

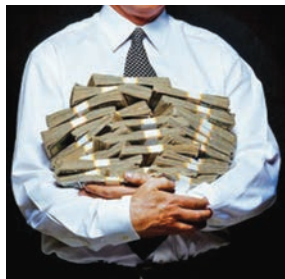


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Yes, the rich are getting richer

By FREDDIE ALLEN (NNPA) – A new report confirms the old saw: The rich are getting richer.

According to a report titled, "Striking it Richer: The Evolution of Top Incomes in the United States by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley, "From 2009 to 2012, average real income per family grew modestly by 6.0 percent



but the gains were very uneven. Top one percent incomes grew

by 31.4 percent while bottom 99 percent incomes grew only by 0.4 percent."

The report continued: "Hence, the top 1 percent captured 95 percent of the income gains in the first two years of the recovery."

On *The Diane Rehm Show* on National Public Radio, economists and financial journalists discussed the implications of the

University of California at Berkeley report and how race often plays a role in perpetuating economic inequality in America.

Thomas Edsall, author of *Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights, and Taxes on American Politics* said on the program that since the 1960s, there's been a growing sense
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COVER STORY

African American community continues to commit or allow the on-going economic exploitation



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Dallas kicking off Conversations about Race on Sept. 21

DALLAS – The City of Dallas will present a four-part series called *Conversations about Race*, a dialogue and discussion about race. The first event on Sept. 21 will feature panelists from local media; subsequent events will focus on youth, local lead-



ership and business leaders. The series is the prelude to the Dallas Faces Race: Face Race 2014 National Conference which will be held Nov. 13-15, 2014.

Conversations about Race Co-Chairs Mayor
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Limited improvements in diversity at New York Fashion Week

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Child Passenger Safety Week stresses car seats save lives

DALLAS — Is your child in the right car seat? That's the question child passenger safety experts at the Injury Prevention Center (IPC) of Greater Dallas at Parkland Health & Hospital System want parents to think about.

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for chil-

dren 1 to 13 years old. From 2006 to 2010, 4,028 children age 12 and younger were killed and 660,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. Using the correct restraints in a car reduces the chances of fatal injury for infants by 71 percent and for toddlers by 54 per-

cent, according to 2011 data from the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. Booster seats reduce the risk of injury by 59 percent compared to seat belts alone for children 4-7 years of age. However, only 47 percent of children 4-7

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COMMENTARY

Congress is Eating Away at Food Stamps

By JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) Steven and Laurie, a White married couple that lives near Richmond, Va., work at a big box store. She is a cashier; he works in the storeroom. Each earns about \$9 an hour but neither works 40 hours a week. Indeed, they are lucky to pull 40 hours a week combined. Sometimes weeks they are fortunate enough to pull 45 hours a week between them. Some weeks their combined hours total only 30.

I met Steven and Laurie (not their real names) on a

telephone press conference in April. They said they had three children and also mentioned that they were White because "everybody thinks only Black people get these benefits."

Seven and Laurie were troopers. They talked about buying clothes at thrift shops, searching for food bargains and planning menus around coupons, and managing to occasionally eke out a few pennies to buy occasional new things for their children. They didn't complain, but spoke matter-of-factly about their fi-

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Adam McGough



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Adam McGough

Mayor Rawlings has named Adam McGough as his Chief of Staff. McGough most recently served as Chief of Strategic Initiatives. He will continue those duties and his focus on GrowSouth while leading and managing the Mayor's staff.

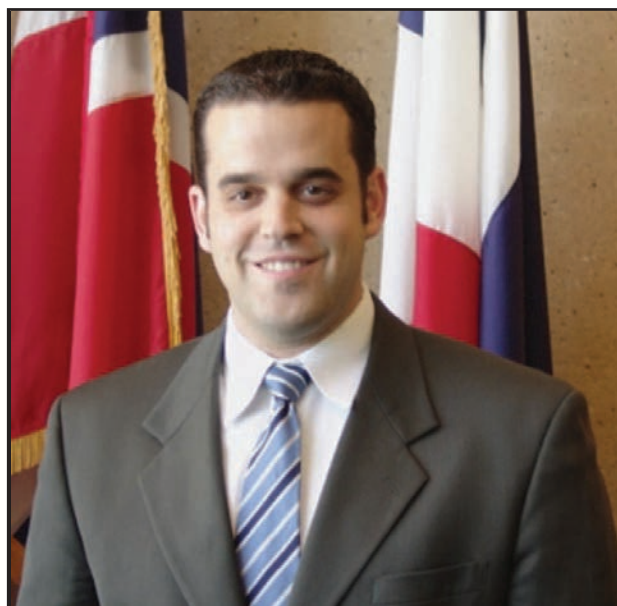
McGough previously served as Executive Assistant City Attorney and Chief of Community Prosecution and Community Courts for the City of Dallas where he supervised a team of attorneys,

code officers, and staff to improve the quality of life for the communities across Dallas. McGough has over 10 years of litigation experience, and he is leader in the mediation field where he serves as the Director of Conflict Management at EL Centro College.

McGough has recently been appointed as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

Mayor Rawlings also named Sam Merten as Manager of Public Affairs/Communications handling internal and external communications for the Mayor's office. Merten, a former reporter for the Dallas Observer, most recently worked at Allyn Media and has spent a considerable amount of time leading initiatives and serving clients benefiting the city of Dallas.

Merten has worked closely with the Mayor's office during the initial launch of GrowSouth, he assisted with Men Against Abuse rally, and he has worked closely with several Dallas City Council Members and local leaders to increase economic development in the city.



McGough will begin his new assignment immediately, and Merten will start on Sept. 23, 2013.

"Adam and Sam are both experienced in their fields, well respected, and they have my confidence," said Mayor Rawlings. "They are energized and inspired to make a difference in Dallas."

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Christopher M. Williams

(BlackNews.com) -- CornBread Management, offers contract negotiation and booking/management services to professional actors, comedians, entertainers, Grammy award winners, models, and speakers. In addition, they provide advertisement space on their website for artists and vendors.

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He comments, "As a booking talent agency, we look forward to engaging and learning more about the local community, and taking part in philanthropic efforts."

Williams has exceptional management skills in mediation, negotiation, office administration, event planning, coordinating



itineraries, meeting deadlines, multi-tasking, and social networking from previous experience in higher education and working for legal professionals.

