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COMMENTARY

The question no one seems to be asking Donald Sterling

By George E. Curry
 NNPA Columnist

Why would a White racist have sex with a person of color?

That's the question that few people in the media want to raise, let alone address. But it is an age-old contradiction not limited to Donald Sterling, the hate spewing soon-to-be former owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Beginning with slavery in the original colonies –

even earlier in Africa with the arrival of European colonizers – White men have forced themselves on Black women. Caucasian men from Thomas Jefferson on the left to South Carolina Senator and longtime arch-segregationist Strom Thurmond on the right have projected one image in public while having sex – even children – with Black women under the cover of darkness. They were talk-

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Made you look! Young entrepreneur strikes gold with his innovative twist on traditional advertisement

Kobe Lewis learns the ins and outs of networking and entrepreneurship as he builds an empire in digital advertising from the ground up.

By D'Andrea Willis
 NDG Contributing Writer

If you had an idea that was out of the realm of what has been traditionally done, would you act on it? Kobe Lewis did. Lewis is founder and CEO of SmartWay Ads, a Dallas based firm that offers indoor digital marketing for clients.

SmartWay offers placement in locations that have a high rate of foot traffic to ensure maximum reach of the target audience. Lewis isn't new to the business world; he has run many businesses ranging from clothing stores to LED billboard rentals. That being said, Kobe Lewis formulated the concept of SmartWay Ads with the best interest of small businesses in mind.

Lewis was born in West African country Gambia. Being from a family of engineers, he was expected to follow the same path. After giving engineering an honest try, he decided to take a stab at marketing and business, which seemed to peak his interest more. Lewis's next big decision was to build his own empire from the ground up. While Lewis was steadily running his business selling LED billboards on high-



Kobe Lewis and client Star Fyah of Star Access at SmartWay Ads launch event.

ways, he had a light bulb moment, "Moving these digital billboards indoors would be more beneficial, versus going 80 mph and hardly being able to see what's being advertised." Lewis said. This idea was the birth of SmartWay Ads. The logic was simple to Lewis, "How

many times have you been listening to the radio and when a commercial comes on, you change the station?", "Or taking a sandwich break as soon as the ads come on while you're watching TV?", SmartWay Ads

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Cecilia Garza

At the Texas Youth of the Year (YOY) Award Competition in Austin, Texas on April 15, 2014, Cecilia Garza, a senior at Uplift Williams Preparatory, advanced in the competition to represent Texas at the regional level as "Youth of the Year." This program celebrates youth who have overcome enormous odds and demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments. As a result of winning the State Competition, Garza received a \$1,000 scholarship from Boys & Girls Club of Am-

erica and \$4,000 from Coca-Cola.

In June, Garza will compete for the 2014 Southwest Region Youth of the Year. The winner will be announced at the 25th Anniversary Great Futures Chairman's Dinner 2014 at the Omni Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

If Garza wins, she would compete in September against five other regional winners in Washington, D.C. for the National Youth of the Year title, which is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Clubs member can



achieve.

Garza is a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of

Greater Dallas (BGCD) and has been an active member for three and a half years at

the Uplift Williams Preparatory location. She is very involved in her school and community. Garza is also a part of a variety of programs that are offered through BGCD such as: SMART Girls, Collegiate STEPS and Career Launch. In keeping with her tenacious spirit of giving back, she established an Interact Club at her school during her senior year.

The mission of an Interact Club is to teach high school students the importance of giving back, especially in time of need.

After high school, Garza looks forward to attending Austin College or Agnes

Scott University in Atlanta. In hopes of becoming a neurosurgeon, she plans on majoring in biochemistry and then entering medical school. She also dreams of one day using her education to benefit others through organizations such as Doctors Without Borders.

"Garza will be a first generation college student and plans on taking the necessary steps to make her dreams a reality. She is a natural born leader destined for success, and we could not be more proud of her," said Charles English, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas.

Moriska Selby

By Jill Anderson
Harvard

The sixth graders call her "Chef Selby," even though Ed.L.D. candidate Moriska Selby is not a trained chef.

On Wednesday afternoons at Orchard Gardens K-8 Pilot School in Boston, you will find Selby, dreadlocks meticulously pulled off her face, busy cleaning black laboratory tables with Clorox spray. It's part of her "Top Chef Apprenticeship" — a 10-week course, run under the nonprofit Citizen Schools,

that teaches 20 sixth-grade students cooking techniques, vocabulary, and 21st-century skills. Each week her challenge is teaching them how to cook in a science classroom using only microwaves, toaster ovens, and George Foreman grills. Arguably, it's a daunting task that would likely stump even the most celebrated top chefs. Yet, Selby has been doing so for five years in Boston-area schools.

Upon seeing the bright-colored silicone muffin cups on the tables, a sixth grade

boy exclaims, "Yay! We are making cupcakes."

But they are not. Selby urges them to quickly put on their white aprons, paper chef hats, and take a seat. She has only 90-minutes to teach the students about a celebrity chef, a cooking technique, and how to make frittatas.

"I love to cook," she'll tell you, but some might say Selby's true love is education.

When she arrived in New York City as an immigrant from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines at age six, she found solace in the classroom and in the kitchen. Her family instilled the impor-

ance of education with a mantra of "get an education, get a job, and be successful in America." Selby excelled in the classroom, ranking number eight out of a high school class of more than 400 students. Though she considered being an accountant, Selby recognized her passion for helping others. "Education naturally does that," she says.

As a senior at Tufts University studying child development, she volunteered for Citizen Schools, a nonprofit that expands learning opportunities for middle school



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Stephanie Couser

The Urban League Board of Trustees announced the election of Stephanie Couser, an executive at Mutual of Omaha Bank, as its new Chairperson at the 2014 Annual Meeting Luncheon.

The Board also announced the election of 1st Vice President, Roy Lopez, Vice President Development Banking at Capital One; 2nd Vice Chair, Terry Woods, Vice President of Sales at Tech Star Group; 3rd Vice Chair, Robert Jones, Attorney, American Airlines; Secretary, Patricia Mims, President of Urban League Guild; and Treasurer, Gary Spurgeon, Vice President General Manager of Radio One.

The following new board members were also sworn in, Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor at Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, J. Maceo Hall, Auto Claims Division Manager at State Farm, Wilton Hilton, Corporate Vice President of Human Resources at EmCare, Roy Lopez, Terry Woods, and Gary Spurgeon. Continuing board members include Jesse Crawford, Verizon, Candice Quarles, President of the Urban League Young Professionals, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Immediate Past Chancellor Dallas County Community College District and past Board Chair, Stan Levenson, CEO at Levenson and

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Sotomayor: A voice of reason among reckless rhetoric

By Marc H. Morial
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"Race matters...because of the long history of racial minorities being denied access to the political process...because of persistent racial inequality in society — inequality that cannot be ignored and that has produced stark socioeconomic disparities."

— Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court of the United States.

Two weeks ago, in a disturbingly

lopsided 6-2 vote, the United States Supreme Court once again became a willing accomplice in the recent onslaught of attacks on 50 years of civil rights progress.

On the heels of last year's decision by the court to dismantle the Voting Rights Act of 1965, on April 22, the Court ruled that Michigan voters had the right to ban race, i.e. affirmative action, as a factor in college admissions. The court's decision undermines a landmark 2003 ruling that affirmed the use of race-sensitive ad-

missions policies at the University of Michigan Law School because of a compelling interest in fostering diversity in higher education.

In 2006, opponents of that ruling successfully campaigned and passed Proposal 2, a state constitutional amendment that gave voters the right to supersede elected university trustees and the right to ban the consideration of race as one of many factors in admissions. It is important to

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ing White (superiority) while sleeping Black.

I don't for a moment pretend to know how to explain this obvious contraction. But in the case of Thomas Jefferson, the chief author of the Declaration of Independence, contradictions became a way of life long before he bedded and had children with Sally Hemings, a Black woman.

Jefferson will forever be inextricably linked to these words in the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

At the time our Founding Fathers were proclaiming unalienable rights from God, most of them were enslaving God's dark-skin creations. Jefferson enslaved nearly 200 African Americans.

As Columbia University history professor Eric Foner wrote, "Slaves, of course, experienced the institution of politics and law quite differently from white Americans. Before the law, slaves were property who had virtually no legal rights. They could be bought, sold, leased and seized to satisfy an owner's debt, their family ties had no legal standing, and they could not leave the plantation or hold meetings without permission from their owner."

And White owners did not need anyone's permission to violate Black women.

Jefferson began having sex with Sally Hemings, one of his domestic servants, when she was a teenager. The Thomas Jefferson Foundation acknowledges that it "and most histori-

ans believe that, years after his wife's death, Thomas Jefferson was the father of the six children of Sally Hemings mentioned in Jefferson's records, including Beverly, Harriet, Madison and Eston Hemings."

South Carolina, like Virginia, had laws prohibiting both interracial marriage and intercourse between Blacks and Whites. If a free Black man had sex with a White woman in South Carolina during the Colonial period, he would automatically lose his freedom, according to Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.'s book, In the Matter of Color.

Years later, Strom Thurmond's interracial dalliances would represent the height of hypocrisy.

Running for president in 1948 on the Dixiecrat ticket he said: "I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, there's not enough troops in the army to force the Southern people to break down segregation and accept the Negro into our theaters, into our swimming pools, into our homes and into our churches."

Fifty years ago, Thurmond led the filibuster against the 1964 Civil Rights Act, still the longest debate in Senate history.

Thurmond referred to Negroes as "nigras." But while publically despising Blacks, he had a different attitude in the bedroom, impregnating his parents' 16-year-old maid. The daughter of that encounter, Essie Washington-Williams, wrote in her autobiography, "As much as I wanted to belong to him, I never felt like a daughter, only an accident."

Armstrong Williams, a Black conservative who began working Thurmond in 1978, recalled the senator confirming he was Washington-

Williams' biological father.

"The subject came up again while the senator and I were attending a South Carolina State football game in Orangeburg. He mentioned how he had arranged for Mrs. Williams to attend the college while he was governor...." Williams wrote. "When a man brings a child in the world, he should take care of that child," he told me, and added, "She'll never say anything and neither will you. Not while I'm alive."

And neither did — until after Thurmond's death.

Considering the history of Thomas Jefferson and Strom Thurmond, no one should have been surprised when Donald Sterling told his mistress, who described herself as part Mexican and part Black:

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people. Do you have to?... You can sleep with [black people]. You can bring them in, you can do whatever you want. The little I ask you is not to promote it on that ... and not to bring them to my games..."

"I'm just saying, in your lousy f***** Instagrams, you don't have to have yourself with, walking with black people... Don't put him (Magic Johnson) on an Instagram for the world to have to see so they have to call me. And don't bring him to my games."

Donald Sterling, far from being a rarity, simply added another link to the long, scandalous U.S. history of hypocrisy.

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Young, black, female ... and expendable



Curtis Report

by Barry Curtis

The tragedy of life comes in many dismal forms, but one that continues to puzzle and baffle right minded people is the plight of young, black females the world over. The statistics are alarming and should trouble all races.

Here in the United States, according to the FBI, minority children make up 65 percent of all non-family abductions. Black kids make up 42 percent of that minority statistic and the majority of the kids that are missing are female (87 percent). This should send shutters down the spine of our black community.

To compound the worry, as I search the database of missing and exploited children in many states, no photos of black children even exist. For example, a recent search for children in Colorado on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's database produced no black kids reported as missing in the en-

tire state? If that doesn't shout expendable, nothing does.

Black girls in the US are not even safe in the womb. The tragedy of black pregnancy is a national disgrace. Some 50 percent of all pregnancies to black women end in abortion. The



Eight-year old Relisha Tenau Rudd was a homeless child that went missing in January in Washington. Her suspected kidnapper's body was found, to date she has not been. Source: Washington Metropolitan Police Department

tragedy is twofold; first by the usually young female, ending her pregnancy ends up being a life scarred with the ghost of the aborted child and of course the ultimate tragedy is the systematic killing of so many black babies. It is clear that early on, even black girls are taught that life is expendable.

Black or dark girls don't

fare much better around the globe. The sex slave industry is flooded with young black girls. The fact is that most sex slave operators kidnap and recruit from Africa and South America. Recently, we see in Nigeria the kidnapping of over 300 black Christian school girls by Muslim extremist to be sold as slaves. This is proof that Africa's misery continues to compound.

The facts are grim and troubling. We can have hope that things will change and we should have hope. Hope however is not a strategy, it's just a feeling. The remedy is not so simple either.

It is clear that we must teach our young black girls to value their body and that of the unborn. We must teach personal responsibility to young boys and girls. We must as a nation and group of nations combat the scourge of sex slaves and cut off the demand for such a sick and demonic practice. No other demographic is such a dire and troubling risk of sure suffrage and or death as a young, black female.

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Teens are using common spices to play dangerous games

Cinnamon, nutmeg and marshmallows are often used by teenagers to play risky games.

