



COVER STORY

# Inside Jesse Jackson's negotiation to win release of U.S. Vet



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## Mental health screening of adolescents in today's digital age can lead to healthier and happier teens

LAS VEGAS -- The old African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," seems to ring just as true today as ever before in an era of constant media exposure and hurried schedules. Sexting, cyberbullying, and even Internet gaming on top of crammed schedules and dwindling time

for family togetherness is a recipe for high-anxiety that if left unchecked, can lead to depression in adolescents, warns Ronald Marino, DO, an AOA board-certified pediatrician.

Dr. Marino, who is the associate chairman of pediatrics at Winthrop University Hos-



pital in Mineola, N.Y., urged parents to seek out pediatricians who continually screen adolescents' mental health during his discussion on depression in adolescents during the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) OMED 2013, the Osteopathic Med-

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## Mammogramathon offered Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 at TRMC-Sunnyvale

SUNNYVALE -- Women live busy lives. So, Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale is making it easier for all women in North Texas to get mammograms.

TRMC-Sunnyvale will offer mammograms for \$99 throughout the month



of October, filing necessary paperwork with each patient's insurance provider. The hospital also will host special Mammogramathon events from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and 18, where women who receive mammograms will receive shoulder massages,

snacks and many giveaways. It's the hospital's fourth year to host the event.

"Appointments for mammograms are necessary for ensuring good health," said Scott Smith, TRMC-Sunnyvale's new director

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## Halle Berry welcomes a new edition to her growing family

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COMMENTARY

## Time for a Dignified Minimum Wage

BY BENJAMIN TODD JEALOUS

the next three years to \$10 an hour.

This summer, minimum wage workers in California abandoned their posts at fast food restaurants and retail stores for spots on the picket line. They joined workers in cities across the country to demand an increase in the minimum wage.

Their efforts paid off last month when California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill to raise the state minimum wage over

For the first time in years, widespread minimum wage reform is a real possibility, and we need to keep the pressure on. The current federal minimum wage is inadequate, outdated, and out of touch with the modern cost of living. In this country, a full-time job should be enough to keep a family above the poverty line and off of welfare.

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## Parkland nurse helps patient escape domestic violence

DALLAS — Parkland Memorial Hospital nurse LaShana Greene was concerned when she realized that her patient, a pleasant, soft-spoken woman she had treated many times before, had left the hospital without her prescriptions. When she called to inform her,



Parkland

Greene was startled by the eerily-familiar noises in the background of the call

that triggered memories of abuse in her past.

"Is everything okay?" Greene asked tensely.

"Don't put your hands on me!" Greene heard her patient shout.

Sounds of struggle continued, and then sud-

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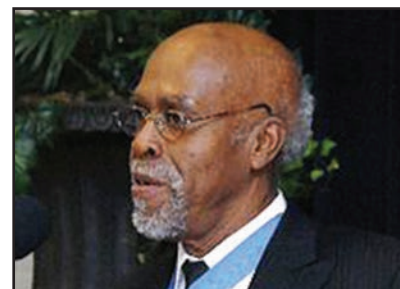
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Debra Peek Haynes



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Clarence E. Sasser

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## Debra Peek Haynes

DALLAS - Debra Peek-Haynes is hosting a Heart 2 Heart conference to provide the African-American community with knowledge about why eating healthy is an important part of preventive health care.

The conference is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas where her husband, Frederick D. Haynes, is Senior Pastor.

Mrs. Peek-Haynes' passion developed from her own journey to holistic healing 22

years ago when five top physicians told her she would not be able to get pregnant. With the help of a holistic gynecologist, Mrs. Peek-Haynes changed her diet and was able to give birth to her daughter, Abeni, who is now 20 years old. Mrs. Peek-Haynes has pioneered a health-care ministry at Friendship West to show people how they are starving their bodies of critical nutrients.

"During my healing process from infertility issues, I learned that every aspect of our being is connected," said

Debra Peek-Haynes. "Emotional and physical health is impacted by how we eat, drink, sleep, relate to others, meditate and pray. Eating healthy is a fundamental building block necessary to create a solid infrastructure for vibrant, healthy living."

Although she is not a licensed health professional, Mrs. Peek-Haynes can explain how to avoid many health problems like diabetes and heart disease by having a proper diet. She provides practical tips from a layperson's perspective in her new book, *The Beginners Guide to Healthy Living*. In it, she describes how to substitute good



ingredients for bad ingredients as well as exchange good habits for bad habits. The book is a guide for the entire family on how to develop a healthy lifestyle.

Friendship West Church member Phyllis Hill credits choosing a healthier lifestyle for relieving her painful arthritis. "Debra consistently made the point that the low-fat, low-calorie foods I was eating were toxic from the sugar and chemical contents. I sought out an independent, integrative-medicine doctor who confirmed for me that processed white sugar was toxic. It was the source of my joint

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## Lili Larson

PLANO - Wyndham Jade recently hired Lili Larson as its new director of national accounts. Larson will be an integral member of the sales team and will help answer the growing needs of the company's corporate travel customers, who are seeking innovative convention housing and registration solutions and site selection services.

"Wyndham Jade is extremely lucky to have Lili join its sales team," said Roy Benear, executive vice

president of sales and business development. "She has an outstanding dedication to service."

Larson began her career as a sales manager for the Crowne Plaza Austin, and then worked for eight years as the senior sales manager with the Radisson Hotel in downtown Austin. During her tenure with the Radisson Hotel, she consistently proved her ability to achieve results by focusing on her clients' needs while balancing the revenue



needs of the hotel. Her attention to detail, client loyalty and support will be beneficial to the Wyndham Jade sales team.

"I am excited to join this seasoned team of experts, who deliver tailored solutions to clients every day," she commented.

Larson earned her undergraduate degree from Les Roches International School of Hotel Management and is pursuing her master's in international hospitality management, marketing and innovation from Glion Institute of Higher Education. She

holds three industry designations: Certified Meeting Professional (CMP), Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) and Certified Hospitality Sales Executive (CHSE).

Wyndham Jade is a Plano based event and travel company specializing in convention housing and registration, meeting management, incentive programs, business travel and site selection. The company employs more than 120 professionals with annual revenues in excess of \$135 million.

## Clarence E. Sasser

Clarence E. Sasser, who was presented the Medal of

A recognition ceremony is planned for Nov. 7 in the

guished alumnus award. Blackmon and Lt. Gen. Joe Weber USMC (Ret.), the university's vice president for student affairs, spearheaded the effort to honor Sasser, with the full support of University President R. Bowen Loftin.

"On behalf of the entire Aggie community, I welcome Clarence Sasser back to campus to give us this opportunity to honor him for his heroic service to our nation—and for all of us, particularly our students, to be able to personally say 'thank you'," Loftin said.

Weber, a 1972 Texas A&M graduate, cited the significance of the upcoming ceremony to honor Sasser, for which his office will coordinate the program.

"November 7, 2013 is going to be yet another historic day on the campus of Texas A&M University. Clarence Sasser, an African-American former student and

Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War, will take his place among seven other Aggies who have been previously recognized for their courage, sacrifice and the highest level of service and action one could render to this nation," Gen. Weber noted. "The inclusion and acceptance of Clarence and his Medal of Honor into our Medal of Honor Hall of Honor is fitting, proper and long overdue.

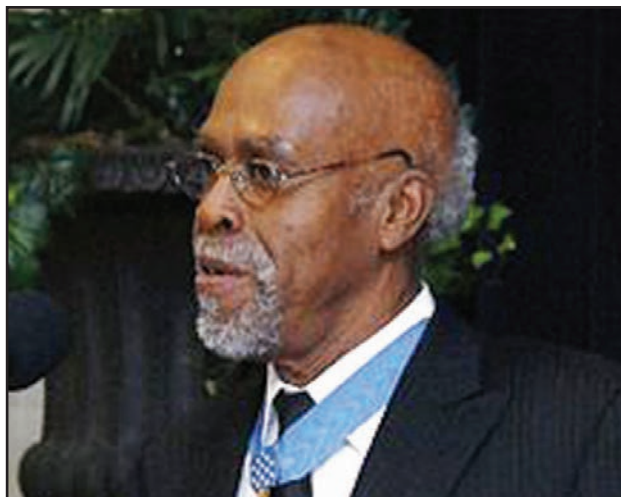
"Texas A&M University is both honored and privileged to ensure that his sacrifice will never be forgotten, and that his Medal of Honor and associated citation will be housed and protected in perpetuity on this campus within the hallowed halls of our Memorial Student Center," the general added.

