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## Honoring fathers and fatherhood

BY SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him, Proverbs 23:24.

Father's Day is a celebration designed to honor fathers and celebrate fatherhood and what it truly means to be a fa-



Jarred Walker and Sean Walker

ther. Father's Day is not just a day to celebrate biological fathers, but uncles, brothers, grandfathers, cousin, stepfather or any one for that matter who has been a father figure in your life.

Mother's day is a day that is never forgotten and is always celebrated, but Father's Day can sometimes get swept under the rug. It took 58

years after Mother's Day was declared a federal holiday in 1914 for President Richard Nixon to sign a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday in 1972. The reason for the long overdue recognition was simple; most reports stated, "Fathers do not have the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

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## Blacks optimistic about finances



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## 2 Million Texas children face "meal gap"

SAN ANTONIO — Three reports released today by the nation's leading anti-hunger organizations demonstrate that while Texas is making headway in feeding hungry children during the summer months, millions of Texans still face a significant gap in food

resources while Congress debates the largest cuts to federal aid in a generation.

The study released by Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap estimates that 4.8 million Texans, or 18.7% live in households that struggle at times to afford enough



food. Of these, nearly

two million are children. In total, these Texans face an annual "meal gap" of nearly 785 million meals. The report's estimates were also made available online for every Texas county.

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## Chad Johnson spans attorney and loses plea deal



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COMMENTARY

## Apple's tax dodging highlights need for reform

BY FRANK CLEMENTE

(American Forum) Talk about taking your business to "the Cloud." In an ingenious effort to avoid billions of dollars in taxes, Apple, Inc., has been levitating subsidiaries between American and Irish soil, claiming that from a tax-law perspective, they exist in neither country and so are subject to neither country's taxing authority. And, sadly, the scheme has worked: no taxes have been paid to the U.S., a relatively paltry sum was paid to Ireland.

Though this was Apple's most audacious tax-dodging scheme, it wasn't the only one.

Congressional investigators recently found that Apple had avoided paying virtually any taxes on \$74 billion in offshore profits over the past four years. That's a big loss of revenue needed to hire teachers, build roads or pay down debt.

How does Apple manage to skip out on its tax responsibilities on such a massive scale? It shuffles profits gen-

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## Juneteenth celebration at Allen Public Library

On June 19, 1865—over years months after Confederate General Robert E. Lee General surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia—Union Brigadier General Gordon Granger read General Orders No. 3 in Galveston, TX:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation



from the Executive of the United States, "all slaves are free." This involves an absolute equality of per-

sonal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

In earlier times Juneteenth was often referred to as "the day when the slavin' days were over." As

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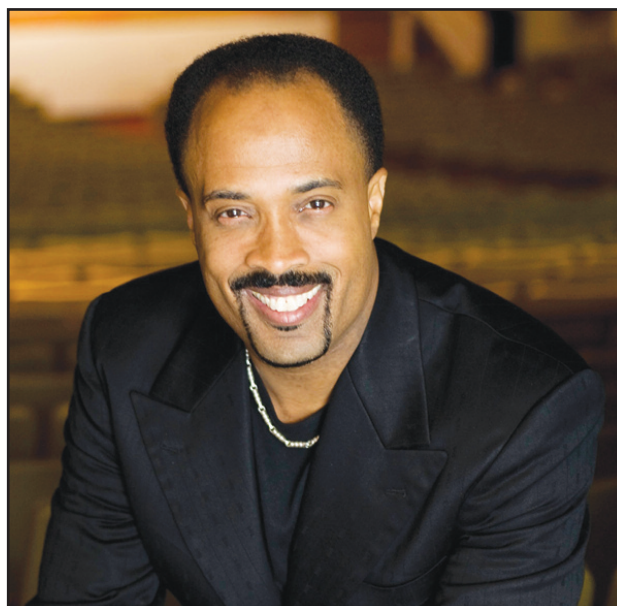
## Dr. Frederick D. Haynes

DALLAS— The African-American Pastors Coalition (AAPC) will host its first ever June-teenth celebration to honor fathers throughout the metroplex. The celebration, which will draw an estimated 1,500 participants and will feature Dr. Rev. Frederick D. Haynes of Friendship West Baptist Church as keynote speaker, an ecumenical mass choir, praise & worship dancers and more. The worship experience

and program is at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23 at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church. The church is located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas. The theme, reflective of the centennial milestone of the Emancipation Proclamation celebrated annually on June 19, is 150 years from Justice to Jubilee: The Journey Continues.

"We selected the June-teenth weekend to celebrate an historical milestone, but more impor-

tantly to bring the community, our leaders and the faith body together to recognize the strength of men and the importance we will play in the healing and restoration of our community," explain Dr. Jerry Christian, President of the AAPC. "It will be a public sign of confidence that all men are not locked up and dead-beats, but they are responsible, loving, caring and committed to their families, our communities," said Christian, who



is also senior pastor of Kirkwood Temple CME.

The Coalition has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and will use this event to connect the organization with thousands of prospective new recruits to mentor youth apart of the program.

"Our intent is to challenge all of our coalition partner churches to do more. We do plenty within the context of our congregations and community, but there is always room to do more," said Dr. Christian.

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## Dr. Catrise Austin

Dr. Catrise Austin is a trailblazing expert in the field of dentistry. She is the author of a dental consumer book "5 Steps to the Hollywood A-List Smile", a professional speaker, spokesperson, entrepreneur, and founder of NYC Cosmetic and General Dentistry (Formerly VIP Smiles)-a modern dental practice in New York City.

Best known as the "Dentist to the Stars", musicians, actors, comedians, journalists, models, beauty pageant contestants, and professional athletes have placed their

smiles in her capable hands. Dr. Austin is one of the first to offer on-site and mobile dentistry services tailored to the needs of busy high profile clients. Licensed in New York and California, Dr. Austin is able to work on both coasts providing cosmetic dentistry services any private "on location" destination of your choice. Combining technology, mobility, and first-class care, celebrity dentist Dr. Catrise Austin provides the most innovative luxury dental service to her VIP clients.



But beyond the celebrated elite, Dr. Austin's true goal is to empower and educate ALL about the importance of dental health as she believes that the benefits of dentistry can not only make you look and feel better, but now studies show that it can help save your life and live longer. In 2009, Dr. Austin made history as the first private dentist in the nation to offer HIV testing to patients during routine dental care. Now Dr. Austin's clients not only leave knowing their dental health status, but also their HIV status!

Austin is an award-winning dentist and columnist who has solidified her reputation in her field with national radio as well as national TV appearances on The Discovery Health Channel, "Today Show", "Good Morning America," and VH1's "Love and Hip Hop", among others. Dr. Austin is available for local and national interviews, as well as speaking engagements on dental health, HIV testing in the dental office, entrepreneurship, careers in dentistry, and improving your image with your smile.

## Fred Parker

(GARLAND) Under the leadership of Athletic Coordinator and Head

recognition. Parker was recently inducted into the athletic hall of fame at his



Football Coach Fred Parker, Bussey Middle School has won several west zone and city championship titles. But that's not the record gaining him

alma mater, Mississippi Valley State University.

Attending from 1981-1986, he played both running back and full back positions on the univer-

sity's football team. Parker then signed as a free agent with the Green Bay Packers for the 1986 and 1987 seasons.