Williams also has a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Negotiation and Conflict Management from Jones International University in Centennial, Colorado, and a dual Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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Candace L. Randle

Bethesda, MD (BlackNews.com) -- The RLJ Companies today announced its director of corporate communications and public affairs, Candace L. Randle, has been recognized by PRWeek among this year's "40 Under 40" recipients.

Founded by Robert L. Johnson, The RLJ Companies is

tainment, and video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming.

Ms. Randle, a 13-year industry veteran, has worked for RLJ since 2008 and has an extensive media, public affairs and government background. Prior to joining The RLJ Companies, she worked in the Office of U.S. Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas and for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during the 2008 presidential election.

A native Arkansan, Ms. Randle has previously worked in the communications and media relations department for Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe and has a broad background in strategic advocacy, communications, and outreach and from her work in government affairs in the private sector at Entergy Services, Inc. Earlier during her career, Ms. Randle held a writing position with the Gore-

Lieberman Presidential Campaign, has worked for retired U.S. Congressman Vic Snyder of Arkansas, and has served in a number of media capacities for local and statewide political campaigns.

Ms. Randle graduated with leadership honors from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History, and she received a Master of Public Administration (MPA), summa cum laude, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

PRWeek annually profiles 40 dynamic individuals under the age of 40, nominated by their peers and colleagues, who are leading the charge for the next generation of communicators. Nominations are submitted across agencies, corporations, and nonprofits to profile professionals who demonstrate innovative thi-

inking, strong determination, and results that indicate a

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Reaping the blessings of freedom

BY LISA M. TATUM

As a young lawyer, Wallace B. Jefferson appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court to argue a case. That evening, he visited the Lincoln Memorial to reflect on the enduring strength of the Constitution.

"Here I was, the descendant of a slave who was owned by a Texas judge, arguing before the nation's highest court," recalls Jefferson, now chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Jefferson tells that story in an introduction to Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay!, an interactive civics education project produced by the State Bar of Texas. His story remains relevant now as we observe Celebrate Freedom Week.

Years ago, the Texas Legislature passed a bill establishing a dedicated week for Texas public schools to focus on the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. Local school districts gener-

ally observe Celebrate Freedom Week during the week in which Sept. 17, Constitution Day, falls.

Why? It's simple. As Thomas Paine once said, those who hope to reap the blessings of freedom must "undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Our country's founders understood this truth well, and they established a system of government that is legitimate only through the consent of free people. And consent implies that the people will be informed of their rights and responsibilities as citizens of this country.

Freedom in this context is important to me and has been for as long as I can remember. One reason I became an attorney is because I realized that getting involved with the law was the best way to effect change, and the Constitution is the bedrock upon which all of our laws rest.

So the question becomes: What can we do to make sure each generation understands our founding documents and the freedoms



Lisa M. Tatum

they protect? How can we help them become informed and engaged citizens as they prepare to vote, serve on juries, and run for elected office?

The State Bar of Texas offers resources designed to help achieve these goals. As president of the bar and the daughter of educators, I'm proud to introduce I was the first. Vote for Me!, a new multimedia program that will teach elementary school students important "firsts" in U.S. and Texas history that are included as part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards.

The program features animated historical figures such as Susan B. Anthony, Benjamin Franklin, and Thurgood Marshall in animated segments online and in book form, along with supplemental materials for teacher and students. The program, which is available in both English and Spanish, allows for lessons in civics education, citizenship, reading, history, voting, and math. You can explore the program at texasbar.com/iwasthefirst.

I was the First. Vote for Me! is just one offering from the State Bar's Law Related Education Department, which provides resources to help teachers engage students in entertaining and thought-provoking ways and prepare them for the TEKS standards. Another is Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay!, which focuses on landmark court decisions that Texas students must know to prepare for assessments in U.S. government and history. Students and teachers can search case summaries, watch short

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nancial situation. They also spoke of looking for new jobs, but finding little available in their community.

Because they don't work enough hours, neither Steven nor Laurie qualified for health insurance. Their combined incomes are so low – between about \$16,000 and \$21,000 – that they are officially poor (the poverty line for a family of five is \$27,540). They qualify for food stamps, (called SNAP, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and they consider them the blessing that helps them make ends meet.

Sometime this month, though, Congress will come up from the Syria conversation to, perhaps, cut allocations for SNAP. The cut of \$40 billion would deny between 4 and 6 million people food stamps. The new legislation would also allow states to require SNAP recipients to work. Some of the 12 million unemployed may not qualify for SNAP assistance, nor will childless adults who do not have work. Some restrictions may also limit SNAP assistance to three months every three years. While some states have waived SNAP require-

ments because of their high unemployment rates, federal legislation may prevent such waivers.

The proposed cuts in SNAP are twice those proposed in May. Republicans who, in their budget cutting frenzy, have been indifferent to poverty are driving these cuts. After all, the "p" word is used to infrequently in political debate, that one might think that poverty has magically gone away. Or, perhaps our legislators just don't care.

The people who receive SNAP assistance don't conform to any stereotypes. According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, about 20 percent of those receiving SNAP received college degrees. Half of the recipients are White. A third of the women who get help from SNAP are older than 40. Fifty thousand of those who receive SNAP assistance are veterans.

So many families are food insecure because of the employment situation. The unemployment rate dropped just a tick in August, slipping from 7.4 to 7.3 percent. Still, there are 11.3 million unemployed people. More than 4.3 million people have

been unemployed for more than half a year. These folks, still looking for work after more than 27 weeks, would be no longer eligible for SNAP assistance.

The unemployment rates, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, clearly understate unemployment. When we count people who work part-time but want full time work, those who are marginally attached to the labor force, the overall unemployment rate rises from 7.3 percent to 14.6 percent.

The Black unemployment, reported at 13 percent, soars to 26 percent, a depression level of unemployment. It is undeniable that the unemployment rate is improving, with overall unemployment dropping from 8.1 percent a year ago to 7.3 percent today. But the downward pace has been glacial, with the level of job creation (169,000) too slow to keep up with job loss. Millions will remain unemployed for the next six months or so.

Against this backdrop Congress has the temerity to propose legislation that will deny millions of families SNAP benefits. Their indifference to job-

lessness and poverty is amazing. They've not exhibited similar indifference for those at the top, maintaining tax breaks for them.