Also, he thanked the student body, the faculty, staff, administration and The Association of Former

Students "for their overwhelming support in making this event a reality."

Sasser, who now lives in Rosharon, Texas, was a pri-

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Honor in 1969 for his service in Vietnam and subsequently attended Texas A&M University on a scholarship offered by then President James Earl Rudder, will have his name and likeness added to the university's Medal of Honor Hall of Honor.

Bethancourt Ballroom in the Memorial Student Center. The program is scheduled to include remarks by Sasser and several other notable speakers, including Judge Willie E.B. Blackmon, a 1973 Texas A&M graduate and recipient of the university's distin-

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## Specialized Judges as an Appropriate Response to Domestic Violence

BY JUDGE ROB CANAS

As I sit down to write this article, it has been about ten days since four women lost their lives in a domestic violence incident that threw the cities of Dallas and DeSoto into a state of shock. I am sure that event would have galvanized more of a community response if domestic violence murders were rarer events.

To offer some perspective, on September 11, 2001 over 3,000 Americans lost their lives in a terroristic attack and look how our country responded. Every year, over 3,000 American women lose their lives to intimate partners in domestic violence incidents but the response to this fact can barely be felt or seen.

That is not to say that there has not been any response. In fact, the national movement to begin changing attitudes about domestic violence began back in the 1970's as a branch of the women's equality movement. Freedom from violence in one's home is a fundamental civil right, especially for women and their children. Domestic violence really became a national topic of discussion when the O.J. Simpson case captured the nation's atten-

tion in 1994. In that year, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and provided money for communities to use to improve their response to domestic violence.

Locally, Dallas County's responses to domestic violence often mirrored the nation's responses. Some of the first women's shelters in Dallas opened in the 1970's. In the 1990's, the Dallas District Attorney's Office utilizing VAWA funds established a specialized domestic violence unit and County Criminal Court #10 became the first specialized domestic violence court in Texas.

The concept of specialization for domestic violence courts is critical because domestic violence is a counter-intuitive problem. For example, many people believe that domestic violence is an anger issue, when really it is a power and control issue. Or people will ask "why doesn't she leave?", thinking it is the victim who has the power to stop the violence, when really the question to ask is "why does he hit her," since it is the abuser who is responsible for the violence, and the only one who can stop it. Sometimes people who are not trained to un-

derstand domestic violence become police officers, prosecutors and judges. The results are often disastrous for victims and their children as their safety is jeopardized and offenders are not held accountable.

Judges with specialized domestic violence training are critical to holding offenders accountable. Offenders often try to minimize or deny their use of violence or try to blame the victim by suggesting she did something to justify the use of violence. A judge without specialized training is more susceptible to these messages.

For example, an offender may argue "I only pushed her" or "I only slapped her" as an attempt to minimize the violence and thus attempt to escape consequences. A trained judge learns to expect these arguments, refuse to accept them and remain focused on sending the message of accountability to the offender.

Assessing the safety risks a victim faces is the hardest part of a judge's job, and the most critical. Many victims want to keep their family together but they want the violence to stop. Thus the issue becomes whether the offender can be trusted to stay with his fam-

ily. The difficulty lies in that facts that what may seem proof of a minimal threat may actually be a factor indicating high-risk for more violence.

For example, an offender may make a comment to his victim such as "We are meant to be together until the day that we die." In a healthy relationship, this may be understood as a romantic statement but in a relationship with violence in it, this comment is possible evidence of an unhealthy fixation that could be a precursor to more violence. A judge without specific training may not be able to differentiate between the two.

In her call for action, Hillary Rodham Clinton stated that violence against women affects their "health and well-being; it hurts children and families and poses considerable costs to societies – economically and socially." The criminal justice system is a critical part of the coordinated community response to domestic violence and judges being at the top of that system can enhance or undermine that response. That is why, when after nearly twenty years of developing best practices, having specially

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Imagine a mother working a steady, full time, year round job at the federal minimum wage - \$7.25 an hour. Her annual salary will amount to just \$15,080. That puts her below the poverty line for a family of two, and well below the poverty line for a family of four. To make matters worse, her paltry salary depreciates in value each year, since the federal minimum wage is not tied to inflation.

At this rate, she could put in 45, 50 or even 60 hour weeks in an effort to keep her family off welfare, but she would still qualify for - and most likely need - public assistance.

This is hardly a hypothetical situation. Thirty

three U.S. states and territories use the federal minimum wage, and there are over three million mothers and fathers just getting by on full-time jobs. These are not the unemployed. These are the underemployed. These are the over employed and underpaid.

It is a travesty that millions of Americans work full time but still struggle to support their families. They are making a decision to be hard-working employees and responsible parents, but their employers are also making a decision - to pay them poverty wages.

Raising the minimum wage is imperative, and the potential cost to businesses and consumers is less than

you might think. According to a recent study by DEMOS, raising the federal minimum wage to \$12.25 (\$25,000 for a full-time, year round worker) would cost large retailers just one percent of total annual sales, and it would cost consumers just 12 to 18 cents extra per shopping trip. At the same time, this change would lift more than 700,000 people out of poverty.

There are several opportunities to make this a reality. In November, New Jersey voters will decide whether to raise the state minimum wage to \$8.25 and tie it to the cost of living. President Obama recently suggested increasing the federal minimum wage

to \$9. Even below the Mason-Dixon Line, two Maryland counties are considering bills to raise their minimum wage to \$11.25.

It is time for a new social contract for people at the bottom of the economic ladder. We need to stand up with workers in California and other states and demand a dignified minimum wage on the federal level and in our communities. We can no longer afford not to.

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## Fort Worth's Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis walk is Oct. 19

FT. WORTH – Crohn's and ulcerative colitis are painful, incurable diseases that affect the lives of approximately 70,000 adults and 6,500 children in Texas, and the numbers are growing. Many of those afflicted in Tarrant County will soon take to the streets, along with friends and supporters, to raise money for research and a potential cure.

The annual Fort Worth Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis walk will be held Oct. 19, starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Trinity Park Shelter House, 2300 W. Seventh St. in Fort Worth.

This year, Julie Dubois, a Fort Worth resident, was chosen as the walk's Honored Hero. Dubois was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis at the age of 22. Now, she is walking with her family and friends to raise funds and awareness for this debilitating digestive disease.

"Julie Dubois is a great inspiration to the Crohn's & colitis community," said Kris Eschman, senior walk manager.

"Surprisingly, these diseases are not very well known, yet they take a tremendous toll on people's lives."

Known collectively as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis affects 1 in 200 people. They are painful, medically incurable diseases that attack the digestive system. Crohn's disease may attack anywhere along the digestive tract, while ulcerative colitis inflames only the large intestine (colon). Symptoms may include abdominal pain, persistent diarrhea, rectal bleeding, fever and weight loss. Many patients require numerous hospitalizations and

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## Hunt's and Krafts launch Try, Share, Win! Sweepstakes

OMAHA -- ConAgra Foods, Inc. is bringing great taste and classic tomato goodness to your table with the launch of the Try, Share, Win! Progressive Sweepstakes. By featuring easy and delicious weeknight recipes containing 100% natural Hunt's tomatoes, the sweepstakes gives fans the chance to win thousands of prizes, including a grand prize of \$5,000 to host their own dinner party with celebrity Chef George Duran.

"To create a delicious meal for your family and friends, it's important to start with premium ingredients, and for me that is most certainly Hunt's," said Duran. "A can of tomatoes is the



perfect base for so many different types of recipes that can please anyone's taste buds. I am excited for fans to try the Hunt's and Kraft Signature Recipes so they can learn how easy it is to create a great, quality meal."

Hunt's has teamed up with Kraft Foods Group to

create nine recipes to add to the Hunt's Signature Recipe Collection, all of which include both Hunt's Tomatoes and Kraft Parmesan Cheese. These new recipes feature a variety of flavors and ingredients, including meals like Easy Chicken Parmesan,

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## Two Sisters serves up healthy cuisine at new Children's Adventure Garden

The garden isn't the only highlight when visiting the new \$62 million interactive Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden at the Dallas Arboretum. East Dallas favorite, Two Sisters Catering, has partnered with the garden to serve tasty, yet healthy options to the children and adults that will walk through its gates.