"I started playing football in sixth grade and always dreamed of going pro," he said. "Playing for Green Bay is one of the biggest accomplishments of my life."

An accomplishment achieved only through hard work and dedication, Parker committed his post-football career to putting students on the path to their dreams. He joined Garland ISD in 1991, working at the Cooperative Behavior Center. One year later, Parker transferred to Bussey where he has remained ever since. About to complete his 21st year at the school, Parker started as a special education teacher and then

moved to physical education. He also served as an assistant football coach. A few years ago, Parker took over for retiring athletic coordinator and head football coach Don Williams.

Under his direction, Bussey's football and boys basketball teams finished their 2012-13 seasons as west zone champs. The school has also won at least seven city championship titles in football, track and basketball during Parker's time as a coach.

"Our physical education and athletic staff is amazing," he commented. "I couldn't do it without them. But I don't measure success by the number of championships we have, rather how successful our students are when they graduate."

"Coach Parker knows

the value of education, and athletics helped him get it," said Mary Garcia,

principal at Bussey. "He

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## Will Father's Day Be Different for Black America: Saving Our Sons from Destruction?

By Dr. Daryl D. Green

When I wrote my book, *A Call to Destiny: How to Create Effective Ways to Assist Black Boys in America*, my co-author and I were able to analyze what was happening to young black boys in America. We found some troubling trends. Without any intervention, young black boys, regardless of their social class, will not survive in the 21st century. With Father's Day approaching the nation, the adequacy of fathers will eventually be dissected by media pundits and culture experts. There are 26.4 million fathers in a traditional family environment. Yet, one of the biggest tragedies and failures of our society is the neglect of millions of black males in America that are failing in life. One of the key problems is the abandonment of black fathers to take care of their parenting responsibilities. Over 70% of black children live with a single mother. The storyline for black boys is frightening. From the low social condition of black boys, it is easy

to understand that every major institution has failed them and allowed them to become the prey of urban culture. Young black males lead every negative statistic you can imagine. They have the worst test scores, the highest drop-out rates, and highest unemployment statistics. While they may fail in school, they become more successful in America's prison system.

Reggie Jenkins, founder/director of UUNIK Academy of Tennessee, notes, "We are in a state of emergency." While individuals may find black males missing in honors classes in most high schools, you can be assured that they will make up most of the special education students. For most involved black parents, the problems with their sons happen regardless of socioeconomic standing. Parents must deal with the calls for medication, special education placement, or holding their child back. Many boys lack any meaningful male involvement. Therefore, an emergency call must go out

to fathers! Act now or we will all regret it! Ryan Bomb was born to a biological mother who was the victim of rape; he was adopted as an infant into a family of 13 children. The adoption was a positive force. In order to combat the fatherlessness, he created the Radiance Foundation. He notes, "We're calling out men for shirking their responsibilities. This is not a blame game on women. This is all of our responsibilities." Last month, President Barack Obama spoke at the Commencement Address at Morehouse College and attempted to speak the issues of personal responsibility for young men. President Obama cautioned them about the common issues that some men make: "We know that too many young men in our community continue to make bad choices...Growing up, I made quite a few myself. Sometimes I wrote off my own failings as just another example of the world trying to keep a black man down. I had a tendency sometimes to make excuses for me not

doing the right thing. But one of the things that all of you have learned over the last four years, is there's no longer any room for excuses."

America is in trouble as it witnesses millions of fathers missing from today's homes. The black community is no exception. Unfortunately, there are unintended consequences when men don't take ownership or personal responsibility for being a father. Despite all of the government and social support available, today's children still need a strong male role model in their homes. If we allow black boys to become an endangered species, we will be laying the foundation for all American children to eventually suffer the same fate. We must hold on to the hope that things will get better for them. However, if good people decide to do nothing in the face of this impending danger, it will be a fatal mistake. If so—please forgive us, young brothers, for not sav-

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erated by American ideas, American workers and American consumers through shell companies in tax havens such as Ireland, where it's subject to few or no levies. And it's not alone among corporate giants. According to the Congressional joint tax committee, ending this kind of tax avoidance by big corporations would raise almost \$600 billion over the next decade.

But Apple deserves special attention. Admired for its technological prowess and often in contention for the nation's most valuable company, it's a leader as well in stashing profits—over \$100 billion today—overseas and out of reach of U.S. taxes.

Some might be tempted to praise such aggressive tax strategies. Except that needy kids are being kicked off Head Start, grandmothers are getting fewer Meals on Wheels, and disabled students are being denied special education—all because of ham-handed across-the-board federal budget cuts known as the "sequester." By

cleaning up the whole overseas corporate tax mess we could restore 60 percent of the \$1 trillion in sequester cuts scheduled for the next decade.

But Apple and its corporate brethren—backed by their allies in Congress—want to do the opposite. Rather than close corporate tax loopholes, they want to reward corporations with money stashed overseas (Bloomberg estimates a staggering \$1.9 trillion) with a temporary tax amnesty, called a "repatriation holiday." That one-time pass would then be followed by a permanent tax amnesty, known as a "territorial tax system."

Corporate executives argue that drastically lowering the U.S. taxes charged on "repatriated" cash would encourage companies to make investments and create jobs here. The trouble is we've tested that theory already and it failed miserably. When Congress declared a corporate tax holiday of drastically reduced rates on foreign cash in 2005, money came home all

right, but instead of job-creating investment, it was mostly used to pad the pockets of wealthy executives and shareholders, according to the Congressional Research Service. Worse, in the years that followed, that first amnesty has actually accelerated the flight of cash overseas as corporations quite reasonably await the next one.

A territorial tax system would end the waiting game by completely eliminating U.S. taxes on overseas profits made by American corporations. This would give a green light to Apple and others to use tax dodges to shift capital to overseas tax havens that assess little or no corporate income tax, draining our treasury, lowering wages and eliminating jobs at home. It also disadvantages purely domestic companies—often small businesses—that play by the rules and pay their fair share.

We need corporate tax reform, but not the type—like repatriation and territoriality—that encourages, rather than re-

duces, corporate tax dodging. And we don't need reform that fails to generate any new revenue from Corporate America (which so far has contributed nothing to deficit reduction), and instead uses any increased collections from closing loopholes to reduce tax rates. A recent study by the Economic Policy Institute found that there was no correlation between lower corporate tax rates and economic growth—if anything, the economy did better when corporate rates were higher.

There's real corporate tax reform legislation in Congress right now that would end offshore tax loopholes and raise \$600 billion over 10 years—money to restore battered public services, rev up our economy and pay down debt. This is true corporate tax reform would finally end the accounting magic show and force Apple's floating subsidiaries back down to earth.

Clemente is executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness.



## National Men's Health Week and Father's Day

A father's love and full involvement in his children's lives is crucial to their health, well-being, and development.

Fathers influence the physical well-being of their children in a number of ways -- by being engaged in their lives, supporting a mother's health, or by ensuring that children get the preventive services, such as vaccinations and well-baby checkups, they need to stay healthy. Fathers make a difference.

Studies have shown a father's own health makes a difference to their children's health. Active toddlers, for

example, are more likely to have fathers with a lower Body Mass Index than less active children.

National Men's Health Week, June 10-16, which concludes with Father's Day, is a good time to focus on how men can take care of their own physical and mental health for themselves and for the well-being of their families. That means eating right, being active, and getting health insurance to ensure their families' security and peace of mind.

