Japan for the first time," explains Anna McFarland, JASDFW Executive Director. "The trip is reasonably priced and open to all ages, and no special knowledge or language skill is required. You'll meet new friends and have unique experiences that aren't available to the ordinary tourist or business traveler. There are also optional post-Summit trips to other parts of Japan — including Sendai, Dallas's friendship city."

The core experience of the Grassroots Summit is the 4-day, 3-night homestay program, which is held in vari-

ous communities throughout the region. Participants may choose from 11 local sessions, experiencing unique local culture and person-to-person exchanges with host families. These homestays are the highlight of the Grassroots Summit, allowing in-depth engagement with authentic Japanese life beyond the standard tourist experience.

Shimane Prefecture is considered by many to be the cradle of Japanese civilization. Japan's history and culture — from the lineage of the Imperial Family to sake to onsen baths — trace to creation stories and Shinto mythology rooted in this re-

gion. Visitors to Shimane Prefecture can experience not only the unspoiled natural beauty of mountains, lakes, fields and ocean, but also a glimpse of Old Japan, with its rich traditions, arts, and history reaching from the age of the gods to the age of the samurai.

The price from DFW International Airport is \$2,740, with a discounted early bird price of \$2,640 for those who register by March 31. The fee includes round trip airfare, hotel and homestay accommodations, most meals, and ground transportation. Additional costs include airline taxes, fuel surcharge, credit card pro-

cessing fee, and optional hotel single supplement surcharge. The final reservations deadline is May 1.

For those who want to extend their stay, optional travel packages to other parts of Japan are available. Destinations include Kyoto, Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kochi, Noto, and Sendai — Dallas's International Friendship City.

For further information call JASDFW at 214-342-2022, or visit [www.jasdfw.org](http://www.jasdfw.org) to download a brochure and application form for the 2013 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Shimane Prefecture.

## New ultra premium "primo" pizza line reflects latest food trends

Bye-bye old American pie. Papa Murphy's, the nation's largest take-n-bake pizza chain, has introduced an ultra premium pizza line with unique, high quality ingredients designed to attract those who crave the best of the best when it comes to pizza.

Three new pizzas that comprise Papa Murphy's

Primo Line include gourmet, trending food ingredients that consumers crave, like fennel sausage, goat cheese, prosciutto, fresh mozzarella and arugula. It's gourmet, hand-made pizza without the hassle of gathering, prepping and assembling the ingredients.

"Papa Murphy's has always been the market leader

in high-quality pizza and these ingredients will catapult us way ahead of competitors with consumers who are highly motivated by taste," says Caron Harris, VP of product development and corporate chef of Papa Murphy's, ranked #1 pizza chain by Zagat voters. "With the popularity of chef TV shows and food cart ven-

dors, American consumers are exposed to new, distinctive foods they want on pizza. We tested trending toppings with our customers and created irresistible pizzas, freshly made at the store so customers can bring them home to bake. We call it love...and in this case, high-end love...at 425 degrees."

This isn't just a cheesy pizza story. It's a food trend story that shows how American taste buds are evolving and becoming more sophisticated. The Primo Line was released on Feb. 19 in test markets across the country and costs \$15, they include:

**Goat Cheese and Fennel Sausage:** Creamy garlic

sauce, pepperoni, spinach, fennel sausage, mushrooms, goat cheese, zesty herbs

**Fennel Sausage & Sun-dried Tomato:** Red sauce, pepperoni, fennel sausage, sun-dried tomatoes, green onions, black olives, feta

**Prosciutto & Arugula delite:** Red sauce, prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, arugula

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bling, gave clear details of his torment.

Dorner wrote about a White police officer using the n-word. Dorner said when he challenged the officer to not use the word in his presence, the officer replied, "I'll say it when I want." At that point, Dorner said he jumped over the passenger seat and began strangling the officer until they were separated by other cops.

Also Dorner wrote about the blue line, the code of ethics that prevents cops from testifying against one another, even when that officer is wrong.

Interestingly, while in the midst of killing innocent people, both Essex and Dorner spared some lives. In his case, Dorner did not shoot the person whose vehicle he hijacked toward the end of the police chase. He also did not harm two maids who had arrived to clean the cabin he had staked out in the mountains.

At the Howard Johnson hotel in New Orleans, a Black maid said Essex told her, "Don't worry. We're not killing Blacks today, just Whites."

In the aftermath of the deaths of Mark Essex and Christopher Dorner, there is something we can take away from their lives.

One of our greatest challenges when dealing with young people, especially, is that we must teach them how to survive life's slings and arrows without going over the edge. It would be interesting if community-wide forums were organized for young people to listen to what their elders went through. Not just listen to them, but learn from them.

Alex Haley said his grandmother taught him to listen more than he spoke. She said if God had wanted us to talk more than listen, He would have given us two mouths and one ear.

Like you, I don't know exactly how we can prevent people from resorting to self-destructive deadly violence. But I know we must start somewhere in our community — whether it's school, church, home, community centers or a combination.

In an interview Sunday night with blog radio host Zandra Conway, we discussed

various coping techniques. I told her that whenever I feel down, I always visualize life as a Ferris wheel. I try to hold on while I am at the bottom because sooner or later, I will glide back to the top.

How do you manage to cope during difficult times? Don't tell me, tell someone close to you. It just might save their life.

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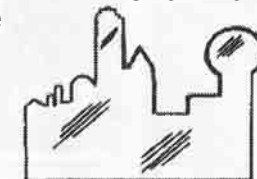
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## Texas SCLC: "Teacher Committed Hate Crime."

ARLINGTON - The president of the Texas Southern Christian Leadership Conference (Texas SCLC) has declared the pouring of pencil shavings down a 13 year-old a hate crime.

"Based on the facts of this case and the hateful, harmful and hurtful actions of Mrs. Melody Soroka actions and the eventual offi-

cial oppression of administration officials, we believe we have enough evidence to call this crime a hate crime," says Rev. Kyev Tatum, president of the Texas SCLC.

The Texas SCLC will ask the United States Justice Department to prosecute this case.

Texas Teacher Melody Soroka is accused of

racism after pouring pencil shavings into student's mouth. She was reprimanded earlier in the year and apologized to the student in front of the class. However, Texas SCLC believes the school district attempted to cover-up the incident and did not properly respond to the situation.

## Dr. Bob Morrison named superintendent of Garland ISD

In a unanimous vote, Garland ISD Trustees named Dr. Bob Morrison superintendent of schools at a specially called meeting Feb. 15. Morrison, current superintendent for Mansfield ISD, will assume his new role Feb. 25—less than one month after being named lone finalist for the position.

