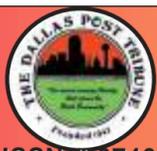


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# THOUSANDS ATTENDED THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND PARADE



Thousands attended the 30th Annual MLK Birthday Celebration. A Candle Lighting Ceremony was hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. on January 14, 2012. The program was held at 2901 Pennsylvania Ave, Dallas, Texas, 75215, MLK Jr. Recreation Center Gym.

MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration March/Parade started Saturday, January 14, 2012 from Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, downtown Dallas. The participants proceeded down Ervay Street, turned left on MLK Blvd and ended at Fair Park. Line up started at 8:00 am in the horseshoe parking area of City Hall.

MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration Award Banquet was held Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Omni Hotel. The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade was held Monday, January 16, 2012.

## Heisman Trophy Winner Robert Griffin III Leaves Baylor For The Pros

Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III has decided to enter the NFL draft.

The exciting dual-threat quarterback is bypassing his senior season at Baylor and is projected to be one of the top picks in April.

The news came Tuesday, exactly a month after Griffin became the first Baylor player to win college football's highest individual honor.

Griffin set or tied 54 school records while playing 41 games at Baylor, and is the school's career passing leader.

Griffin played this season as a fourth-year junior. He had another season of eligibility remaining at Baylor because he got a medical redshirt after he tore the ACL in his right knee in the third game of the 2009 season. He has repeatedly said that his NFL decision wouldn't be about money or draft status. He also said it wouldn't be about trying to win another Heisman Trophy.

Griffin arrived at Waco as a 17-year-old freshman in January 2008 after graduating from high school a semester early. He completed an undergraduate degree in political science in December 2010 and has been working on master's degree in communications.



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## Red Tails: Honoring The Tuskegee Airmen In Theaters January 20, 2012



Local members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen were treated to a taste of Hollywood Sunday, January 16, 2012, with an advance screening of a new George Lucas film on the elite group of fighter pilots.

Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, put up \$58 million of his own money toward the film after being turned down by all the major movie houses.

Lucas said executives were worried that the majority-black cast wouldn't sell in the box office, even though that cast includes Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., Tristan Wilds, Ne-Yo and Nate Parker. The director, also African American, is Anthony Hemingway.

"They don't believe there's any foreign market for it and that's 60 percent of their profit...I showed it to all of them and they said 'No. We don't know how to market a movie like this,'" Lucas said during an appearance on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Shelby Westbrook, one of several African Americans who made military history, becoming part of the Tuskegee Army group, who fought in World War II. The group was formed after civil rights organizations fought against the ban on black military pilots.

"We would have 72 airplanes in the air, we were more than a token force," Westbrook said. "We fought in 15 countries in Europe."

So what do these heroes think of the story flying on the silver screen decades later? "It's really quite impressive," said Joseph Hilton. "Enjoying the attention we're getting."

As for the truth of the script, Westbrook said, "I'll say it's 10 percent true, 90 percent Hollywood. That's OK, the 10 percent makes up for it."

Organizers of the Ruggles Mentorship Program brought its young members to the screening.

"A generation of lost history, a lot of younger people didn't know the sacrifice," said Alvin Rider of the mentoring program. "My goal was to get them to meet them, touch them."

Willie Lov, a member of the program said, "It makes me feel great. I can do anything I want in life."

And that inspiration is what makes pilots like Westbrook so proud.

"I'm happy to see a crowd of young black girls and boys they can see what dignity and self respect can do," Westbrook said.

The movie "Red Tails," starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Terrence Howard, opens in theaters Jan. 20.

## News You Ought To Know

Mrs. Bennie Brown, a DeSoto resident has entered the political race for Dallas County Commissioners Court, Precinct 3. She hails a wealth of leadership experience from a broad career including executive roles and public service, spanning more than 25 years combined. Currently, she is the Founder and CEO of a non profit, Hope Beyond Hope Foundation, which provides nutritious meals to underprivileged kids and teens. Mrs. Brown resides in DeSoto with her children and husband, Attorney Lorenzo Brown.

Sears and Kmart's in Texas are not closing. According to The Associated Press, Sears Holding Corp, released a list on Thursday, December 29, 2011, of 79 stores that will be closing. However, no Texas stores were on the partial list. The company says it wants to focus on revenue-producing stores and stop propping up underperformance stores in hopes that sales will increase.