Quality health insurance, however, has not always been easily accessible

or affordable for millions of Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs. Millions of men are uninsured. An accident or illness could lead to crushing debt devastating to their families' security.

But thanks to the Affordable Care Act, new options will soon be available for the nearly 23 million men who are eligible. Beginning October 1, 2013, individuals and small businesses will be able to visit aHealth Insurance Marketplace to compare health coverage options and choose the plan that best fits their needs and wallet. In

fact, some individuals will be eligible for free or low-cost plans. Coverage will begin as early as January 1, 2014.

Because of the health care law, starting January 1, no one can be turned away or charged more for coverage (whether through the Marketplace or otherwise) because of a pre-existing condition, such as heart disease, diabetes, or prostate cancer. The Affordable Care Act also requires most private health insurance plans to cover recommended preventive services, such as cholesterol checks, alcohol misuse counseling, depres-

sion screening, and help to quit smoking.

At the Department of Health and Human Services, we're also helping fathers develop responsible parenting skills and economic stability. Head Start and Early Head Start programs are bolstering resources and training for creating father-friendly programs to make it easier for men to engage in their children's lives.

The Administration for Families and Children works in partnership with the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse to support Fatherhood Buzz, an initiative to promote re-

sponsible fatherhood and provide community resources through barbershops across the country. The Clearinghouse recently unveiled new public service announcements, featuring the characters from the movie *Despicable Me 2* and focusing on the theme "Take Time to be a Dad Today."

These programs aim to connect dads to jobs, training, and other resources. They also strengthen the bonds between couples with children, reduce domestic violence, and help provide children strong role models of adulthood.

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Mothers are the caregivers and the ones who are there for you when you get hurt. Fathers on the other hand are the protectors and the breadwinners of the family. A father can be looked at as harsh and mean and sometimes too hard on their children at times. However, the truth is often fathers are honest, straightforward and giving.

Unfortunately, sometimes mothers have to step in and take the role of both mother and father when the father is absent in the child life. Jarred Walker, 23-years old, knows about this all too well.

For the majority of Jarred's life, his father Sean Walker, was in prison. Sean Walker, now 42-years old, was raised by his grandmother and had a good upbringing, but got into trouble and by the age of 21 he was in prison. While Sean was serving his prison sentence, his wife divorced him and remarried; soon after Sean lost his grandmother. Jarred was raised by his mother and stepfather.

"As a child, not having my biological father around wasn't something I was fully aware of, because I had a step dad since I was basically two years old. But as I got older and less oblivious, the affect it had on me wasn't always easy to deal with, but he still managed to make it clear that he loved me," stated Jarred.

Sean was in the prison system for over a decade with serving five different sentences in several different

states around the country. "I have been in and out of jail for a totally of 17 years with my last conviction in 2012, and I am so thankful to still have kids who still care about me," stated Sean.

He stated it was not always like that in the beginning, "I felt embarrassed, and in the beginning my children did not want to be around me, I was hurt and it was extremely hard on all of us as a family." Sean had to come to terms with another man raising his son. He knew Jarred's step father was a good man and would take good care of him while he was away.

Jarred is very proud of his dad and how he has turned his life completely around. "One thing I never had an issue with when it came to him was forgiveness. Now as time has gone on after many mistakes have been made, as well as growth in maturity has transpired. The two of us are closer than I ever imagined us to be. I honestly don't know too many people who can say that their father is their best friend, especially after coming from the background of our personal foundation and relationship," stated Jarred.

Sean is now married with a lovely home and three stepchildren of his own. Alongside Jarred, he has four other children who he also has close ties to. "It a blessing to be acknowledged by my children on Father's Day considering my history and my past, I thank God for all of my children and I am so thankful to



*Rev and Sis Donald Davis and their three sons*

still have them in my life," stated Sean.

Rev. Donald Davis knows quite a bit about the prison system and how it can affect a family as a whole. In the beginning of his career Rev. Davis was a prison guard and saw first-hand how life can take a huge turn when a father is in prison. Davis heard his

calling in 1980 and soon after became a Reverend and is a member of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Davis and his wife Martha have been married for 51 years and have 3 sons and 10 grandchildren. "It is very important to have a father figure in a child life, to teach important values and help them

grow as an individual," stated Rev. Davis. He is now a campus monitor at Morningside Elementary School.

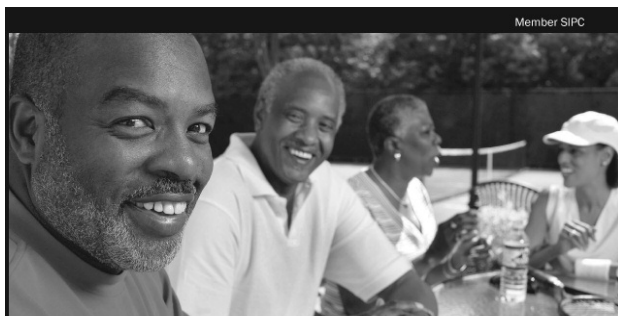
Davis stated, "Seeing a father bring his child to school when usually it's the mother everyday means something, especially in the African-American culture."

Knowing that all of his sons are Christians and all his children and grandchildren have been baptized brings him the greatest joy as a father. Rev. Davis' faith in God was a source of strength for him, and kept his family so strong. Through his faith, Rev. Davis raised three sons, who now have their own children and are striving to teach their children the same values.

Davis stated, "Being a father is a job on its own but when you have strong faith, God will always see you through."

Father's Day should be viewed more as an appreciation day: for all that fathers do and will continue to do for their children. Fathers come in all shapes and sizes and from very different backgrounds, but one thing remains the same and that is they are all still fathers.

Whether your father has always been a part of your life or merely for a short period, this is the day to celebrate the time you have spent with him and cherish those memories. Happy Father's Day!



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## Tips for watering dos and don'ts now that Frisco is at Stage 3 on restrictions

Frisco's Stage 3 Water Restrictions went into effect June 1 limiting outdoor lawn watering with spray irrigation to once-per-week. But, many have wondered, what about the many other types of water use such as watering with drip irrigation and maintaining your pools?

Here's a list of other water use activities included in Frisco's Stage 3 restrictions:

- Flowers and Vegetables - These may be watered any day up to two hours with a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation.

- Foundations - Foundations, first year shrubs, and trees may be watered up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, soaker hose, or dedicated zone using a drip/bubbler irrigation system.

- Low-Volume Non-Spray Irrigation - This includes watering by the means of a hand-held hose, soaker hose, or dedicated zone using a drip/bubbler irrigation system for the purpose of irrigating foundations, new landscaping associated with new construction, flowers, vegetables, community gardens, first year shrubs, and trees.



- New Landscaping - The replacement of stressed landscaping during this time is strongly discouraged until the conditions, which caused the initiation of Stage 3, improve. Landscape associated with new construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion through an approved Water Exemption Request.

- Pools - Existing pools may be minimally refilled to compensate for evaporation and other water losses. Pools may not be completely drained and refilled unless repairs are necessary.

- Trees and Shrubs - Trees, shrubs and other perennials may be watered any day up to two hours with a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation.