The Children's Garden Cafe is open on weekends from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and week days from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. While visiting the Arboretum's 'museum without walls', guests can dine on everything from a Lemon Tarragon Chicken Salad or Crustless Peanut Butter & Jelly to various snacks including hummus, greek yogurt



and granola parfait, and an assortment of fresh fruits and a wide selection of desserts. A full menu and pricing information can be found online.

"While Two Sisters Catering has been working with the Dallas Arboretum for many years on corporate and private

events, Connie Chantilis and I are thrilled to be bringing our award winning food to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden," stated Jonathan Stirnweis, Executive Chef and General Manager with Two Sisters Catering. "It is truly an amazing garden and the perfect spot to enjoy lunch!"

Currently portions of the Cafe are under construction. Once complete in late October, the menu of items will expand.

The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Timed tickets are suggested and available for purchase to ensure the best experience for all visitors.

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ical Conference & Exposition last week in Las Vegas.

"Finding a physician who understands the social, emotional, and educational problems in the context of a child's development and environment is important to both the child's physical and mental well-being," explains Dr. Marino, a clinical professor of pediatrics at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury. "Regular mental health screening helps to identify mental and social anxiety disorders and ensure those issues are addressed with appropriate treatment so they don't develop

into more-severe mental and emotional health problems."

Dr. Marino believes that pediatricians should be regularly exploring the following questions with teens:

- Have you lost interest in things you used to enjoy?
- Any change in your sleep patterns?
- Any thoughts about hurting yourself?
- Have you been feeling sad, down, or depressed?

"Parents can play an active role in assessing their adolescents' stress levels and mental well-being by understanding the warning signs that might indicate additional help is

needed," notes Dr. Marino.

He recommends parents watch for the following behaviors that could signal high-levels of anxiety, depression or other emotional or mental health problem:

- Lack of energy
- Trouble concentrating
- Signs of low self-esteem
- Lack of appetite
- Talk or inflicting pain to self or wanting to commit suicide

Overall, Dr. Marino stresses that families and physicians working together helps to ensure teens grow in a positive way both physically and mentally.

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denly the call was lost.

"I knew I had to call her back," Greene said later. "After growing up in an environment where I was exposed to domestic violence, I knew without a doubt that something was not right."

Greene urgently consulted with her supervisor about guidelines for taking action since the patient had already been discharged from the hospital. After receiving approval to call her back, Greene did so immediately and was relieved to hear the patient's voice again.

"Do you want me to call the police?" Greene asked bluntly.

Silence.

"Okay, can you just say 'yes' or 'no'?"

There was a long pause.

"Yes," the woman finally mumbled.

Greene swiftly hung up then dialed 9-1-1 to notify the police.

"I still viewed this woman as a patient who was in my care and I just did what I thought I needed to in order to keep her safe," Greene explained. "That's why I became a nurse—to help people."

A native Dallas resident who was born at Parkland, Greene said that after growing up in an abusive household, she could never be silent if she saw someone in the same situation.

"I would hope most people would do what they could to help someone else. That's what we do here at Parkland," Greene said.

A few weeks later, the patient returned to Parkland for treatment. Greene greeted her warmly and asked her how she was doing.

"That situation is done," the patient stated firmly.

With Greene's assistance, the abused woman had found the strength to break the cycle of abuse and live a safer, healthier life. According to U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, leaving a violent relationship is a process, not an event, for many victims, who cannot simply "pick up and go" because they have many factors to consider. In these situations, health care and legal professionals could be vital systems of support in helping victims of domestic violence leave the abusive situation

that endangers them and their children.

At Parkland, every person who walks in the door is screened for abuse. In 2011 alone, there were 23,472 cases of family violence reported in Dallas County, an increase of 4,313 cases since 2009. Abuse is not only defined as physical, but it can be sexual and emotional as well.

Parkland's Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/Rape Crisis Center offers support to children, teens, adults and families who have experienced abuse by providing free counseling, 24 hour response for victims seen at Parkland facilities, assistance with finding emergency shelters, legal assistance and other services. Spanish-speaking staff is available and services in other languages are offered through interpreters.

If you or a loved one is in an abusive situation and needs immediate assistance, call the Crisis Line at 214-590-0430. To make an appointment with a counselor or find out more information or call the VIP/Rape Crisis Center at 214-590-2926.

## Registration open for Frisco's Community Parade

Residents can register now to play a role in Frisco Community Parade, an annual opportunity to mark Veterans Day and celebrate community pride. The parade - featuring floats, school marching bands, high school football teams, cheerleaders, civic organizations and local businesses - starts at 11 a.m. on Nov. 9.

The deadline for registering is Nov. 5, and late entries won't be accepted. Fees are \$150 for nonprofit and youth organizations, and \$250 for business and professional organizations. Proceeds from the registration fees go toward the Frisco Education Foundation's student scholarships.

The parade departs Toyota Stadium and moves east on Main Street through downtown Frisco. Organizers are seeking for volunteers to help with staging and monitoring crowds along the parade route.

## Oak Cliff Cultural Center Presents *Knocking at My Door* in Collaboration with MAP 2013

DALLAS - *Living Condition* is an animated documentary and installation that tells the real life stories of three families living with a relative on death row. The installation weaves these families' stories together, describing the shock, fear and trauma of living with a relative on death row. Each family bears witness to highly politicized events, revealing perspectives that are rarely, if ever, heard. *Living Condition* was produced by Dee Hibbert-Jones & Nomi Talisman.

The exhibit will be on display at the Oak Cliff Cultural Center Oct. 11 - 24. The Oak Cliff Cultural Center is located at 223 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas. Ad-

ditional information is available online at <http://www.dallasculture.org/oakcliff-cultural>.

*Living Condition: Knocking At My Door* is presented here for the first time and is one section of the large-scale in-progress project *Living Condition* that includes two 30 minute films, an interactive site and public installations. There will be an in-progress screening and Q & A of *Living Condition: Bill's Story* at Dallas VideoFest on Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. in Theater 3 of the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Richardson. Follow the entire *Living Condition* project at [livingcondition.net](http://livingcondition.net).

## Little Elm's second Clean and Green event set for Oct. 19

LITTLE ELM - The second of the year's bi-annual trash and recycling collection program happens on Saturday, Oct. 19 as Little Elm's Public Works Depart. hosts a Clean

and Green trash and recycling event, says Kevin Mattingly, Public Works Director.

The Public Works Service Center, 1600 Mark Tree Lane, **See GREEN, Page 7**

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trained judges versus untrained judges still remains the most appropriate way to run a domestic violence court.

Judge Canas was elected in 2006 when Dallas County turned blue. Judge Canas' court was recently named a Mentor Court by the Department of Justice, one of only

three for the whole country. He also is a member of the faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence and travels around the country to train judges about domestic violence.

The op-ed was submitted on behalf of North Dallas Texas Democratic Women.



**Curtis Report**  
by Barry Curtis

It's very simple. Our founding fathers constructed a brilliant yet simple formula for the operation of our federal government. The concept is simple, three distinct branches of government that are as unique and dynamic as they are autonomous, each branch with their own agenda and thirst for power. The very make up is proof that our founding fathers believed in the principles of a limited federal government, leaving real authority close to the people as evidenced in the strong principles of states' rights.

It's very simple math. Simply put there are three branches of government, nine Supreme Court justices, 535 members of congress and one president. Thank GOD for the one president.

## It's simple really, leadership should work even if Washington doesn't

That is 545 individuals that are unique and dynamic as they are intellectually autonomous, each person with their own agenda and thirst for power.

Humility is the primary characteristic of a great leader. Mr. Barack Obama was born humble, but he grew out of it.

It's simply an enormous refuge of ego and pride.

It's simply a system that rarely acts in its own interest or yours.

It's simply a system that is greased by money and influence.

It's simply a matter of leadership. Leadership is based not only on words, but on actions that demonstrate character.

The dysfunction in Washington is by no means a new development. We have had political misery in Washington since our inception. In

fact it is my opinion that one of the motivating reasons that a separate district was created to hold the nation's capital was that few wanted the potential negatives of a federal capital that was mired in controversy.