The "Cinnamon Challenge" usually starts with teenagers daring one another to swallow a spoonful of powdered cinnamon without drinking any water. Swallowing cinnamon can cause gagging, vomiting, coughing and choking, as well as throat irritation.

The concern with the Cinnamon Challenge is that the cinnamon quickly dries out the mouth, making swallowing difficult. As a result, teens who engage in this activity often choke and vomit, injuring their mouths, throats and lungs. Those with asthma and other respiratory condi-

tions have suffered more serious consequences. Teens who accidentally breathe the cinnamon into their lungs also risk getting pneumonia as a result.

Kids are also snorting, smoking and eating large quantities of nutmeg to produce a marijuana-like high. The spice contains a hallucinogenic called "Myristicin".

Nutmeg's harmful effects include anxiety, dizziness, confusion, headache, hallucinations, seizures, stupor, nausea, vomiting, excessive thirst, double vision, chest pressure, numbness, coma and even death. In pregnant women, the spice has

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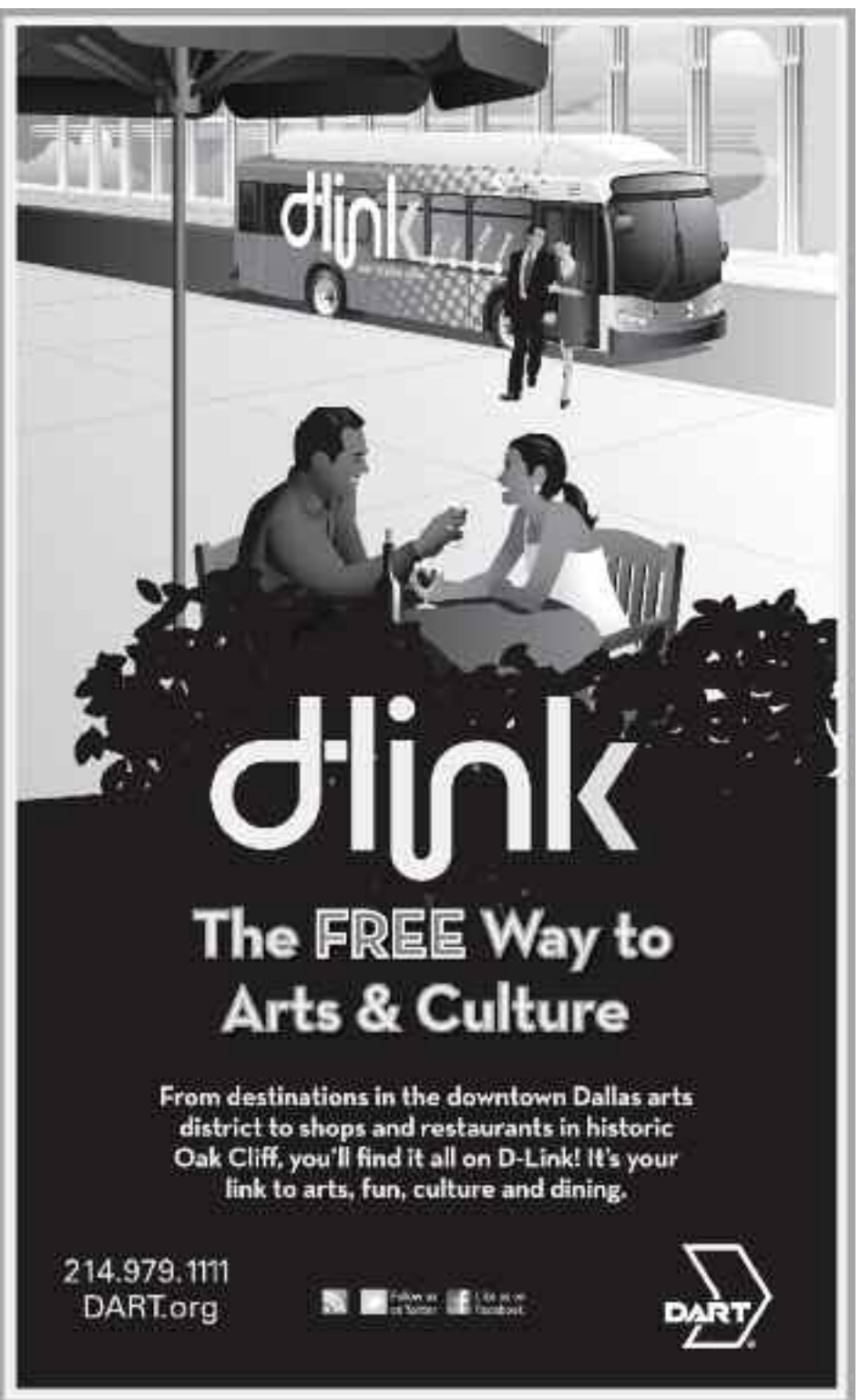
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2014 "Create to Celebrate" winners announced

PLANO -- PepsiCo's Frito-Lay North America division this week announced the winners of its "Create to Celebrate" Black History Month art contest, which invited consumers to submit an original piece of art celebrating African American achievement in Black History. To celebrate, Frito-Lay will donate \$20,000 to the United Negro College Fund

(UNCF). The donation, which will help support the future educational needs of artists and students across the nation, was driven by thousands of consumer votes.

"The tremendous enthusiasm and level of engagement our fans have shown in the 'Create to Celebrate' Black History Month art contest is truly inspiring," said Haston Lewis, senior

director of marketing, Frito-Lay North America.

"Through this contest and our partnership with UNCF, we are honored to contribute to such an important cause and help improve the lives of talented artists."

From January 13 to February 16, fans nationwide entered an original piece of art celebrating African American achievement in Black History as part of

Frito-Lay's "Create to Celebrate" Black History Month art contest.

From there, each eligible entry was featured in an online gallery at www.createcommunityarts.com and eligible fans (13 years of age and older) were asked to vote for their favorite piece of art. The top-

25 entries that received the most online votes became finalists and the winners were selected by a Frito-Lay judging panel based on artistic talent, creativity and Black History Month relevance.

The complete list of 2014 "Create to Celebrate" Black History Month art contest

winners include:

- Danielle Johnson of Biloxi, Miss. will receive the \$10,000 grand prize
- Sam Fuller of Dallas, Texas will receive the \$5,000 second prize
- Alannah Vincent of Dothan, Ala. will receive the \$2,500 third prize

Experienced kindergarten teacher pens new guide for parents

WASHINGTON, N.J. — Author Jeannie Podest combines her experiences as a mother and kindergarten teacher to give parents a comprehensive overview of the kindergarten year in her new handbook, "Lessons Learned: The Kindergarten Survival Guide for Parents" (published by Balboa Press).