## District 5 Dallas City Council Runoff: It's not about race but the character of the man

BY SANDRA CRENSHAW

For the last three decades, the former town of Pleasant Grove that was annexed into the City of Dallas in the 1970's, has been divided into five different Dallas city council districts. Under the leadership of then Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Pleasant Grove was reunited into a newly drawn District 5 in the 2010 census redistricting process. The latest census shows that this once predominately white bedroom community is now comprised of 66% Hispanic voting age population.

While neighborhoods are now joined, the voters are still clearly divided on who best to represent this Southeast Dallas community. Four citizens came forth in the May 11th election. Bruce Shaw and Yolanda Williams, both African Americans split 31% of the votes while two realtors: Latino activist Jesse Diaz and Rick Callahan, a Southeast Chamber Executive who touts his Irish American heritage gained 28% and 38% of the votes respectively.

At times during a highly charged effort to

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In Quinton Tarantino's movie *Django* pronounced jango (the D is silent) the "N" word is used in the movie 113 times. The movie took such liberties to draw close to the authenticity of the 1800's. That, no matter how disturbing to some may be fair game. I applaud Mr Tarantino on his bold and courageous use of the word. Mark Twain saw fit to use the "N" word in the American classic *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, although that was literature the appropriateness of the words use is widely excepted.

The rest of the entertainment industry doesn't

## The Hollywood culture and the "N" word

fair as well. Richard Pryor had a comedy album in 1974 entitled That "N" is Crazy. Later Mr. Pryor to Barbra Walters explained why he changed his attitude about the use of the word after he visited Africa. Mr. Pryor never again used the word in his act. The younger more "hip" artists have not found such grace.

Chris Rock and Chris Tucker both frequently and ineloquently use the "N" word to cover the spectrum of demeaning comments referred to toward other black people.

It is clear to me that Hollywood enjoys the use of the "N" word. It gets attention, sells music and clothes. It is so pervasive in our culture that hardly a head is turned amongst other blacks when young

"hip" Blacks use the word to refer to each other.

In 2011 there was famous feud over the use of the word between the rapper "Common" and the great poet Maya Angelou. The Pulitzer Prize winning poet was stunned by the rappers (someone she wrote for and considered a friend) use of the "N" word in song and speech.

The rapper Q-Tip has indicated that he enjoys the use of the word and that he uses it in part to refer to other people "as a term of endearment". Rap stars seem to view the word as a code to assure their fans that they are indeed hard core, that they are legitimate, that may have arrived from the hood, but that word gives them lasting rights to stay ghetto.

There are some notable celebrity exceptions, Oprah Winfrey and Dr. Cornell West both condemned the casual use of the "N" word among black people. Bill Cosby has been a longtime opponent of the casual use of the explosive word.

This whole shady, demeaning, sick, less than thoughtful use of such a damning word shows us just how Hollywood values history and at the least the social impact of the word on the black and white psyche.

Can white rappers use the "N" word? Can white people use the "N" word when they refer affectionately to their black friends?

This is a case where the liberal entertainment industry is more willing to allow profits to stand in the way of common sense.

## Hype helps the community and so can you

BY CHERYL SMITH

It's that time of year again--time to have fun and raise money for a good cause.

Who would have thought that 19 years later, the Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon would still be going strong?

The Don't Believe the Hype Foundation was established to fund programs and promote activities for youth, with a special emphasis on scholarships and college preparation. The celebrity bowl-a-thon is the major fundraiser for the foundation and this annual event brings hundreds of citizens together and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide scholarships.

Many students have benefited from scholarships, internships and skill-based programs throughout the years. While many may not see the need for such programs, without efforts like the Don't Believe the Hype Foundation



and other similar "institutions," there would be so many youth who would be unable to realize their dreams.

So, it is especially heartwarming when programs like the celebrity bowl-a-thon receive so much support from around the country.

In addition to elected officials, media folk, professional athletes and entertainers, as well as other community-based organizations and corporations; the Don't Be-

lieve the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon continues to thrive, even during tough economic times.

This year at the Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon, once again some of the top names in their business have signed on to help raise money.

The Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon could use your help also. The more that is given, the more students will receive help.

Additionally the Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Established by State Sen. Royce West, this outstanding program provides jobs, internships, mentors and life skills lessons to college students.

It's a fun event for entire family.

You can go to [www.dontbelievethehype.org](http://www.dontbelievethehype.org) and sign up your team for the Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon at USA Bowl at 10920 Composite Drive located in Dallas. The event is scheduled for June 22 at 6 p.m. The cost is:

- \$60 for bowlers
- \$25 for spectators
- \$50 for VIP spectators
- \$500 for individual/non profit teams
- \$1000 for corporate teams

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kulwinder Singh son of Makhan Singh, aged about 59 years old and resident of Dallas, Texas U.S.A. have changed my name to Kulwinder Singh Dhaliwal for all purposes.

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ing you. Rest in Peace (RIP) or live. Dr. Daryl Green provides motivation, guidance, and training for leaders at critical ages and stages of their development. He has over 20 years of manage-

ment experience and has been noted and quoted by USA Today, Ebony Magazine, and Associated Press. He is the author of A Call to Destiny: How to Create Effective Ways to Assist Black

Boys in America and executive producer of the new DVD Series Saving Our Sons: Dealing With Black Male Underachievement. [www.darylgreen.org](http://www.darylgreen.org)



## Preparing teenagers to be positive adults

HORSESHOE BEND, Ark. — What if becoming a better person was as simple as counting to three? According to former educator Shirley Mathey, it is.

As an educator, Mathey was successful in redirecting many teenagers' negative attitudes with three skills to positive thinking. In turn, this helped her students develop into more positive, productive adults.

"My classroom became safe," Mathey says. "I would not allow anyone to treat others poorly. They couldn't say anything negative either. In about 3-4 days everybody got the idea."

Mathey's classroom lessons have transformed into her new book *Become a Better Person: Three Practical Skills to Improve Self-Confidence*, which inspires teenagers to change the way they operate their lives by replacing negativity with positive thinking and behaviors. The book serves as a teenager's guide to maturity.

*Become a More Positive Person* calls upon teenagers to make a difference in their lives. Using Mathey's three defined skills, teenagers will not only become positive thinkers, but they will also be able to overcome apathy and develop a strategy for future success in their lives as well.

According to Mathey, "Some people do not recognize that everyone can think positive. They spend their lives, kicking and complaining, blaming, describing their aches and pain rather than doing the positive skills needed."

By developing their positive thinking skills at an early age, teenagers will be well on their way to becoming successful, confident adults.

*Become a More Positive Person: Three Practical Skills to Improve Self-Confidence* by Shirley Brackett Mathey is available at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com.

## Plano hosting World's Largest Swimming Lesson on June 18

Thousands of kids and adults at aquatic facilities around the globe will unite to set a new global record for The World's Largest Swimming Lesson (WLSL). Liberty Recreation Center, Oak Point Recreation Center, Plano Aquatic Center and Tom Muehlenbeck Center are official host locations for the 2013 WLSL record-setting event, taking place on June 25 at 9:30 a.m. Pre-Registration is required and can be accomplished at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org).

The inaugural WLSL event established the Guinness World Record™ for the largest



simultaneous swimming lesson ever conducted in 2010 to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. Last year's WLSL event grew more than 400 percent with more than 20,000 participants representing 13

countries around the globe and 45 states in the United States.