Simply put, we don't have a lack of dysfunction but a lack of leadership. What do you remember from your history lesson about the civil war? Do you first recall the corruption, treason, and political intrigue of Washington? Or do you remember the unwavering character and leadership of Lincoln?

I simply query this to you. Was there any doubt about the resolve of Franklin Roosevelt to win World War 2? Was there any question of this war time leader's ability to carry out the nation's business? Did we not

buckle tighter in our confidence when he declared "we have nothing to fear but fear itself?"

I simply place this on the table before you my patriot friends. Compare Mr. Obama's words to that of President Kennedy, that simply doesn't compare does it? I simply encourage you to compare the actions of President Jefferson and Adams to that of Mr. Obama? Would those patriots make statements such as "leading from behind"? Making suggestive statements such as "America is on the decline." What president does that?

Simply stated Mr. President your words and action do not demonstrate the long held charter of an American president.

Reach out to Barry Curtis at [www.thecurtisreport.com](http://www.thecurtisreport.com).

## Paul Quinn College Alumni 20th Annual Scholarship and Award Banquet

Paul Quinn College Alumni is having their 20th Annual Scholarship and Award Banquet Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the college's Isabell & Comer Cottrell Student Union. The Grand Lounge in the Student Union is located at 3837 Simpson

Stuart Road in Dallas. All are invited to come and support Paul Quinn Alumni as they award scholarships to worthy Paul Quinn students.

For more information, please contact Ruby Baker at 972-467-1013 or [rubbybaker@aol.com](mailto:rubbybaker@aol.com).

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## JJ Pearce Choir Annual Chili Cook Off and Food Truck Fest is October 20

JJ Pearce Choir wants you to bring your best batch of chili and compete for bragging rights as they gear up for their Annual Chili Cook Off and Food Truck Fest on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. at JJ Pearce High School.

"Last year was such a success we decided to make this an annual event," said Michael Lysinger, JJ Pearce Choral Director. "A prerequisite for living in Texas is the right to brag about your chili. What better way to show off your culinary skills than a fun-filled afternoon of good spirited competition, good food, good fun and good friends?"

There are three categories in which your chili will be judged: The Grand Prize Winner and Best Team Presentation will be selected by guest judges and the People's Choice Award will be voted on by attendees

"The presentations are fun to watch because these teams can get very creative," said Lysinger. "Even if you don't have a secret chili recipe this event is for you. Our event coordinator, Jill Mearns, has arranged for some of the most popular Food Trucks in the area to be there including, Cup Cakin', Kona Ice, Ruthie's Rolling Cafe, Easy Sliders and Taco Party."

"This is a community event and having our feeder schools represented is a great way to show off not just our own talent, but the future of Pearce High School," explains Lysinger.

Each team can have up to 5 participants and registration per team is \$35. Entry fees and team registrations must be turned in by Oct. 15. Mak checks payable to: Pearce Choir Booster Club or PACBC ; ATTN: Choir Chili Cook



Off c/o Jill Mearns; 16323 Sunset Valley Drive; Dallas, TX, 75248.

Entrance to the event if you are not participating in the Cook Off is \$5 and can be purchased the day of the event. JJ Pearce High School is located at 1600 N. Coit Rd., Richardson, TX 75080.

Forms for the event can be found on the Pearce Choir website under the Cook Off tab or "Like" them on Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pearcechoirevents>.

## The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management announces participation in Kroger's Kids & Cops program at the State Fair of Texas

DALLAS – It's October and The State Fair of Texas is in full swing! The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management will be participating in the Kroger "Kids and Cops" program on Monday Oct. 14 at the Texas State fairgrounds.

The "Kids and Cops" trading card program is an

annual youth outreach program that seeks to create a positive experience between First Responders and children. The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management and members of the Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) will be on hand with representatives from the Dallas

Police Department as well as Dallas Fire Rescue to engage the participating children regarding preparedness as well as readiness in a time of disaster.

Preparedness information and events will be posted to the departments Facebook: OEMDallas and Twitter: @DallasOEM.

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pain and it caused autoimmune-type symptoms such as chronic inflammation," said Ms. Hill. "Over the last three months, since avoiding processed foods and balancing my hormonal, vitamin and mineral levels, I no longer have pain from arthritis, my blood pressure has dropped and I have lost 27 pounds. Debra's message is empowering in that it encourages me to make decisions with whole-body mindfulness."

In addition to healthy lifestyle tips from Mrs. Peek-

Haynes, the Oct. 12 conference includes cardiologist Dr. G. Mark Jenkins, personal trainer Ava Combs, gospel artist Angela Blair, comedian/actress Ajai Sanders, and body-language expert Linda Clemons.

Immediately following Mrs. Peek-Haynes' lecture and cooking demonstration, attendees can participate in a food tasting. The food samplings will not only include Mrs. Peek-Haynes' healthy recipes, but also food samples from healthy chef Cassandra Arm-

strong; Gwendolyn Jenkins, author of Recipes for a Neo Southern Lifestyle; and culinary-team leader Mary Helen Ponder.

The Title Sponsor for the conference is AARP. Other sponsors include Kroger, American Airlines and Home Depot.

Mrs. Peek-Haynes is planning to take her conference on the road for a 12-city, mega-church tour in 2014.

For more information on the conference, visit [www.debrapeek-haynes.com](http://www.debrapeek-haynes.com)

## More Texas teachers forced to moonlight

Forty-four percent of Texas teachers moonlight during the school year, and 61 percent take extra jobs during the summer to make ends meet, according to a survey by Sam Houston State Univ. commissioned by the Texas State Teachers Assn.

Some 60 percent of respondents said they were seriously considering leaving the teaching profession, a marked increase over the 46.7 percent who were considering a career change when a similar survey was conducted in 2010.

The moonlighters work, on average, almost 14

hours a week at their extra school-year jobs. Most – 83 percent – said they believed their teaching quality would improve if they quit the extra jobs, and 91 percent said they would quit moonlighting if their teaching salaries were high enough to allow it. But respondents, on average, said they would need a \$9,188 annual raise in their teacher pay to make up for the extra income. That figure roughly corresponds to the margin – \$8,273 – by which the average teacher salary in Texas lags behind the national average.

This is the highest percentage of teachers to report moonlighting since TSTA started sponsoring the survey, "Texas Teachers, Moonlighting and Morale," more than 30 years ago. In 2010, the most recent year the survey was conducted, 40.8 percent of teachers held extra jobs during the school year and 56 percent during the summer.

That was before the Legislature slashed \$5.4 billion from the public education budget in 2011. Since then, the average teacher salary in Texas has dropped by \$528.

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## Garland Symphony Orchestra presents Young People's Concert for Garland ISD

GARLAND - The Garland Symphony Orchestra begins its 2012-13 Young People's Concert series with a performance for Garland ISD in the Curtis Culwell Center (formerly Special Events Center) at 10 a.m. on Oct. 29 and 30 at the Curtis Caldwell Center.

The Garland Symphony Orchestra provides concerts for young people through their Young People's Concerts for Garland ISD. These concerts are a part of an age-specific, arts integrated curriculum de-

signed to enhance and supplement the arts education programs of the participating school district. This project works through teacher/school partnerships and culminates with a professional symphony orchestra performance by the Garland Symphony Orchestra for elementary school students in the Garland ISD.

The Young People's Concert program creates a platform for learning through creative discovery and enhances the development of critical skills that

will be useful to students in all learning endeavors.

The purpose of Garland Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concerts are to educate, inspire and entertain young students by acquainting them with the orchestra, introducing them to a live performance, as well as interest them in creating music and appreciating quality music throughout their lives. The Garland Symphony Orchestra tours its Young People's Concerts each year to over 7,000 elementary school students.

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vate in the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam at the time he performed his heroic actions that resulted in him receiving the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor in combat.

Texas A&M presently has seven Aggies whose names and likenesses grace the specially designated Medal of

Honor Hall of Honor section in the Memorial Student Center. All seven of them received Medals of Honor—including five posthumously for service in World War II.

On Jan. 10, 1968, Sasser, an Army medic, was helping evacuate soldiers wounded in a helicopter crash in a flooded rice paddy. While under fire, he carried one of the wounded

to cover and returned for more. Sasser continued to help his fellow soldiers despite running out of supplies and sustaining wounds in both his legs.