Credit scores are determined based on your payment history, existing debt, the age of credit report (oldest credit line and average age of all accounts appearing on the credit report), types of credit on the books, and new credit activity. For more information visit TheStreet online.

Dallas officials are planning for a small bond program this year that will focus on storm drainage, street repair and economic development funding.

Be careful when you are choosing your tax preparer. The IRS says, "One crooked tax preparer can do a lot of damage".

Sears has hit a home run with the first low cost appliance with Hybrid-Thermic heat technology, which no other heater can claim. The brand new LED Heat Surge HT uses the smallest amount of energy. In fact, it can run for 12 hours for just about one dollar.



## FORGIVENESS

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Dear Carolyn:

Approximately 10 years ago, my wife had an affair with our daughter's soccer coach. Of the nearly 7 billion people on the planet, she was adamant that she had found her "soul mate."

Not only has she never really apologized for the affair, but I also had to beg her not to leave, primarily to keep our two kids close to their friends and extended family, as we could not afford our neighborhood in a divorce and would have had to move away. Both kids eventually graduated from great colleges, and grew up never knowing of their mother's affair. We both sought counseling, but, oddly enough, the starting point was always having the blame leveled at me -- after all, if I were the perfect husband, my wife would never have cheated!

I still harbor anger and disappointment in my marriage, despite the fact that we both "get along." While we have sex, I would no longer consider it "making love."

I would like for someone in my shoes to tell me whether the hurt goes away, and what is the nature of forgiveness? It seems people who have never been in my shoes are quick to dispense the "forgive and forget, get on with your life" advice.

Carolyn says: Your shoes may be a pair I haven't tried on, but I still believe "forgive and forget, get on with your life" is an insult to someone in footwear like yours.

That's because one of two things typically precedes forgiveness: the transgressor's expression of remorse, or the victim's embrace of life after damage.

usually need to feel they gained something -- anything -- from what happened. With an affair, that can range from ending the marriage and building a satisfying new life alone or with someone new; to recognizing ways you weren't the greatest spouse and improving yourself for your own reasons and benefit; to using the demolition of your world to deepen your compassion and update your priorities; to recognizing that your vision of your life and marriage weren't accurate and appreciating the truth for its own sake; to taking satisfaction in finding the strength to advocate for your kids; to just summoning the willpower to choose peace over anger.

None of these is a free trip to Santorini, but each has its own soul-expanding charm.

Unfortunately, where your wife's remorse should be, you have finger-pointing -- and where your personal growth should be, you have your hollowed-out marriage. Which you preserved not out of love, but economics.

To keep another decade from circling the bowl, please recognize that you need to fill in one of these two blanks, remorse or renewal -- and that you're the one who gets to decide what you need to put this affair to rest. An apology, OK, or ... what? If your wife again rebuffs your request for accountability -- or if you decide not to bother asking -- then what attainable outcome do you want most? Therein lies your peace.

E-mail Carolyn Hax at [tellme@washpost.com](mailto:tellme@washpost.com), or chat with her at 11 a.m. each Friday at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).



## D. Edwin Johnson Theological Institute Comeback

The D. Edwin Johnson Theological Institute is gearing up for a comeback this spring semester and one of our former columnist has tapped to lead for now.

Interim Dean Willie Range, along with an aggressive board, has overseen a resurgence, which will be illustrated this semester. 31 scholarships are available for the first time students, and partially accredited associates of arts and bachelor of theology degrees are being offered.

The school, the longest African American seminary in the fair park area, is 51 years old and is located in 2212 Robert B. Cullum Boulevard. Scholarship donations are still being accepted and any interested students or donors are encouraged to call 214-565-1328 or email [wrange@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrange@sbcglobal.net) for details.



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# YOUTH TODAY



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## UNT Dallas College of Law names Founding Dean of Downtown Law School



Judge Royal Furgeson

Recently, University of North Texas System Chancellor Lee Jackson, announced sitting Dallas U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson as the Founding Dean of the UNT Dallas College of Law; on schedule for the opening of the Downtown Dallas location to begin accepting students in Fall 2014. Judge Furgeson's appointment brings to conclusion, an exhaustive search process that began late in 2009. The creation of a law school is one of two "centers of excellence" as coined by Senator West in his vision for UNT Dallas. This year, the second of those, a School of Pharmacy, began its eventual journey to brick and mortar with the Texas Legislature's agreement for its creation as a joint venture by UNT System schools, including UNT Dallas. Making higher education opportunities accessible and affordable to all who aspire to earn a college degree remains a fundamental goal of Senator West.

recently as a noted United States jurist brings a wealth of experience that will enable him to lead the development of the law school program.