Steve and Laurie struggle to make ends meet. They are good, hardworking, and people just like millions of others. They work part time for economic reasons, preferring full time work. They need food stamps, and it is not clear, under proposed legislation, whether they will qualify for them. I worry about Steve and Laurie, and I also worry about the 11.3 million unemployed people, the 4.3 million who have not worked in half a year, and the 2 to 4 million families who will not qualify for SNAP. Worry is not enough, though. This is yet another reason why a people's uprising is necessary. The uprising must transcend race lines – it ought to reflect Dr. Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign. Congress won't change its indifference to the poor unless somebody makes them.

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

MotherToBaby North TX addresses Tdap vaccine connection to "whooping cough" concerns

DENTON — As Texas state health officials issue an alert urging the public, including pregnant women, to receive the Tdap vaccine, MotherToBaby North TX, a free counseling service for expecting women at the University of North Texas, begins fielding questions from those concerned the vaccine could impact pregnancy.

The health alert comes after officials declare pertussis, otherwise known as "whooping cough," cases in Texas have reached epidemic levels on track to be the highest in 50 years. At

least two infant deaths associated with the outbreak have been reported.

"Infants are the most at risk when it comes to pertussis," said Lori Wolfe, MS, CGC, MotherToBaby North TX program director. "However, receiving the vaccine during pregnancy could offer some protection to newborns too young to get the vaccine themselves," she added. Infants don't begin the Tdap vaccination series until two months of age.

In general, vaccines that cannot give a person the disease, like Tdap, are not

considered contraindicated for pregnancy, according to Wolfe. Tdap is a combination vaccine against pertussis, diphtheria, and tetanus. The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends pregnant women get a dose of pertussis vaccine during every pregnancy, preferably between 27 and 36 weeks of pregnancy.

Pertussis has not been established to cause pregnancy problems, although it is not well studied, says Wolfe. "What's important to point out, however, is that severe disease does

have a potential concern for pregnancy. Pertussis tends to be less severe in adults than children, but can still result in adult hospitalization," she noted.

Some symptoms of whooping cough include runny nose and coughing, which can worsen to rapid fits of coughing that create a high-pitched whooping sound.

Wolfe points out that each pregnancy is different. She recommends women consult with their doctor before receiving the vaccine as well as receive an individualized risk assessment



from an expert resource, like MotherToBaby. All Texans can be connected with an expert to receive free information regarding the risks associated with vaccines, medications and

other exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding through the toll-free counseling service (866) 626-6847 or online at MotherToBabyNorthTX.org.

Dallas breaking ground for new Highland Hills Branch Library

DALLAS — Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday Sept. 21 for the new Highland Hills replacement Branch Library at 6200 Bonnie View Road. The new branch will replace the current facility at 3624 Simp-

son Stuart Road, built in 1979.

"We're very gratified to begin the process of building a new replacement branch library for the Highland Hills community," said Director of Libraries Jo Giudice. "The community really deserves

this new branch, which will be twice as big with more space to collaborate, learn, entertain and serve the neighborhood."

The city's 28th branch library will be designed to achieve Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design certification, with energy efficient lighting, air conditioning, a ground source heat pump system, indoor air quality control, water-wise landscaping and use of local building materials. Other features will include 24 public computers,

WiFi access, self-checkout stations, an expanded auditorium and classrooms with state of the art audio visual equipment for community activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata and Direc-

tor of Libraries Jo Giudice will speak at the ceremony. The new replacement library is expected to open in fall 2014. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library visit www.dallaslibrary.org.

DISD reaching out to parents to complete applications for free and reduced lunch by Friday

DALLAS — Students are required to have a free and reduced meal application on file each school year to participate in the program. Parents who have not completed a current application for

their household are encouraged to do so by Friday, September 20. The district is sending a school messenger notice to parents who have yet to complete their 2013-2014 application to re-

mind them of the deadline. After the deadline, students without applications will need to pay for their meal or receive an alternate meal. Applications are available online at foodapp.dallasisd.org

or at school cafeterias.

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Murphy Police urge extra caution against latest vehicle thefts

MURPHY — A rash of reports reaching the Murphy Police Department reveals that several neighborhoods have been hit recently with instances of vandalism and theft, targeting specific parts of certain autos and trucks, according to Police Chief GM Cox.

"Over the last few weeks, the department has received numerous reports of the theft of headlight, taillight and side mirror assemblies, mostly from Chevrolet and Ford products. Furthermore, we had several thefts of tail gates with backup cameras from pickups. Extra precautions are highly recommended as these thefts are highly tar-

geted and appear to be more sophisticated than the usual smash and grab," he said.

These extra precautions may be as simple as parking the vehicle inside the garage rather than leaving it on the street or driveway. If that's not feasible, motion-sensitive security lights may be installed, directed at the driveway. Car alarms, while sometimes ineffective, should also be considered.

"Above all, residents should always remain vigilant for activity that is out of place or suspicious and report it immediately. We can have a patrol car in virtually any part of the City within minutes, and that can often make

a world of difference," said the Chief.

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Islamic Art Revival Series Experience 2013

The Islamic Art Revival Series (IARS) Experience and Art Exhibition offer North Texans a unique opportunity for people of all ages, faiths, and cultures to personally experience the rich and varied visual and performing arts of the Islamic world. Last year, over 1,300 attendees from diverse backgrounds enjoyed special activities and art attractions at the community wide event. The 2nd annual IARS Experience is set for Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Charles W. Eisemann Center in Richardson.

The 2nd Annual Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Islamic Art is broadened and revamped to be a major part of the IARS Experience. The exhibition is set up gallery-style to allow free movement between the art displayed. Some 50 pieces of art representing 34 artists from the United States, Canada, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Iran, and the United Kingdom will be presented. Nada Shabout, associate professor of Contemporary Art History at the University of North Texas and director of the Contemporary Arab and Muslim Cultural Studies Institute (CAMCSI), serves as the exhibition juror. A catalog of the exhibition will be available at the Sept. 21 event. Additionally, the art exhibition will continue to be on display through September 28 at the Eisemann from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and during public events.