In an interview in 1968, Sasser was asked if he waded into the marsh to get all the wounded. "Everyone that I could," he replied, "whether or not I had medical supplies.

If they called, I went after them."

Following his military service, he enrolled at Texas A&M as a chemistry major in August 1969. Like some of the other Aggie recipients of the Medal of Honor, he did not graduate from Texas A&M, but university officials say Sasser embodies all that the Hall of Honor represents.

They add that generations of Aggies will have an opportunity to learn about Sasser's courage, along with the other seven Medal of Honor recipients who have served the nation with distinction. Like the others, Sasser's name, likeness and a brief description of the reason he was presented the Medal of Honor will hang in the Hall of Honor for all to see.

The event is planned during a week-long campus celebration to honor all veterans on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, and also is part of the university's semester-long 50 Years of Inclusion program.

The program is free and open to the public. Individuals desiring to attend should RSVP.

## Dallas County voters can get their Election Identification Certificates at various locations

Dallas County, along with the Texas Department of Public Safety, are offering Election Identification Certificates (EIC's) available to eligible Dallas County Residents, at various locations.

A list of locations is attached to this communication.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will be equipped to provide EICs to eligible voters. The Dallas County Clerks will be present to assist by providing limited-use birth certificates. The Dallas County Elections De-

partment will help to verify Dallas County voters, and to help residents register to vote or update their current voter registration. County Officials will be present and available to assist.

### THURSDAY OCT. 10

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410 S. Beckley Avenue  
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285 Uptown Boulevard  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Park In the Woods  
Recreation Center  
6801 Mountain Creek  
Pkwy  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church  
10101 Walnut Hill Lane  
Dallas, TX 75238  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY OCT. 11

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Valley Ranch Library  
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Irving, TX 75063  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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6990 Belt Line Road  
Dallas, TX 75254  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## AT&T U-verse launches more than 100 live channels on smartphone and tablet

DALLAS -- Watch your favorite TV shows outside. Keep the kids entertained while you wait for a doctor's appointment. Follow along with your favorite cooking show on your tablet in the kitchen. With AT&T.

U-verse, customers can enjoy live TV at home

or on the go at no extra cost.

AT&T launched more than 100 live channels on the U-verse App for smartphone and tablet, with more than 20 channels available to watch outside the home. The new channels are available to U-verse TV customers as part

of their U-family or higher U-verse TV package. AT&T will be adding more live channels and expanding the live channels to more devices on an ongoing basis.

"By making live TV content available across devices we're enabling our customers to watch TV on

their terms when and where they want it," said Mel Coker, Chief Marketing Officer, AT&T Home Solutions. "U-verse has always been about delivering a TV experience built around our customers, and this enhancement gives them even more flexibility and control."

In addition to live channels, the U-verse App also offers customers several great features at no extra cost like:

- Thousands of on demand TV shows and movies.
- Extra content and information about the TV show you're watching, including episode synopsis, photos,

cast and crew information, related TV shows and more.

•A full-featured U-verse remote control with channel guide.

•Ability to control your DVR remotely.

•Advanced search functionality to help you find the content you want.

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will allow vehicles to enter and exit on Mark Tree Lane and travel through the facility driveway stopping at the appropriate drop-off points for; 1) tire recycling, 2) E-waste, 3) document shredding, 4) household hazardous waste disposal, 5) bulky items, 6) brush and 7) metal. Arbor Day trees will be distributed as participants complete the loop and leave back through Mark Tree Lane. The free Arbor Day trees are only provided to those who participate in the Clean and Green event.

"Because we'll have the drive-through configured into these categories, residents should place their items in the same order before leaving home. That gives us the ability to keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion," added Mattingly.

If residents have items in one or two categories, they can move directly to those drop-off points, without navigating through the entire driveway. For example, if a resident has documents to shred and recycle and some unused fertilizer, they can drive to the document shredding and recycling drop-

off and then drive directly to the hazardous household waste drop-off, bypassing the other drop-off points.

"We'll have people available to help, but residents should keep their safety and the safety of our personnel in mind. Items should not be

heavier than can be easily handled by two people," he concluded. Proof of Little Elm residency will be required of all participants. A driver's license, utility bill or other document showing a valid Little Elm address will be requested.



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## Zoës Kitchen opening new location in Addison and giving away free meals

DALLAS - Zoës Kitchen, a popular, Mediterranean fast-casual restaurant featuring fresh, wholesome dishes, continues expansion in Texas. Zoës' ingredients, family recipes and a variety of menu items that are made from scratch daily. Zoës is one of the fastest-growing fast-casual restaurant concepts

throughout the North Dallas area and can't wait to share our homemade Mediterranean recipes with this community," said James Chang, regional operator of Zoës Kitchen in Addison. "We have strong roots here, so our mission to deliver fresh, authentic dishes and share our Southern hospitality with each guest every day."

To celebrate the opening, Zoës is giving away 500 meals at the new Addison location. Also one grand prizewinner will win Zoës for a year at the new restaurant. Visit Zoës Kitchen's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ZoesKitchen> to enter to win. The contest runs from Sept. 26 through Oct. 10.

Zoës Kitchen features the flavors of the Mediterranean, as well as a few Southern favorites. The menu will showcase entrees such as salads, pitas, sandwiches, and kabobs in addition to fresh sides like no-mayo slaw, potato sa-

lad, and braised white beans with fresh rosemary, among others. The freshly prepared sides are available in to-go pints called Fresh Takes.

Signature dishes such as chicken kabobs, chicken rollups and hummus and the restaurant's gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options feature an abundance of fresh vegetables and herbs, lean proteins and flavor! Zoës is committed to serving food of exceptional quality and using fresh ingredients prepared daily from original recipes – perfect for folks that value eating real, unprocessed foods but whose busy lives limit their time in the kitchen. There are no fryers or microwaves at Zoës, which is just one reason guests feel great after eating there.

At Zoës, guests can dine in, order online or call ahead for takeout. Also available are a variety of fully-prepared Dinners for Four for the hungry family on the go and Fresh Takes by the pint. Zoës' extensive

catering menu includes box lunches, party trays and hot meals for any business occasion or social gathering that can be delivered locally.

Zoës' Addison location is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The new location also plans to offer beer and wine.



Chicken Kabobs

new restaurant in Addison marks the company's 94th location reaching 15 states nationwide. Founded in 1995 in Birmingham, Alabama, by Zoë Cassimus, Zoës features quality in-

in the nation. The new Zoës location is located at 5100 Belt Line Rd Ste. 1056, next to Whole Foods.

"We're thrilled to continue to grow our presence

the flavors of the Mediterranean, as well as a few Southern favorites. The menu will showcase entrees such as salads, pitas, sandwiches, and kabobs in addition to fresh sides like no-mayo slaw, potato sa-

### CROHN'S, continued from Page 4

surgery. Most people develop the diseases between the ages of 15 and 35; however, the incidence is increasing in children.

Julie Dubois was selected as this year's Honored Hero because she truly exemplifies courage, commitment and persever-

ance in the face of adversity. Julie knows the struggles and challenges of living with a debilitating, unpredictable digestive disease every day, but it hasn't stopped her from keeping a positive outlook and persevering in her life and in pursuit of her goals to be

a physician assistant. She is an inspiration to other patients who struggle to come to terms with their disease and a role model for anyone looking to make a difference in the journey to cure digestive diseases. Julie is also a volunteer at Camp Oasis, a camp for

children and teens living with IBD.

"I feel that I have been able to use my diagnosis to spread awareness and create hope in others that you can live a vibrant and successful life with IBD," DuBois said.

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As recently as 2008, only 28 percent of teachers reported moonlighting during the school year, and only 22 percent had extra jobs when the first survey was conducted in 1980.

"Dedicated educators shouldn't have to juggle extra jobs to support their families, but the financial reality of being a teacher in Texas leaves them little choice," said TSTA President Rita Haecker. "Even so, they remain strongly committed to the needs of their students. Our elected officials need to give these

professionals the professional pay that they deserve."

The average salary of teachers participating in the latest survey was \$50,967 a year, and their average classroom experience was 16.9 years. Some 64 percent were the major breadwinners in their households.