He becomes just the ninth superintendent in the district's 111-year history and succeeds



**Dr. Bob Morrison**

Dr. Curtis Culwell, who retired Dec. 21 after 14 years at

the helm and 37 years in public education.

Morrison, a 24-year educator, has been superintendent of schools in Mansfield since 2009. Following a successful tenure in Oklahoma public schools as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and high school principal, he accepted a position in MISD as the Director of Student Services. He was promoted to Assistant

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## SMU and TCU add Early Decision option to application process

DFW - Beginning fall of 2013, SMU and TCU will offer an Early Decision option in their respective application processes. Early Decision is a binding application process used by recognized universities nationwide.

For SMU or TCU, Early Decision identifies students who consider the University as their first choice. Prime candidates for Early Decision include applicants who are prepared to make a contractual commitment to attend should the respective university offer them admission. Early Decision will be available to SMU's and TCU's class entering fall of 2014. Students may apply to only one school through an Early Decision plan.

"Our goal remains clear: Create a dynamic freshman class while treating every applicant with respect," said Heath I. Einstein, director of freshman admission at TCU. "This option improves the application process for both universities and their applicants alike."

By allowing applicants to indicate a desire for a binding contract with their first choice college early in the application process, SMU and TCU can make admission decisions partially based on the high level of interest of the applicants. Early Decision applicants will receive notice that their decision has been released no later than Jan. 1 to allow appropriate time to apply elsewhere if necessary. Both schools' Early Decision application deadline is Nov. 1.


Unlike most colleges with Early Decision, SMU and TCU will continue to offer an Early Action option, which will remain non-binding. Early Action provides students with a decision early in their senior year without requiring an immediate or binding decision from the applicant. The Early Action application deadline for both schools is also Nov. 1.

In addition to the Early Decision deadline of Nov. 1, SMU also will offer students a second-round binding ap-



plication option known as Early Decision II. This allows student who identify SMU as their first choice later in the process to indicate their commitment to attend SMU if offered admission.

While Early Decision is a well-known option for the most selective schools throughout the East and West coast, it is lesser known in Texas. SMU and TCU join Rice University in Houston and Trinity University in San Antonio in offering this option to their applicants.

"As both SMU and TCU rise in academic profile and selectivity, students are eager to demonstrate their commitment to attend. These are very popular schools right now for high school seniors throughout the United States," said SMU Dean of Undergraduate Admission Wes K. Waggoner. He also indicated that in recent years, a number of students have asked to have an Early Decision option available when applying to SMU.




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MHA Annual/Five Year Plan Input Opportunities

### Notice of Public Hearing

**Notice of Public Hearing on MHA Agency Plan Amendment March 5, 2013 at 5:30pm \* McKinney Housing Authority Main Office**

The McKinney Housing Authority has approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to convert Newsome Homes Apartments from Public Housing to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. Conversion under RAD is considered a significant amendment to the MHA Annual/Five Year Plan. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 903 for PHA Plan Amendments, MHA will hold public hearings on March 5, 2013 to receive comments regarding the proposed significant amendment.

A draft of the proposed Significant Amendment is available for review on the MHA Website ([mckinneyha.org](http://mckinneyha.org)) and at the MHA main office located at: 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX.

You can submit comments by hand delivery, mail, or email to McKinney Housing Authority Main Office; 1200 North Tennessee Street; Attn: Roslyn Miller; McKinney, TX 75069 or [rmiller@mckinneyha.org](mailto:rmiller@mckinneyha.org). The final public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:30pm - McKinney Housing Authority community center.

### Notice of Public Hearing on MHA Agency 2013 Annual/5-Year Plan Input Opportunity

A draft of the proposed Annual/Five Year Plan will be available for review on the MHA Website ([mckinneyha.org](http://mckinneyha.org)) and at the MHA main office located at: 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX on February 28, 2013.

You can submit comments by hand delivery, mail, or email to McKinney Housing Authority Main Office; 1200 North Tennessee Street; Attn: Roslyn Miller; McKinney, TX 75069 or [rmiller@mckinneyha.org](mailto:rmiller@mckinneyha.org). The final public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2013 at 5:30pm - McKinney Housing Authority community center.



## Annual Simon Kidgits Club Book Blast at Firewheel Town Center

DALLAS — Simon malls are encouraging children across the country to develop a love for literature and learning with books. On Saturday, March 23, Simon Kidgits Club at Firewheel Town Center is hosting a free Book Blast event inviting families to participate and be inspired to read together at home and beyond.

Simon Kidgits Club's Book Blast is offering an assortment of fun book-based activities to ultimately help kids reap the many benefits of reading. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, a division of the U.S. Department of Education, children who are read to at home enjoy substantial advantages over children who are not. Book Blast event offerings include a read-aloud sessions, set to take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the park, presented by Firewheel Town Center's Kidgits Club.

Books to be read include selections from Dr. Seuss, Curious George, and Maisey. Children are also invited to bring a new or gently used book to the events to be donated to Galaxy Counseling Center, further fostering the importance of reading within the community. Book Blast will be a part of Firewheel Town Center's annual Kidsfest event, including an Easter Egg Hunt kickoff and additional children's activities.



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"Simon Kidgits Club continuously aims to provide children enjoyable, easily-accessible educational opportunities that incorporate some fun," stated Monica Bermea, director of marketing and business development. "Book Blast does just that; events will motivate families to read, learn and be entertained in a familiar environment that's close to home."

The Simon Kidgits Club is a fun and informative program that focuses on health, wellness, education, safety and entertainment for children ages 3-8. Since 2003, the Simon Kidgits

Club has kept children and parents alike amused with various events and activities while providing incentives for club members, such as special offers, rewards and games.

Kidgits Club members receive a variety of goodies, including a Kidgits Club T-shirt, membership card, birthday card and gift, discounts and scheduled activities. For more information about the Simon Kidgits Club, visit <http://www.simon.com/kidgits/>.

## Dallas Police Officer of the Month of February

Sgt. Melissa Gregg was awarded the February Officer of the Month at a breakfast held on February 12, 2013, at La Madeleine in Addison. The award was presented by the Town North Optimist Club. Sgt. Gregg was instrumental in strengthening relationships between the officers and citizens by building the crime watch groups in the South Central Patrol Division. She is currently assigned to the Southwest Patrol Division. Congratulations!



Sgt. Melissa Gregg

## UNCF hosts another successful Red Hot & Snazzy Gala

Supporters turned out in their finest to support the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) at their 14th Annual UNCF Red, Hot & Snazzy Gala. The program included remarks from UNCF President & CEO Dr. Michael Lomax and State Senator Royce West. In addition to ticket sales and other sponsors, the organization raised money through their spirited Live Action hosted by celebrity auctioneers. Then they put on their dance shoes and enjoyed a concert by R&B group The Ohio Players.