Tragically, drowning remains the second leading cause of unintended, injury related death of children under 14 and a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 5.

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## Irving Public Library receives \$16,000 grant from NEA

IRVING — This week Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33) announced the awarding of a \$16,000 grant to the Irving Public Library through the Big Read initiative. The Big Read, by the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA), is an initiative designed to boost reading programs across the nation.

Upon news of the grant, Congressman Veasey stated, "I am a proud supporter of the NEA whose mission is to bolster fine art programs across the country. I applaud the NEA for investing \$16,000 in the 33rd District so we can further engage the community in celebrating American literature that continues to shape the minds of our children."

This year, Irving Public Library was one of 77 national not-for-profit organizations that will receive a grant to host a Big Read project. The organizations

selected, which include libraries, museums, universities among others, will receive Big Read grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$17,300

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## Real Men Cook returns to Dallas on Father's Day

AT&T presents Real Men Cook Dallas it is the 16th event in Dallas and the 24th worldwide. The event is on June 16 at Gilleys/Palladium 1135 South Lamar Dallas, Texas from 3 to 6 p.m. with its annual Father's Day fun-filled food festival. Tickets are sold by local charities at an all you can eat price of \$20.00 Adults/\$10.00 children.

In attendance this year will be Red Tails Tuskegee Airman, Calvin Spann and



Steven and Neal from the Steven and Neal show. Photo Credits: Terry Allen

a host of community and celebrity taster are scheduled to attend including Mayor Mike Rawlings, Council Dwaine R. Caraway with his famous greens, Councilman Tennell Atkins who also has a hot greens recipe. The event will be hosted by Shon Gables, WFAA and Starlene Stinger, KLTU.

Real Cook Men for Charity, is the largest, longest running annual urban Father's Day event in the nation. It's an event

with a purpose, that has raised over \$150,000 for charities in Dallas.

The proceeds from ticket sales go to worthy charities in each of our local markets. This year the ticket sales are benefiting Texas Tenants Union, Good Street Learning Center and the Azar Foundation.

Real Cook Men video: <http://livewellnetwork.com/My-Family-Recipe-Rocks/episodes/Real-Men-Cook/9012419>

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insecurity in our state, that many Texans still face the challenge of feeding their families," said Celia Cole, CEO of the Texas Food Bank Network (TFBN). "It indicates that there is still much work to be done by everyone who wants to end hunger in Texas."

The second report, Hunger Doesn't Take a

Vacation, released by the Washington, D.C.-based Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) found that Texas improved participation in the summer food program by 17% in 2012, moving Texas from 41st to 34th in a nationwide ranking.

Despite this progress, for every 100 low-income

Texas children who received subsidized school lunches during the 2011-2012 school year, only eleven received summer meals.

"We applaud the efforts of all our partners to increase access to meals for children when school is out," said Cole. "However, these data also show

we need to do more if we are to close the summer food gap."

The two reports were released against the backdrop of a contentious Congressional debate over funding for the federal farm bill, including a proposed \$20.5 billion cut to federal SNAP (food stamps) benefits. If

enacted, nearly two million recipients nationwide and an estimated 171,000 Texans would lose access to this crucial program.

"SNAP is the most important tool we have to close the meal gap in Texas," said Cole. "These cuts would undermine our progress feeding hun-

gry children and put many more families at risk of food insecurity. We urge Congress to reject budget cuts that hurt needy families."

TFBN will be releasing local impact estimates for the proposed farm bill cuts later this week.

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*Allan Meagher is a lifelong Irving resident with experience in city government, planning and zoning activities, and community involvement. Allan is in management with the local office of a national transportation service.*

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The menu features entrees such as Atlantic Salmon, Filet of Beef, or Berkshire Pork Chop. And just in case Dad has a bit of a sweet tooth (or the loved ones treating him) can



enjoy Valrhona Truffle Cake, which includes vanilla crème and berries, or Pistachio Layer Cake that features morello cherries

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## Anchia files for re-election



*Rafael Anchia*

DALLAS –State Representative Rafael Anchia on Wednesday announced his intention to run for a sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives. Rep. Anchia's experience is especially valuable given that he is among a North Texas delegation and Texas House that has recently experienced a dramatic level of turnover. District 103 spans a western corridor of Dallas County, including parts of Dallas, Irving, Farmers Branch and Carrollton.

While advocating for the Dallas business community and maintaining his standing as a champion of core Democratic values, Rep. Anchia has added to his portfolio a track record of heavy lifting

on issues of statewide importance.

Vowing to press ahead with the legislative agenda and issues that he pursued with notable success since

being elected to the Texas House in 2004, Anchia said, "If given the privilege to serve in the 84th Legislature, I'll continue to fight for the issues that are important to our families – jobs, a cleaner environment, safer neighborhoods, and an infrastructure for the Texas of the future. My seniority and institutional knowledge will continue to add value for the constituents of District 103, the City of Dallas, and the State of Texas."

During the 83rd Session Rep. Anchia was tapped by House Speaker Joe Straus as Chair of the International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. He also carried significant statewide

legislation as a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission - an agency created to identify and eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency in government agencies. He was one of just five House Members on the Sunset Advisory Commission and the only person on the Commission from Dallas County.

Beginning in the spring of 2014, Rep. Anchia will hold hearings on interim charges dealing with trade-related transportation issues, including maritime ports, airports, and international bridges and border crossings, as well as transnational labor flows and international energy and investment.

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# Blacks optimistic about finances

BY FREDDIE ALLEN

WASHINGTON (NN-PA) – Members of the Black middle class are more optimistic about their finances than they were a year ago, according to a recent study by the research arm of Prudential Financial Inc.,

Prudential surveyed more than 1100 Blacks on a wide range of financial topics in March. The survey participants ranged in ages between 25 and 70, with a household income of \$25,000 or more with “some involvement in household financial decisions.” Fifty-one percent were married and 41 percent had 1-2 children. Thirty-five percent had some college experience, while 33 percent finished high school or less.

“The study shows increasing economic power and an emerging middle class within the community,” Charles Lowrey, Prudential’s chief operating officer, U.S. Businesses said in a press release. “Approximately 4 in 10 households surveyed have annual incomes of at least \$75,000, and nearly a quarter earn \$100,000 or more. Half of African Americans surveyed said they feel better off financially than a year ago, while only 19 percent say they feel worse.”

The study also reported that nearly two-thirds of Blacks surveyed “feel better off financially than their parents,” but economic optimism is often held in the eye of the beholder.

“How you feel about your situation doesn’t say much, except that you feel good about it,” said Steven Pitts, a labor economist at the University of California at Berkeley. “It has no value beyond that.”

Still, some economists point to the recovery of the housing market for the improved outlook, while others say that the positive fi-

nancial outlook permeating the Black middle class has more to do with Black family living in the White House. As the Prudential study suggests, there are a number of factors that continue to contribute to the cautious optimism interwoven into the experience of Blacks in America.

“On one hand, we expect the best; on the other hand, we’re prepared for the worst,” said Julianne Malveaux, an economist and immediate past president of Bennett College for Women. “That’s how African Americans proceed with their finances; the better off you are the more likely you are to feel like everything is going to be okay, at the same time you know it may not be.”