"I'm excited and Dallas should be excited about his appointment," said Senator West. "I look forward to working with him."

In 2009, Senator West authored SB956, creating the city's first and only public law school. It will be located in Downtown Dallas, at the Old Municipal Building, once Dallas's City Hall, at Harwood and Main Streets. Efforts to secure the UNT Dallas College of Law came to be through a partnership between the City of Dallas and the UNT System. The building was donated by the City of Dallas which will provide part of the funding for its renovation, along with the state. Overall funding for the law school will be appropriated by the state.

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## 20TH ANNUAL GARDERE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ORATORY COMPETITION WINNER IS CHOSEN



Kofi Wadie Forson, a fifth-grader at William L. Cabell Elementary, was named the winner of the 2012 Gardere MLK Jr. Oratory Competition final on Friday, Jan. 13, at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas.

George Rivera, a fourth-grader at Urban Park Elementary, placed second; Michael Jones, a fifth-grader at Louise Wolff Kahn Elementary, placed third. Students at the 19 participating Dallas ISD schools researched and wrote their answers to the question of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of hope for the world would be today. The 19 campus winners participated in a semifinal contest on Dec. 6, with the eight finalists competing on Jan. 13.

The other finalists were Breyelle Gooden, Robert L. Thornton Elementary; Harper Jones, Charlies Rice Learning Center; Tawfiq Mohammad, William Lipscomb Elementary; Marcel Williams, Ronald E. McNair Elementary; and Jacob Wizeman, H.C. Withers Elementary.



Chloé Buckley

Reported by CNN:

You are what you eat, but increasingly you need to be aware of where your food has come from and how far it has traveled to be on your plate.

### 1) Go organic where you can

It's a booming area of agriculture. Some sneer that it's as much about status as health, as often organic varieties can be more expensive than their non-organic versions.

However the condition of arable land certainly benefits with the reduction in the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Learn more about organic food.

## CHLOÉ'S WEEKLY GREEN TIPS: START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT! EAT HEALTHY AND FEEL GREAT!

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### 2) Buy more local produce

By buying locally grown produce you cut down the amount of CO2 created in food transportation and minimize the "food miles" in your shopping basket.

If it's local it also means it's more likely to be seasonal and will not have grown in overly artificial conditions.

Learn more about food production.

### 3) Don't eat endangered species of fish

The pressures on the world's fish stocks come from pollution, over-fishing and by-catch. By being selective in what fish you eat and how often you consume it you can help to preserve existing stock and species.

Try and avoid fish caught by bottom trawling, the most destructive method of fishing.

Learn more about endangered fish stocks and global fishing.

### 4) Compost your food waste

Don't just bin it; creating your own compost can benefit your garden much better than fertilizers. Even if you don't have a garden or even a flower box, some local authorities will collect organic waste as part of their recycling programs.

### 5) Buy minimally packaged goods

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BILINGUAL SECTION

## National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators Announce 2012-2013 Newly Elected Leadership

National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators anuncia nuevas autoridades electas 2012-2013

At the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) Ninth National Summit held in Fajardo, Puerto Rico; the Nominations Committee announced the newly-elected officers of the NHCSL Executive Committee for 2012-2013. NHCSL members present at the 2011 Annual Meeting held in Puerto Rico on November 19th, 2011, elected the following candidates to represent the organization's leadership:

### SPANISH

- President:** Representative Minnie Gonzalez (CT)
- First Vice President:** Senator Richard C. Martinez (NM)
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Nacional Hispano de Legisladores Estatales; NHCSL, según sus siglas en inglés), celebrada en Fajardo (Puerto Rico), el Comité de Nominaciones anunció los funcionarios del Comité Ejecutivo del NHCSL recientemente electos para el periodo 2012-2013. Los miembros del NHCSL presentes en la Asamblea Anual 2011 que se celebró en Puerto Rico el 19 de noviembre de 2011 eligieron a los siguientes candidatos como representantes de la dirección de la organización:

- Presidenta:** Diputada Minnie Gonzalez (Connecticut)
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Evangelist Union	11:00am
Evening Worship	7:00pm

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## Services to Youth Committee Report Chair James Spigner and Co-Chair Ruth Schexnayder STEM SUMMIT



The Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Incorporated partnered with the Richland College Upward Bound Program in sponsoring S T E M Youth Summit. Preparing 21st Century Youth for the Future Strong, Talented, Emerging, Minds. The Summit was held on the Richland College campus Saturday, October 22, 2011. One hundred sixty five youth in grades 7th thru 12th attended.