Podest wrote "Lessons Learned" to ease many common fears that parents

have about enrolling their children in kindergarten. She offers advice from a parent and teacher perspective about topics such as first day of school preparations, making new friends and the parent's role in their child's education.

"Lessons Learned" also offers Podest's views on the importance of kindergarten today, illustrating its change from a preparation stage to

becoming the first year of formal education.

She discusses the balance of work and play in the classroom, how learning weaves itself into seemingly playful activities and the increase in kindergarten homework assignments.

"Parents are trying to keep up in this ever-changing world," says Podest. "I've spelled out everything they need to know."

Study finds strategic thinking boosts brain health

Strategy-based cognitive training can help build mental strength, according to a study conducted by researchers at the Center for BrainHealth at The University of Texas at Dallas.

The study, published in the journal *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*, was designed with a "gist-reasoning strategy" in which participants used multidimensional thinking strategies, instead of specific cognitive tasks like memorization, to enhance their brain power.

"Our brains are wired to be inspired," said Dr. Sandra Bond Chapman, founder and chief director of the Center for BrainHealth and Dee Wyly Distinguished University Chair at UT Dallas. "The ability to recognize, synthesize and create the essence of com-

plex ideas and problems to solve are fundamental skills for academic, occupational and real-life success."

The study examined three cognitive strategies: strategic attention, integrated reasoning and innovation.

In the advanced level of the study, they interpreted or produced themes or statements from the information they read. The participants also were challenged to apply the training skills in their daily lives outside of the research, which was conducted in about a dozen one-hour sessions over one to two months.

Researchers found gains in abstracting, reasoning and innovating. The training also improved other areas including memory, planning and problem-solv-

ing.

"Strengthening intellectual capacity is no longer science fiction; what used to seem improbable is now in the realm of reality," Chapman said.

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NDG Book Review: *The Hippest Trip in America : Soul Train and the Evolution of Culture & Style*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

They should have called you Super-Fly.

Yep, that's what you were, dancing in front of your TV every Saturday, spinning on the carpet and waving your arms around until you got yelled at for "gonna break something." But you were the flyest of fly. The only thing you were going to bust was a move, just like on Soul Train. And in "The Hippest Trip in America" by Nelson George, you'll read about the iconic TV program that you never, ever missed.

Everyone knew that Don Cornelius had "ambition": he was a car salesman, policeman, and insurance agent before his "foghorn voice" led him to radio in 1966. He made the transition to TV two years later, and he soon realized there was a need for a "black" TV show. He presented the idea, then found major corporate sponsorship, and on October 2, 1971, Soul Train appeared locally in Chicago.

The show was "overnight hot" but Cornelius knew there was more to this idea. With another sponsor on-board for a na-

tion-wide launch, Cornelius pitched the show to the networks, but they turned it

down. He decided to syndicate Soul Train and moved the show to Los Angeles.

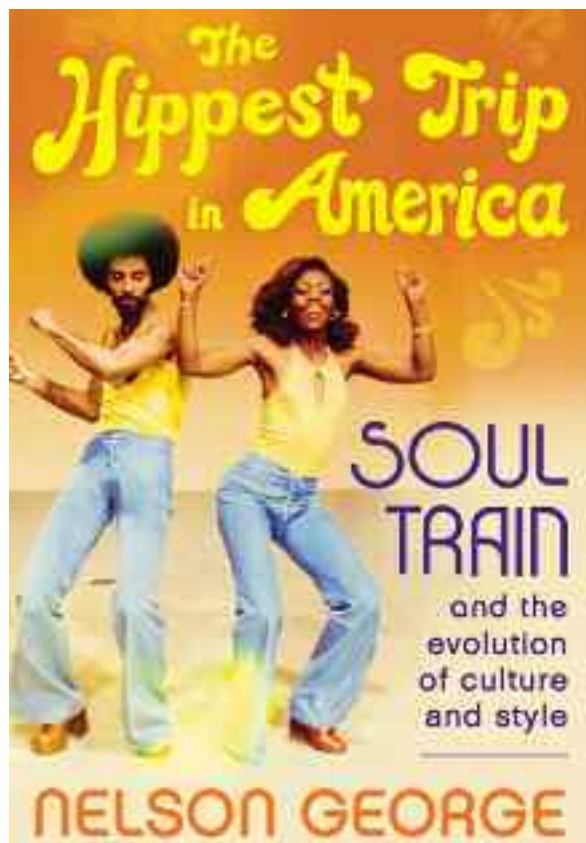
Though the music was always the focus of Soul Train, Cornelius knew that the dancers (in particular, those in the Soul Train line) were what brought viewers

back.

In L.A., scouts kept their eyes open for promising teens who could dance, often mining prospects from three main area clubs.

Dancers performed for free and were fed chicken dinners, but the real appeal of being a Soul Train dancer

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been known to induce abortion.

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was fame and the opportunity for a career in show biz. It seemed as though every regular viewer wanted to be a Soul Train regular, too.

But as much as Cornelius controlled his show (and, to a certain extent, his dancers), he couldn't control what happened, culturally. Early-90s fashions con-founded him, music videos

concerned him, and gangsta rap made him uncomfortable. And so, though the show would continue for another 13 years, Cornelius announced in 1993 that he'd step down as Soul Train host – a move that arguably meant “the show was over.”

From its first pages and throughout, the word “joy” crops up often in “The

Hippest Trip in America,” and for good reason: it was everywhere in the show and even more in this book.

I took great joy, in fact, in seeing how author Nelson George sent me to the internet.

His descriptions of what happened through the years on Soul Train made me want to see, too, and there are plenty of clips online. I also liked the interviews with former dancers and the

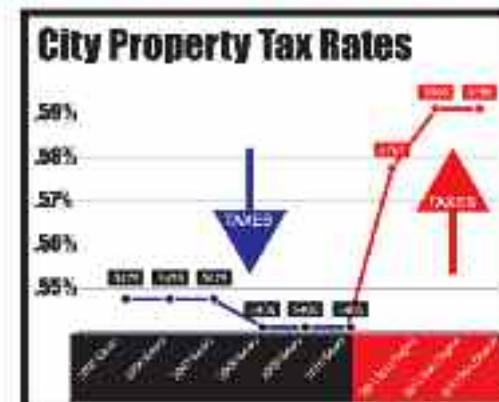
cultural frame-of-reference included here, and the history of the show – along with little-known tidbits – made this a great (and surprisingly fast-paced) read filled with reminiscing, “love, peace, and soul.”

Get out your bell-bottoms and your best dancin' shoes, have a good internet connection, and get ready. For you, “The Hippest Trip in America” is a book you'll want to bust out and find.