James Clingman, author of the weekly syndicated newspaper column, Blackonomics, that focuses on economic empowerment in the Black community, said that the optimism expressed by the Black middle class was ironic given the dire financial straits of the Black community as a whole.

“I do see it as a paradox that we are the most optimistic group when it comes to the economy, yet we are doing the worst in the economy, collectively,” said James Clingman.

During the Great Recession, Blacks lost half of their collective wealth, largely due to the collapse of the housing market and the impact of predatory lending practices that plagued the Black community.

Blacks also suffer the worst rate of unemployment. On Friday, the Labor Department reported that the unemployment rate for Blacks rose from 13.2 percent in April to 13.5 percent in May. The jobless rate for Whites remained unchanged at 6.7 percent. Instead of improving with the first Black president, the



James Clingman

unemployment rate for Blacks actually got worst.

“The president is not going to provide any jobs to anyone,” said Clingman. “So it’s too much emotion and sensitivity on our part as Black people tied up in the fact that we have a Black president.”

The Prudential study reported that, “One-third of African Americans are financially supporting children under 18 or grandchildren, and 9% are supporting parents or grand-parents – both higher than the general population (25% and 4%, respectively).”

Paying off debts, having enough money to weather emergencies, and supporting children often dominated the list of financial priorities held by Blacks in the survey.

Malveaux said that juggling those priorities is often a unique experience for Blacks, and it’s not as common in the general population.

“Your children are in debt your mom doesn’t have the social security she needs so you’re basically being pulled between the past and the future that’s the juggling you have,” said Malveaux. “The Black middle class is being pulled in many different directions,

so it’s unreasonable to compare them to similarly situated Whites.

These debt priorities have stifled the ability of Blacks to grow wealth for generations.

“African Americans are significantly more likely to have some type of debt (94%) compared to the general population (82%). Credit card, student loan and personal debt are all significantly higher in the African American,” stated the Prudential report.

Despite the heavy debt burden, Blacks still managed to increase their level of spending at a faster pace than all other racial groups.

According to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, “African American buying power will increase 73 percent between 2000 and 2012, which not only overtakes the 60 percent increase in Caucasian buying power, but also the 67 percent rise in total buying power of all races combined.”

In 2012, Nielsen’s research and information company projected that African American buying power would reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015.

Even though researchers tout Black buy-

ing power as significant evidence of improving economic opportunities and strength in Black community, some economists question the value of the emerging Black middle class and higher incomes without the solidarity needed to have real socioeconomic impacts.

Pitts said, “Individuals have money communities don’t”. “The capacity to use that money for some larger social good requires some sense of cohesiveness. It can come from the outside world, or it can come from some incredible sense of solidarity or some combination.”

Pitts said that harnessing “Black buying power” is more challenging than most studies of the phenomenon suggest.

“The question is how do you take the spending power of individuals and forge that into a collective hammer. The capacity to do that is not self-evident,” said Pitts. “My fear is always that the factoid is put out there in a way to try to provide an unnuanced [sic] way of going forward or a way of criticizing the communities for not doing bet-

ter. I just think the world is more complicated.”

Not so complicated, is the fact that the money rarely stays in the community where it’s spent for very long.

“It’s going to people that don’t live in our neighborhoods, it’s going to people that don’t invest in our neighborhoods, it’s going to people that are not even interested in our progress. It’s going away from us. It’s not circulating among our people,” said Clingman. “How can you have a trillion dollars in income and not be better off than we are?”

Clingman said that it’s going to take collective compassion for the collective buying power to translate into economic progress in the Black community.

“We need more trust, respect, and love for one another. That sounds flowery and gushy, but that’s a very real issue among our people,” he said. “If we don’t have that, we’re not going to be willing to make the requisite sacrifices to move ourselves forward, collectively.”



Julianne Malveaux



## NDG Gossip: Chad Johnson slaps attorney and loses plea deal

BY: SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

Former NFL star Chad Johnson will now serve 30 days in jail for a probation violation in a domestic violence case. The sentence came just short after a judge saw Johnson playfully slapped his attorney on the backside in court on Monday.

Broward Judge Kathleen McHugh sentence Johnson to three more months' probation because he failed to meet with his probation officer during three previous months. When McHugh asked Johnson was he satisfied with his lawyer Adam Swickle,



Chad Johnson

Johnson turn around and gave his attorney a slapped on the rear, just as most football players are known to do on the field.

When the courtroom started laughing McHugh was not pleased with Johnson actions. "I don't know that you're taking this whole thing seriously. I just

saw you slap your attorney on the backside. Is there something funny about this?" McHugh said, slapping the plea deal document down on her desk. "The whole courtroom was laughing. I'm not going to accept these plea negotiations. This isn't a joke."

35-year-old Johnson tried to apologize, "This is your courtroom. I have no intent to make this a joke. It's not funny," Johnson told the judge "My life is in a shambles right now and I try my best to laugh and keep a smile on my face."

McHugh was not listening to anything Johnson had to say and sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

## Sister Act is an enjoyable show

BY RUTH FERGUSON,  
NDG EDITOR

Although not exactly the story you might expect the *Sister Act* production on stage at the Dallas Summer Musicals this week is enjoyable. We all remember the beloved comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg in 1992 when she joined a convent of nuns because she was running from bad guys.

The touring production starts off with the same premise except set in the 1970s, but do not expect the same songs as the movie. In the stage play we meet Deloris capably played by Ta'Rea Campbell who is perhaps best known as Nala in *The Lion King* on Broadway and for the National Tour.

She has a rich and lovely singing voice. However, several times throughout the show that I could not clearly understand what she was actually saying. It was unclear if it was a problem with her microphone, the orchestra over-



shadowing her or Campbell's actual performance. Initially I thought it was only me but my guest eventually whispered she was having the same struggles. It was only noticeable for me with Deloris, as I clearly understood the others.

My two favorite performers were Hollis Resnik as Mother Superior and E. Clayton Cornelious as Eddie Souther. Eddie is one of the newer elements to the story as

he is a cop trying to protect Deloris and perhaps catch her eye. In fact, the two went to high school together and clearly there is a little bit of unrequited love in the air.

Florrie Bagel's performance as the enthusiastic singing nun Mary Patrick perhaps her character most closely resembles the role from the movie as her laughter and body language is so similar to Kathy Najimy from

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to promote and carry out community-based programs.

The initiative will provide communities with the opportunity to read, dis-

cuss, and celebrate one of 30 selections from classic U.S. and world literature. The grant awarded Irving Public Library will be focusing on the American

classic, *The Great Gatsby*. Through free of charge interactive activities, the community will enjoy lectures, public readings, film screenings, and exhibits.