The Summit was a great educational experience and a fun-filled day! The day began with an energizing presentation given by motivational speaker, Fred

Hudson. In addition, students had the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

"Education the Link to Success - Preparing for Success in College" facilitated by Jean Carter, Director Educational Transitions Richland College.

E-STEM: Career Table Topics featuring careers in Engineering, Science, Math, Technology and Medicine. The table presenters were professionals in the various fields;

E-STEM: STEM SCIENCE-"CSI Chemistry", "Formulation Suds", led by Richland College Science Instructors Rita Maher, MachoKaping and Murcedes

Hooks;

"How Do We Know"-Drug Analysis session conducted by Darrell Davis and other Drug and Alcohol Agency professionals;

Ecology - "Water Wonders" and "Oh Dear" facilitated by Texas AM University Extension Assistant Professor Melanie Kirk, Ph.D.; and

ENGINEERING - "Operation Lift Off" facilitated by Richland College Engineering Instructors Roderick Crowder and Brian Fleming.

Students were entertained by local celebrity Ruben Griffith and door prizes were awarded.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor: phones in school zones. (This includes talking or texting)

Slow down in school zones and be on the lookout for kids. The pedestrian always has the right of way. Wear your seat belt. If you do get a ticket, take a defensive driving class for that ticket, defensive driving can now be taken in

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## A Little Bit of Faith: He is the Light



By Colleen White

"I have come into the world as light..." (John 12:46). If you feel as though you have lost your way,

never fear God is always near. Jesus made it very clear that He has come into the world to bring light "...so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness" (John 12:46). Jesus wanted His people to know that if they believe in Him, they would never have to experience the kind of darkness they knew before. Sometimes we may feel alone, but we don't ever have to be alone because if we have faith in Jesus, we are never alone. Since we are never alone if we know Christ, it is important that we too be a light in a dark

world as well. We should be willing to share our faith. You should not be a "closet" Christian. If you are, then there is a problem. You might need to search your heart to see why you are not willing to share your faith with anyone.

I don't mean you have to stand outside on a soapbox shouting your faith. But if you know that God has been speaking to your heart to tell one of your close friends about Him, and you refuse to do so, then you might have a problem. Are you ashamed of your faith? Are you

afraid of what people might think? Or do you think it is not your place to tell your friends about the goodness of God. Whatever the reason, you need to check yourself.

All of us are called to be a light and share our faith. It doesn't matter how eloquent we are with our words. The most important thing is that you are willing to share your faith. Sharing your faith with others shows that you're not ashamed of Jesus Christ. Are you willing to share your faith with someone today? If so, you are on the right track. Amen? Amen



Rev. John Calvin Smith

## Victory Is In Following God's Command - Joshua 6:20

which left Egypt died in the wilderness because of their constant murmuring and unbelief against God (Numbers 14:29). That whole generation which exited Egypt died in the wilderness with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. Now God is going to challenge the new leader with the task of leading the people across the Jordan. God gave the people victory through the marvelous leadership of the fearless Joshua. By faith, Joshua led the people across the Jordan. Our text brings us to the task of conquering Jericho. Joshua was instructed to conquer Jericho by directing the people to march around the city once for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times; with the priests blowing the trumpets, and when the people shouted, the walls of Jericho would come down flat. When any leader follows God's directives, he will reap spir-

itual victory. Just as Joshua was instructed to lead the new generation into conquering much of the territory in the Promise Land, God has commanded the leaders of our day to lead us into gaining spiritual victory over our enemies as we yield to God's commands. Brothers and sisters, the key to unlocking the power of God is through yielding to what God says. The church that stays with the word of God and the application of its truths will gain victory each step of the way. The church must be committed to following the man of God as he follows God's commands. If God says it in the word, then we must follow Him. The power is not in our dynamic leadership, but it is in our yielding to what God has instructed us to do. Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Great victory in the spiritual life is achieved by yield-