THE WRONG DIRECTION

In the last 3 years...

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After being promised the opposite...

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...In just 3 years!



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A BETTER DIRECTION

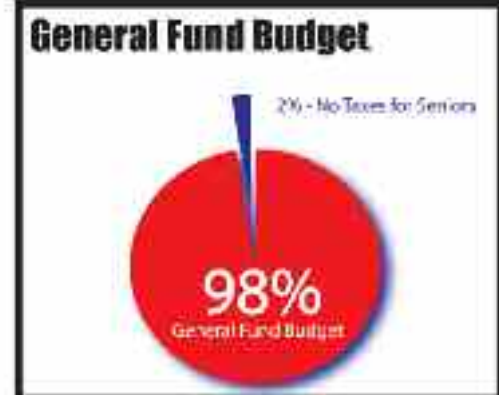
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We need a better direction in the mayor's office.



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April 10
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April 28
First day of early voting

May 6
Last day of early voting

Saturday May 10
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Solid Dependable Leadership for Irving

- Served as one of two Irving representatives on the Community Service Block Grant Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Dallas.
- Served 6 years on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Irving. Re-appointed to a second term November 2010.
- Served on the Mayors Human Relations Advisory Committee (Mayor Herb Gears).
- Was part of two delegations representing the City of Irving in the All American City award contests in Atlanta Georgia and Louisville Kentucky.
- Founder and present Pastor of the Bear Creek Community Church 2011 Fairly Hill Irving Texas. Served as the non-salaried secular pastor for 18 years.
- Implemented the Bear Creek Community Church Summer Math, Reading and Writing enrichment program for Irving youth. Was recipient of the USD Golden Apple Award for support of USD youth.
- One of several organizers and former President of the Grand Prairie Firefighters Association.
- Served on the Trustees Board of the Renaissance Charter School.
- One of the founders of the Bear Creek Development Corporation (First Community Housing Development Corporation in the City of Irving.)

RE-ELECT Webb

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF DISTRICT 3 AND THE ENTIRE CITY OF IRVING

"In my first term I learned a lot about municipal government that will enable me to be an even more effective council member next term. It's important we elect experienced leadership to guide Irving's future in this very competitive environment."

Some first term achievement I Initiated

- Initiated a \$125k dollar renovation of a substandard park in district 3 (Doris Park)
- Responsible for Fire Dept. EMS personnel covering USD Stadium during High School football games instead of private contractor, saving the USD money and providing more efficient service.
- Prevented the closing of Sam Houston and Austin middle school recreation centers.
- Pushed for LCG lawsuit mediation/settlement.
- Organized and chairs the new Council Public Safety Committee.
- Worked to increase the Therapeutic program (program for disabled residents) from 3 days a week to 5 days a week starting the summer session.
- Established, hosted, and personally funded the first of 4 citizen's water tours of the city's water utility system. (7 hour tour)
- Working with staff to create a new boarding home ordinance to address rehabilitation homes coming to Irving.
- Help establish the first sustainable Community Garden in Irving on my church property.
- Part of delegation to accept the Matcom Holridge Presidential Award in Baltimore MD.

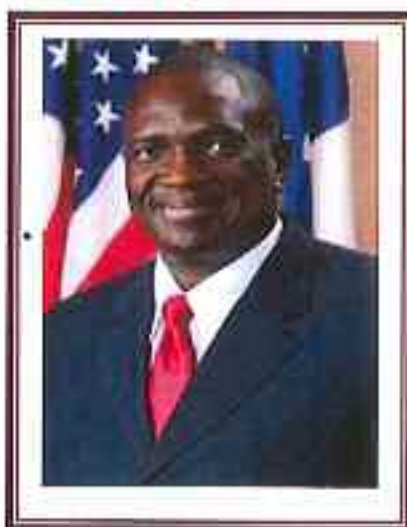
Thank You for your Vote in 2011. District 3 voters gave me a 63% victory in my first term. As you can see from some of the accomplishments above I have been focused on the community despite the tremendous amount of time and effort the other duties the office entails. I desire to return to the council to continue my advocacy for district three and initiate new ideas that will benefit Irving.

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- Born November 10, 1958; Jefferson Texas. Age 55
- Married for 31 years to Lydia Webb.
- Blessed with three children (Darius Jr., Robert, Myka) and 5 grand children (Kyanah, Damaris, Derrick, Rylee and Daise).
- Graduated from North High School in 1977
- Attended Southern Bible Institute 1987-1989
- Attended Criswell Bible College in Dallas Texas 1991-1996
- Retired from the City of Grand Prairie Fire Department (18 years) Served 20 years as a Lieutenant
- Founder and Senior Pastor of the Bear Creek Community Church, Irving Texas (18 years)
- Has lived in the same home in district 3 for 31 years.

The *NDG* guide to doing Mother's Day right

Mother's Day is next weekend and Mom does not need another hat for church or a plaque that says "World's Greatest Mom". Here are a few suggestions for a great gift that you mother will talk about for months to come.

Calgon Take Her Away – What does every mother long for? A night alone and in peace! As much as she loves all of you she occasionally wants to have some time alone to take a long bath or read a book. So, get mom a gift certificate to a swanky hotel. I would suggest the Adolphus or the Hilton Anatole.

Get'er Done – There is just not enough time in the day to get everything done. So, why not arrange a cleaning service to come by and Spring clean. Dallas Maids



and Walo Maids are great local companies.

Memories – Remember before Facebook a long long time ago when you there was an actual

family photo album? The perfect gift, especially for grandmothers, is a photo book. Think about how many great pictures grandmother is missing because she doesn't

have a Facebook page. Wal-Mart and Shutterfly have wonderful options.

Feed Me Baby – Nothing makes a mother happier than having a meal with the whole family around the table. Here are four great choices:

• **SER Steak and Spirits**

Enjoy a wonderful brunch on the 27th floor of the Hilton Anatole. The food is delicious and the views are breathtaking. They also will feature music from a local pianist, adding even more elegance to the splendid affair.

• **The 2nd Floor**

All your brunch buffet favorites, waffle bar, omelets, carving station, \$2 mimosas. \$58 Adult, \$26 Child, age 5 + under

free. Hotel valet parking included. 18% gratuity added.

• **Foundation Room House of Blues Dallas**

Praise the Lord, pass the biscuits and show your mom you love her by bringing her to HOB for Gospel Brunch. We'll have 10am & 12:30pm seatings.

• **Jasper's – Plano**

Join us for Mother's Day Brunch Special Menu for \$39 per person from 11:00- 3:00. We will open at 5:00 for regular Dinner service.