Well-liked activities from last year's event—having your

name written in Arabic, applying intricate henna designs to your hand, and trying on ethnic clothing for a take-home photograph—are back by popular demand. New attractions this year are traditional dabke dance performances, plus other new performers and storytellers.

Dabke is a traditional folkloric step dance. Dances will be performed by Firqet Bladi, a Dallas-based dance ensemble. The group won first place at the first Dallas dabke competition held earlier this year.

The 14-person Iraqi Dabke Troupe will also perform. While the music and origins differ between the two dance teams, the uniformity, solidarity, and motivation are the same for both troupes—preservation of a unique cultural art.

Singers, songwriters and producers Fez Meghani and Aftab Ali will present their music which focuses on conveying the values of hope, peace, love, generosity, and kindness. They have appeared nationally and internationally, including the 2010 and 2011 Islamic Music Festivals in Kuala Lumpur.

"As we go about our lives, we are pelted with unsettling, bad news throughout the world," says Nadia Mavrakis, IARS co-founder and executive board member. "Yet there are over one billion Muslims around the globe who strive to live beautiful and peaceful lives. Art is an integral part of that. Art truly is a universal language. Appreciating beauty in art sustains us because beauty endures

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Curtis Report

by Barry Curtis

Welcome to my world. In my world we have good and evil. In my world there are good guys and tyrants. My world enjoys epic clashes between the armies of light and darkness. *In my world I see ghosts.*

My ghosts are not the rumbustious scary type; neither are they the Casper the friendly ghost types. They are very much ghosts and very much *my ghosts*.

My ghosts appear not in the dead night but shine thru so gloriously with a certainty unrivaled by any adversary. The ghosts I see are the ghosts of patriots past. These amazing men and women haunt my soul, my hopes and dreams. They invade the spaces that are caused by doubt and fear.

Whenever my heart is heavy with the burdensome nature of freedom, I

hear the booming and fearless voice of John Adams proclaiming "Always stand on principle....even if you stand alone." In those heavy moments of need I hear him softly say; "Let us tenderly and kindly cherish therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write." I do see ghosts.

When we look upon the face of our governments' tyranny I am comforted by the bold words of Jefferson; "What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance?" or to hear him proclaim "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." I do see ghosts.

On the days on our struggle for freedom when it seems that much is lost, I see the ragged and tear

I see GHOST

damaged face of Mr. Lincoln and hear his stirring words; "I am exceedingly anxious that this Union, the Constitution, and the liberties of the people shall be perpetuated in accordance with the original idea for which that struggle was made, and I shall be most happy indeed if I shall be an humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty, and of this, his almost chosen people, for perpetuating the object of that great struggle." I clearly hear Mr. Lincoln lament, "May our children and our children's children to a thousand generations, continue to enjoy the benefits conferred upon us by a united country, and have cause yet to rejoice under those glorious institutions bequeathed us by Washington and his compeers." I see ghosts.

Whenever the pressure of liberal assaults shifts its weight upon me I see the dogged face of Mr. Washington and hear him say unselfishly; "At a time,

when our lordly masters in Great Britain will be satisfied with nothing less than the deprivation of American freedom, it seems highly necessary that something should be done to avert the stroke, and maintain the liberty, which we have derived from our ancestors. But the manner of doing it, to answer the purpose effectually, is the point in question. That no man should scruple, or hesitate a moment, to use arms in defense of so valuable a blessing, on which all the good and evil of life depends, is clearly my opinion. Yet arms, I would beg leave to add, should be the last resource." I see ghost.

My patriots go forward with the solid believe in the supernatural and see the ghosts of this nation's keepers. Proclaim with unabashed shame that you see ghosts!

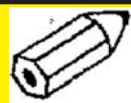
You can reach Barry Curtis at www.thecurtisinitiative.com.

Voter ID seminar scheduled for September 23 at Friendship West

A Voter ID seminar is scheduled on Sept. 23 at Friendship West Baptist Church to provide vital information to members and the community. Designed to ensure citizens are knowledgeable and prepared for the new law in place for upcoming election. Attendees will receive ac-

cess to materials you can use in your outreach efforts.

The Texas Civic Engagement Table and the NAACP Dallas are presenting the event and all guests are invited to RSVP to Gillian Parrillo at gillianpar@gmail.com or call 214-780-1617.



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Ford offering \$40,000 in scholarships to HBCU students

(BlackNews.com) Ford Motor Company is reaching out to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities for the 2013 Ford HBCU Community Challenge Competition. Up to \$75,000 in scholarships, university and community grants will be awarded for the first-place student team and its project. The new program, conducted in partnership with the "Tom Joyner" and "Rickey Smiley Morning

Shows," encourages HBCU students to design community projects that address pressing local needs.

The challenge is a request for proposals addressing the theme of "Building Sustainable Communities." The Proposal should take an innovative, fresh approach in defining what building a sustainable community means to one's local community. The Proposal should not be restricted specifically to environmen-

tal issues; rather, "sustainable community" refers to all elements of a healthy, livable community, which can thrive in a global economy encompassing a wide range of issues, including education, safety and mobility.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue in our efforts to support students attending HBCUs with the launch of this program," said Shawn Thompson, manager, Ford Multicul-

tural Marketing. "This program will allow students to make a difference in their education, schools and ultimately their communities."

For more details about the Ford HBCU Community Challenge, visit:

www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/09/ford-hbcu-challenge.html

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Seller in gig economy buys house in first year



Mark Mason and family in front of the house purchased with earnings from Fiverr.com

Mark Mason, originally born at Fort Hood in Killeen Texas, purchased a home during his first year participating in the gig economy.

The gig economy, familiar to folks needing to make a little extra money by side hustles, is now employing

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McKinney Mayor encourages participation in H-E-B Community Challenge

MCKINNEY – The second-annual Healthy at H-E-B Community Challenge has begun, and McKinney is in it to win it. The eight-week competition challenges communities across the state to demonstrate a commitment to healthy living. During the inaugural competition last year, McKinney ranked third in the Mid-Size City category. This year, McKinney is competing in the Large City

category with a goal to finish number one.

"Like the Mayor's Health Partnership, the Healthy at H-E-B Community Challenge is designed to provide an easy and fun way for the entire community to strive for better health," said Mayor Brian Loughmiller. "We take the theme – It's Time Texas – to heart in our community. It's time for our community to show the state and the coun-

try that McKinney is the healthiest city."