Guests enjoyed the music of the legendary R&B group, the Ohio Players at the UNCF Gala on Feb. 23



Judge Victor Landers and Anita Blackstone

## Valentines is over - still in the mood for love?

(BlackNews.com) Americans are in the mood for love as evident by the surge of network television relationship shows. Although these shows provide entertainment and insight, women of color are left to navigate the dating world

make dreams come true, helping women of color attract and keep their ideal mate through her new blog [www.nolovedrama.com](http://www.nolovedrama.com).

Using her own experiences, the death of her first love, multiple abusive relationships, journey of celibacy and a happy divorce; Nekisha-Michelle uses her life as a platform to help those seeking love. After completing her own soul work, she is now dedicated to intimately help women of color avoid the pitfalls and unnecessary drama that can be associated with love and relationships.

The "Life Redesign Queen" has coached some of Hollywood's most famous women.

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Nekisha-Michelle Bakre, Life Coach

alone. Los Angeles-based life coach, Nekisha-Michelle Bakre, is on a mission to heal "black love", create joy, and

## UTD Women's win ASC championship and now headed to NCAA Tournament

The UT Dallas women's basketball team will be making its first-ever trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament after a 67-63 win

Southwest Conference title game Sunday afternoon.

The Comets will travel to Memphis, Tenn., for a match-up Friday against Washington

"I don't have any words to describe it," head coach Polly Thomason said. "To win it all after the kind of year we had, it's amazing what these girls were able to accomplish."

With the 3-0 sweep in the tournament, UT Dallas finished the season winning seven straight games after suffering through a six-game losing streak midway through the season.



The Comets celebrate after clinching the conference championship and earning a chance to make their first-ever trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

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# Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 29th Quest For Success Awards Luncheon honors entrepreneurial excellence

The oldest and largest Black chamber of commerce in the nation, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC), celebrated 29 years of entrepreneurial excellence at the prestigious 29th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon on February 4, 2013 at the Dallas Convention Center.

Nearly 800 attendees filed into the Quest For Success Luncheon to honor the 2013 Quest Honorees. This year's recipients included: Donna Anderson, DNA Transcomp & Houdek Enterprises; Eve Clark, MEB Construction; Tiffaney Dale Hunter, Tiffaney Dale Agency; Braylon Lester, Xtra 21 Express Trucking; Jollyn Mwisongo, ACARI Management Group, Inc.; Alice Riggins, All In One Tour Services and Sherilyn Smith-Rudolph, ENIGMA, LLC.

Prior to this year's luncheon, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce presented a workshop for attendees to provide them



Workshop moderator, Martin Burrell with The Burrell Group, takes the podium as a standing room only workshop was presented prior to the luncheon to give attendees detailed information on the upcoming MegaFest Conference being held in Dallas this Summer.

with detailed information on the 2013 MEGAFEST Conference, which is being held in Dallas this Summer. DBCC 3rd Vice President, Martin Burrell of The Burrell Group moderated the session with presenters: Cheryl Richards, CTA, Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau and Nicole Leonard representing T.D. Jakes Ministries and the MegaFest Conference.

Following a workshop on the 2013 MEGAFEST

Conference and a networking reception, Sharon King, DBCC 1st Vice President, brought the luncheon to order and introduced the emcee WFAA, Channel 8 news anchor, John McCaa who



DBCC Board Chair, Matt Houston, addressed the luncheon attendees about the history of the Quest For Success program and his vision for the direction of the Dallas Black Chamber in 2013.

once again served as the Master of Ceremonies of the event. Reverend Dr. C. Dennis Williams, Senior Pastor of Smith Chapel AME Church used a booming voice to open and close the luncheon

with the Invocation and Benediction. Wilton Munnings, the new President and COO of the Dallas Black Chamber welcomed the attendees and recognized and thanked all the sponsors for their contin-

ued support. DBCC Board Chair, Matt Houston, spoke about the history of the Quest For Success program and his vision for the Dallas Black Chamber in 2013.

The premiere of the 2013 Quest For Success Video was then unveiled as each Quest honoree spoke in depth about what inspired them to start their own businesses, the challenges they faced and where they see their companies going in the future. Each honoree was applauded and introduced on stage and presented with a beautiful glass award signifying their achievement.

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lywood's elite, she has spoken at prisons, churches and non-profit agencies and no matter where she goes, Nekisha-Michelle says the topic of discussion is the same; "women between the ages of 28-40 are no longer settling for having security-mates, a man that may be compatible and can pay the bills but is distant, a cheater and stingy with his affection and time." Today's independent -successful, sexy and savvy woman desires a soul mate that will mirror the divine love that grows with strength and adoration thro-ugh the test of time.

Nekisha-Michelle is a life coach and author of *Breaking Invisible Chains, Gaining the Confidence to Redesign Your Life*. For more details, visit [www.nolovedrama.com](http://www.nolovedrama.com)

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# Minority Voter Rights at Risk in Upcoming Supreme Court Ruling

*Editor's Note: The Supreme Court hears oral arguments on a lawsuit that could upend Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, one of the country's leading authorities on voting rights issues, recently convened a teleconference call panel of experts for New America Media to explore what this could mean for minority voters.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Kilmichael, a small town in northern Mississippi, is known to blues aficionados as the place where blues artist B.B. King first began his love affair with the guitar. To voting rights advocates, it's a place that helps spotlight the ongoing need for Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), now facing a challenge to its constitutionality in lawsuit before the Supreme Court.

The Court will hear oral arguments on the merits of *Shelby County v. Holder* on February 27. A decision will most likely be rendered in June before the court's summer recess.

"When the 2000 Census revealed that the town had become majority black for the first time, the town's all-white board of aldermen responded by simply trying to cancel all elections in order to prevent African Americans from being elected to office," explained Dale Ho, Assistant Counsel of the Political Participation Group, NAACP LDF.

Mississippi was, and still is, covered by Section 5, which requires certain states and jurisdictions to submit proposed changes to voting procedures to the U.S. Department of Justice or the Federal District Court in the District of Columbia. The process is

called preclearance and determines whether these changes violate constitutional rights or prevent minority voters from participating in a fair election. Under Section 5, DOJ mandated a special election in Kilmichael, resulting in the town's first African-American elected officials.

