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## Former Irving ISD Trustee Nancy Jones expresses concerns regarding curriculum

Recently former Irving ISD Trustee Nancy Jones sent the letter shared below to the *Dallas Morning News* reporter Avi Selk a letter addressing her concerns regarding the district's recent curriculum changes. The letter was provided to the *North Dallas*



Nancy Jones, Former IISD Trustee-Odyssey Sims, former IISD Graduate-volunteering at 2013 BIG DOGS Youth Summit

*Gazette* by Jones along with the documents referenced in her letter. To read the Irving ISD 2013-14 Recommended Budget and the District's Resolution 12-13-166 request to approve the renewal of the C-Scope Curriculum Management System and Content (cost

was \$189,505) and Eduphoria (cost as \$67,650 before a discount of \$5,000) visit [NorthDallasGazette.com](http://NorthDallasGazette.com). The request for approval was denied.

*Good Evening Avi:*

I wanted to share some info with you that I find to

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## Urban League honors Wells Fargo and Barbara Steele at Annual Gala

Black Tie and Hi-Tops made more than a fashion statement at the Urban League of Greater Dallas Annual Gala which was held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel on August 24th. In her message, Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, Presi-



Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, The Emotions, and Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr.

dent and CEO Urban League of Greater Dallas said, "The Sneakers were a tribute to all of the young people who grew up in an era where Hi-Top Sneakers were cheap and all they could afford, but

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## DART reminds riders of Labor Day Holiday schedule

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is operating a modified schedule in observance of the Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 2:

- DART bus and light rail services will follow a Sunday schedule.

- The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail will



not operate.

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offices, Customer Care Center, and Lost and Found will be closed. Customers with questions about schedules may still contact DART's Customer Information Center at 214-979-1111 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. DART route and schedule information is always available at [DART.org](http://DART.org).



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COMMENTARY

## 50 Years Later, Civil Rights Leaders Face Bigger Challenges

BY EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON

(New America Media) - The 50th anniversary of the monumental 1963 March on Washington was accompanied by a wave of commemorative events that tried hard to recapture the energy and the spirit of the 1963 March. This was a tall order. The original march, punctuated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s towering "I Have a Dream" speech, acted as a powerful wrecking ball that

crumbled the walls of legal segregation and ushered in an era of unbridled opportunities for many blacks. The results are unmistakable today. Blacks are better educated, more prosperous, own more businesses, hold more positions in the professions, and have more elected officials than ever before.

Yet the towering racial improvements since the 1963 March on Washington mask the harsh reality: The challenges 50 years

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## Lynn Whitfield

Dallas – Actress Lynn Whitfield and award winning journalist Bob Ray Sanders will join authors, poets and artists at the Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival Saturday in Fair Park. The free festival promotes literacy and highlights businesses and arts in south Dallas.

The festival kicks off at 2 p.m. Friday with the *Heart and Soul Tour* of South Dallas historical sites and landmarks. On Saturday book readings, storytelling, writing workshops, children's programs, spoken word poetry, panel discussions and performances will be held at the African-American Museum in Fair Park.

Cornerstone Baptist Church will host *A Taste of Gospel*, showcasing some of South Dallas' finest gospel music voices, including the South Dallas Concert Choir, Seasoned Saints Community Choir of Dallas, Cornerstone Baptist Church Combined Choir, Tabernacle Choir of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. and the M. L. King Jr. Branch Library's Voices from the Soul. Words of inspiration will be delivered

by Reverend Dr. Michael W. Waters of Joy Tabernacle. The South Dallas Cultural Center will also host programs and workshops for teens and young adults. More than 30 local and regional authors will be participating, and books and merchandise will also be for sale.

This year's Tulisoma participants include:

**Lynn Whitfield** – Since making her film debut in 1983's *Doctor Detroit*, the actress has worked consistently in many popular films including *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate* (1996) with Martin Lawrence; *Silverado*; Oprah Winfrey's historical miniseries *The*

*Women of Brewster Place* (1989) (TV); *The Josephine Baker Story*; *Eve's Bayou* and *Redemption*. She received an NAACP Image Award for her role in the television miniseries *Stompin' at the Savoy*, and has had a recurring role in the TV series *Without a Trace*. She is currently starring with Billy Dee Williams in the recently released film *The Trace*.

**Bob Ray Sanders** – Sanders' journalism career spans three decades in newspaper, television and radio. He currently is Associate Editor and Senior Columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, where he began his profes-



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## DL Hughley

DALLAS - THE D.L. HUGHLEY SHOW, hosted by D.L. Hughley with co-hosts Jasmine Sanders and Steve Wilson, launched on radio nationwide on Monday. The show will broadcast in 39 markets including Chicago, Cleveland, Nashville, Memphis, Detroit and New Orleans. Unfortunately, Dallas is not one of the markets THE D.L. HUGHLEY SHOW is a daily themed, music intensive afternoon drive program from 2-7 p.m. CT

hosted by one of the brightest comedic minds.

Comedian, actor, host, and television personality Hughley has stated that he's "very excited to get back to radio and it couldn't have come at a better time. I think radio fits my sensibility. I want to be fast, I want to be funny, I want to be topical. I want to make people laugh a lot and think a little. Some people want to push the envelope – I want to see if I can sing it a little."



Hughley established himself as a stand-up comedian propelling to stardom with the Original Kings of Comedy Tour and a subsequent movie release. He went on to have a hit television show, *The Hughleys*, and has followed that up with a successful best-selling book, comedy specials, and television appearances. Known for being astute and politically savvy in true comedian style, D.L. served as host of his own talk show on CNN, *D.L. Hughley Breaks the News*.

In 2013 Hugley was awarded a Peabody Award for his work on *The Endangered List*, a satirical documentary that sought to get "American black men the same EPA protections afforded snail darters."

REACH Media, Inc., distributor of THE D.L. HUGHLEY SHOW, has partnered with Cumulus Media Networks in affiliation and other aspects of the show. THE D.L. HUGHLEY SHOW's website is [www.theDL-HughleyShow.com](http://www.theDL-HughleyShow.com).

## Rep. Helen Giddings

UT Dallas hosted the 10th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner on Thursday, July 25, for about 350 attendees from

This year was the first time the event has been held outside the D.C. area, said Dr. Calvin Jamison,

"NFBPA has a tradition of honoring those who have outstanding accomplishments in public service," said

our distinguished award recipients. Individuals from all over the country experienced Texas and UT Dallas hospitality."

Honorees included Ron Kirk, former mayor of Dallas and former U.S. trade representative; Texas Rep. Helen Giddings; U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson; and William Euille, mayor of Alexandria, Va. Julian Castro, mayor of San Antonio, received the NFBPA's first Leadership Trailblazer Award.

Erma Johnson Had-ley, chancellor of the Tarrant County College District, and Ronald Jones, former mayor of Garland, received statewide leadership awards.

NFBPA was founded in 1983 to strengthen and increase the number of African-American executives in public service organizations and

to mentor young administrators for senior management

positions. The organization has 38 chapters in 36 states.



Texas Rep. Helen Giddings (center) receives a National Leadership Award from NFBPA President Verdenia Baker and Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration at UT Dallas.

the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), a Washington, D.C.-based organization.

vice president for administration at UT Dallas, NFBPA board member and event co-chair.