ing to the Holy Spirit who indwells every child of God. The companion book to Joshua in the New Testament is the book of Ephesians. This book informs us that we need to engage in battle by putting on the whole armour of God. As we put on each armour in prayer, we are ready to withstand the wiles of Satan. The church must understand that Jesus has promised in Matthew 16:18 - "that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church." The church will be victorious because we are serving the Christ that gained victory over sin, death and the grave. My brothers and sisters, victory is ours because the true church cannot be conquered. Let us with complete spiritual fervor do God's will, for the latter part of II Chronicles 20:15 says - "For the battle is not yours, but God's." May God Bless!



By Marc Morial  
NNPA Columnist

No nation can long continue to flourish or to find its way to a better society while it allows any one of its citizens...to be denied the right to participate in the most fundamental of all privileges of democracy - the right to vote." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Monday, January 16th, America celebrated what would have been the 83rd birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The day will be marked from coast-to-coast with parades, speeches, and pilgrimages to the new King Memorial

## Dr. King's Voting Rights Legacy Under Attack

on the National Mall. But in the midst of this outpouring of praise, there is a sinister movement afoot to undo one of Dr. King's hardest fought victories - the removal of discriminatory barriers to voting and the passage of the Voting Rights Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

In Dr. King's day, billy clubs, cattle prods and guns kept African Americans away from the polls. Today, new voter restriction laws on the books or in the works in at least 34 states could deny the right to vote to more than 5 million Americans this year. These laws include new photo ID requirements, elimination of early voting, bans on voting by out-of-state college students, and rollbacks of voting rights for ex-felonians who have paid their debts to society. Florida has even eliminated voting on the Sunday before Election Day which has traditionally been a day when African American churches organized "souls to the polls" drives for their congregations.

The mostly conservative propo-

nents of these new laws claim they are meant to prevent widespread fraud - the casting of ballots by people who are not legally eligible to vote. But both the Bush and Obama Justice Departments have looked and not found significant voter fraud in American elections. So let's be clear - the real reason behind this spate of new laws is to suppress the votes of people likely to support progressive candidates and issues - African Americans, Latinos, young people, the elderly and people with disabilities. This is unconscionable. It is un-American. And it dishonors the sacrifices of generations of Americans who have fought and died to extend the right to vote to every citizen.

Fortunately, a growing number of Americans are fighting back. On December 10th, the National Urban League joined the NAACP and a coalition of civil rights groups at a "Stand for Freedom" march and rally at the United Nations to protest this blatant attack on voting rights. Attorney General Eric Holder has also expressed concern

about the legality of some of these new laws. Recently, the Justice Department struck down a voter ID law in South Carolina and Holder promises to continue to monitor these attempts and stop them when they violate the law. But beating back these efforts will require citizen vigilance and action.

In a recent speech at the LBJ Library and Museum in Austin, Texas, Holder urged Americans to "Speak out. Raise awareness about what's at stake. Call on our political parties to resist the temptation to suppress certain votes in the hope of attaining electoral success and...urge policymakers at every level to reevaluate our election systems - and to reform them in ways that encourage, not limit, participation."

We agree. We must not let the hard-won voting rights secured by Dr. King, John Lewis, LBJ and so many others slip away.

Marc H. Morial is President and CEO of the National Urban League

## African-Americans Wield Considerable Consumer Power

African-Americans' buying power is expected to reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015, according to The State of the African-American Consumer Report, released today, collaboratively by Nielsen, a leading global provider of insights and analytics into what consumers watch and buy, and The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of more than 200 Black community newspapers across the U.S. This growing economic potential presents an opportunity for Fortune 500 companies to examine and further understand this important, flourishing market segment. Likewise, when consumers are more aware of their buying power, it can help them make informed decisions about the companies they choose to support.

"Too often, companies don't realize the inherent differences of our community, are not aware of the market size impact and have not optimized efforts to develop messages beyond those that coincide with Black History Month," said Cloves Campbell, chairman, NNPA. "It is our hope that by collaborating with Nielsen, we'll be able to tell the African-American consumer story in a manner in which businesses will understand," he said, "and, that this understanding will propel those in the C-Suite to develop stronger, more inclusive strategies that optimize their market growth in Black communities,

which would be a win-win for all of us." The report, the first of annual installments in a three year alliance between Nielsen and NNPA, showcases the buying and media habits and consumer trends of African-Americans.