Ho cited the Kilmichael episode during a New America Media teleconference briefing on the lawsuit and the negative impact on minority voters if the Supreme Court rules in its favor. Convened by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, among the country's leading institutional authorities on voting rights issues, the briefing included Myrna Pérez, Senior Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice; Glenn Magpantay, Democracy Program Director, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; and Nina Perales, Vice President of Litigation, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Perez termed the VRA "among the most important civil rights laws ever enacted." It was passed by Congress in 1965 and signed by President Lyndon Johnson as a more robust protection for minority voters, particularly for African Americans in the South, where they have been targets of voter suppression efforts since the end of the Civil War.

Provisions of the VRA, including Section 5, have been extended several times since its initial passage, most recently in 2006 when Congress voted to reauthorize it for another 25 years. The reauthorization vote was 98 to 0 in the Senate; 393 to 30 in House. It was signed



into law by President George Bush as it had been under a previous Republican president, Ronald Reagan, in 1982.

In its lawsuit, Shelby County, Al., argues that Congress overstepped its constitutional bounds by voting to extend VRA and Section 5 for another 25 years. "Even if the Court gives weight to all of the evidence in the legislative record, it at most shows scattered and limited interference with Fifteenth Amendment rights in some covered jurisdictions" -- not sufficient for the Court to "sustain a remedy so intrusive as preclearance."

States covered by Section 5 have long chafed at the preclearance process because they consider it a violation of their Tenth Amendment sovereignty rights. If they can show that racial discrimination and Fifteenth Amendment violations are "scattered and limited," then preclearance should be voided, as Shelby argues, and their sovereignty restored.

"Racial discrimination in voting is sadly a continuing fact of American

life," countered Ho. Citing a DOJ study on Section 2 cases, Ho said, "81% of these successful voting rights lawsuits arise from the covered jurisdictions, which, in turn, are only 25% of the country... On a per capita basis, successful voting rights lawsuits are 12 times more likely to occur in the covered jurisdictions. These are precisely the places that need continuing federal remedies to prevent voting discrimination."

Glenn Magpantay of AALDEF pointed out that with their high numbers in the states covered by Section 5 Asian Americans have a big stake in the case's outcome. Through Section 5's enforcement capacity, for example, voting rights advocates have been able to ensure that states and counties meet bilingual ballot requirements under other VRA provisions.

Redistricting continues to be one of the most contentious issues that impact minority voters. Magpantay cited the intervention by the Department of Justice in Texas where Section 5 was used to prevent

the formation of a district that would have blocked Vietnamese voters from electing a candidate of their choice to the legislature.

"For Latinos," said Nina Perales, "Texas is the poster child for the continuing vitality of Section 5." The provision has been used to block over 200 discriminatory voting changes there since 1975. Arizona runs a close second. Since 1975 "one or more of Arizona's statewide redistricting plans has been blocked by Section 5 because of discrimination" against Latino voters, Perales noted.

The year 1975 was a watershed year for Latinos because the VRA was extended by Congress to cover states in the Southwest in an attempt to help remedy discriminatory practices. "Jim Crow systems in Texas and Arizona segregated Latinos in schools, jobs, and public accommodations well into the Twentieth Century," Perales recounted. "Latinos were routinely excluded from civic life, including jury duty, voter registration, and voting at

the poll." After the 2010 Census, she noted, a Texas redistricting plan was found to discriminate not only against Mexican Americans, but African Americans and Asians Americans as well.

Ho noted another unique role Section 5 plays -- it "stops discriminatory voting laws before they go into effect." Too often, he explained, when a candidate wins office by using racially discriminatory tactics or through a system skewed in his or her favor, he or she gains the power and advantage of incumbency. Small localities like Kilmichael rarely have the financial resources to embark on lengthy civil litigation, which even if successful, may take one or even two election cycles.

Speakers on the teleconference call generally refrained from speculating about the possible outcome of the Supreme Court's ruling, but said an abundance of evidence, including what occurred during the 2012 election cycle, demonstrate the rationale for keeping Section 5 in place.



## Quincy Jones launches music education app

BY ZENITHA PRINCE  
(NNPA) Music powerhouse Quincy Jones launched a music education application this week that he believed would be the "Rosetta Stone of Piano."

The app, called Playground Sessions, is based on a learn-by-playing foundation, allowing users of all ages to master the piano by playing sounds they know and love.

"Music is the world's common denominator, and there is nothing I am more passionate about than getting music and music instruction into the hands of children and adults who can benefit from its intangible magic," Jones said in a statement. "Playground Sessions is the ultimate technology to bring music to people of all ages who have the passion to learn it."

The software, which has been in production for more than three years, combines elements of gaming, such as real-time feedback, scoring and rewards for completing challenges, in a series of interactive video



Quincy Jones

tutorials from Internet music phenomenon David Sides.

The app features more than 90 sounds from popular artists such as Beyoncé, Justin Bieber and Frank Sinatra. Users will learn to read notation through "Apologize," find their way around the keyboard with "Hey Soul Sister," and master rhythm with "Because of You," for example.

The project's co-founder and CEO Chris Vance said the program is a mash-up of the concepts behind the Guitar Hero video games and the Rosetta Stone language courses.

"We had this crazy idea: Could we do Guitar Hero with real instruments?" Vance told technology Web site Mashable. "Everyone still harbors that desire to be a rock star; it's a universal truth that's never going to go away."

Vance said Quincy immediately bought into his vision and was a "spiritual guiding force," ensuring the software would be an effective and rewarding experience for users.

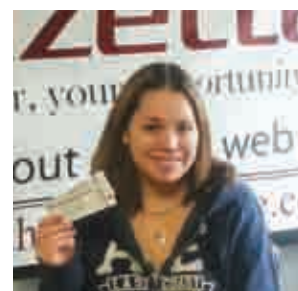
There's "such a need for this," Quincy, a 27-time Grammy winner, told Billboard. The producer of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and other successful albums said he particularly hopes that it would have a positive impact on music education programs in schools.

"Our kids in this country know less [about music] than any other country," Jones said. "We need something like Playground Sessions to push us forward."

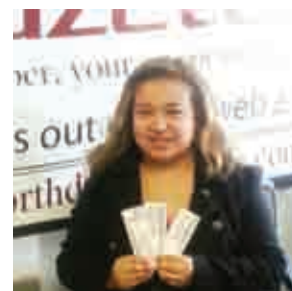
*Zenitha Prince is a writer for the Afro-American Newspaper.*

## Monster Jam Winners

The North Dallas Gazette thanks all of our readers who entered the Monster Jam giveaway recently. Six lucky winners received tickets including: Marci Ybarra, Myra Hernandez, Claude Casas, Francisca Sigala, Donald Langford, and Shenidra Smith. To see more photos visit [Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette](http://Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette). Make sure you sign



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up for our newsletter so you can be in the know about any last minute giveaways we might host in March.