The H-E-B Community Challenge runs through Nov. 1 and works on a point system. Points are earned online at www.hebcommunitychallenge.com by posting proof of various activities aimed at individuals, schools, businesses and organizations. Mayor Loughmiller has taken the pledge to declare his support for the challenge, and he says

community support is necessary.

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Michael S. Rawlings, Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway and Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia are inviting the public to attend and take part in the discussions.

"Race is a difficult discussion to have but we will never get beyond our differences if we aren't brave enough to reverse racial disparities and move our city towards full equity, inclusion and dignity for everyone," said Mayor Rawlings.

"This is our moment to be honest, to be heroes and to heal so we can truly all

work towards making Dallas a 21st century city," said Councilmember Caraway.

"These events will present solution-focused dialogues on race; bringing together some of the best minds on this important subject," said County Commissioner Garcia.

The first event in the series will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 21 at City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Panelists will include Bob Ray Sanders, Robert Wilonsky, Crystal Ayala, Gerald Britt, and Mollie Finch Belt. The discussion will be moder-

ated by Skot Welch co-host of Radio in Black and White.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating will be limited and advanced registration is required. To register, go to www.conversations-aboutrace.eventbrite.com. Tickets not claimed ten minutes before the start of the event will be released on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration does not guarantee a seat; those wishing to attend should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the event.

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films, and find other helpful resources at texasbar.com/civics.

In the past year, the LRE department has trained more than 7,000 teachers, and it continues to look for new ways to fulfill its mission of supporting law-related education programs that prepare students for responsible citizenship. Learn about these programs and more at Texas-

LRE.org.

Students' success in society is the blessing we hope to reap from these educational efforts. This year, during Celebrate Freedom Week, take time to sow the educational seeds of our founding documents and the importance of being an informed citizen in our young people. The harvest will be an informed and engaged

citizenry.

Lisa M. Tatum is president of the State Bar of Texas and the founder and owner of LM Tatum, PLLC (The Tatum Law Practice) in San Antonio with a practice that focuses on corporate, education, employment, and public finance law. She may be reached by email at statebarpresident@texasbar.com.

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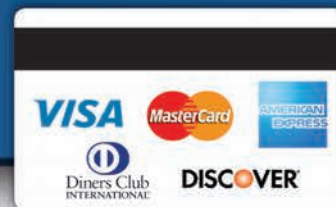
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African American community continues to commit or allow the on-going economic exploitation

BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(NNPA) We talk a lot about criminal justice and crime in the streets, especially among Black people. Mass incarceration of Black men, disparate sentencing, private prisons, legal slavery inside prisons based on the 13th Amendment, and all the other plagues that beset us vis-à-vis our criminal justice system and prison industrial complex, dominate our conversations. But, there is another take on crime that we often overlook or simply ignore; it's the economic crimes we commit against ourselves.

Amos Wilson posed two questions in his book, *Black on Black Violence*: "Does the African American com-

If you are familiar with Amos Wilson's work, you know he wrote very long sentences, but I believe it was because he had so much to say (See the volume of work he compiled in *Blueprint for Black Power*), and he knew the urgency with which he had to say it.

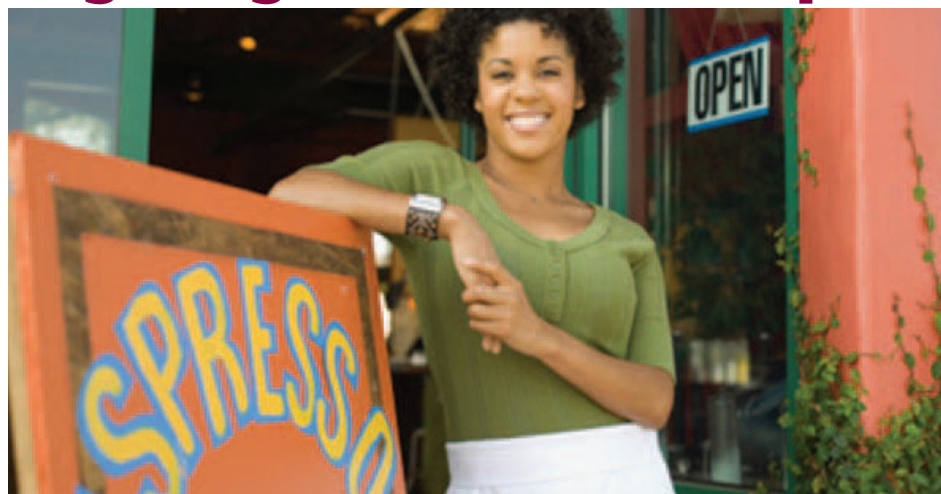
Wilson's questions are not only interrogatory, they are declarative as well. They paint a dismal picture of who we are and what we are about when it comes to crime and punishment. They suggest, of course, that Black folks are not taking care of our business economically, thus, actually causing much of the crime we lament in our neighborhoods.

Amos Wilson, author of Black on Black Violence said, "When the Black community squanders the economic inheritance of its own children while it fills to overflowing the coffers of the children of other communities... it gets the crime it deserves."

munity, by continuing to permit itself to be 'legitimately' economically exploited by non-African American communities thereby delegitimize itself and permit itself to be criminalized while decriminalizing its exploiters? Has the African American community – addicted to wasteful and nonsensical consumerism, with its unwillingness to invest its wealth and human resources in itself, in America, and uncommitted to controlling its own internal markets – contributed in no small way to the criminalization of its sons, to the increasing impoverishment of its children, to the violence which prevails within its households and neighborhoods?"

It is indeed a crime to "allow" ourselves to be economically exploited, and we can be considered sick if we simply consume the products made by others but never invest in producing and purchasing products of our own. We commit economic crimes against ourselves; our children commit violent crimes against one another; and we are collectively punished as a result of such crimes. Are we able to break this vicious cycle of self-annihilation?

Our being both the perpetrator and the victim of the same economic crimes is just downright stupid. We commit the crimes of waste and conspicuous consumption, and then we are



Instead of sending money to other communities, when will more of us open our own small business?

punished because of it. We refuse to develop, grow, and support our own businesses, and then we are punished by having to depend on someone else to fill our basic needs. We fail to help provide jobs for our youth, and they end up committing crimes against us and one another, while their unemployment rate nears 50 percent. Economically, our own actions accuse us, indict us, convict us, and punish us.