The 41st Annual Legislative Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Conference week's activities set the backdrop for the announcement. Flanked by civic, business and legislative leaders, Nielsen and NNPA executives spoke about the relevance and importance of the information shared in the report and the fact that it will be distributed in NNPA's 200+ publications, reaching millions of readers and online viewers.

"We see this alliance with NNPA as an opportunity to share valuable insights, unique consumer behavior patterns and purchasing trends with the African-American community," said Susan Whiting, vice chair, Nielsen. "By sharing, for example, that African-Americans over-index in several key areas, including television viewing and mobile phone usage, we've provided a better picture of where the African-American community can leverage that buying power to help their communities," she said. "Likewise, the information points businesses in the right direction for growing market share and developing long range strategies for reaching this important demographic

group."

Consumer trends in the report include facts such as:

- With a buying power of nearly \$1 trillion annually, if African-Americans were a country, they'd be the 16th largest country in the world.
- The number of African-American households earning \$75,000 or higher grew by almost 64%, a rate close to 12% greater than the change in the overall population's earning between 2000 and 2009. This continued growth in affluence, social influence and household income will continue to impact the community's economic power.
- African-Americans make more shopping trips than all other groups, but spend less money per trip. African-Americans in higher income brackets, also spend 300% more in higher-end retail grocers more than any other high income household.
- There were 23.9 million active African-American Internet users in July 2011 - 76% of whom visited a social networking/blog site.
- 33% of all African-Americans own a smart phone.
- African-Americans use more than double the amount of mobile phone voice minutes compared to Whites - 1,298 minutes a month vs. 606.
- The percentage of African-Americans attending college or earning

a degree has increased to 44% for men and 53% for women.

The report is also available at [www.nielsen.com](http://www.nielsen.com) and [www.nielsen.com/africanamerican](http://www.nielsen.com/africanamerican) - Nielsen's microsite which highlights tailored information to the African-American community.

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### ABOUT NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

The National Newspaper Publishers Association, also known as the Black Press of America, is a 71-year-old federation of more than 200 Black community newspapers from across the United States. Since World War II, it has also served as the industry's news service, a position that it has held without peer or competitor since the Associated Negro Press dissolved by 1970. In 2001, the NNPA, in association with the NPA Foundation, began building the BlackPress/NA Network - the nation's premier network of local Black community news and information portals.

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## HOROSCOPES

### January 19 - 25

#### ARIES

Your thoughts turn from spending and socializing to a more spiritual area this week. While you may feel that you still have much to do in the next few weeks, this week is good for taking some time for yourself, and for insightful meditation. Love and romance vibrations remain constant; count your blessings! **Soul Affirmation:** I say nothing but kind things about those I have to deal with. **Lucky Numbers:** 19, 28, 37

#### TAURUS

Ask for second opinions and shop around this week; it will be worth the time in savings. Something at your workplace may cause you a momentary qualm, but it's really nothing but high spirits from co-workers. Don't look for trouble! The present moment is rich with romantic promise. **Soul Affirmation:** I change who I am by changing where I am going. **Lucky Numbers:** 4, 17, 20

#### GEMINI

During the next few weeks you'll find yourself wanting to RUSH around. Try to take it easy instead. Everything will happen according to plan, and you'll feel much calmer and happier with yourself and with others! **Soul Affirmation:** I let myself experience my true ambitions this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 18, 24, 37

#### CANCER

Get any negative energy out of the way quickly by turning a situation into a solution. . . your mind will intuitively find the best answer if you focus on a resolution instead of a problem. A partner or best friend brings an extra glow to you, as your thoughts and feelings are in harmony. **Soul Affirmation:** Being true to others is the way to be true to myself. **Lucky Numbers:** 6, 13, 50

#### LEO

Keep focused. Your attention is likely to be distracted by someone's foolishness. Your concentration is likely to be pulled in many directions. Don't let yourself be seduced by something that looks a whole lot better than it'll turn out to be. **Soul Affirmation:** I love who I am and rejoice. **Lucky Numbers:** 5, 23, 44