## Easter Brunch at SER: a treat for all ages

With breathtaking views, exquisite cuisine and a complimentary Easter Sundae for the kids, Easter Champagne Brunch at SER Steak + Spirits is a treat for guests of all ages.

Executive Chef Anthony Van Camp has crafted two mouthwatering menus to delight adults and children alike. For the grownups, SER offers a delectable combination of classic Southern favorites and international flavors, including shrimp and

grits with fried organic egg, burgers and sandwiches featuring world-renown Masami Wagyu beef, French toast with macerated strawberries and vanilla maple syrup, and decadent desserts like the Valhrona truffle cake with orange emulsion.

Children under 12 will enjoy a refined, kid-friendly menu with selections like the Wagyu burger with house-made French fries, French toast with strawberries, organic eggs with Apple Wood

bacon and a complimentary Easter Sundae topped with strawberries and chocolate sauce.

SER's Easter Champagne Brunch is served Sunday, Mar. 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. SER is located at 2201 North Stemmons Freeway on the 27th floor of the Hilton Anatole. The cost is \$49 for adults and \$19 for children under 12. For more information or to make reservations, call 214-761-7479 or visit [www.sersteak.com](http://www.sersteak.com).

## Women's Big 12 NCAA Championship comes to Dallas

The schedule for 2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship was recently announced.

The Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship will be played March 8-11 at Dallas' American Airlines Center. The Big 12 has produced the last two NCAA national champions and won the 2012 WNIT title while ranking No. 1 in conference RPI the past five years. In addition, the league has led the nation in attendance each of the last 13 seasons. The Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship is being contested in Dallas for the third time, but making its first appearance in the American Airlines Center. Following is a complete championship schedule.

**Friday, March 8  
(all times Central)**



Game 1: No. 8 Seed vs. No. 9 Seed 6:00 p.m.  
Game 2: No. 7 Seed vs. No. 10 Seed 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9**  
Game 3: No. 4 Seed vs. No. 5 Seed 11:00 a.m.  
Game 4: No. 1 Seed vs. Game 1 Winner 1:30 p.m.  
Game 5: No. 2 Seed vs. Game 2 Winner 6:00 p.m.  
Game 6: No. 3 Seed vs. No. 6 Seed 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 10**  
Game 7: Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner 1:00 p.m.

Game 8: Game 5 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 11**  
Game 9: Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner 7:00 p.m.

For tickets and more information visit the [AmericanAirlinesCenter.com](http://AmericanAirlinesCenter.com).

## Alfre Woodard and Remy Martin host a dinner party honoring Diahann Carroll's career achievements

Last week, Alfre Woodard and Rémy Martin held a dinner party honoring Diahann Carroll for her achievement in the entertainment industry. Guests including Oprah Winfrey, Zoe Saldana, Viola Davis, Regina King, Aisha Tyler, Adepero Oduye and Chandra Wilson came to celebrate Diahann as well as toast the evenings other honorees Halle Berry, Kerry Washington, Lorraine Toussaint and Emayatzy Corinealdi for their contribution to film this year.

Held at a private residence in Beverly Hills, guests enjoyed specialty cocktails before sitting down to an intimate four-course dinner prepared by Chef Emma Coriz paired with Rémy Martin cocktails.

The Rémy French Kerry Berry was the hit



Alfre Woodard and Rémy Martin Swoon Over Diahann Carroll at Cinema Sistahs Soiree. Credit: Casey Rodgers/Invision for Rémy Martin

cocktail of the night. Named after honoree Kerry Washington the drink was made with Rémy Martin VSOP, simple syrup and fresh lemon juice, champagne and garnished with raspberry. The exact recipe can be found below.

RÉMY FRENCH KERRY BERRY  
1 oz Rémy Martin VSOP

1/2 oz simple syrup  
1/2 oz fresh lemon juice  
Shake and strain into a champagne flute, top with Champagne and garnish with a raspberry



## McKinney bond rating elevated to AAA by S&P

McKINNEY — The City of McKinney has been elevated to an AAA rating from the Standard & Poor's for its general obligation (GO) bonds. This is the highest rating issued by the S&P and places McKinney among the elite Texas cities. Only 20 cities

in the state enjoy this rating.

"This is great news for the city and our residents, because it means more capital improvements with less taxpayers' money. In addition, it serves as an independent assurance to the community that our fiscal

and financial policies and management are among the best around," said City Manager Jason Gray. "I credit the vision and leadership of the City Council and the great work done by our Finance Department for re-

sponsible fiscal practices to secure the highest rating."

Standard & Poor's cited the following reasons for the rating:

\* Access and participation in the north-central Texas economy

\* Deepening property tax base

\* Very strong income levels

\* Historically very strong reserve levels

Achieving the high rating gives the city access to

lower interest rates, saving money for taxpayers. Proceeds from the GO bonds are generally used to make city-wide facility improvements to streets, drainage systems, parks and other public facilities.

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White House initiatives. These leaders were briefed on policy issues from key White House Staff including Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama and Chair, White House Council on Women and Girls; Tina Tchen, Chief of Staff to the First Lady and Executive Director, White House Council on Women and Girls; Sam Kass, Assistant White House Chef and Senior Policy Advisor for Healthy Food Initiatives; Jason Furman, Principal Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Felicia Escobar, Senior Policy Director for Immigration.

During the discussions these women industry leaders had the opportunity to bring their experiences, challenges and questions to the table about advancing women leaders, menu labeling, immigration, and other key initiatives.

"Today marks a historic milestone for the WFF," said WFF Chair, Lorna Donatone, COO and President, Sodexo Education. "I have been at the briefing table before but never with this many women. Women leaders in

foodservice have a critical role to play and must have a seat at all tables including discussions in the highest level of government that impact women, businesses, communities and our homes."

The visit further elevated the mission, purpose and goals of the WFF: to advance women leaders. The briefing signified the beginning of a powerful dialogue with the White House about issues that affect women in the foodservice industry. White House officials left enthusiastic about how they could leverage the WFF community to impact women leaders around the country.

"This day at the White House was an excellent opportunity for the leaders in foodservice to expand their perspectives on issues impacting our industry. Together our voices were heard loud and clear. We are certain this new alignment with senior government officials will create unlimited possibilities. Access was the winning ingredient for both the White House and our leaders," said Fritz Woods, WFF President and CEO.