How can we demand respect when we are begging others to fill needs that we can fill for ourselves? What must our children think of us, as we show them we can't take care of them? Some of us don't even know how to grow a tomato

for our families, yet we want "respect."

There is no denying that many of us are doing well and "doing good" at the same time. There are many conscious Black business owners across the country that are carrying probably 90 percent of the load for us by doing the right thing; they get up each day determined to help empower us in some way. Hats off to them! They certainly deserve our kudos. But it's the rest of our people, the vast majority of us, who are in jeopardy of falling off the economic cliff.

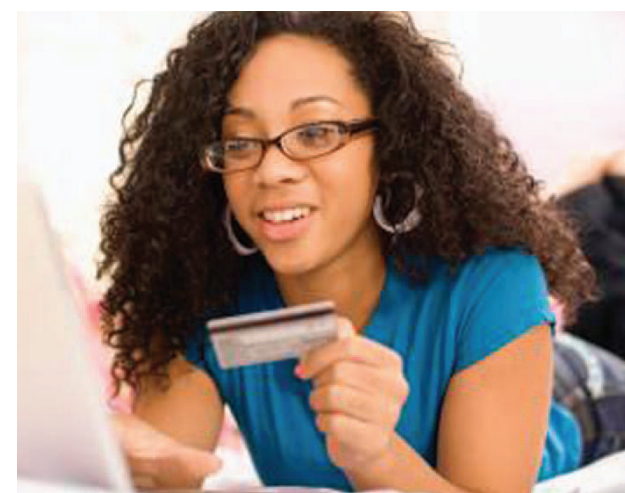
These are trying times. We are in serious trouble, and far be from me to downplay that reality. And it's not about whether the

glass is half full or half empty; this is about survival. It's not about what certain celebrities say, if that's all they're doing is talking. It's not about

spend on "nonsense, as Maria Stewart once said.

The situation we are facing is an ever widening gap between those who have a lot and are self-reliant, and those of us who are dependent upon and beholden to them. Much of the information we allow to permeate our brains is meaningless, useless, non-recyclable trash. The vicarious nature of many of our lives will profit us little. My suggestion is that, first, we drop down and send up some serious "knee mail," and then get up and get to work to stop our own crimes and punishment.

Amos Wilson also said, "When the Black commu-



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whose camp you are in when it comes to the president and his critics. It's not about hair weaves, gym shoes, soft drinks, the wives of whatever, the names of celebrities' babies, conspiracies, corruption, the best singer, wall street bankers, al Qaeda, Syria, Iran, influential Blacks, leading Blacks, touchdowns, slam dunks, homeruns, games, sets, and matches. This is about economic crimes and the resulting punishment that ensues to Black people because of our inappropriate behavior and the inordinate amount of time we

nity squanders the economic inheritance of its own children while it fills to overflowing the coffers of the children of other communities...it gets the crime it deserves."

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, blackonomics.com.



African American shoppers are a gold mine to retailers

NDG Gossip: Limited improvements in diversity at New York Fashion Week

By SHENICE SANDERS,
NDG INTERN

There was much to see at this year's Fashion Week with new designers and plenty of new faces. This year's fashion week brought out 22 African American designers.

As some would say the lack of diversity in today fashion industry is still a major topic, but the fact that each and every year



Angela Simmons

the number for African American designers grows gives future color designers hope.

With the help of Super Model Iman, Naomi Campbell and modeling agent Bethann Hardison, all the top designers presenting in New York, used at least one black model, and some who previously had no black models used as many as seven this season.



Tracy Reese

The trio wrote an open letter calling it "Balance Diversity" to bring more black models to the runway.

"Project Runway" alum Kimberly Goldson, Celebrity designer Angela Simmons and the incredible fierce Tracy Reese, are just a few of the creative designers who showcase their work this season.

Although only two designers Tracy Reese and B. Michael will be presenting in the official Fashion Week tents at Lincoln Center, this year Fashion Week for African Americans will be one we will never forget.

Visit the root for additional information on Black Designers at Fashion Week.

Tom Thumb and Celebrity Chef Marcela Valladolid launch new line promising a real taste of Mexico

Dallas — Food Network host, top-selling cookbook author and hard-working mom Marcela Valladolid has teamed up with Tom Thumb to create the Marcela Valladolid brand. The new Tom Thumb-exclusive Marcela Valladolid brand offers a wide assortment of quality and flavorful food products that make it easy for shoppers to bring home a real taste of Mexico.

"Growing up in Mexico, I know what real Mexican food is — and isn't," said Marcela Valladolid. "I'm passionate about holding on to my heritage and sharing it with family and friends, and cooking is a great way to do this. Now, together with Tom Thumb, I am bringing millions of people my favorite Mexican foods and flavors, rooted in tradition, but made easier for our busy lives."

The Marcela Valladolid brand will offer dozens of products across the store, ranging from ready-to-cook meats and



delicious tortillas to bold and flavorful snacks. Paired together, Marcela Valladolid products provide a wide variety of easy and affordable Mexican meal solutions. The brand features delicious ready-to-cook meats such as Al Pastor Pork, Ancho Chipotle Chicken, Carne Asada and more. Additional products range from thin and savory Flour Tortillas to snacks like Chile Lime Flaquitos and Salsa Verde Tortilla Chips, to name just a few. Valladolid has worked closely with the talented

chefs at the Safeway Culinary Kitchens from start to finish to create this product line.

"Hispanic Shoppers are important to Tom Thumb and we are excited to team up with Marcela to bring this innovative brand to all our shoppers seeking a real Mexican eating experience," said Joe Ennen, senior vice president of Consumer Brands for Safeway. "Marcela has been a fantastic partner for us to work with on our mission to make authentic Mexican foods accessible and

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were riding in booster seats in 2011. A study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute in 2012 found that only 17 percent of children 5-7 years of age in Texas were in a booster seat.

"Texas has one of the strongest child passenger safety laws in the U.S.," said Shelli Stephens-Stidham, IPC Director. "But there are still too many chil-

dren riding in vehicles either in the wrong size or type of car seat or without a booster seat. Many people are not aware of the Texas law enacted in 2009 requiring children under 8 to be in an approved car seat or booster seat."