#### VIRGO

You'll need all the expertise you possess to deal with the distractions that will come into your life this week. Float on the surface of things. If you go deep you could get lost chasing after clarifications that are not going to come. Seek compensation from a relationship that has a long history. **Soul**

**Affirmation:** Forgetting past injustices is my keep to a happier future. **Lucky Numbers:** 8, 21, 50

#### LIBRA

Some people around you may be a little grumpy, but you are still in the mood to behold the glad tidings that you feel in your heart. Let the positive predominate. Your family is happy and well, and so are you... think about it, and enjoy a lovely, loving week. **Soul Affirmation:** I smile as I think about far away paces. **Lucky Numbers:** 178, 19, 40

#### SCORPIO

Take care of a number of minor matters this week; you'll feel as if you've heroically accomplished the tasks of Hercules when they are all cleared up and put tidily away. Your ideas and words are very well-received; speak your mind this week. You are the social one! **Soul Affirmation:** Appreciation leads to recognition. **Lucky Numbers:** 6, 44, 55

#### SAGITTARIUS

Happy-happy-joy-joy. You'll have a song on your lips this week as you make your way easily through a thicket of tasks and obligations. This week brings a surprise from a partner...anticipate it with a glad heart! **Soul Affirmation:** I open myself up for a glad surprise. **Lucky Numbers:** 3, 31, 46

#### CAPRICORN

Steer clear of argumentative folks this week, and let yourself flow with the energy that is spectacularly positive for launching new project plans. Happiness at home is almost a given this week. You may be feeling festive at a late-night social gathering. **Soul Affirmation:** New insights create new directions and a new cast of characters. **Lucky Numbers:** 9, 20, 54

#### AQUARIUS

Watch for surges in energy that encourage you to overdo it this week. You are brimming over with energy, most of it very positive. Take a walk to burn some of the other kind of energy off and to keep your mind free and clear. Harmony rules at home this week. **Soul Affirmation:** I get joy from giving good things. **Lucky Numbers:** 33, 42, 51

#### PISCES

It's a very pleasant and wonderful week of the year for you, Money matters go well, and there is a very sweet harmony between friends and family. Have fun in the present moment, but don't go overboard, okay? **Soul Affirmation:** I let my spirit light my path this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 4, 13, 46,

## BIGGER! BETTER! MORE! SALES FOR NEW \$2 POWERBALL® GAME START SUNDAY

Bigger starting grand/jackpot prizes, better odds of winning and more chances to win \$1 million await Texas Lottery® players when sales for the new Powerball game begin Jan. 15, 2012. The first drawing for the new game occurs on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012. The cost to play the game will increase from \$1 to \$2 per play.

Starting jackpots for the new Powerball game will double to \$40 million and a matrix change will provide better odds of winning. Players will continue to choose five numbers from

one to 59, but the pool of Powerball numbers will drop from 39 to 35. Odds of winning the grand/jackpot prize will improve to one in 175,223,510, and overall odds of winning any prize will improve to one in 32.

An exciting aspect of the new Powerball will be more opportunities for players to win \$1 million or more. The second-tier prize, awarded for matching all five numbers, but not the Powerball number, will increase from \$200,000 to \$1 million.

"We believe our players will enjoy the price-point vari-

ety the new \$2 Powerball game provides, as well as the excitement of the bigger jackpots, better odds and more chances to win \$1 million," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "Players who prefer to spend \$1 per play can still participate in the Lotto Texas® and Mega Millions® drawing games."

Players will also be able to participate in the revamped Power Play® feature for an extra \$1 per play. Power Play will now offer set increases for non-grand/jackpot prizes, including the chance to win

\$2 million for the second-tier prize.

Jurisdictions participating in Powerball include 42 states, Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Texas Powerball sales began on January 31, 2010. Powerball drawings are held on Wednesday and Saturday nights at 10:12 p.m. Proceeds from Powerball benefit Texas education. For more information, please visit the Texas Lottery website at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY 2012 MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER TRAINING ON JANUARY 19

The Visiting Nurse Association needs volunteers to deliver a Meals on Wheels route once a month in Dallas County. The training will be held on January 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters on 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Volunteer training is also available by appointment. For additional information call 214-689-2210 or go online at [www.vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).