## MACKIE, continued from Page 2

"It's a true honor to receive the Legacy Award," says Dr. Mackie. "Having experienced the challenges that many minority students face today, I take great pride in helping them overcome adversity and grow into successful men and women. We all have the capacity to be great within us. Dedicated

to making sure every student has a chance to show it, UNCF deserves an enormous praise for their 67 years of hard work helping more than 400,000 students attend and graduate college."

For more information on Dr. Mackie, visit [www.CalvinMackie.com](http://www.CalvinMackie.com).


Celebrating those who celebrate our community.

The month of February is a time to celebrate the visionaries and volunteers whose ties to the community remain strong year-round. Much like the leaders before them, our honorees strive for success as they continue to set paths so others may join them. We are committed to shining light on those who never fail to give back. To learn more, visit [365Black.com](http://365Black.com).

From left: Tony Hansberry II, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Harold & Tina Lewis, Grant & Tamia Hill, Chaka Khan & Mary-Pat Hector.

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**Through March 3**  
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chantment, singing, dan-cing and puppetry. Rosewood Center for Family Arts at 5938 Skillman Street in Dallas.

**February 28**  
**Jack Mac's Beer + Dessert Tasting** at Jack Mac's Swill & Grill, 19009 Preston Road at 7 p.m.; 972-267-2782

**The Women's Event 2013** at The Fairmont Hotel, 1717 North Akard Street at 6 p.m.; 214-615-5259

**February 28-March 23**  
**"Death Takes A Holiday" by Garland Civic Theatre** at Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre; 972-205-2790

**March 2**  
**Many Voices** at Irving Central Library - On the first Saturday of every month, join celebration of global cultures at 2:30 p.m.

**2nd Annual Dallas Modern Home Tour** at various locations in Dallas at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; <http://dallas.modernhometours.com/tickets/>

**Be the Match Walk + Run Dallas Ft./Worth at Lone Star Park** at Grand Prairie,

1000 Lone Star Parkway in Grand Prairie at 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 612-460-4239

**Cowboys & Cowboys Sky Ranch Gala- Troy Aikman, Celebrity Chair** at Inter-Continental Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway in Addison at 6:30 p.m.; 469-484-4840

**Salutation of the Dawn** at Zion Lutheran Church, 6121 East Lovers Lane at 7:30 p.m.

**It's My Park Day** at 1500 Marilla at 8 a.m.

**Naw'lin's Mardi Gras Jam** at Crown Plaza Hotels and Resorts, 14315 Midway Road in Addison at 7:30 p.m.; \$75; 214-985-1809

**March 3**  
**Salutation of the Dawn: A Celebration of the Day's Journey into Night** at St. James Episcopal Church, 9845 McCree Road at 7:30 p.m.; 214-384-6336

**St. Louis Blues vs. Dallas Stars** at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue; 214-222-3687

**March 4**  
**The Great Convergence: Asia, the West and the Logic of One World** at Rosewood Crescent Hotel, 400 Crescent Ct. at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; 214-965-8412  
**National Center for Drug Free Sport Corporate Training Event** at Hyatt Regency DFW Hotel, 2334 N International Parway at DFW Airport; <http://www.drugfreesport.com/>

**March 5**  
**AT&T Performing Arts Center presents Juan De Marcos & The Afro-Cuban All Stars** at Annette Strauss Square, 2403 Flora St at 8 p.m.; 214-880-0202

**March 6**  
**Women In Leadership Luncheon;** 11:30 am - 1:15 pm at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 North Cliffe Dr., Richardson 75080; Member \$35; Non-member \$55; Table \$250 (six seats)

**Dallas Opera presents Brownbags** at Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. at 12 noon; 214-443-1000

**Houston Rockets vs. Dallas Mavericks** at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; 214-222-3687

**March 7**  
**DFW Golf Show at Irving Convention Center** at Las Colinas, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd in Irving at 12 - 5 p.m., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., & 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 425-412-7070

**March 9**  
**The First Annual Changing Faces Changing Lives Charity Hair Show** at 6-11 p.m. at Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. in Dallas. Info: [www.charityhairshow.eventbrite.com](http://www.charityhairshow.eventbrite.com), [rcurrington@amoretransitional.org](mailto:rcurrington@amoretransitional.org) or 800-318-4284 ext. 101.

**Village Academy Cooks: Sourdough- A Village Academy Cooking Class** at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park at 1 p.m.; 214-413-3669

**Job Fair** at Mountain View College at 10a.m. -2p.m.; FREE

**Rat Race Urban Adventure Series** at Market

Street West End at 8 a.m.;\$95 solo

**March 10**  
**Crime Scene Investigation Day** at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St. at 12 – 5 p.m.; FREE; 214-747-6660

**March 12-15**  
**Spring Fling- Exhibit Opening: Cedars Stories** at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park at 10 a.m.; 214-421-5141

**March 13**  
**The Moody Blues** at the Verizon Theater, 1001 Performance Place in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.; \$39.50 - \$69.50; 972-854-5050

**March 21**  
**17th Annual Spirit of Contact Luncheon** at Hyatt-Regency, Landmark Ballroom, at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Keynote speaker is Mrs. Laura Bush, Former First Lady; [www.contactcrisis.org](http://www.contactcrisis.org)

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valuable personal information being compiled and shared," said Scott Mitic, Chief Executive Officer, TrustedID. "The IRS must find a way to protect consumers from falling victim to this growing threat and work to develop a swift resolution for victims. Additionally, while the IRS has some trust with consumers, the growing number of tax identity theft cases creates a serious and growing gap between perception and reality."

"Tax identity theft is a big problem that has grown exponentially over the course of a few short years. The IRS has an obligation to increase awareness of this threat and consumers need to better familiarize themselves with the issue and how to protect themselves, especially since effective assistance might not be available once their identity has been

compromised," added Mitic.

To help proactively safeguard information during tax season, TrustedID offers the following tips:

Monitor your tax documents closely. Make a list of everyone who pays you, including employers, banks and brokerages, and make sure you receive hard copies in the mail of what they send to the IRS.

Beware of IRS-related scams. If you receive an email or phone call asking for your personal or financial information, delete it or send it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov for investigation. The IRS will never email taxpayers about issues related to their accounts or ask for your Social Security number or financial details over the phone. If you have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, call them directly to confirm it.

Review carefully if filing with a 3rd Party. When using software, CPA or national tax agency to prepare your taxes, ensure you are reviewing all the information carefully and that all the original paperwork is returned to you.

Be diligent if you are e-fil-

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Superintendent of Secondary Schools, then Deputy Superintendent.