Jamison. "UT Dallas was proud to host this national event and to help celebrate the many achievements of

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## Islam – A Religion of Peace?

BY ERIC E. VICKERS

(NNPA) If Islam is ever to be understood and appreciated by Americans, then Muslims will need to stop trying to convince them that it is a "religion of peace." Having just completed my 35th Ramadan – the month of fasting – I find it neither representative of nor true to the faith to portray it in any way as passive.

If America is to reap the vitality that Islam can offer a society, then Americans will have to look beyond Muslim terrorists to see a religion that blossomed in a remarkably short span of time from one man's vision in a cave to the world superpower that conquered

the Persian and Byzantine empires and brought enlightenment to Europe. To understand this history as a continuing spiritual phenomenon Americans will need to understand the religion's founder, Muhammad, and the text he brought, the Qur'an.

The quote attributed to Jesus in the Book of Matthew provides an apt description of Muhammad's life: "I come not to bring peace, but to bring a sword." It was 600 years after the time of Christ and during Ramadan – the ninth month in the Islamic (lunar) calendar – that Muhammad, a 40-year-old Arab businessman, while meditating in a cave about the greed

and corruption in society, had a revelation that he was called to preach the oneness of God.

This brought him enmity from his fellow Arabs, who were polytheists; from the Christians who taught that Jesus was God; and from the Jews who rejected the prophecy of Jesus.

It also brought him intense enmity from the political and business leaders, who saw him as detrimental to Mecca remaining a hub of world commerce and were insulted by his message that their wealth and power was no match for God.

After 13 years of preaching the Qur'an, which Muhammad maintained

was just him reciting the word revealed to him by God like previous prophets, his persecution in Mecca became such that he was forced to flee. He and a companion escaped to a cave just ahead of a group of assassins who had come to kill him, and during his 200-mile desert journey to the City of Medina his pursuers were uncannily thwarted.

In Medina, Muhammad established a community constituted on the Qur'an, whose 114 chapters, called Suras, were recited by him over a 23-year period. The Qur'an, which says throughout, that it is meant for all mankind, touches on

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later are, in some ways, more daunting than what King and other civil rights leaders faced.

When King marched in 1963, black leaders had already firmly staked out the moral high ground for a powerful and irresistible civil rights movement. It was classic good versus evil. Many white Americans were sickened by the gory news scenes of baton-battering racist Southern sheriffs, fire hoses, police dogs, and Klan violence unleashed against peaceful black protesters. Racial segregation was considered immoral and indefensible, and the civil rights leaders were hailed as martyrs and heroes in the fight for justice.

As America unraveled in the 1960s in the anarchy of urban riots, campus takeovers, and anti-war street battles, the civil rights movement and its leaders fell apart, too. Many of them fell victim to their own success and failure. When they broke down the racially restricted doors of corporations, government agencies, and universities, it was middle-class blacks, not the poor, who rushed headlong through them. As King embraced the rhetoric of the militant anti-war movement, he became a political pariah shunned by the White House, as well as mainstream white and black leaders.



King's murder in 1968 was a turning point for race relations in America. The self-destruction from within and political sabotage from outside of black organizations left the black poor organizationally fragmented and politically rudderless. The black poor, lacking competitive technical skills and professional training, and shunned by many middle-class black leaders, became expendable jail and street and cemetery fodder. Some turned to gangs, guns and drugs to survive.

A Pew study specifically released to coincide with the 50th anniversary celebrations graphically made the point that the economic and social gaps between whites and African-Americans have widened over the last few decades despite massive spending by federal and state governments, state and federal civil rights laws, and two decades of affirmative action programs. The racial polarization has been endemic between blacks and

whites on everything from the George Zimmerman trial to just about every other controversial case that involves black and white perceptions of the workings of the criminal justice system.

A half century later, the task of redeeming King's dream means confronting the crises of family breakdown, the rash of shamefully failing public schools, racial profiling, urban police violence, the obscene racial disparities in the prison and criminal justice system, and HIV/AIDS. These are beguiling problems that sledgehammer the black poor and these are the problems that King and the civil rights movement of his day only had begun to recognize and address. Civil rights leaders today also have to confront something else that King did not have to face. King had the sympathy and goodwill of millions of whites, politicians, and business leaders in the peak years of the civil rights

movement. Much of that goodwill has vanished in the belief that blacks have attained full equality.

Then there's the reality that race matters in America can no longer be framed exclusively in black and white. Latinos and Asians have become major players in the fight for political and economic empowerment and figure big in the political strategies of Democratic and Republican presidential contenders. Today's civil rights leaders will have to figure out ways to balance the competing and sometimes contradictory needs of these and other ethnic groups and patch them into a workable coalition for change.

It's grossly unfair to expect today's civil rights leaders to be the charismatic, aggressive champions of, and martyrs for, civil rights that King was. Or to think that 50 years later, another March on Washington can solve the seemingly intractable problems of the black poor. The times and circumstances have changed too much for that. Still, civil rights leaders can draw strength from King's courage, vision and dedication and fight the hardest they can against racial and economic injustices that have hardly disappeared. This is still a significant step toward redeeming King's dream.

# A 360-degree approach to cancer care plan is advised

OAKLAND - What makes for the best cancer care? "A cancer diagnosis can be confusing, even overwhelming. That's why it is important to know what to look for in a cancer program before you need it," says Joanne Schottinger, MD, oncologist and clinical lead of cancer care for the Kaiser Permanente Care Management Institute. Consumers now can visit a new website — [kp.org/cancercare](http://kp.org/cancercare) — and learn more about how one health care system approaches cancer care differently.

During a visit for a swollen knee, physician assistant Katherine Lewis noticed that Dale Gordon, a truck driver from California, was overdue for a colorectal screening, recommended by for everyone over the age of 50.

"I don't think Katherine had any idea when she handed me that (screening) kit that it was going to save my life," said Dale. "But it certainly did."

His test results came back abnormal, and it was later found that he had

colon cancer. Before Dale went into surgery, his doctor ordered a routine CAT scan of his abdomen, which revealed a large tumor outside his left kidney.

As Dale's story shows, if you or a loved one faces cancer, a coordinated approach to care begins long before diagnosis and continues well after recovery. Kaiser Permanente launched [kp.org/cancercare](http://kp.org/cancercare), available in both English and Spanish, to highlight the organiza-

tion's commitment to overcoming cancer through earlier detection, excellent personalized care delivered with compassion, leading-edge research and technology, and lifestyle coaching.

"Dale's story is not unique," says Dr. Schottinger, "which is why your health care provider should have an integrated approach to finding and treating cancer — your doctor, your pharmacist, your nurse, your oncologist, your entire care team

working together with real-time, life-saving information."

A 360-degree approach means:

**A commitment to prevention** - The earlier a cancer is detected, the better chances of survival can be. Kaiser Permanente is proactive in having its members screened for colorectal, cervical and breast cancer. In fact, the National Committee for Quality Assurance reports that breast cancer screening rates for female mem-

bers at Kaiser Permanente are among the best in the nation.

**A commitment for life** - Survivorship after treatment is a crucial part of cancer care. Kaiser Permanente offers ongoing screenings, physical therapies, and spiritual and emotional support after cancer treatment. Classes and workshops (some may require a fee) are offered that explore techniques for coping and stress management, options for a healthy diet and exercise routines.