Overall, the average teacher salary in Texas, based on data for the 2012-13 school year, was \$48,110. That was 38th among the states and the District of Columbia and was \$8,273 below the na-

tional average, according to the National Education Association.

The survey respondents also reported:

- Spending an average of \$697 a year of their money on school supplies, an increase of more than \$130 from three years ago.

- Spending an average of \$408 each month on health insurance, an increase of almost \$200 from 2010.

- Working an average 18 hours a week outside the classroom on school-related work – in addition to their moonlighting jobs.

- Overwhelming opposition – 95 percent – to letting a single standardized test determine whether a student gets promoted.

Dr. Robert Maninger, Dr. Sam Sullivan and Dr. Daphne Johnson of Sam Houston State University conducted the online survey of 306 teachers last spring. Some 80 percent of the participants were women, 48 percent had graduate degrees and they represented all grade levels and urban, suburban and rural school districts.



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# Inside Jesse Jackson's negotiation to win release of U.S. Vet

BY GEORGE E. CURRY  
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

HAVANA, Cuba (NNPA) – Jesse Jackson was ensconced in his 6th floor suite at Hotel Nacional, at the end of the hallway, as the four people he had invited to accompany him to Cuba – James Gomez, Director of International Affairs for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition; Lyle “Butch” Wing, the organization’s National Political Coordinator; Brewster McCauley, Jackson’s Chicago-based videographer, and this reporter – walked back and forth between the lounge and their rooms on the same floor.

Gomez and I were in the lounge discussing the utility of his iPhone charging case when a member of the local ministerial group hosting us rushed from an elevator and excitedly told Gomez, “They are here!” Gomez quickly went downstairs, returned about 10 minutes later and let everyone know it was time to move – quickly.

We all knew who “they” were members of FARC-EP, the Spanish acronym for Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia – the People’s Army, a guerrilla group that has been fighting to overthrow the government since 1964. Gomez had been in close contact with the rebels for nearly two weeks. But once we landed in Havana after a 45-minute mid-afternoon charter flight from Miami, neither of the phones Gomez or Wing uses for international travel worked. Internet service in the hotel, when you could get on line, was maddeningly slow. A member of the Cuba council of churches, the group that had invited Jackson to Havana, offered the use of his phone to contact the rebels. But Gomez politely declined, thinking it wouldn’t be wise to make the group’s cellular telephone number available to others without their permission.

Shortly after 8 p.m., five hours after our arrival, “they” were in the lobby of Hotel Nacional. After sizing up the loud, crowded hotel lobby, a

member of FARC decided the hotel wouldn’t be an ideal meeting spot. We stepped out of the front door, the FARC member signaled the driver of a van parked about 30 yards away to pull into the narrow, circular driveway and we all climbed into the vehicle. Sitting three rows back, on the driver’s side, was Pablo Catatumbo, a/k/a Jorge Torres Victoria, a member of FARC’s high command, called the Secretariat of the FARC-EP.

Jesse Jackson slid in next to him and the two talked as we rode to a secluded compound less than 30 minutes from central Havana. When we arrived, the driver flicked his lights twice and two armed guards stared at the van intently as the metal gates slowly eased open to allow our passage. After riding several minutes through a neighborhood within a neighborhood, we unloaded at a large, stately house that had once belonged to the Cuban elite.

Inside, several people greeted us, including Ivan Marquez, a/k/a Luciano Marin Arango, also a member of the Secretariat of the FARC. Before long, the FARC contingent had grown to nine, including a female interpreter who moved to Colombia about a decade ago from the Netherlands and former Colombian Senator Piedad Cordoba.

In 1999, the paramilitary group United Self-Defense Forces of Columbia (AUC), kidnapped Cordoba. She was freed after several weeks and exiled to Canada. A year later, she returned to Colombia, became a strong supporter of FARC, and has been instrumental in several prisoners’ releases.

Upon her entrance, Jackson fell to one knee as if he were paying respect to royalty. She persuaded Jackson to get up just as quickly as he had gotten down and everyone in the room erupted into laughter.

Everyone knew the matter at hand – turning over a captured American, Kevin Scott Sutay, to Jackson – was



no laughing matter.

Two weeks earlier, while in Colombia to attend a world conference of mayors of African descent, Jackson let it be known that he was interested in meeting with the rebels to discuss several issues, including Sutay’s possible release. They sent word for him to come to Cuba, where they have been participating in peace talks with Colombian officials since last November. Jackson accepted the invitation, which led to the meeting on Sept. 27.

Before discussing Sutay, who is often referred to as Kevin Scott, the leftist rebels provided an overview of their 50-year freedom struggle. Uppermost on their minds was the issue of land reform. In the 1960s, the Colombian government began subsidizing large private farms, many of them formed by displacing small farmers. By 1969, an estimated 400,000 peasants had been uprooted from their land. FARC and other rebel groups, who together control about a third of the country, sided with the peasants and have engaged in an armed struggle to oust various administrations for nearly 50 years.

According to the U.S. government, FARC has funded its revolution by extracting ransom for kidnappings and the production, distribution and taxing of illicit

drugs. Because of their alleged involvement in the Colombia-U.S. drug trade, the State Department has put a bounty on the two high-ranking leaders meeting with Jackson this night – \$2.5 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Catatumbo and \$5 million for the arrest and conviction of Marquez.

FARC controls about 190,000-square miles of the southeastern region of Colombia, mostly a thick jungle. That’s where Sutay was captured on June 8 after hiking through Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, and Bogota.

Jackson repeatedly said in the meeting that the issue of land reform was a legitimate one and that rebels could broaden support for their cause by releasing Sutay as a humanitarian gesture. Jackson said that single act would cause people around the world to look at FARC in a different light.

Marquez praised Jackson’s long record of successful humanitarian missions and said FARC was willing to turn Sutay over to him unconditionally. Because former senator Piedad Cordoba is the daughter of an Afro-Colombian father and a White mother, Jackson thought for aesthetics as well as other reasons, it would be good to include her in the

high-profile process.

However, the brown-skin attorney and former legislator declared that President Juan Manuel Santos was certain to object to her involvement and advised leaving her out of the appeal to the Colombian government for cooperation.

Jackson pressed the rebels to release Sutay to him immediately, saying he was prepared to fly to Colombia the next day. But FARC leaders reminded him that any successful release would require the following of certain protocols as well as cooperation from President Santos, the country’s former military chief.

Pablo Catatumbo carefully explained that Sutay was being held deep in the jungle and in order to bring him out, the Colombian government would have to agree to a ceasefire for a specified time – something that had to be clearly communicated to the field – and a properly identified International Red Cross helicopter would also be part of the rescue effort.

In order to not disclose the location of their fighters in the jungle, Catatumbo said, the Red Cross helicopter would be airborne before FARC would provide the coordinates to where Sutay would be picked up and flown to safety. The rebels would also need time to safely retreat from the area.

Coordinating these actions takes time, usually a minimum of four or five days, and a mistake at any point could doom the mission, he said.

Once the danger of the rescue mission was absorbed, the discussion turned to publicizing FARC’s decision to release Sutay to Jackson as a humanitarian gesture. The decision was made for former senator Piedad Cordoba to release a statement at 9 a.m. the next day applauding FARC’s decision to release Sutay and saying she would not be a part of the process because she did not want to be an impediment to Sutay’s release. FARC agreed to issue a statement an hour later announcing that it would unconditionally release Sutay to Jackson.

With the announcements set for the next day, the 3-hour meeting ended and we were driven back to the hotel around 11 p.m.

Saturday morning was filled with anxiety for Jackson, who observed members of the press camped out at the hotel awaiting word on his next move. But Jackson couldn’t say anything to the media until it had been confirmed that the two statements had been issued.

Senator Cordoba’s statement wasn’t released until around 10 a.m. Jackson had a staffer check several times to see whether FARC had released its statement and it hadn’t. Jackson’s delegation left the hotel around 11:30 a.m. for lunch at a local restaurant. An hour later, the statement still hadn’t been issued and there was an obvious shift in Jackson’s mood. Normally, Jackson loves banter, joking and talking. And he loves talking to the media as much as anything else. Having covered him for nearly four decades, including his 1984 presidential campaign, I have always said the most dangerous place in the world is standing between Jesse Jackson and a television camera.