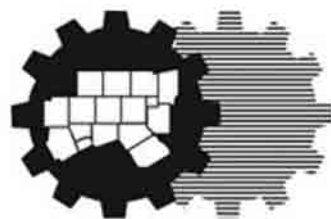
As superintendent of Mansfield, Morrison has led many innovative developments such as the 1-on-1 iPad initiative for high school students and teachers, the MISD iPhone App launch, a districtwide Strategic Plan, and the development, construction, and completion of a 5,500-seat auditorium and teacher professional development center.

Morrison is one of 38 superintendents in the Texas to serve the Future-Ready Superintendents Program and contributes to the ongoing Visioning Institute Document, "Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas." He is a member of many community service groups and serves as a Board member for several including the Fast Growth Coalition, Our Community Our Kids, Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, Mansfield Methodist Hospital Community Advisory, and the Arlington Salvation Army.

Morrison received his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, his Superintendents Certificate from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a Bachelor of Science in Education

from Oklahoma Baptist University.

His wife is a high school counselor. The couple has three daughters.



### North Central Texas Council of Governments

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is seeking proposals for assistance in carrying out discovery and reporting activities associated with its role as a Federal Emergency Management Agency Cooperating Technical Partner. Activities will include: stakeholder engagement; data analysis; Discovery Meetings participation; post-meeting coordination; Coordinated Needs Management Strategy updates; report development; project outreach assistance; and project management support. Funding for the effort will not exceed \$50,000 and the project must be completed by 8/31/13. To obtain a proposal packet go to <http://www.nctcog.org/aa/RFP.asp> or call Leo Valencia at 817-608-2363.

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**March 3, 2013 8 a.m.**

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**March 2, 9 a.m.**

Join us for Men's Fellowship as we worship and praise God; and we study His Word.

**March 3, 9:35 a.m.**

You're invited to our Sunday School at 9 a.m. and to stay for Morning Worship at 11 a.m. as we worship and praise God.

**March 6, 7 p.m.**

Come to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word and help us to praise and worship His holy name.

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**March 6, 7:30 p.m.**

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**March 3, 8 a.m.  
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**March 6, 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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**March 6, 7 p.m.**  
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**March 3, 9:30 a.m.**

Join us for Sunday School with Elder/Superintendent Greg Mason; Sis. Vicki Mason, adult class teacher and Evangelist Elizabeth McAfee, children class teacher and Director of our children's choir. Then stay for Morning Service at 11 a.m. as we worship, honor and praise God for His goodness.

**March 7, 7:30 p.m.**  
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It is said that Black History is a continuing strength in our society. I agree; it makes society aware of the great contributions made by Black Americans and it encourages young Black children to use math and science more; and to do more than sing and dance in the entertainment world.

The true meaning of Black History Month is honor and respect for another person and his/her contribution to society.

Here are some distinguished Black Americans: Richard Allen, an organizer

and the first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

James Armistead Lafayette was the first Black double agent. He was born a slave; but later became a valuable intelligence agent during the Revolution War by gathering information concerning British forces at Portsmouth, VA.

George Bonga was a fur trader of Black and Native American descent of considerable wealth; who was one of the first Blacks born in what is now Minnesota. He served as interpreter at the signing of the Chippewa Treaty of 1837.

Ambrose Caliver was a senior specialist in the education of African Americans in the U.S. Office of Education from 1930 to 1946. Also,

Caliver initiated and directed the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) which President Herbert Hoover created in 1932; it was later replaced in 1935 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

FERA gave loans to the states to operate relief programs. But its main goal was alleviating household unemployment by creating new unskilled jobs in local and state government.

WPA emergency education programs under the New Deal created and directed "Freedom's People" a series of nationwide radio broadcasts on the participation of Blacks in American life.

George Carruthers, a Physicist, was one of the two naval research laboratory per-

sons responsible for the Apollo 16 lunar surface camera/spectrograph which was placed on the lunar surface in 1972.

Elmer Simms Campbell was a master cartoonist of sophisticated humor for Esquire and Playboy magazines. His art also appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines as a syndicated feature. Albert Cassell, an Architect, he worked on the construction of five buildings at Tuskegee Institute and as a draftsman he was responsible for designing an industrial plan for the manufacture of silk.

William Tucker was the first Black child born in America on January 3, 1624 in Jamestown, Virginia, James City County. He was the son of Slaves Anthony and Is-

abella. He was baptized there and was sold at Fort Monroe to an English sea captain named William Tucker.

Captain B. Collins patented the portable electric light in 1938. Prince Hall petitioned the city of Boston to establish schools for Black children equal in quality to those for white students in 1787. John Rock, an attorney, was the first Black to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1865.

Frederick McKinley Jones, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1893; and orphaned at the age of nine, is best remembered for devising a method to refrigerate trucks carrying perishable food, an idea expanded to include air coolers for ships, planes, and

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Sister Tarpley in an African Attire Honoring Black History Month on her way to Church.

## The tales of the story of Black History Month

BY CARRENZA THURMOND JR.

The month of February is recognized as Black History Month. Willie C. Cochran Pastor of the South Dallas Faith Base Outreach Ministry located at 2822 Tanner street in South Dallas is now telling the story of why this month is celebrated, and more or less for those who need to know more about Black History.

Through his working ministry of faith, Willie has helped many people in his community to achieve higher goals in life, and to accept the significance of Black History Month. Willie says, "If we don't study the history of our people, how are we to achieve the future?"

Pastor Cochran however, is now in the process of building a larger church in South Dallas, on land that he has already purchased. He's reaching out to all people who would like to donate toward building a new structure that will serve the purpose of saving many lost souls in the South Dallas Community, who need salvation and help to survive in these difficult days in time.

In regard to the new structure being built, Willie says, "There won't be any need to go elsewhere for good organized community services. When you or a loved one need help, this new building could provide the assistance needed for you to



Willie C. Cochran, Pastor of the South Dallas Faith Base Outreach Ministry

make it in your time of need.

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•Help family, with funerals and funeral sermon speeches, devotion readings when called upon to do so.

•Work with young children and help them to read or write.

•Minister to college students and young people by phone are in person when making life decisions.

•Sharing information about organizations, jobs, educational programs, medical and dental aid, shelters for public help, phone numbers, address to emergency services, where to get food, hot meals and clothing.

•Housing crisis centers for homeless families such as single parents with children.

•Information for abused

women and children victims of domestic violence.

•Numbers for runaways and youth to other outreach ministries.

•To sponsor people who

are trying to quit drugs and alcohol.

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## NDG Bookshelf



BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You only wanted a job.

You needed a little spending money, a way to put food on the table, something to do that meant something or made a difference. So you applied for positions that sounded good and paid well, or seemed interesting and came with opportunity.