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#### Daily

**Personal Views: Texas Black Folk Artists** at African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave.; 214-565-9026

#### Every Tuesday

**Dallas Comedy House Open Mic** at 2645 Commerce St; 214-741-4448

#### Through Aug. 16

**Summer Art Adventure Camps** at Irving Arts Center, Info: [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com)

#### Through 16

**Sister Act** presented by **Dallas Summer Musicals** at Music Hall at Fair Park, Info: [dallasmmmermusicals.org](http://dallasmmmermusicals.org)

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**Till Midnight at the Nasher** at Nasher Sculpture Center, Info:[www.nashersculpture-center.org/midnight](http://www.nashersculpture-center.org/midnight)

#### June 22

**Countries, Cultures and Kids** at Perot Museum of Nature and Science at 11 a.m.-noon; FREE; 214-428-5555

#### June 29

**Texas Dream Cruise** at FC Dallas Stadium, Info: [www.texasdreamcruise.com](http://www.texasdreamcruise.com)

#### June 30

**North Dallas Community Baptist Church** at 11 a.m. is celebrating Pastor & Wife 13th Anniversary and also the 13th Church Anniversary. Church is located at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive in Carrollton [ndcbc.org](http://ndcbc.org)

## AT&T hiring nearly 800 in DFW; 1,800 throughout Texas

DALLAS — AT&T on Wednesday announced it is seeking applicants for more than 1,800 jobs that are now open throughout Texas. Reportedly 770 positions are being filled within the Dallas Fort Worth area. They are seeking to fill these positions immediately. The positions include technicians to help with U-verse installation, customer service representatives for the company's call centers and hundreds of openings at retail stores.

"AT&T employs more than 35,000 Texans, and it is an exciting time to start a career with a leading company in one of the most dynamic industries in America," said Dave Nichols, AT&T's state president in Texas.

"From 2010 through 2012, AT&T invested more than \$7.0 billion in its Texas wireless and wireline networks, and the backbone of that service are our people who work to ensure that Texans enjoy a great wireless communications experience," Nichols said.

U-verse Premises Technicians are responsible for the installation and customer care of U-verse integrated digital TV, high speed Internet and voice services.

Customer Service Representatives, who work in call centers, are responsible for sales and support for new and existing AT&T customers.

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the film. Bagel is simply delightful.

As a fan of the movie I did miss some of the familiar songs such as Happy Day, but

the music is catchy and performed well – especially Cornelious' solo.

So, is Sister Act entirely faithful to the movie it pays

homage to? No, but that does not make it any less enjoyable. Tickets for the final weekend available at [dallas-summermusicals.org](http://dallas-summermusicals.org).

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## Women in the spotlight at Congresswoman Johnson's 2nd small business forum

(DALLAS) This past weekend, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, joined with the Small Business Administration, hosted the second forum, in her newly launched *Small Business Series*. The purpose of this forum was to promote voluntary efforts in strengthening the role of women business owners within the community, and provides education, financial or managerial assistance to enhance women's business ownership.

"I believe that small businesses are the backbone of America's economy," said Congresswoman Johnson. "These enterprises will be a key factor in strengthening our economy and creating jobs."

The panel discussion took place at the Bill J. Priest Center for Economic Development, and Yolanda Olivarez, U.S. Small Business Administration Regional Administrator, wel-

comed attendees. Regional Administrator Olivarez thanked Congresswoman Johnson for her strong support of the small business community, and outlined agency programs and the importance of the Small Business Administration's 3 Cs-Counseling, Contracting, and Capital.

"Here in Dallas, the U.S. Small Business Administration has loaned more than \$75 million to women owned businesses and I attribute that to strong initiatives like these programs that connect communities with resources," said Administrator Olivarez. She continued, "I am honored to be a champion of what you do."

The panelists included: Melea Crouse, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Margo Posey, Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council; Charles Waldrop, SBDC Specialty Center for Government Contracting; Indria E.

Hollingsworth, Parkland Health and Hospital System; Jermaine A. Hunt, City of Dallas; James Kahler, First United Bank.

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woe the African American  
voters, Latino campaigners  
tried to forge the ethnic  
population to form a  
black/brown coalition. Too  
many blacks rejected the  
notion by inflaming the  
racial tensions between the  
two in favor of the white  
candidate. The Pleasant  
Grove Leadership came  
forth recently to say that  
"race has no place in this  
race.

Sheila Bates, still unde-  
cided in the runoff, says  
that she knew nothing  
about Bruce Shaw or  
Yolanda Williams, so it  
would be irresponsible to  
vote for someone I know  
nothing about just because  
they are black. Bates, who  
worked with Jesse Diaz as  
a PTA volunteer at John  
Adams, described Diaz as a  
protest candidate in several  
past races, therefore she has  
to be convinced that he

knows the issues and is se-  
rious about serving on the  
other side of the horseshoe.  
Callahan on the other hand  
presented himself to our  
family as someone focused  
on the issues says Bates.

Shaw, an elder at  
Gospel Tabernacle under  
the leadership of the Bishop  
David Martin, the largest  
African American church  
in Pleasant Grove. I have  
always wanted to offer my  
service to the community  
and when I knew of no  
other African American  
vying for the newly drawn  
seat, I stepped forth. " It  
was an humbling experi-  
ence. My church member,  
Ted Burns was one of my  
mentors and he is whole-  
heartedly supporting Calla-  
han and my campaign man-  
ager immediately joined the  
Jesse Diaz campaign staff  
in the runoff, therefore I felt  
it best that I not make a

public endorsement out of  
respect for my supporters.

Gospel Tabernacle elder  
and crime watch chair, Ted  
Burns reported "I am sup-  
porting Rick Callahan be-  
cause he is not new to me,  
he has worked in the area  
for Pleasant Grove." One  
thing I will stand for is to  
reduce this race to race  
baiting. We have worked  
too hard to change the  
image of Pleasant Grove.  
Shaw added " People are  
going to have their racial  
bias, he said, so there will  
always be a need for watch  
dog committees. Burns  
chimed in with his church  
member and said. And I'll  
be the first to work to re-  
move anyone who does not  
respect the African Ameri-  
can vote or who does not  
share a vision for a united  
Pleasant Grove. We must  
live together in decent  
order. "

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It is recorded that the idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of it while listening to a Mother's Day

# Happy Father's Day and Happy Juneteenth!

sermon in 1909 (the birth year of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).)

Sonora's father raised her after her mother died and she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. The month of June was picked because Sonora's father was born in June. The first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington was on the 19th of June (Juneteenth) 1910.

In 1972, President Richardson Nixon established a permanent national observation of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

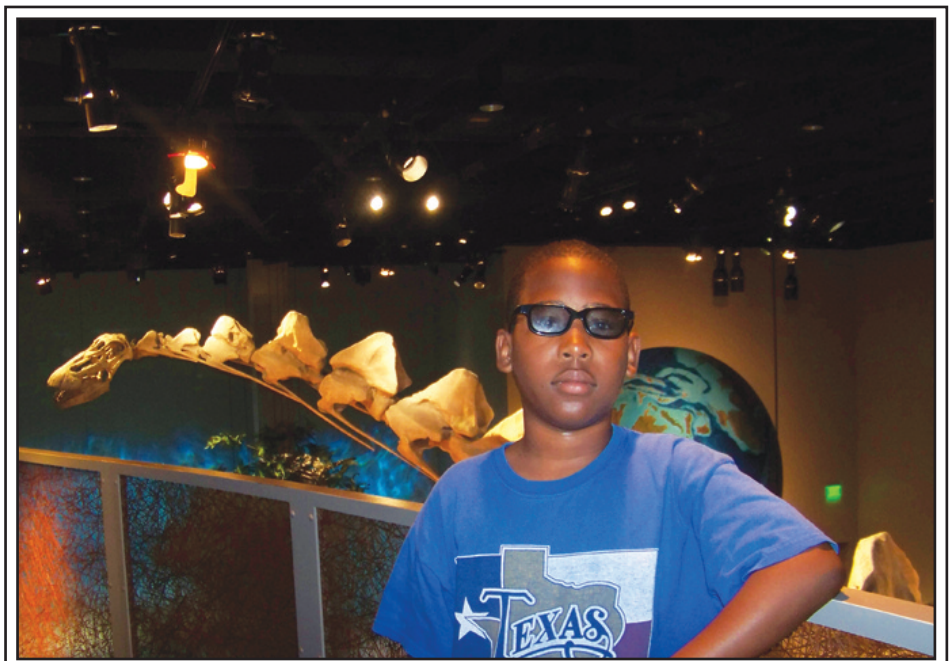
There is a story of a veteran ranch foreman who said, "The secret of leading cattle is to never let your herd know they are being lead. Let them do everything voluntarily but always keep them moving in the right direction toward their destination." The herd will cover plenty of miles per day while enjoying the

freedom of the open range. God is this way to Christians just as a natural father is to his children. God allows room for Christians to grow and the Holy Spirit leads and guides them. A natural father will also allow room for his children to grow, mature and be independent.