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be very interesting. First of all, the community should give kudos to Irving ISD for the outcome on the state ratings. It seems to me that when the former Board approved a more rigorous curriculum, we did the right thing. I guess CScope naysayers could still say the district rankings are "too low."

Because I have many friends in the district who are teachers and expressed their concern about the lack of curriculum, I requested some information about cost, etc.

I have attached a couple documents that you may already have, regarding the budget. In May, the Board voted down CScope renewal, largely due to cost. They would not even con-

sider a phase out plan. On the one document, page 1 (towards the bottom), you can see the cost for the curriculum (CScope) renewal (\$250K). Also included in that were YAG (Year at a glance documents), Instructional focus documents and lesson plans. I know this because I served on the Board when we had the CScope presentation. Our Program Coordinators could modify lesson plans, as needed, which is what they were sharing at the Spring Board Meetings. It fell on deaf ears. The current Board wanted a new curriculum, period.

On the next document, you will notice (I believe it's on page 5) under Special Projects, the cost allocated

to curriculum development, albeit a one time fee, at over 1.3 million dollars. I assume this includes the \$100K consultant fee that we are paying to a former administrator. It is also my understanding that we are purchasing a Social Studies curriculum from another district (you may need to clarify as I am not sure if the purchase is a one time fee or not). I suspect, as with all districts, there is an annual cost allocated to curriculum. If the figure that I heard is correct at \$750K, that seems to be more than twice what we were paying for CScope and didn't have to create an in-house curriculum.. The question, in my mind, becomes — was this really about saving the taxpayers

money? Was this really because the in-house curriculum was better, even though the administrative subject experts said we needed a stronger curriculum to stay in line with the new state testing?

Avi, I hope you will research and find a balanced approach to really educate parents. I am sure Mrs. Cabrera can substantiate the figures in the enclosed doc-

uments. Their children deserve the best education possible and I am really bothered by changing a major decision so close to school. I feel it was not well researched and that phasing out CScope would have allowed the time needed to determine a curriculum that teachers, administration and the Board could perhaps agree upon. Instead we had an emotional decision done

by a new Board (practically at their first meeting!) whose sole purpose was to rid the district of Dr. Bedden and his administrators.

I have great faith and respect for teachers and what they are trying to do in such a short period of time. I hope this gamble will be worth it. Our students deserve it.

Thank you,  
Ms. Jones

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every aspect of life, including property, marital, inheritance and contract rights, the manner of prayer, caring for the poor, and even how to argue with adversaries.

Sura VIII describes how two years after Muhammad and his followers had settled in Medina, God called them to go to war. It was Ramadan, and Muhammad's ill-equipped army numbering 300 decisively and surprisingly defeated a vastly superior army of over a thousand, with the Ethiopian Muslim, Bilal, slaying on the battlefield his former slave master.

Muhammad Assad describes how the permanent psychological effect of this war has profoundly shaped

history in his transliteration of the Qur'an:

"The spirit of passive sacrifice, so characteristic of their [Muslims'] earlier days, received its complement in the idea of sacrifice through action," Assad writes.

"The doctrine of action as the most fundamental, creative element of life was, perhaps for the first time in the history of man, consciously realized not only by a few select individuals but by a whole community; and the intense activism which was to distinguish Muslim history in the coming decades and centuries was a direct, immediate consequence of the battle of Badr."

What Americans need to understand is that since the battle of Badr 14 centuries ago, acting against injustice is dearer to a Muslim than peace.

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## Work Life Balance Power Connections Luncheon scheduled in September

Work Life Balance Institute America will host its first Power Connections Luncheon, on Sept. 20 at the Tower at Cityplace located at 2711 N. Haskell Avenue in Dallas, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The scheduled guest speaker is Dr. Jennifer Trejo, founder of Abundant Life Wellness Center in Ft. Worth.

These unique events are designed for women business professionals, entrepreneurs and "Mom-trepreneurs" and will initially be held every other month. The Work/Life Balance Power Connections Luncheons are an opportunity for busy women to take a break

from their busy day to enjoy a fun, distinctive, stimulating and powerful process where they will learn and develop leadership skills, personal development, business building skills, inspiration, business partnerships, motivation and how to achieve work and life balance.

Ticket prices are \$35 if purchased early, and \$49 after bought after Sept. 1. Door prizes and gifts to be given away valued at over \$1,200. To register for the Work/Life Balance Power Connections Luncheon visit [www.WorkLifeBalanceInstitute.com](http://www.WorkLifeBalanceInstitute.com) or call 877-789-0447.

## Free Job Search Workshop at The Heights



Image Credit: David Alvey

A free Job Search Workshop by The Heights Baptist Church's Career Transition Ministries Team will be held 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

The church is located at 201 W. Renner Rd. at US-75 in Richardson.

Free lunch and materials are provided. The all-  
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we also had a community that instilled values, hope and high expectations in our youth. Today we see a generation of \$200 Hi-Tops who are missing a true foundation to stand on. The Hi-Tops must ground us to remember where we come from, how we got to this point and then to reach out and give our youth more than \$200 sneakers," she said.

Barbara Steele, a long-time civic leader received the Urban League of Greater Dallas Whitney M. Young Jr. Award and Wells Fargo, an outstanding corporate partner, received the Buddy J. Minyard. This year's theme was "Invest-

ing in the Community". Honorary chairs for the event are Levi and Loretta Davis.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$15,000 check from the Urban League Young Professionals. Trips and artwork by Frank Frazier were among the popular raffle and silent auction items.

A soul-stirring concert by the Emotions had guests dancing to a string of hits including "Don't Ask My Neighbor", "Best of my Love" and "Boogie Wonderland". VINJAC provided music during dinner.



## Curtis Report

by Barry Curtis

*"Oh GOD what is your color? Is it that my humanity is burdened by a color so different than yours? Oh GOD what is your color? Have you so forsaken me because of the dark that I am? Oh GOD what is your color? Are we not all alike when shinned upon by divine light? Oh GOD what is your color?"*

There is good and evil in the world, but in Africa there is mostly evil. Over the past 30 years there has been increasingly diligent efforts by Muslim extremists to drive out Christians. The struggle to defend and save Christians rages all over Africa.

The decades old civil strife in war torn Sudan is just one example. Although the country officially split (north and south) we have the mostly Islamic population of the north virtually engaged in the extermination of the Christian faith. President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir has been engaged in an evil campaign to exterminate Christians. Private relief organizations and some friendly African governments are frantically attempting to relocate thousands of Christians from the north to the mostly Christian south.

The Middle Eastern

## The death of Christianity in Africa

Quarterly reports, "About five million people have been displaced, while half a million more have fled across an international border. Tens of thousands of women and children have been abducted and subjected to slavery. By all accounts, it appears to be the worst humanitarian disaster in the world today."

Other regions of Africa are faring no better. An Italian missionary has said Islamist extremists are targeting Christians throughout the Central African Republic, and "the bloodiest treatment has often been reserved for Catholic catechists." In addition a pastor reports, this "reign of terror" is being conducted against Christians by the Seleka rebels and they have a hit list of pastors and other Christian workers. Places of worship are also under attack. Properties owned by Christians are being looted. As a result of the persecution, many Christians have fled to the countryside and are too fearful to return to their homes. More than 200,000 people are internally displaced, while 49,000 refugees have been registered in neighboring countries.