Even parents who use child safety seats may not be adequately protecting their children. To be effective,

car seats and booster seats must fit both the child and vehicle and be properly installed. With so many car seat types and models, how do you know which one is right for your child?

In addition, the IPC serves as a car seat resource. To learn more about car seat safety, visit <http://www.injurypreventioncenter.org>.



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Aio Wireless launches in Dallas

DALLAS – Aio Wireless' service with no annual contract is now available to Dallas consumers through dealer-owned Aio stores. At the same time, Aio [pronounced A-O] announced its service is now available to all U.S. customers online.

Aio launched in selected cities in May. Since then it has opened stores in North, Central, and South Florida; metro At-



lanta, Georgia; and Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio, Texas.

"We're delighted open new stores in Dallas at a time when we're making Aio available on-

line to all U.S. customers anywhere in the country," said Jennifer Van Buskirk, president of Aio Wireless. "We're making this announcement while there is time for new customers to take advantage of our third-month-free** promotion, which makes this a great time to switch to Aio," she added.

New customers who activate service in stores or online

by September 29, 2013, will be able to participate in Aio's special Fall promotion and get their third month of service free (conditions apply**). The promotion is also available at Aio's retail stores.

Aio makes wireless easy with a friendly in-store and online experience and three simple plans to choose from. All three plans include unlimited talk,

text, and data—with a pre-established amount of high-speed access, including 4G LTE. Plans range from \$40 to \$70 per month, with taxes and fees included.

Aio customers may choose from a selection of smartphones, tablets, and feature phones from Samsung, Nokia, ZTE, and others. Customers may also bring a device they love to an Aio store

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among many Whites that government programs are providing benefits to minorities, Blacks at first and now Blacks and Hispanics.

Edsall said that feeling of resentment has helped drive up the opposition to raising taxes to provide for more benefits.

He continued: "There are a lot of very poor White counties in West Virginia, Kentucky, all through the Appalachian area where the Republican strength has become overwhelming. And a lot of that is based, I think, on racial matters, where people are disregarding their own interest and want to distinguish themselves from minorities in effect."

Dante Chinni of the Wall Street Journal agreed.

Chinni said that when you look at the constituencies for congressional Republicans and congressional the constituency for Republican House members looks like America circa 1994. The constituency for Democratic House members looks like America as it's projected to be in roughly 2025.

Chinni added: "They really are right now representing two very different countries."

The latest unemployment figures don't provide any encouragement that the gap between Blacks and Whites is likely to close soon. Black unemployment rose to 13 percent in August, after dipping to a four-year low in July (12.6 percent), according to the latest jobs report from the Labor Department. The national unemployment rate fell from 7.4 percent to 7.3 percent, but economists agree that it decreased mostly because people exited the labor market and stopped looking for jobs altogether.

The Labor Department also revised jobs numbers for June and July down, which meant that there were 74,000 fewer jobs created than previously reported.

"As we've been seeing over the last several months, the recovery is just barely moving

along," said Valerie Rawlston Wilson, an economist and vice president of Research at the National Urban League Policy Institute. "We haven't seen a lot of upward progress. The economy is just treading water."

And if the nation's economy is treading water, the Black economy is underwater. The Half in Ten campaign, a cooperative project by the Center for American Progress Action Fund, the Coalition on Human Needs and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, reported that 11 million Blacks lived below the poverty line in 2011. Whites account for less than 1 in 10 of Americans living below the poverty line.

The unemployment rate for Black men was 13.5 percent in August up from 12.5 percent in July. The jobless rate for White men ticked down to 6.4 percent

down from 6.6 percent in July. The unemployment rate for Black women was 10.6 percent in August edging up slightly from 10.5 percent in July. Over the summer, Black women enjoyed the greatest gains in the weak labor market. Economists speculate that it's likely due to more opportunities for women in retail, hospitality and healthcare.

"That's significant because those jobs tend to be very well-paying jobs and tend to provide good benefits," said Wilson. "When that happens, we see this eating away at the Black middle class, especially."

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, an organization that studies fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals at the state and federal level, the unemployment rate for Blacks was 4

percentage points higher in August than at the start of the recession. The jobless rate for Whites was 2 percentage points higher in August than it was when the recession began.

In a statement on the Labor Department's August employment report, Chad Stone, chief economist for the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, wrote: "If lawmakers want to restore normal employment more quickly, they need to step up to the plate and replace the sequestration budget cuts with a balanced package of tax and spending changes that phase in more slowly so that they don't weaken the recovery but that also build up more rapidly in later years — putting deficits and debt on a better long-term trajectory."

Wilson said that because some lawmakers have a general distaste for spending money any

federal stimulus will be hard to swallow on Capitol Hill, but if

that doesn't happen, we're just going to continue to tread along.

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September 22, 1 p.m.
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Adhering to the principles of the Lock, Take, Hide approach also helps deter crime. Locking the vehicle at all times, especially overnight; taking the keys even when stopped for short drop off and pick up errands; and hiding any and all valuables out of plain sight can discourage criminal activity.

"The criminal element is always out there, lurking,

looking, and waiting. Our job as a law enforcement agency is made easier when the community actively participates in deterring crime, removing the temptations that lead to crime and reporting instances of suspicious activity," he concluded.

Citizens can report crime and suspicious activity by dialing 9-1-1, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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professionals and middle and upper class graduates.

Mason, who has been offering copywriting and other business services on the premier gig economy site Fiverr.com, purchased a home before completing his first year as a seller.

"It wasn't luck since I came to the marketplace with a lot of sales and marketing skills" said Mason who has his MBA in online marketing. "What was lucky was my picking [Fiverr] to offer my services. It's like lucking into eBay when it was only a few years old."

Mason, who sells under the name AnarchoFighter, admits many other sites failed. "The hardest thing for any site is getting consistent, reliable visitors. Fiverr does even better; they get consistent, reliable buyers," he said.

"With unemployment still near 7 percent in the DFW area, the gig economy makes a lot of sense for

young graduates needing to get some experience and repay student loans, as well as, mature workers who've been displaced," said Mason.

Mason, who spends most of his time being an activist for racial and economic justice, indicated that Fiverr lets him set his own schedule.