• **Jorge's Tex Mex Cafe**

Mother's Day will include chef and bar specials. Fruit puree mimosas and bloody-ritas. Complimentary flower for MOM and a fun kid menus for 12 and under.

Dallas Arboretum opens new Magnolia Glade just in time for Mother's Day weekend

With Mother's Day in mind, the Dallas Arboretum announces the opening of a new garden the Nancy Clements Seay Magnolia Glade. The garden was made possible by a gift from her daughter and son-in-law, Pauline and Austin Neuhooff, in her honor.

The Nancy Clements Seay Magnolia Glade is a lovely, calm, green space in the center of the botanic garden. The west side is framed by 50-foot-tall magnolias from the Dallas Arboretum's Magnolia Allee, originally

planted by Arthur Berger, the acclaimed landscape architect for Everette DeGolyer. The Glade is gently enclosed by 35 new 'Teddy Bear' southern magnolias. In addition to the Butterfly Japanese Maples, large white flowering camellias, loquats and many others add to the palette of interesting horticulture within it.

Designed by landscape architect Warren Hill Johnson, the Glade showcases the beauty of these magnolias by creating an enclosed area and having four winding entrances. The plantings

are themed to accent variegated colors of green and shades of white with year-round beds that have seasonal white blooming flowers. The sound of cascading water, with its beauty, moves through the garden. Rivulets wind through the Glade and pour into its elegant water feature providing distinct areas for spreading a blanket for reading and family picnics.

The garden is peaceful and quiet until the Dallas Arboretum opens, then guests find this area and make it their

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The new Nancy Clements Seay Magnolia Glade at the Dallas Arb

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makes people look, it's innovative, creative, and you will receive the attention you want for your business," Lewis said.

Lewis had the job of building this business from the ground up, some people with the same vision may ask Lewis what his key to success is.

According to Lewis, if there's one factor that he can attribute his success to, it's networking. There's a new spin on the old saying that goes "It's not who you know, It's what who you know ... knows."

In Lewis's case, his contacts know a lot that would eventually benefit him. A web of connections led him to launch his business in Dallas in January 2014.

Lewis is a firm believer in help-

ing other business owners. He has implemented various networking events with the intent to commune various industries and give them an opportunity to network among each other. His most recent networking event featured individuals representing a range of fields from financial planners to massage therapists. Lewis says this is his way to contribute to the success of other businesses.

Lewis has also started a group that includes his personal acquaintances that are business owners as well. Every two weeks, this group meets up for a meeting they call MasterMind in which they collaborate with each other sharing tips, advice, and ideas among each other. Lewis sees a benefit in this saying "I'm not

making any money, but it's beautiful to see this group get each other going. You can see noticeable growth in these companies. It's a really good feeling."

Lewis has visions that reach beyond his business. He plans on starting a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching people life skills.

"I have nothing against our education system, I just feel that there are things that you're not taught how to do that are necessary for life." He plans on having lessons featuring the importance of credit, financial planning, and motivational speakers giving seminars on making it through the trials of life.

"I want to teach kids that there are many ways to be successful other than going pro in sports or selling drugs", Lewis says. Lewis

also has a vision to develop a program that recognizes those who have contributed to the community. "It's important to show thanks to those who have helped."

Lewis has learned many things from developing his own business but one idea that sticks out to him as an important lesson to remember is that if you want something done, you have to do it yourself.

"I have learned how to read people; you have to understand who truly has your best interest at heart. People will say that they will help you, but when it comes down to it, you have to do all of the hard work yourself."

According to Lewis, his digital advertising empire has just begun. He has a short-term goal to be known across Texas as the leading provider in digital advertising and a long-term goal of global expansion.

sion of SmartWay Ads and its brand. Since his Dallas launch event that took place on March 29 at Buttons Café in Addison, Lewis is currently working on his next domain of placing digital advertising in hotel elevators.

In a nutshell, Lewis markets his digital advertisements as the best way to give a brand the attention it needs. With the natural intrigue that SmartWay Ads gives, the consumer will have to look twice at the brand being advertised. As a plus, the rate Lewis offers for SmartWay ads is substantially lower than his competitors. He offers a monthly rate of \$99 for his services which also include social media blasts.

More information on Lewis' venture can be found at Smartwayads.com.

Hip Hop leaders form partnership with NNPA

By Jimmie Davis, Jr.
Special to the NNPA
from the *Miami Times*

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. – Upcoming hip-hop artists may find it challenging to get a DJ to play their songs or a mainstream media critic to review their music, but if they belong to Core DJs World Wide, they have nothing to worry about.

Last week, leaders of the group representing, representing more than 500 of the nation's most influential DJs, met with National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Chairman Cloves Campbell and a partnership was established that will give them access to approximately 200 Black newspapers. In turn, NNPA will have a strong connection with a new generation of readers.

"We want to merge the hip hop community with the Black media," Tony Neal, CEO and founder of Core DJs World Wide said in an exclusive interview with the *Miami Times*. "Now we have two well-defined voices reaching the people."

Core DJs World Wide instructs young executives on how to polish their talent and business skills. That was done during a 3-day that ended Monday at the



Above, NNPA Chairman Cloves Campbell and the legendary DJ Scratch.

At right, Tony Neal, founder and CEO of Core DJs Worldwide at 10th anniversary conference in Miami Beach (Photo by Markeda Childress).

Below, Jineea Butler brought Black Press and Hip Hop community together.



Sheraton Four Points Hotel on South Beach amid celebrating the group's 10-year anniversary.

A third – and perhaps most important – factor was Jineea Butler, president of Hip Hop Union. She was responsible for forming the union between Hip Hop Union, Core DJs World Wide and the NNPA.

"There was no type of conversation taking place between the Black Press and the hip hop community," Butler said. "We have to support one another."

In addition to creating the unique alliance, Butler is a columnist for the NNPA News Service, reaching nearly 19 million readers.

Whether you're a DJ, singer, rapper or model – Core DJs is the team to belong to, because as the pre-

number one concern for rappers and R&B singers, and Neal has made this course of action relatively simple for his members. Throughout the conference, artists had opportunities to network and establish a rapport with DJ's and producers.

Once the DJ's listens to the music – the artist's stands a better a chance of getting their music played in clubs and on the radio

by a DJ. Musicians have to promote their strengths through establishing what's called a "brand."

"Your brand is your image," Bizz said. "It's who you are."

R&B singer and song writer Sincere Grant, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma performed his hot new single "Red Carpet Ready." He has a very delightful CD that's going to catch the eyes of a major record label.

the hip hop community and the Black Press. "We are here to let the collective know that the Black Press is a means of communication that they need to take advantage of," said Campbell.