We see the handy work of Islamic extremist in Nigeria as well. The *Morning Star News* is reporting, "An attack in Nigeria that killed 18 Christians has

capped two years of Islamic aggression. It says that Muslim Fulani herdsmen are suspected in another deadly assault in the area."

The atrocities of these Muslim extremist seem to be endless in Africa. What is clear is this is a result, in part, of decades of neglect by western powers and several decades of devastating natural disasters. Together the combination leaves Africa burning with death.

However, there is a renewed sense of hope in Africa. China and Europe are looking at the mineral rich sub-Saharan African nations as an economic boost to their stalling economies.

The United States is also showing signs of interest in Africa. Recently we have seen the establishment of the African military command. In addition, we have seen more emphasis by former Presidents placed on Africa and the quality of life for its inhabitants.

What is clear is this administration has failed

Africa. The Obama administration has never defined how these African nations fit into America's geopolitical strategy. How do we combat Muslim extremist in Africa when the White House refuses to even acknowledge those Muslim extremists are at war with America, not only Christianity?

I call on the Obama administration to do more than have moral outrage, but show statesmanlike courage and determination in defending Christians in Africa and around the world. It is clear we must accept the fact Muslim extremism is the greatest threat to U.S. policy abroad. Although the White House may not want to admit Muslim fascists exist, they are killing us off while we ponder a politically correct response.

You can follow Barry Curtis at [Twitter.com/barrysusa](https://twitter.com/barrysusa) or listen to the *Curtis Report* on KLIF Sunday at 5 p.m. weekly.

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## Lancaster ISD welcomes students and parents back in style

LANCASTER - State and local dignitaries, community professionals, school board trustees and district personnel greeted and ushered Lancaster ISD students and their parents down the red carpet as they returned to campuses for the first day of the 2013-14 academic school year.

The following state, county and local dignitaries attended:

- Marcus E. Knight, Mayor of Lancaster

- Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, District Three

- Dallas County Judge Carlos Cortez, 44th State Civil District Court

- Texas State Senator Royce West, 23rd Senatorial District

- Texas State Board of Education Member Mavis B. Knight

- Texas State Representative, Helen Giddings, 109 District

Approximately 75 volunteers, including our

Lancaster Fire and Emergency Response personnel joined in to celebrate the start of another wonderful year in Lancaster ISD.

Many parents shared their delight to see so many smiling faces.

"This morning, at the George Washington Carver Campus, by far was the best first day of school that I have ever experienced out of the seven years that my daughter has been in school. It was absolutely wonderful to see

all of the administrators and community leaders out to greet the kids and parents," Sherry Wilson, Lancaster ISD parent said. "The red carpet was just the icing on the cake, making the kids feel special and important. I was a little nervous this morning about bringing my child to a new campus, but after seeing everyone there, it let me know that she is in good hands. I left there feeling assured and that she's in the right place."

Volunteers and staff arrived early, before the sun was up, to begin preparing for students and parents. Some travelled to multiple campuses to greet the

"It was a privilege and an honor to serve our young people and their parents," volunteer Aaron (Kobie) Babatu said.

Executive Director of Accountability Dr. Lamont Smith was instrumental in orchestrating this event and said that he was pleased with the turnout.

"Just the fact that so many people showed up to assist and that everyone was excited to work with students and parents was phenomenal," he said. "You could see the smiles on students' faces as they interacted with business leaders throughout the community and it gave our students a sense of hope that they could one day be like them."

Dr. Smith said he was also encouraged by the response of the parents.

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## Microsoft and The Marcus Graham Project provide on-the-job training for Dallas students

Microsoft and The Marcus Graham Project, a national network of diverse professionals whose mission is provide mentoring and professional development resources to multicultural men and women across the media industry came together at the MGP headquarters in Dallas for the MGP/ICR8 Summer 2013 Boot Camp Agency is

one of MGP's summer programs which offers diverse aspirants a chance to obtain on-the-job experience by converting them into a pop-up advertising/marketing agency named Y5 and assigning them various clients for whom they implement a life-real project or campaign.

In this case, Y5 was tasked to strategize, design and pitch a Windows 8 or Windows 8 Phone app for



Marcus Graham Project's Y5 agency participating in a brainstorm and working session by Sharon Willis, Global Sales Strategy Lead, Windows 8 Ads in Apps and Mobility from Microsoft during the MGP/ICR8 Summer 2013 Boot Camp Agency program.

LISNR, an app that provides exclusive music content to users that is currently only available through IOS and Android operating systems.

On Aug. 1 at the MGP offices, Microsoft gave Y5 an in-depth look at all the Windows 8 capabilities both in the desktop/ tablet environment and in the mobile space and followed with a full brainstorm and working session in which together, they

boarded ideas and began to outline the Windows 8 app pitch Y5 would bring to LISNR, the prospect client. The Microsoft team will continue to provide counsel for Y5 until the agency pitches LISNR and if sold through to the company, Microsoft will help secure funding and developer resources to bring the Windows 8 LISNR App to fruition and into the marketplace in the fall.

## Dallas Arboretum Launches \$62 Million Children's Adventure Garden Sept. 21



DALLAS - The spectacular result of nearly two decades of nationwide research will be revealed Sept. 21 as the iconic Dallas Arboretum unveils its \$62 million Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, a sprawling 8-acre interactive garden designed specifically to address state and national science standards in life, earth and environmental sciences. The Dallas Arboretum is setting the gold standard for outdoor children's facilities with this garden – the only children's educational garden of its scope in the world.

A "museum without walls," children and adults

will learn about science and nature in the 17 indoor and outdoor galleries that teach the areas in the prekindergarten to middle school curriculum standards that can best be taught outdoors. Some concepts include photosynthesis, pollination, the solar system, erosion and energy.

The Children's Garden aims to revolutionize the landscape of interactive learning through a unique blend of innovative technology, 150 interactive exhibits and natural elements. Among the engaging features are native Texas wetlands, a 240-foot treetop skywalk, a Honey I

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## Children's Medical Center at Legacy Celebrates fifth anniversary

PLANO — Children's Medical Center at Legacy on Thursday (Aug. 22) celebrated five years of providing first-class pediatric care to the residents north of Dallas and beyond with a carnival for its nearly 600 staff members and their families.

"Five years ago, we opened our Children's Legacy campus to expand our mission – to make life better for children – to serve the rapidly growing north Texas area. This celebration is a thank you to our employees, whose daily passion and dedication to the children and

families we care for has brought this mission to life," says Vanessa Walls, vice president of Ambulatory Services and Administrator for Legacy Campus.

The event, cohosted by the Women's Auxiliary, featured carnival rides, face-painting, a dunking booth and the always popular Funnyatric clowns. Employees and their families also enjoyed performances by The Aggie Wranglers and The School of Rock, a program that allows student musicians to take

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## Little Elm mayor agrees to act as honorary chair of Clothe a Child

Mayor David Hillock of Little Elm (center) became the second area mayor to agree to serve as honorary chair of the 2013 Clothe a Child program. Mayor Hillock read a proclamation during the Little Elm Town Council meeting of Aug. 20 declaring September as Clothe a Child month in Little Elm.