In the restaurant, Jackson grew sullen, sitting in a chair

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## NDG Gossip: Halle Berry welcomes a new edition to her growing family

By SHENICE SANDERS,  
NDG INTERN

Halle Berry is official back on diaper duty again.

The 47 year-old actress gave birth to her second child a baby boy on October 5 at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles multiple sources confirm. This is her first child with husband Olivier Martinez, Berry also has another child 5-year-old Nahla, with ex Gabriel Aubry.

"This has been the biggest surprise of my life, to tell you the truth," the 47-year-old told *CNN* in April, shortly after her pregnancy went public. "I thought I was kind of past the



point where this could be a reality for me. So it's been a big surprise and the most wonderful."

Martinez revealed that he and Berry were expecting a boy back in June, telling *People*, "My son will remain an

American, but I will remain French."

Since the birth much speculation has been talk about re-grading the name of their son, since Martinez nor Berry has confirm the name.

Earlier reports from *TMZ* have stated sources familiar with the situation have release the baby's name as Maceo Robert Martinez.

Whatever the case may be the new edition into Berry's life has not slowed her down one bit. She is set to star in Steven Spielberg's new *CBS* drama *Extant*, which is schedule to premiere Summer 2014.

Congratulations to the happy couple!

## Disney's Lion King on stage at Dallas Summer Musicals impressive again

By RUTH FERGUSON,  
NDG EDITOR

*Disney's Lion King* on stage at the Dallas Summer Musicals is an event every fan of the original movie and live theater should see. In an age of high tech, when you see the show – especially the first time – you will be in awe of what they can achieve with what on the surface appears relatively low tech.

The fluidity of the movement of the animals and how realistic they can appear in movement is rather remarkable when you consider there is no visible high tech computerized wizardry involved. From the opening scene when the animals parade down the aisles, everything from birds to elephants, adults woo and aah just as the children.



OK a small confession; the performances of the leads did not stand out for me. But the majesty of the story and the production makes for this to the point you almost don't notice. The best energy performance wise comes from Brown Lindiwe Mkhize as the wise bamboo Rafiki.

Disney's *Lion King* is on stage during the State Fair of Texas until Oct. 20 and you can purchase tickets, by calling Ticketmas-

ter at 1-800-745-3000, or via the Internet at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Also, group discounts are available.

This is the third time the show has arrived on stage in Dallas, and if you have never seen it before you certainly should. If you have seen it before, take someone who has never had the pleasure to enjoy *Disney's Lion King* on stage at the Dallas Summer Musicals.

## Movies to see this week & VideoFest 26

By Ruth Ferguson,  
NDG Editor

Keep your eyes on NorthDallasGazette.com for full reviews at the movieplex this week. While I can't wait to see *Gravity* (thanks to a cold, I missed opening week), two films you should check out in-

clude: *The Inevitable Defeat of Mister and Pete* with two young new leading men co-starring with the likes of Jennifer Hudson, Jeffrey Wright and Anthony Mackie.

Also, a completely new spin on "foreign language" films *Pulling Strings*, which is a romantic comedy that is 60

percent English, 40 percent Spanish and 100 percent delightful.

Finally movie fans, you must check out VideoFest 26 which runs Oct. 9 - 13 around town but primarily at Alamo Drafthouse DFW. More details on our website and VideoFest.org.

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## Embracing entrepreneurship instead of a JOB

BY WILLIAM REED

(NNPA) *Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.*” – Steve Jobs

When you were growing up, were the conversations at your house centered on concepts about business, or more along the line of “go get a job?” *Entrepreneurship is not a subject that is discussed regularly around the dinner table in African-American homes.* There's a lack of business traditions among African Americans and a paltry record of entrepreneurial successes. Smaller probabilities of having self-employed parents, demographic trends and discrimination are primary reasons for the limited level of entrepreneurship in contemporary African-American communities.

American Blacks must cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit independent of politics and who occupies the White House. The low historical rate of African American entrepreneurship is a well-known fact. The 100-year-old, discrepancy between Black and White entrepreneurship levels could be eradicated within a few generations if more African Americans embraced and practiced entrepreneurship. More Blacks have to get a better grasp of concepts such as capitalism and entrepreneurship.

Some Blacks equate capitalism with racism, but the truth is the free market system isn't racist and is the best provider for Americans of all



business venture. Although forms of business ownership vary by jurisdiction, several common forms exist: A sole proprietorship is a business

Capitalism is the social system in which the American economy operates. Under this structure, the means for producing and distributing goods (the land, factories, technology, transport system etc.) are owned by a small minority of people with a motive to make a profit. Entrepreneurship is an employment strategy that can lead to economic self-sufficiency. Self-employment is a vital facet of the United States economy. Entrepreneurship has been a means for the economic advancement of numerous ethnic groups. Take note of most of the merchants in areas populated by Blacks. Ninety-nine times out of 100, Blacks patronize merchants who are not members of our race. Entrepreneurs drive America's economy and account for the majority of our nation's new job creation and innovations. America's 25.8 million small businesses employ more than 50 percent of the private workforce, generate more than half of the nation's gross domestic product, and are the principal source of new jobs in the U.S. economy.

An entrepreneur is a person who organizes, operates, and assumes the risk for a

business venture. Although forms of business ownership vary by jurisdiction, several common forms exist: A sole proprietorship is a business

owned by one person for-profit. A partnership is a business owned by two or more people. The three typical classifications of for-profit partnerships are general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited liability partnerships. A corporation is a limited liability business that has a separate legal personality from its members. Corporations can be government owned or privately owned, and corporations can organize either for-profit or not-for-profit.

Starting a business is a lot of work. The hours are long, sacrifices are great and you are confronted with new problems and challenges

every day. The nature of being an entrepreneur means that you fully embrace uncertainty and are comfortable following your heart and intuition. Those who succeed do so because of their unwavering belief in the endeavor they have initiated.

### What are you leaving your children?

More Black parents need to be in a position that they can “leave the business” to their children. If we concentrated and worked hard, the 100-year-old discrepancy between Black and White entrepreneurship levels that many call “racist” could be eradicated. More of us must embrace “Black Capitalism”

to build wealth through the ownership and development of businesses. Prominent Black capitalists include: Booker T. Washington, the founder of Tuskegee Institute, Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association, Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. Robert Reed Church, a wealthy African American and founder the nation's first Black-owned bank in 1906, Solvent Savings.

*William Reed is head of the Business Exchange Network and available for speaking/seminar projects through the Bailey Group.org.*

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**VideoFest 26** at Alamo Drafthouse DFW in Richardson, 214-948-7300

**October 11**  
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**African film: Mercy Mercy: Portrait of a True Adoption** at Alamo Dr-aft-house Cinema-Richardson Theater 3, 100 S Central Expy in Richardson, Presented by: Dallas VideoFest26 at 4:15 p.m. [info@videofest.org](mailto:info@videofest.org)

**Colorama** at A.A. CR Smith Museum, <http://www.crsmithmuseum.org>

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**ArmeniaFest 2013** at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 1805 Random Rd. in Carrollton, 12 noon, 972-245-6995

**Gustavo Alvarez** at Plaza Theatre, 6 p.m.

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**Black At The Assassination** by Camika Spencer & Kyn-dal Robertson is a TeCo Theatrical Productions at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center [www.te-cotheater.org](http://www.te-cotheater.org)

**October 18**  
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## AARP and Black Enterprise Launch Small Business University

WASHINGTON - AARP with more than 37 million members and Black Enterprise, have announced the launch of the Black Enterprise Small Business University. The four-week, online video course will offer expert advice to entrepreneurs looking to start and grow profitable small businesses.

It kicked off on Monday, Oct. 7 with "Crowdfunding and the Future of Small Business," Small Business University, sponsored by AARP, aims to assist entrepreneurs in three different stages of business development: the aspiring start-up, the part-time entrepreneur, and those with an already established enterprise. To register, visit <http://www.>

[blackenterprise.com/sbu](http://blackenterprise.com/sbu).

"Many Americans dream of owning their own business, sometimes as a second or third career, and using their creative talents to do productive work that also helps them gain economic stability," said Edna Kane-Williams, AARP Vice President, Multicultural Markets and Engagement. "AARP looks forwards to collaborating with Black Enterprise to provide valuable resources and information that will help strengthen small businesses and encourage more entrepreneurs to reimagine their careers."