"Our role as the Black Press is to give them positive exposure in the community they serve."

Entertainer, Owner and CEO of Pack Rat Productions Sheryl Underwood is also a member of Core DJs World Wide and she says the gathering made a tremendous impact on the lives of individuals striving to get their foot in the door.

"I just love what I'm seeing here because there's so much unity," Underwood said. "This is how you select the next president."

Neal, Butler and Campbell all agree that by utilizing the principles set forth during the civil rights era a movement has flourished where Core DJs Worldwide, the NNPA and Hip Hop Union is a powerful political unit.

"We have created a political interest group," said Brooklyn Recording artist and Producer Jazo. "Musicians as well as members of the community will benefit from this partnership."



"I'm trying to push my entertainment career to the next level," said Rapper Pedro "Bizz" Juan Julio, who travelled from Topeka, Kansas to attend the conference. "I want to sign with a label, so I can feed my family." His debut CD is entitled "Count Me In".

These days it takes more than charisma to get noticed

Don't be surprised, because has a very productive future in the entertainment field.

There was also a "Wrap" Session moderated by George E. Curry, editor of the NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.

The "Wrap" session was all about the role that the NNPA is going to play at bridging the gap between

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On May 13, the Chamber will host a panel discussion on “What is Your Data Worth?,” a seminar focused on successfully managing the ever-increasing amount of data to create a competitive advantage needed to grow in today’s business environment, as well as how to leverage your business data to grow revenue, control costs and create value.

On May 14, a special Business Connection on May 14, 7:45 a.m. which will include Speed Networking and special speaker Susan Sharpiro, CEO,

OnPoint Coaching pre-register by clicking Business Connection.

Throughout the week, the Chamber wants to encourage small businesses to also participate in a series of Small Business Administration webinars:

Monday, May 12
Smart Small Business Travel: Strategic Ways to Increase Your Return on Travel | 3-4pm CT | with Marriott and Visa

Despite the clear upside, many small business owners limit travel because of cost or a reluctance to be away from their business. Travel is an investment in your business. And like any investment, you want to maximize your return. Get advice and tips on how to do just that.

Growing Your Business

with Direct Mail | 5-6pm CT | with the United States Postal Service

Learn about the value direct mail offers as part of an overall marketing strategy. Gain insight on how mail can be used to acquire new customers, and establish relationships that keep them coming back.

Tuesday, May 13
Small Business: Big Benefits | 3-4pm CT | with Colonial Life

Choosing between offering a robust benefits package or cutting back on total offerings is a challenge for many small businesses. Learn about “voluntary benefits” that can allow you to strengthen your existing benefits packages at little or no additional cost.

Wednesday, May 14
Achieving Big Customer Loyalty in a Small Business World: 10 Tips to Create A Killer Customer Loyalty Program | 2-3pm CT | with Manta

Learn about the best approaches to jump-start your small business’ customer loyalty program, including how to make sure that your program fits your business’ needs and how to get positive ROI from a digital customer loyalty program.

Thursday, May 15
Practical Marketing – A Five-Step Marketing Program for Small Biz | 2-3pm CT | with YP

Gain insight about how to get the most from your marketing time with a 5-step practical marketing plan focused on “doing” -- not marketing theory.

National Small Business Week has been celebrated by proclamation of the

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note that only race was singled out for the ban.

Other factors, such as alumni status, athletics and geography remain in place. A federal appeals court subsequently ruled Prop 2 unconstitutional as it violated the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The case made its way to the Supreme Court, and the egregious decision in *Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*, the 2006 amendment was allowed to stand.

Justice Anthony Kennedy was joined by Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Alito, Scalia, Thomas and Breyer in concurring in the judgment. Having worked on the case when she was Solicitor General, Justice Kagan recused herself.

The two dissenting votes were cast by Justices Ginsberg and Sotomayor, the court's most reliable civil rights defenders. Justice Sotomayor's written dissent is an exceptionally scholarly, eloquent and impassioned argument in defense of affirmative action.

She methodically eviscerates the majority's legal justification for its decision, citing several previous cases where the court overturned attempts to change rules midstream in ways that were detrimental to minority voters.

She also reminds the court of its obligation to right historical wrongs and to expand educational opportunities for those who have traditionally been locked out.

Her dissent is based primarily on the court's untenable allowance of a change of rules that nullify the authority of elected University governing boards and now permit a majority of voters to end affirmative action in higher education – a clear violation of the Equal Protection Clause.

Justice Sotomayor writes, "... a majority may not reconfigure the existing political process in a manner that creates a two-tiered system of political change, subjecting laws designed to protect or benefit discrete and insular minorities to a more burdensome political process than all other laws."

Mindful of Michigan's shameful history of segregation in higher education and of a significant decline in minority enrollment and graduations since Prop 2 took effect, Sotomayor concludes, "The effect of [the Court's ruling] is that a white graduate of a public Michigan university who wishes to pass his historical privilege on to his children may freely lobby the board of that university in favor of an expanded legacy admissions policy,

whereas a black Michigander who was denied the opportunity to attend that very university cannot lobby the board in favor of a policy that might give his children a chance that he never had and that they might never have absent that policy."

We may have lost this battle for affirmative action, but as long as there are voices as clear and strong as Sonia Sotomayor's on the Supreme Court, we are confident that in the end, equal opportunity, equal protection and equal justice will prevail.

Nonetheless, six other justices clearly demonstrated that our fight for civil rights is still not over – even in 21st century America.

It is an unfortunate commentary on the direction of our nation when the highest court of our land determines that it is acceptable to consider factors that have seldom – if ever – been used as a basis for discrimination, such as legacy, athletics and geography in admissions, but not race.

As Justice Sotomayor reminded her colleagues, "As members of the judiciary tasked with intervening to carry out the guarantee of equal protection, we ought not sit back and wish away, rather than confront, the racial inequality that exists in our society."

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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own, for a restful stop, a leisurely stroll or a picnic. Children walk along the inside of the stream and enjoy nature as their parents may have done in their youth in more pastoral settings. Photographers are everywhere, and birds and the bubbling

rush of the fountains' water are the sounds that fill the air.

The garden has already proven to be a great site for bridal photography, and brides are already booking it for their weddings and receptions after ceremonies in

other locations. Missy Whisler, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of sales, added, "We are very excited to be able to offer this new venue to our bridal clientele. They are very selective when they decide to come to the garden for their wedding and we are thrilled to have so many different

and breathtaking locations to offer, including this new picturesque Glade."