*Accepting the proclamation were Clothe a Child officials (left to right) Ruben Desouza,*



*Little Elm co-chair; Gina Gage, Clothe a Child Marketing Coordinator; Thomasina Desouza, Little Elm co-chair; and John Taylor, Clothe a Child Director. The all-volunteer program raises funds and recruits volunteers to purchase new clothing for area K-8 students in cooperation with Kohl's of Frisco.*

## Carrollton celebrating multicultural diversity on September 28

CARROLLTON – To celebrate the growing diversity in the City of Carrollton, members of the various cultural communities within the City have come together for a multi-cultural event themed, “Carrollton’s Jubilee of Cultures.”

Spearheaded by Pat Malone, a seven year former Council Member, the event marks a culmination of an

eight-year dream to celebrate to the richness of the cultures often under-appreciated in the city.

“When I started working with different communities in Carrollton, those coming from different countries and belonging to a variety of ethnicities, I started realizing that the similarities among us are greater than the differences. Despite

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## Omeegas making a difference for students

By DWIGHT E. RODGERS, SR.

DALLAS - While many were handling some last minute school shopping on Sunday, Aug. 25 the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Theta Alpha chapter were providing free haircuts and school supplies to the underprivileged young boys of the South Dallas commu-

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*Brother Donnell Brundage, Chapter Keeper of Records and Seals and event organizer, gives a young man a fresh new look*

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# A Second Emancipation

**One hundred years after Lincoln signed the Proclamation, Martin Luther King Jr. tried unsuccessfully to get President John F. Kennedy to issue a second one. That failure changed the course of history.**

BY TAYLOR BRANCH  
AND HALEY SWEETLAND  
EDWARDS

In October 1961, Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy took an after-lunch stroll through the elegant hallways of the White House residence. Their meeting that day was not official: it was not in the White House's appointment book, and King had not been formally invited to discuss any sort of business. It was instead a guarded and rather stilted introduction for leaders of professed goodwill, in a political climate that remained extremely sensitive about race.

When the men passed the Lincoln Bedroom on their tour, King noticed the Emancipation Proclamation framed on the wall, and took the opportunity to raise, ever so delicately, the pressing issue of civil rights. King suggested something radical: a second Emancipation Proclamation, a proposal that would become the centerpiece of King's lobbying campaign for the next year.

Taylor Branch, the Pulitzer Prize-winning civil rights scholar and biographer of King, recently sat down with Washington Monthly editor Haley Sweetland Edwards and explained this idea, what happened next, and how Kennedy's choice on the matter altered King's thinking and the course of the civil rights movement.

**How did the off-the-record meeting between King and Kennedy come about that October evening?**

The administration had summoned King to Washington for a meeting that day at the Justice Department, where officials insisted that one of his advisers was a dangerous communist subversive and that King had to get rid of him. King was still shaken by the demand when he went into the residence, not the West Wing, for his private meeting with the President.

An appointment with the President would have been too controversial—King was still a radioactive figure then. He had gone to jail in the South; he'd been indicted and tried for violating segregation laws embedded in the constitutions of the southern states; and he'd been denounced by the same governors who'd supported the President. King's White House visit was deliberately made intimate but hidden, and social. He was led upstairs to the residence for a private luncheon with President Kennedy and Jackie.

Jackie's presence was a signal to King that he couldn't say anything political that would ruin the moment—nothing about segregation or the sit-ins or the Freedom Rides that shook the country that year. They talked politely about their educations in Boston, their children, and that sort of thing.

**Why, of all things, did King suggest a second Emancipation Proclamation?**

When they were walking down the hallway, King saw the Emancipation Proclamation hanging on the wall in the Lincoln Bedroom. It provided an excuse for him to bring up politics in a positive way—to talk about the historic glow of Lincoln's decision. King suggested that perhaps the president would consider issuing a second Emancipation Proclamation for January of 1963, on the 100th anniversary of the first one. Just as Lincoln had used an executive order to abolish slavery in the Southern states, King said, Kennedy could outlaw segregation.

King loved the idea of a second Emancipation Proclamation. He thought it would be easier for Kennedy than passing legislation—southerners had strangled every significant civil rights proposal in Congress for a century. At the same time, King hoped for an initiative by the president to make things easier for a struggling civil rights move-



*On Aug. 28, 1963, the day of the march, the civil rights leaders who met with JFK included (from left to right): Dr. Martin Luther King, John Lewis, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, the head of the American Jewish Congress, and A. Philip Randolph, leader of the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.*

ment. King had not joined the Freedom Rides himself, nor yet accepted the personal sacrifice of a determined campaign to end segregation. He deeply hoped that if the president issued an executive order, there could be an easy way out for both of them.

What happened after that conversation outside the Lincoln Bedroom?

For the next six months, King and his lawyers drafted a second Emancipation Proclamation in Kennedy's name. Then in May of 1962, when King was in Washington for a meeting to launch his Gandhi Society for Human Rights, he delivered a copy to the White House personally. It was a very fancy draft, bound in leather for the president, with copies for all the lower-level officials involved in civil rights. The cover letter said, "We ask that you proclaim all segregation statutes of all southern states to be contrary to the constitution, and that the full powers of your office be employed to void their enforcement." The idea was to get the president to issue this second executive order on September 22, 1962—the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued after the Civil War battle of Antietam.

**How did Kennedy respond?**

He didn't. Not even by private letter. A while later, when King received an invitation to a White House luncheon for the archbishop of Cyprus, he declined. The standoff turned into an understated duel of manners. Kennedy was trying to keep things social, and King, by turning down the luncheon, was trying to signal that he could not be bought off. He had very real business that required attention.

For Kennedy, addressing segregation was a hornet's nest. Because he knew that no Democrat could hope to be elected without the support of the solid South, it was never quite the right moment to become politically exposed on the issue of segregation.

During his 1960 presidential campaign, Kennedy had promised action to reduce segregation wherever the powers of the federal government reached. He'd said he could end segregation in federally subsidized public housing "with the stroke of a pen"—in other words, without getting it through Congress. Once in office, however, he stalled. Supporters of civil rights actually mailed thousands of pens to the White

House in a publicity campaign with a rare touch of humor, saying the president must have misplaced his pen.

Meanwhile, excruciating dramas over segregation continued after the Freedom Rides in the summer of '61, which Kennedy said were embarrassing the United States. When Kennedy met with Premier Khrushchev in Vienna, he said he had to endure criticism—from the Soviets, of all people, who had no freedom!—that America could not be free, judging by the way it treated its Black citizens. By September of 1962, it still took a lethal riot and a year's occupation by 20,000 U.S. soldiers to secure the token integration of Ole Miss by its first Black student, James Meredith.

So the September anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation came and went without note from the White House?

This was a big disappointment to King, and a shock to King's allies in Congress. King actually got them to write a letter saying that they'd understood the president was going to come to an event on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on September 22. Their fallback plan was to goad the White House into ac-

tion on January 1, 1963, the 100th anniversary of the New Year's Day on which the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect.

Toward that end, after months of lobbying, King delivered another draft of the second Emancipation Proclamation to the White House on December 17, 1962. It was much shorter. By this point, he'd backtracked on asking the president to proclaim all the segregation laws null. Instead, this draft called only for the nation to celebrate the spirit and example of the Emancipation Proclamation throughout 1963, invoking Lincoln's legacy behind President Kennedy.

**How did Kennedy react to that draft?**

It bounced around the White House for a bit—but remember, this was December '62. Kennedy had just weathered the global threat of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and his administration was preoccupied with efforts to free the Bay of Pigs prisoners still in Cuba. He just didn't respond to the draft proclamation, and missed the January 1 deadline, too.