**A Caring Father:** A caring father is one that is: "Tough yet Tender." He must be strong, tough, bold and determined. He must stand up, speak out and tell it like it is, give positive directions and feedback to his children.

A caring father should lead by example and tell his children that the only way to succeed, be happy and content in this life is to follow our perfect example, Jesus. Jesus said that instead of holding on to our lives, we should give them to Him to gain eternal life. Instead of hating an individual for doing us wrong, we should love and pray for them.

A caring father motivates and encourages the family. He delegates and rewards, he is objective and takes actions; and with



**Deven Tarpley, Sister Tarpley's grandson, enjoying a day at the Ross Perot Museum, downtown Dallas, Texas**

God's help he has courage, he is decisive, dependable, has good judgment and shows enthusiasm. He also has endurance and shows initiative.

My sisters and I agree, our father, the late Lloyd David Demus, our deceased

grandfathers, Deacon David N. Demus and James Baker were great role models for their families. They were God-fearing and caring fathers. My uncles, Charlie Baker and Monaque Carter, Sr. are also wonderful fathers and great role models;

they still share their wisdom and love with us.

And seeing my son, Jarrell with his son, Deven, and my son-in-law, Bill with my other grandchildren, I know that are God-fearing fathers.

## PARKER, continued from Page 2

gives many of our students the second chance they need for a successful future."

Revisiting his athletic roots, Parker returned to Mississippi Valley State University this spring as one of six inductees into the school's hall of fame. During the ceremony, he received a ring, sport jacket and plaque to commemorate the honor.

"Being chosen by my alma mater from among peers is such a great feeling," said Parker. "My years at MVSU were some of the best of my life. I enjoyed the camaraderie and learned the importance of hard work."

Another one of life's greatest accomplishments achieved, Parker hopes it will bring recognition not to him, but to Bussey Nation.

"It's not about me anymore," he commented. "I've had my success. It's about the kids now. I just

want to be a positive role model and help lead them in the right direction."

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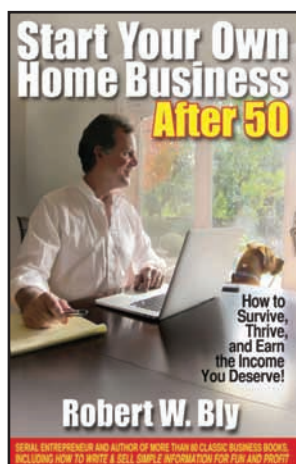
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## Start Your Own Home Business After 50 gives hope to the late bloomer

things? If you think you're too old for that, you're not – and "Start Your Own Home Business After 50" by Robert W. Bly explains why.

One of these days, you'd love to be able to throw the alarm clock away and forget work. You hope to retire sooner, rather than later – which means, of course, that money (and lack thereof) is a definite concern.

And you're not alone. Robert Bly says that the number of workers age 55 and older is projected to grow by nearly fifty percent in the next 3 years. Stretching retirement dollars has never been more important – which is where this book comes in.



The first step, Bly says, is to decide which of your former jobs you enjoyed and were good at. If nothing in particular sticks out, what hobbies would you like to de-

velop into "an expert-level gig"? Can you freelance, or do consulting? Would a former employer make a good client? Use your experience (an advantage you've got over younger workers) to winnow through the possibilities.

Next, decide if the business is for you. Do your strengths mesh with what's needed to run things properly? Do you have stick-to-itiveness enough to stay focused and work solo? Are you prepared to do your billing, tech support, and other necessary tasks, or would you hire someone to do them? Can you market yourself and promote your

new business? Do you need financing (the availability of which is another advantage)?

Once you've figured out the details, then it's time for launch, but Bly says there's one thing to remember first: "Make yourself happy. When you do," he says, "those who care about you will eventually be happy for you."

Someday, you'll retire and you'll get to do the things you love. So why not make money doing them, with the help of "Start Your Own Home Business After 50."

Beginning with a handful of home business opportunity ideas, author Robert W. Bly offers plenty of sound advice here, including food for

thought to determine if the endeavor is viable. His words are encouraging, but cautious, and he doesn't forget to warn his readers of the pitfalls in becoming an entrepreneur. That kind of balance is great to see, particularly if you're on the fence about business-ownership or are just starting to think about self-employment.

There's a little bit of annoying repetition in this book but, overall, it's a valuable tool for anyone who needs to plan for the future or just wants a good change of pace. If that's you, then "Start Your Own Home Business After 50" is a book you won't want too far away.

## SWIMMING, continued from Page 6

Research shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children ages 1 to 4, yet many kids do not receive formal swimming or water safety training.

"Parents understand how important it is to protect their children by using car seats

and requiring bike helmets," said Ashley McKay, Aquatics Coordinator at Tom Muehlenbeck Center. "Someday, we hope the same will hold true for teaching kids to swim."

For more information on this important and fun event, visit [www.wsls.org](http://www.wsls.org).

## HIRING, continued from Page 12

online veteran career site, which includes tools for veterans to match their military skills with AT&T jobs. AT&T has a military talent attraction manager who focuses on military recruitment. And the company

has the Careers for Veterans program where AT&T Veterans provide job search advice to help thousands of newly transitioning veterans optimize their career searches.

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former slaves migrated to Louisiana, Oklahoma and other states, Juneteenth became an important celebration outside Texas.

In honor of this significant historical event, Dr. Shennette Garrett-Scott will present "When Peace Came": The Significance of Juneteenth" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, at the Allen Public Library. Her program traces the history of Juneteenth events from the late nineteenth century freedmen colonies' and settlements' celebrations to the present community events.

In Collin County, early Juneteenth celebrations included picnics where a hog was slaughtered and participants played games while it was roasting.

A post-doctoral fellow at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Garrett-Scott received her Ph.D. in American History from the University of Texas at Austin. "Juneteenth is important to me because it reminds me of the indomitable spirit to believe in something even though everything around you tells you something to the contrary: to believe in freedom

and justice in the midst of unfreedom and injustice," notes Dr. Garrett-Scott.

Shennette, her husband Vincent, and their children reside in Allen. Malcolm is an Allen High School graduate, Dominique is a senior

at AHS, and Malik is a sophomore at AHS.

Sponsored by Bach to Books, this program is free.

The library is located at 300 N. Allen Dr. Call 214-509-4911 for more information.

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