Additional activities during Mother's Day weekend include the following:

National Public Gardens**Day: Friday, May 9:**

For all guests with paid garden admission, the Dal-

las Arboretum hosts complimentary walking garden tours conducted by one of the staff's tour guides. Tours are at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tour groups are limited in size, and space may fill up.

**Mother's Day:
Sunday, May 11:**

The beautiful Mother's Day Brunch, presented by Mary Kay, has officially **SOLD OUT** and is no longer taking reservations. However, don't miss an opportunity to listen to the United States Navy Band Cruisers at the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn at 2 p.m.

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students in under-resourced communities, and stuck with it, eventually became the managing director of program for the Massachusetts region. After 10 years with Citizen Schools, Selby gave her 18-month notice. "I felt like I was lacking that traditional classroom experience," she says. But as Selby explored teaching opportunities, she also applied to the Ed School's Doctor of Education Leadership Program (Ed.L.D.) — an intensive three-year program focused on preparing system-level leaders in education. She got in.

Within the first semester at Harvard this fall, Selby felt a "hole" not being with

children in the classroom. "I'm learning how to be better [at what I do], but I'm not around kids," she says. "[The classroom] is where I find balance."

So, she returned to Citizen Schools as a volunteer and resurrected "Top Chef Apprenticeship," which she previously taught five times in schools in the Dorchester and Charlestown neighborhoods. It's a commitment in time and cost. She admits to having to revamp recipes often at home so it will work with microwaves and toasters, and looked to crowdsourcing site Indiegogo to raise money for all the ingredients — \$945.

"Getting the opportunity to teach is my relaxation —

to hear 20 sixth graders calling me 'Chef Selby,'" she says.

As a fan of Top Chef, Selby created the apprenticeship based on the show and her memories of learning to cook. As a young girl, she stood on a crate just to reach the table where her mother and aunt concocted meals. Sometimes they let her lick the bowl filled with cake batter. Other times they let her make "sugar water" because she didn't have any packets of Kool Aid. But what she remembers most is how they always talked about everything in the kitchen.

Although Selby initially thought the apprenticeship would teach math, health, or even cooking basics, it's really about learning to

communicate and work together. The apprenticeship finale is similar to the show where students open a "pop up" restaurant that serves family, teachers, and special guests.

"Middle school can be so tough and students don't get along a lot," she says. "There is a social piece to this about getting along and talking to each other."

The apprenticeship has been a hit among the students.

"I love food and always wanted to cook," says sixth grader Kashetu Oseni.

His classmate Angelica Estrella only knew how to cook scrambled eggs before the apprenticeship. Recently at home Angelica made tortilla chips and salsa she learned in an earlier

class. "I think she's awesome and because of her I'm here," Angelica says about Selby. "I'm learning to cook and I'm not hungry."

As the young chefs gather around microwaves and watch their frittatas, filled with red and green peppers,

potatoes, and cheese, bubbling and spinning for three minutes, they are already catching on. "We all have to work together or else it's not going to be as good," Kashetu says.

Upon hearing that, Chef Selby smiles knowing she's done her job.

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tion Agency also named its board officers. They include Chairperson, Judge Elizabeth Frizell, 1st Vice Chair, Peter Ketebu, Treasurer, Mark Cooks, Secretary, Gwendolyn Daniels. Other members include Karen Dade, Rona Stringfellow-Govan, Derick Evans, Judge Thomas Jones, Ericka Hightower, Mavis Lloyd, Leonard Long and B. J. Williams.

"Stephanie Couser is a highly experienced and talented person and we are pleased to have her leading the board," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League.

"She is also a longtime Board member and has a very strong understanding of the financial issues facing the League and the leadership skills to move us to the next level."

Couser is currently Senior Vice President and Director, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and Community Affairs at Mutual of Omaha Bank. Based in Dallas, she provides strategic oversight of Mutual of Omaha Bank's national Community Affairs operation, managing the bank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and community outreach initiatives nationwide. She brings 28 years of experience to her current position.

Couser earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. She currently serves as an executive committee member for the DFW International Community Alliance, board secretary for the North Texas Housing Coalition and a board member of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate

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To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another diverse kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." **1 Corinthians 12:7-12 (KJV)**

Whenever something unusual happens in daily life, these are often signs that God is up to something. We must have a heightened

sense of awareness of what God may want to do in these situations.

The story is told of a woman and how she was upgraded on an airline unexpectedly. A woman sat down next to her who was very troubled. She began to quietly pray for the woman and God gave her supernatural insights that the woman's problem related to the fact that she had not forgiven her mother in a family-related issue.

She decided to politely share her insight. The woman was shocked. The lady began to minister to her on the airplane and ultimately led her to Christ.

God is raising the spiritual bar for Christians who want to impact the world for Christ today. He wants to break through into people's lives supernaturally by giving them insights into the needs of people in order to bring them to Christ.

Jesus often spoke supernaturally into the lives of others based on the circumstance of the moment. He often spoke of their current condition in life and invited them to make a change.

As you go about your day, there are situations that we can find ourselves in that are open doors for bringing Christ into the cir-

cumstance. In fact, He is the one orchestrating the circumstance!

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. **2 Kings 6:15-17 (KJV)**

Elisha was counseling the nation of Israel against the impending attack of the king of Aram. The Lord supernaturally gave Elisha the plans that the king was implementing, and in turn, Elisha warned Israel of each intended attack.

The king could not understand why his plans were continually foiled. It seemed there was a secret informer in his midst.

He was furious when he was told it was the God of Israel who was to blame for this inside information. The

king decided the only way to resolve the situation was to get rid of the problem - kill Elisha.

The king's forces arrived and surrounded Elisha and his servant. Elisha's servant became upset and fearful when Elisha was not upset. Elisha immediately prayed that his servant's eyes might be opened to see that there was no need to be afraid, because the angels were protecting them.

And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike these people with blindness, as Elisha had asked, **2 Kings 6:17-18 (KJV)**.

Who is the Elisha in your life? Do you have a mentor friend who can see the activity of God in your life when you cannot see it?

We all need to have somebody we can trust to help us see the activity of God. It is often difficult for us to see what God is really doing because we are so consumed by the circumstances of the moment.

Ask God today to help open your spiritual eyes that you might see Him in your circumstances.

It is hard to fight the battles in life. However, it is in the midst of battles that we learn to be truly effective warriors.

Likewise, in the midst of living, let us learn to be an

effective Christian. God will guide and direct you; He will give you wisdom and strength for the day.

Next time an unusual situation develops, be aware that God may be creating such a circumstance to bring His glory into the situation by opening your spiritual eyes.



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