After that, the White House announced a plan to host a social event for Lincoln's birthday. From Kennedy's point of view, it was a good solution—he could avoid the risk of issuing an executive order in a way that emphasized how much the emancipation tradition belonged to Republicans, not Democrats. He used Lincoln's birthday as the occasion to invite many Black dignitaries into the White House, which had been mostly off-limits except in token ways. The White House endured a great deal of negative press for inviting Sammy Davis Jr., who had a White wife. The idea of a mixed-race couple in the White House was still very controversial in 1963—which in itself is a pretty good sign of how blighted and benighted people were about race.

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## NDG Gossip: Lamar Odom reportedly on drugs, missing and separated from wife

By SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

TMZ was the first to report on Sunday that free-agent forward Lamar Odom was missing. According to the report Khloe Kardashian threw Odom out of the house after an intervention attempt failed.

The reports also states Odom has been battling his addiction for at least 2 years and even reluctantly agreed to go to rehab in San Diego a year ago but he bailed after 3 weeks.

Once Lamar Odom's camp got wind of the reports his agent made this statement on Monday telling *ESPN.com* Marc Stein:

"Lamar is not missing. His wife knows exactly where he is."

Odom is currently in a Los Angeles hotel, where friends are reportedly trying to help him with his unspecified drug problem, a source told *ESPN* on Monday.

Kardashian only had a few choice words for what has un-



Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian

revealed itself: "Really hard to sit here and listen to people talk s--- about my family."

Rather she meant what she said or not, more reports have come out about a separation between the couple.

Multiple sources tell TMZ Khloe "effectively" declared separation when she threw Lamar out of the house Wednesday, after he refused her attempt at an intervention.

With everything seemingly to be falling apart for Odom, you have to ask yourself how will this change his career?

Without stating further specifics Odom's Agent stated: "Playing in the NBA is still very much a part of Lamar's plans."

**Do you think Khloe should divorce Lamar? Give us your opinion.**

## The Butler succeeds but Hollywood continues to underestimate mature African American movie fans

By RUTH FERGUSON,  
NDG EDITOR

Lee Daniels' *The Butler* won the box office sweepstakes the second week in a row. This achievement on the heels of the film shocking box office pundits beating out *Kick-Ass 2*, *Jobs* and *Paranoia*. The film in two weeks nearly earned twice the cost to produce the movie, an estimated \$30 million. The first weekend's box office was nearly \$25 million and the second was around \$17 million earning

over \$52.3 million so far.

Years ago, someone appearing on the Oprah show, schooled us to the importance of opening weekend box office. It is why I have been known to drag myself to a movie the first weekend to lend my support and walked out pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the film. One of the first was Denzel Washington's incredible performance in 1999's *Hurricane*. The second time was when I dragged myself to see Tyler Perry's *Diary of a*



*Mad Black Woman* in 2005.

*Diary* provided a formula that for some reason

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their music lessons to the stage in live performances.

Kristie Obiri-Gyan, who works in respiratory care and has worked at Children's for 12 years, appreciated being able to invite her family to celebrate a workplace milestone.

"Children's always makes me feel like family and I'm glad I get to share this with my own family," she says.



L-R: Milie Wyatt (5 y/o) and Mallory Wyatt (2 y/o); both daughters of Children's Legacy Cardiology Clinical Nurse Kim Wyatt hold chocolate coated apples in the Children's Legacy Hospital lobby. Children's Medical Center Legacy celebrated its five year anniversary with a fair including games, food, a dunking booth, performances, and tours of Transport vehicles.

Children's Medical Center at Legacy offers access to the services that children north of Dallas and beyond need most, with complete connectivity to Children's Medical Center Dallas for a more comprehensive range of services. The hospital serves children through more than 130,000 patient encounters each year, with a focus on family-centered care.

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### Did King go to the White House event for Lincoln's birthday?

No. When Kennedy blew the New Year's Day anniversary, King realized he could no longer count on Kennedy to take leadership on civil rights. Nor could he bear any longer to let young people—that is, college students, the Freedom Riders, the ones going to sit-ins and to jail—bear the whole burden of raising the issue of segregation. King was worried he was losing his window in history. He believed every movement was about political timing: you only get so much capital to spend, you only get so many chances. He thought the issue of desegregation was beginning to recede. He said southerners were rallying to the defense of segregation more strongly than supporters of the Brown [vs. Board of Education] decision were rallying to freedom. King felt they needed to change the climate of public opinion in their favor and that meant taking a risk.

It was after Kennedy blew this second deadline that King realized he had nothing left to wait for. He had to "go for broke," as he called it, and head down to Birmingham, Alabama, which was considered the toughest bastion of racism in the South. It's hard for people to understand what a big leap that was for him, but one way of understanding it

is that he didn't tell his own father, or the board of his protest group, that he was going. He didn't want them to try to stop him.

### Would it be fair to say that Kennedy's failure to embrace the second Emancipation Proclamation catalyzed a turning point in the civil rights movement?

King knew that Lincoln had issued the original Emancipation Proclamation in the middle of a war with lots of people dying. I think he realized that in order to get the president, or anyone, to act, what he had to do was go to Birmingham and essentially recreate those conditions—not a full-fledged civil war, but something that dramatized the moral imperative of the segregation issue in America.

In the end, King authorized not only high school students, but also elementary school students as young as 6 years old, to participate in a huge wave of demonstrations beginning May 2. That's when Birmingham brought out the dogs and fire hoses and shocked the world. That's when the issue of segregation really broke through people's emotional barriers, not only in the United States but around the world. Up until that point, people had always found ways to evade the problem, to say it was someone else's responsibility or that time would solve the problem. King had always

known on some level that he'd have to join the students in the street, but like all of us who are human, he looked for an easier way until every door was closed and his conscience wouldn't let him avoid it anymore.

### Did Kennedy miss a major moral opportunity to do the right thing?

It's historically accurate to say that Kennedy was not the vanguard figure in civil rights that popular history makes him out to be. It's also true, however, that his fears were probably justified. Had he issued an executive order against segregation through a second Emancipation Proclamation, it probably would have weakened his administration without accomplishing anything. The southern states would have declared it illegal. They would have said he couldn't declare a war measure since there wasn't a war going on. And that would have made Kennedy look ineffectual, reduced his prestige, and perhaps cost him the next election. And then the next president would be even less likely to take on the entrenched power of the southern states. So unless you expect your political leaders to give up the prospect of holding office, you have to acknowledge that he had pretty good reason not to act on a second Emancipation Proclamation.

Kennedy did finally go on television and propose a civil rights bill in June of 1963, but by that time demonstrations of sympathy for what had happened in Birmingham had broken out in hundreds of cities across the country. At that point, Kennedy didn't have any choice but to calm the fires of protest before they consumed his government.

### King succeeded in getting Kennedy to act, just not in the way he'd intended.

People are always tempted to say that presidents and leaders should supply all the initiative, but in fact

what worked in the civil rights movement was the combination of an aroused citizenry, which claimed rights and changed the political mood, and responsive national leaders. President Johnson later said that if, at the right time, King and the priests and ministers who were risking their lives down in Selma changed the political climate enough, then I can and will propose the voting rights bill. And he did. And that was really the pinnacle of cooperation between citizens taking responsibility for their government and government leaders responding to a political climate—a political climate

created by the citizens themselves.