The Black Enterprise Small Business University will consist of three original

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Students attending this year's Young People's Concert will enjoy a musical adventure featuring Sousa's *Washington Post March*, Leroy Anderson's *The Waltz of the Flowers*, Saint-Saens *Dance macabre*, and Tchaikovsky's *Waltz from Sleeping Beauty*.

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Join us for Worship Services as we praise God for the victories in our lives. Come and grow with us.

**October 16, 7 p.m.**  
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In addition, Small Business University experts and the Black Enterprise editorial team will be available via Twitter chats to connect directly with participants, answer questions and provide additional resources.

"Over the past five years, Small Business University has become one of our most popular multimedia offerings at BlackEnterprise.com," says Edmond, who produced the

first series of Black Enterprise SBU videos in 2009 as Editor-in-Chief of BlackEnterprise.com.

"Partnering with AARP to help new and aspiring entrepreneurs, including those who are pursuing business ownership as a new chapter of their work lives after a career of working for employers other than themselves, is a major opportunity for us to promote both entrepreneurial and financial success."

To register for the Small Business University and for additional information, tools and resources about small business success, visit www.blackenterprise.com/sbu and www.aarp.org/blackcommunity.


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"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in him." **1 John 2:27.**

Do you know your anointing? An anointing is a gift from God that functions easily when it is operating in you to benefit others *and* the Kingdom of God. If you have to "work it up" then you have probably gone outside your anointing.

An anointing is something that you don't seek for, it comes naturally. It is your inheritance. Where do you move naturally in your life? What do you do that you don't have to work at it? Perhaps that is your anointing. God

wants you to walk in the anointing he has given to you.

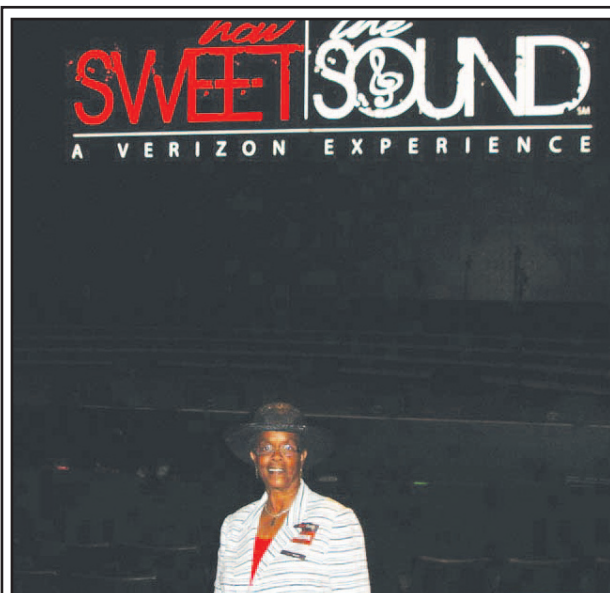
Your gift is something that makes you useful to others and to God's kingdom.

When Jesus met Peter, he saw an spontaneous man who drew quick conclusions and was very opinionated. I believe that Jesus, in His human part of the body, had His doubts about him for future leadership. However, Jesus, in His Spiritual body saw something in Peter that was going to be useful once the rough edges were removed.

Peter was a fool for the Kingdom of God. The reference to someone being a fool was not necessarily a negative term. A simple fool was a person who made mistakes, but quickly righted them and was restored to fellowship with God and with others.

King David was a simple fool, one who made mistakes, but kept a repentant heart toward God. This is why God did not turn away from him for his many sins.

The hardened fool makes



Ms. Rachel Lewis, President of Professional Achievers Community Excellence (PACE) enjoying a great night at Verizon, How Sweet The Sound and taking pictures with the winning choir along with the celebrity judges for the event

mistakes but never learns from them, is not repentant and will not listen to others.

When you look at the state of the world, the complacency of your neighbors, the lifestyles of sin that so many are involved in, and the attitudes and actions of people

today, your anointing is something that could help people, to point them in the right direction, to lead them to experience God's love, protection, and freedom.

Learn to know your anointing (gift) be useful to God's kingdom and your fel-

lowman; trust God to carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ's return.

And don't forget to ask God to keep your eyes open to see what are His works and His will; that you will follow Him and Him only so that you

will obey His prompting and resist the detours and roadblocks that Satan will attempt to put in your way.

Ask for wisdom and strength for the journey in your anointing to be useful to the kingdom of God and man.

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All day long, while you're at school, you really miss your parents.

But that's okay. You know you'll see them in a few hours or a few days and it'll be fun. You'll get hugs and give kisses, make dinner together, and read stories.

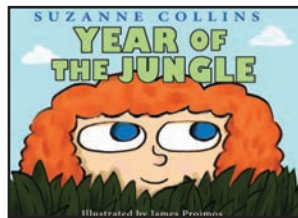
But some kids, though, they have to wait to see their Mom or Dad, and it might be a long time. In "Year of

**Year of the Jungle is a great book for children who have parents in the military**

the Jungle" by Suzanne Collins, illustrated by James Proimos, you'll see why.

Suzy, who was the youngest in her family, loved when her dad read poems to her. She particularly liked the ones about a dragon because he was "the bravest of all." The dragon was special, and so was everybody in Suzy's family.

But Suzy's daddy had to go away for awhile. She knew he was going to a place called Vietnam, and someone said he'd be "in the jungle." That reminded her of her favorite TV cartoon, which was about a jungle man who swings from a rope.



Her dad would be gone for a year. That seemed like a long time.

While he was gone, Suzy's dad sent lots of post-cards. He missed her first day of first grade. He wasn't there to read the paper to her, or poems. He wasn't around for Halloween or Thanksgiving, but he sent a Vietnamese lady doll home for Suzy's Christmas present.

Suzy tried hard not to worry, even though grown-ups acted weird when they found out where her father was. She tried not to think about her dad in the jungle, until she got a birthday card from him and it was nowhere near her birthday. It was hard not to think about him after she saw a TV news report with explosions and hurt soldiers.

That made her cry.

It was a long year, but then her dad came home – just that quick!

He wasn't quite the Daddy that Suzy remembered. He looked tired, he was awfully thin, and sometimes, he looked like

he was thinking about the jungle.

He came home with gifts, but the best gift of all was having him home.

I really liked this book, but I struggled to determine its audience.

"Year of the Jungle" will be way better understood by grandparents than by children: author Suzanne Collins' tale, for instance, touches upon pop-culture things that would resonate with people who were kids during the Vietnam War. Yes, today's children know all about war and parents going away to fight one, but will they understand this story?

I think so.

Collins based her book on her own childhood recollections, and her memories of loss, worry, and confusion are wisely innocent and timeless without being too scary. Illustrations by James Proimos help maintain that lack of frightfulness.

Overall, this is a grown-up-kids book that I think may actually be comforting to children whose parents are in the military because it assures them that "most people come back." And for that, "Year of the Jungle" is one that neither of you should miss.

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off to himself, saying very little. However, when news came around 2:30 p.m. that FARC had issued its statement, the old, playful, energized Jesse Jackson quickly returned. After a brief stop at an office to see the English translation of FARC's statement, we headed back to the hotel where Jesse Jackson held court in the courtyard near the ocean.

"We accept this obligation and opportunity to render service to Kevin Scott, his family and our nation," Jackson told reporters.

Late Saturday night, the BBC reported that Santos had rejected the offer to help Jackson retrieve the American veteran.

Santos tweeted, "Only the Red Cross will be authorized to arrange for the handover of the North American kidnapped by the FARC. We will not allow a media spectacle."

Except for Sutay and his family, no one was more despondent than Jackson.

True, he craves media attention. Equally true, however, is that he recognizes that he has a unique ability to bring back dozens of Americans captured around the world when government-to-government efforts fail. In the past, he has persuaded the government holding prisoners to release them to him. In this instance, a third party rather

than a government is holding an American prisoner. And this time, Jackson says the pressure has shifted from him to the U.S. government to make sure Kevin Scott Sutay, a Navy veteran who fought in Afghanistan, returns home safely.

"An American veteran has been captured and accused of being a terrorist when, in fact, he was a tourist," Jackson said in an interview with the NNPA News Service. "I have been given permission to get him, but I can't bring him home by myself."

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