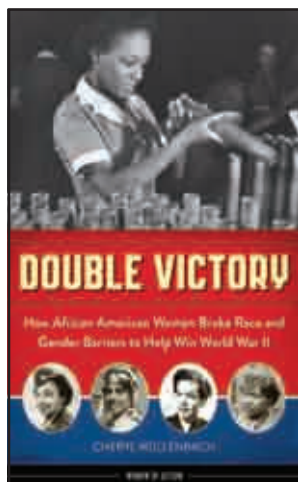
Humans, it's believed, are wired for work. We need to contribute somehow, in some meaningful way. But as you'll see in the new book *Double Victory* by Cheryl Mullenbach,

## NDG Book Review: "Double Victory" by Cheryl Mullenbach

bach, some jobs don't come without a double battle.

Shortly after the U.S. entered World War II in 1941, a desperate call went out for workers because America's men were going to war. White women were encouraged to do the jobs their men had left behind. Black women wanted to do their part, too. They saw a chance to help win the war and to make better money: many of them were getting \$2 a week as domestics, while factory jobs might pay twenty times that.

Time and time again, however, they were turned away - even though President Franklin Roosevelt had signed Executive Order 8802, which encouraged "full participation in the national de-



fense program by all citizens... regardless of race..."

Emboldened, black women kept trying for jobs and, eventually, despite ongoing discrimination, there was such a strong need for workers that

some were finally hired (although still segregated). At first, the jobs were menial or purposely difficult in the hopes that the women would quit.

But they didn't, which encouraged other black women to bust barriers wide open. Even Black Hollywood got into the effort to win the war.

When the government finally allowed black men into the Armed Forces, black women leaped to join, too, and were accepted into the WAAC (Women's Army Auxiliary Corp, later just WAC) in 1942. They still faced segregation but were finally allowed to "do their part" at home and overseas. And yet, despite that they sacrificed in service to their country just as

their white countrymen did, when the war ended, there was just more discrimination.

No doubt about it, *Double Victory* is an eye-opener, especially for the generations born post-WWII.

Through interviews, newspaper accounts, books, documents, and diaries, author Cheryl Mullenbach tells the story of a courageous group of women who were determined to serve their country, even when it seemed that no one wanted them to. It's shocking to see how black women endured more severe discrimination than did their male counterparts, and I was surprised at the almost-ridiculous lengths to which seg-

regation went to keep black women as more than second-class citizens. I almost wanted to cheer as I read each individual story that Mullenbach includes here; these were women who were tough as nails and as tenacious as pit-bulls in Army-issued "exercise dresses." Seriously, how cool is that?

While this seems to be a book for teen readers, I surely think adults will get just as much out of every word here. If you're looking for a book with an until-now-quiet story, "Double Victory" will do the job.

*Double Victory* by Cheryl Mullenbach (Chicago Review Press, \$19.94, 266 pages)

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trains. As a result of this method called pre-fabricated refrigerated construction, meat, fruit, vegetable, and butter could be transported long distances.

Peter Hill, born a slave was a highly skilled clock maker; only the most skilled craftspeople could create one. Two of the clocks Hill made still exist. One is in the Westtown

School in Westtown, Pennsylvania. The other is in the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. If you get an opportunity, go by and see it.

Andrew Jackson Beard lost his leg by crushing it between two railroad cars, while linking them together. Beard then created a device to hook

cars together automatically; it became the model for a national standardized linking mechanism. Beard also patented a new form of plow and a rotary steam engine.

Paul Boli in 1955 invented the first heart pacemaker. However, Otis

Boykin created an electrical mechanism as a regulating unit for it. Raised in Dallas,

Texas, Boykin device uses electrical impulses to maintain a steady heart beat.

Frederick M. Jones invented the motor, the ticket-dispensing machine in 1939, the Air Conditioning Unit in 1949, the thermostat control in 1960 and the portable x-ray machine. As a born Texan, I know I thank Frederick M. Jones.

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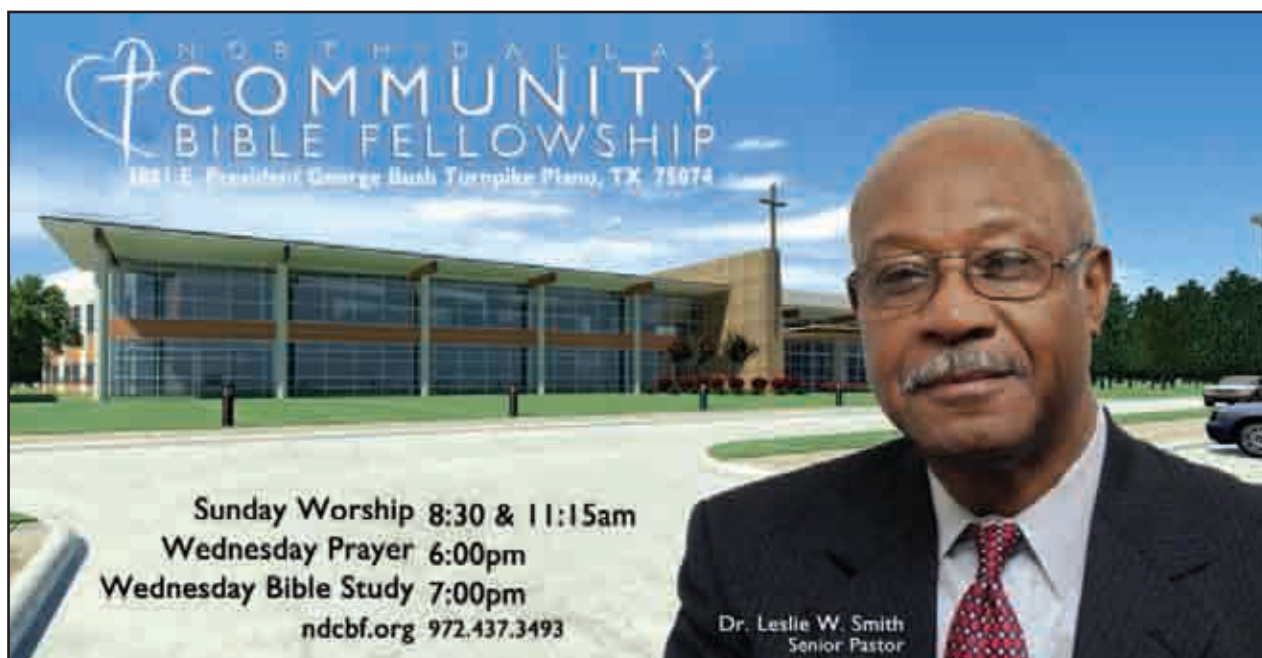
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