"Changing the world is my number one priority, but an empty plate feeds no one," he said of the need to make money as an activist. "When I started, I wanted to supplement my activist lifestyle, I had no idea at the time just how much could be made."

Mason and other sellers are not limited to \$5 sales as gig extras purchases that can total \$505. "It adds up when you can deliver in demand services." Said Mason who's had single buyer pay as much as \$2,000 for a sales letter on an insomnia product by completing multiple \$500 purchases.

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"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" **1 Corinthians 10:31**

Jesus never saw the routine activities as just normal. Whether He healed the sick or sat around the fire with the disciples, He did not see one activity as spiritual and the other non-spiritual. Life was lived as a holy service to His Heavenly Father.

Many times we fall prey to a spiritual hierarchy mentality. We believe certain activity is more blessed by God because it is done under a spiritual guise.

We conduct our Christian meetings and conclude one is blessed by God based on attendance. We work to give money to ministry when we fail to recognize the very work we do is ministry.

God's glory can be expressed in the most common task. Whether washing the dishes or changing diapers or driving to the grocery store. When we begin to assign spiritual value to activities we begin to give greater importance to those activities we deem spiritually higher in the hierarchy.

Remember Philip, he was in the midst of a major crusade when the Holy Spirit abruptly instructed him to stop and go to a desert road.

"Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said."

"Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road-the desert road-that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Can-

Seeing the normal as special



Singers are worshipping and praising God; (L to R) Deacon Andrell Ruffin; Pastor Gregory Voss, Word of Life C.O.G.I.C., Carrollton, Texas; Elder Gregory Mason, Brother Larry Bell and Pastor Ron Rogers, Abounding Love Family Church. The song, "Jesus Will Never Say No."

dace, queen of the Ethiopians.

This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home he was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it' **Acts 8:26-29.**

We see in this story that neither activity was more important than the other. Philip's job was to live in

communion with the Holy Spirit and be obedient to His promptings.

View every activity that you do with an attitude of worship and communion with Jesus.

What ever the activity, do not be filled with pride that you think of yourself above others or mistakenly put yourself upon a pedestal.

Instead be humble and honorable. Be careful of those

you partner with, that you are not brought down with those who steal and curse and do contrary to God's Word.

Do not fear humankind, but place your trust in God for your safety and your guidance.

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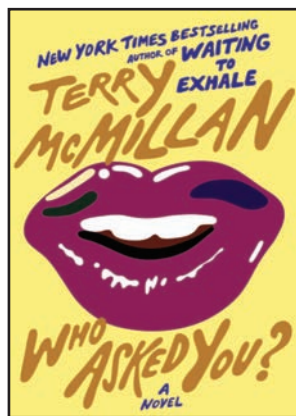
Terry McMillan's *Who Asked You* is fun from page one

wrong - and in the new book "*Who Asked You?*" by Terry McMillan, you can also remember that potential fixes might take awhile.

Betty Jean had her hands full.

Her husband, Lee David, had dementia and spent his days watching TV in the bedroom and sleeping. It wasn't his fault but those days, Betty Jean could barely remember why she ever loved him.

Their children might as well have had brain problems, too: Dexter was in prison; Quentin had distanced himself from the 'hood as soon as he was able; and daughter Trinetta was an addict with two little boys that



seemed to be at Betty Jean's house more than they were at their own.

To say that Betty Jean was overwhelmed was an understatement, although she had some help. Her next-door neigh-

bor and best friend, Tammy, was always able to pitch in and Betty Jean had hired Nurse Kim to help with Lee David. Those two women were a lot of comfort, which was good - because Betty Jean's sisters, Venetia and Arlene, were worthless in that department. Venetia couldn't leave her church out of any conversation and Arlene was just a nasty woman, overall.

Yep, Betty Jean often felt like she was running in place - a feeling made worse when Trinetta left her kids with her mother and disappeared. Raising two young kids wasn't what Betty Jean wanted, but Luther and Ricky didn't ask for it, either.

Yet somehow, they'd manage. They were family, after all, and that's what family did: they ignored bad blood and bad advice, gossiped about one another, did what needed doing, circled wagons, and muddled through.

Fixing life, and everybody's problems, wouldn't be easy - but then, what was?

Right away, from page one, you know that *Who Asked You?* is going to be a lot of fun to read. Betty Jean is a woman with keen sarcasm, not quite beaten down by life - but close! - yet still managing to keep a finger-nail-hold on a sense of humor.

She's the best of author Terry McMillan's signature-cast of strong women characters, but Betty Jean's not the only. Each woman here is a great surprise, from Nurse Kim to the Social Worker who makes a cameo, but very important, appearance. Not to be ignored, the men in this book round out the story perfectly. I found plenty of burst-out-laughing moments here, some I-didn't-see-that-coming gasps, and I loved it.

If you're looking for a little escape this weekend, or confirmation that your life isn't so bad after all, then here's the novel you want. *Who Asked You?* is fun, and it's a book you should be fixin' to read.

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and crosses boundaries, man-made or otherwise. This event gives us the opportunity to share our visual and performing arts with our neighbors and coworkers."

With its plethora of cultural diversity, one of the attributes of living in Texas is the special opportunity residents have to build cultural bridges within the state's diverse population, which includes over 140,000 Muslims (according to the Texas State Historical Association). IARS demonstrates this diversity by showcasing art from across the Islamic world that appeals to people of all ages. Islamic Art Revival Series events add to the rich cultural heritage of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

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Henna artist paints intricate designs on the hands of young women at the Islamic Art Revival Series Experience. This year's cultural event occurs September 21 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

\$6 for students/seniors, \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and under. The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Dr., Richardson.

Founded in North Texas in 2011, Islamic Art Revival Series

hosts events that promote education on the arts of the Islamic world and encourage vibrant cross-cultural exchange among all faiths and cultures. These events build bridges using the universal beauty of Islamic art as a connector and translator

across generations and cultures—from heart to heart through time. IARS held its first event in May 2012 with the Dallas premiere of a Unity Productions Foundation film *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World* at the Dallas Museum of Art. The first Islamic Art Revival Series Experience was held last September.

IARS is a program of the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. IARS depends largely on the generous sponsorship of people, businesses, and organizations including the City of Richardson who has funded the 2013 IARS season through the Richardson Arts Commission; Art of Islam Pattern; Contemporary Arab and Muslim Cultural Studies Insti-

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