*Taylor Branch and Haley Sweetland Edwards collaborated on this article. Branch is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who first wrote for the Washington Monthly in 1969. His new book, "The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement," is being published in January 2013. Haley Sweetland Edwards is an editor of the Washington Monthly. This article, the seventh of an 11-part series on race, is sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and was originally published by the Washington Monthly Magazine.*

## Sports - At the speed of technology

Donnie Nelson, the president of basketball operations, Dallas Mavericks and Bill Boyce, president, Texas Legends Basketball are the scheduled guest speakers at the Metroplex Technology Business Council's Tech Industry Luncheon.

The use of technology in sports is pervasive from the operation and promotion of

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cally advanced sports venues in the Metroplex.

The Tech Industry Luncheon is scheduled for Sept. 20 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at the Dr. Pepper Arena in Frisco. The cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Contact Sara Bradley, Events Assistant at 972-792-2870 with questions.

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only Lionsgate (which has handled distribution for all of the Madea movies) has truly perfected. This includes a strong marketing campaign to the mature African American audience. Those of us who can barely remember high school so

we are long best the 18-34 year old range Hollywood covets so much. Their lack of support for *Kick-Ass 2* and *Paranoia* shows how fickle that crowd can be.

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**Book of Mormon** at AT&T Performing Arts Center, <http://www.attpac.org>

**World Igbo Congress Annual Convention (Nigeria)** at Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 West John Carpenter Fwy in Irving, 9 a.m. 214-957-4654

**Through September 2**  
**Grapevine's 5th Annual SummerBlast** at Historic Downtown Grapevine, [www.GrapevineTexas-USA.com/SummerBlast](http://www.GrapevineTexas-USA.com/SummerBlast).

**Through September 6**

**Gaylord Texan Summer-Fest Wonderland Adventure** in Grapevine [www.gaylordhotels.com](http://www.gaylordhotels.com)

**August 29-31**  
**MegaFest 2013 Dallas** at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, [mega-fest.com](http://mega-fest.com)

**August 29**  
**NSHMB**A Hispanic Professional networking event with NSHBA and FED at Sambuca Uptown, 2120 McKinney Avenue, 6-9 p.m. [http://www.nshmba.org/event/dfw\\_aug\\_nshmbanight](http://www.nshmba.org/event/dfw_aug_nshmbanight)

**August 30**  
**25th Annual Ugandan North American Convention** at Omni Downtown Dallas Convention Center Hotel, 972-415-6372

**Labor Day Rodeo** at Lewisville Rodeo Grounds, 8 p.m.

**August 31**  
**Ethiopia Day 2013 and Taste of Ethiopia** at 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway in Plano, 1-6 p.m. 214-321-9992

**Remembering Katrina: We're Not Home Yet** at South Dallas Cultural Center Theater, 3400 S Fitzhugh Ave, in Dallas, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 214-939-2787

**South Dallas Tulisoma Book Fair** at Fair Park, 3536 Grand Avenue, 12 p.m. 214-939-2787

**DFW Int'l/ Wells Fargo homebuyers workshop** at Christ's Foundry United Methodist Church, 9891 Webb Chapel Road in Dallas, 2 p.m. 972-661-2764

**Summer Salsa in Addison with Fifo y Su Combo** at Beckert Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive in Addison, 7-9 p.m. 214-219-2290

**Fun Barn/ Contra Dance in Dallas** at First United Lutheran Church, 6202 Mockingbird Lane, 8-11 p.m. 972-546-8858

**2013 Labor Day Jazz Explosion** at 2850 Park Ridge Drive in Cedar Hill, <http://labordayjazz.eventbrite.com/>

**Labor Day Weekend Extravaganza** at Garland Convention & Reception Center, 7 p.m.

**September 1**  
**The Dallas Holocaust Museum presents a special gallery exhibition, Seeking Justice: the Leo Frank Case Revisited** at Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance, 5 p.m. 214-741-7500

**The Invasion Car Show** at Deep Ellum, 2- 8 p.m. [Dallas.about.com](http://Dallas.about.com)

**September 1-2**  
**Bedford Blues & BBQ Fest** at the Boys Ranch Activity Center, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford

**September 2**  
**The Dreamgriver- a workshop for and about you** at Arlington Meditation Center, 1016 Davis Dr. in Arlington, 7 p.m. 817-704-3298

**Labor Day 15k &5k (20th Annual)** at Winfrey Point, 7:30 a.m.

**Medical Center Arlington Rangers Labor Day Race** at Rangers Ballpark, 5 p.m.

**September 2-5**  
**Dallas D.A. N.C E. Swing Competition** at Fairmont Hotel and Towers in downtown Dallas [www.dallasdance.com](http://www.dallasdance.com).

**September 3**  
**Ninja Night** at the Crow Collection at 2010 Flora Street in Dallas, 5:30-6:45 p.m.214-979-6430

**Leading from the Heart** at Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Meditation Center, 13914 Josey Lane in Farmers Branch, 7 p.m. 972-252-5562

**September 7**  
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**September 1, 2013 8 a.m.**

Join us in Early Morning Worship Service; stay for Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m. and for Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

**September 5, Noon**

Come to a "Between Jobs Support Group" meeting at the Christian Works for Children, 6320 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240. Call 972-960-9981 to register.

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**September 6-8**

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**September 22**

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Join us in our Worship Services as we honor and praise God for His blessings to us.

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For Community help the Assistance Center serves Collin County by responding to people in crisis for emergency shelter, clothing, food, and access to medicine and medical services for county residents. Call the church or Allen's City Hall for details.

**September 1, 8 a.m.  
And 9:30 a.m.**

Join us for Worship Services as we praise God for the victories in our lives. Come and grow with us. You're also invited to a new series of teaching, "Guaranteed Victory". God will "Equip, Elevate, and Empower" you; call the church for details.

**September 4, 7 p.m.**

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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**September 1  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Join us for Worship Service as we praise and honor God. After both services ministers and deacons are available to meet with you for prayer or questions.

**September 27-28**

Mark your calendars and join us at our Women's Revival. The theme is "Desperately Seeking Jesus for a Time of Revival" with speakers Minister Verna Whitaker, Minister Andrea Mayo and Lady Cheryl Wesley.

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**September 1, 7:30 a.m.**

Join us this as we worship, honor and magnify God's Holy name.

**September 2, 7 p.m.**

Come to Monday School as we study the Word of God. We will worship Him and praise His Holy name.

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

Join us at our Men's Fellowship each Friday as we praise and worship God.

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**September 1, 9:30 a.m.**

Join us for Sunday School with Elder/Superintendent Greg Mason; Sis. Vicki Mason, adult class teacher and Evangelist Eliz-

abeth 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.

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the occasional language barrier, I found that we have many common interests. We truly are ALL the same," Malone proclaims.

This dream finally came true after finding like-hearted friends who are collaborating to realize this goal. According to Pat, "During this year of our City's centennial, we decided to celebrate our future by organizing a festival of diversity that we hope will live on."

"Carrollton's Jubilee of Cultures" will be held in His-

toric Downtown Carrollton on Main Street, on Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The day will feature cultural presentations, free food tastings, art displays, and a sampling of products representing many cultures.

Anyone wishing to participate as a vendor, food donor, or volunteer is encouraged to contact Malone at 972-242-3357 or [patmalone42@verizon.net](mailto:patmalone42@verizon.net); or Rowena Watters at 214-213-8515 or [rwatters@samantharose.com](mailto:rwatters@samantharose.com).

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nity. With the theme: "A Fresh Style for the Next Educated Mile," more than 25 youth received free haircuts to help boost their pride as they prepared for their first day of school.

Sunday's event took place at the Big Boys Cuts and Styles Barbershop located at 3330 Hatcher St in Dallas. The Chapter Presi-

dent Brother Ty Burnett declared, "this is what the Omegas are all about...giving back to our community."

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It's the little things (when the dry cleaners ruin your favorite outfit, for example, or when the cafeteria lady puts gravy on your mashed potatoes after you've specifically told her not to.)

Just think how much stress you could avoid by being quick to forgive, by living your life according to I Corinthians 13,

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

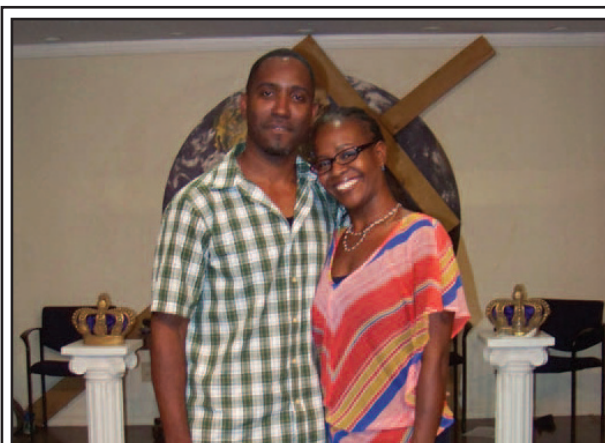
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And if you don't count up the evils done to you, imagine physical and emotional benefits of living like that!

Have you allowed yourself to be habitually bound by hostility? As a born-again believer, you have the love of God inside of you. If you'll yield to that love, it will set you free.

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Jesus wants that same kind of freedom for you. So get into agreement with Him. Say that those deadly habits that have you bound what do you do?

Pray, "In the name of Jesus, loose me and let me go. I'm putting hostility, un-forgiveness and selfishness behind me. I'm going on with God. I'm going to live the life of love."

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large Sabbath school and the largest congregation in Chicago.

He was in a sense satisfied. But then came these two godly women who prayed for him and their earnest talk about "the anointing for special service" set him thinking.

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Henderson, Joe Coleman and Scott Lewis.

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"The parents were excited that we were there," he said. "For them to see the presence of people who didn't even work for Lancaster ISD there to say that school is important was powerful. "It was not just the staff, but also the community saying that education is important. It gives me great hope that this community will continue to stay engaged."

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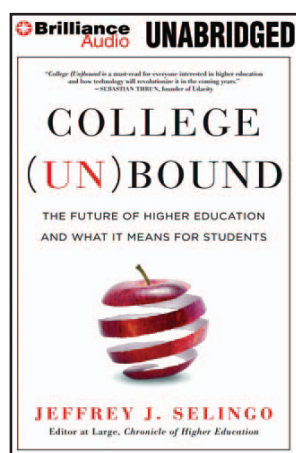
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So you say you want a degree in nursing or law? Or maybe video gaming is more your style, or a degree in surfing? That may be possible, since today's colleges are creating degrees for jobs that didn't exist before or that didn't used to need a degree.

Selingo indicates, however, that getting a degree doesn't always mean better work *from* you, or *for* you after graduation. Part of that problem is because



"heightened focus on the student as customer is leading to a... dumbing down of college campuses." Millennials who tend to expect rewards for effort rather than for work are also to blame.

Non-administrative amenities and student services certainly increase the cost of college without adding to education. Also, a bachelor's degree "has become the new high school diploma," which can ultimately lead to a need for a second degree in order to compete in today's world – which, of course, costs.

Combating these issues is do-able: first, know what you're borrowing and what it buys. Use the college's website calculator; lack of money is the number one reason why students don't graduate. Know how much debt your college has taken on; in fact, learn everything possible about your school, including its priorities, grad-

uation employment rate, and the "mobility of credits."

Look for a college that allows credit for a MOOC, or offers self-paced or "personalized" classes. Consider taking a gap year. And choose your major based on what you love, not on how much money you might make someday.

After listening to "*College (Un)Bound*" on CD, it wouldn't surprise me if I learned that a lot of people might get angry at what's here.

Parents, I think, will be outraged when they discover what their second mortgage pays for at college. Author Jeffrey J. Selingo is also Editor at Large at the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, so he's

well aware of where those tuition dollars go.

Students will be angry that attending college might not mean an education; more than a third of fourth-year students in one study lacked improvements over their freshman scores in critical skills. And college officials will be upset because Selingo says that the problems won't go away without tough actions – none of which are pleasant.

If you're filling out forms this fall and anticipating good tidings of great joy, then listen to this audiobook first. It might save you money and headache. For you and your family, "*College (Un)Bound*" could make a big fat difference.

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sional career. As a young journalist, he served as courthouse reporter and political writer before leaving to begin a distinguished career in broadcasting. He joined KERA-TV in 1972 as a reporter for the station's innovative *Newsroom* program and later served as vice president and host/producer of the station's award-winning program, *News Addition*.

**Diane Ragsdale** – Her service as a Dallas City Councilmember from 1984-1991 laid the groundwork for her interest in revitalizing and improving her South Dallas community. After a career as a registered nurse and health administrator, she served as chair of

the nonprofit Inner City Community Development Corporation Board from 1999 to 2002 before becoming Managing Director in 2003.

**Judge Cheryl Williams** – Appointed as a municipal judge in 1999, she serves as a magistrate for the five counties within the City of Dallas boundaries, the South Dallas Community Court and all municipal court juvenile matters. Judge Williams oversaw the City of Dallas Teen Court program, a peer court with teen volunteers participating as Judge, Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, Jurors and Bailiff. Passionate about issues affecting juveniles; she is a regular

speaker at bar associations, schools, social and religious groups throughout Dallas/Fort Worth.

**Darryl Littleton** – He began his comedy career writing sketches for the Tom Joyner Morning Radio Show on CBS, later becoming a Comedy Store regular. His first book, *Black Comedians on Black Comedy*, chronicled the history of African-American comedy featuring interviews with 125 of the industry's biggest stars. Littleton and director Robert Townsend produced the book as a documentary, "Why We Laugh," premiering at the Sundance Film Festival and on Showtime in

2010. His latest book, *Comedieness: Laugh Be a Lady* was released last year.

**Wanda Bolton-Davis** – A teaching pastor and ministry director at St. John Church in Grand Prairie and the wife of St. John Pastor Dr. Denny D. Davis. She has a bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Science, a master's degree in Social Work, and a Master of Divinity degree from Truett Theological Seminary, where she was selected as their Minister of the Year in 2005. She is currently pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree at Talbot School of Theology.

**Vicki Meek** – A visual artist and experienced arts administrator, she decided to be-

come a sculptor at age eight after being inspired by the work of the African-American visual artist Elizabeth Catlett. She pursued an artistic career to give back to her community and to a new generation of African-American artists. She has been

with the South Dallas Cultural Center for 16 years and has successfully revived it from virtual inactivity into a vibrant community hub.

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