## THE DALLAS CHAPTER OF TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION PRESENTS THE 2012 BLUE & SILVER BALL

Featuring the Top Teens of America, Dallas Chapter. Radisson Hotel Central 6060 N. Central Expy Dallas, Texas 75206 Saturday, January 28, 2012 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate, recognize, and commemorate our Teens in this extraordinary event. For tickets

contact: Sheila Pate (214) 282-5099 or Evelyn Ramsey (469)-360-5452.

## EVENTS HOSTED BY DALLAS CONVENTION AND EVENT SERVICES SUMMIT VOLLEYBALL JANUARY 28-29

The American Volleyball Challenge will hold divisions for all ages 12's-18's. This tournament is open to out of region teams. [www.dallassummit.com](http://www.dallassummit.com)  
Event Hour: 10am

## SPIRIT CELEBRATION JANUARY 28-29

OGA Small Gym National Championship. All teams compete both days. CGA will combine scores from both days to determine the National Champion. The maximum you can have in your gym to participate is 125 All Star Cheer members. Dancers and Show teams do not count.

[www.spiritcelebration.com](http://www.spiritcelebration.com)  
Event Hour: 9am

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January 20-21 Poets n' Jazz #1 Clarence Muse Café Theatre (Gino Morrow & Sharon Smith Knight)  
January 21 Roundtable Writer's Breakfast 10am (Terri M. Williams) Room T-203  
January 27-28 Promising Young Artist Series "Blush" Concert (Imaj) Clarence Muse Café Theatre

## FEBRUARY TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Dallas Chapter in partnership with the African American Repertory Theater presents the blockbuster play (Free Man of Color) by Charles Smith. The play takes place at, The Corner Theater, 211 East Pleasant Run, DeSoto, TX 75115. Tickets are \$15 each for the Matinee @ 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2012. For tickets, please contact: Caritha Smith - (214) 573-8264 day, or (214) 908-8048 evenings also Evelyn Ramsey - (469) 360-5452.

## HUD MAKES \$110 MILLION AVAILABLE TO REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced today that it is making available \$110 million in grants to transform public and assisted housing and to revitalize communities. Appearing in today's Federal Register is the Notice of Funding Availability, the federal application, for the FY 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program. Read HUD's funding notice.

For nearly 20 years, HUD's HOPE VI Revitalization Program successfully transformed severely distressed public housing into revitalized mixed-income communities. By contrast, HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative seeks a more comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation.

Earlier today, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan awarded \$3.6 million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants to help 13 communities across the country lay the foundation for neighborhood revitalization. The Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants made available today are intended to put community planning from the drawing board and put them into action. Choice

Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

•Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term.

•People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and

•Neighborhood: Transform neighborhoods of poverty into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

• achieve these core goals, communities must have in place a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. This Transformation Plan is the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously direc-

ing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grants are available for public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, tribal entities, and for profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity to extend neighborhood transformation efforts beyond public and/or assisted housing. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multi-family housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

Applicants have until April 10, 2012 to apply for FY 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grants. HUD anticipates awarding four to five grants with a maximum award of \$30,000,000 each in December 2012. Applicants must submit their applications electronically through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

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## FREE CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS BY VNA FEBRUARY 1

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The screenings are free and available to individuals 60 years of age or older.

For additional information contact Vivienne Armstrong, R.N., health promotion program coordinator with the Visiting Nurse Association, at 214-689-2230 or [armstrongv@vnatexas.org](mailto:armstrongv@vnatexas.org).

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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE ERIC JOHNSON NAMED KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND GRAND MARSHAL FOR THE CITY OF DALLAS MLK JR. COMMUNITY CENTER AWARDS BANQUET AND PARADE

State Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) was the keynote speaker and Grand Marshal for Dallas' Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center's 30th Annual Awards Banquet and Parade.

"MLK's impact on the contemporary black community is so tremendous that I can't even put into words how proud I am that I've been chosen for such an honorable role in this year's ceremony. In both my public and private life, I've taken Dr. King's legacy to heart, a legacy which I pledge to carry on, to the best of my ability, in the Texas House of Representatives,"

Representative Johnson said.

This year's theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! The Dream Lives On." The weekend's celebration begins on Friday, January 13, with the Awards Banquet at the Omni Dallas Hotel and culminates with a candle lighting ceremony at the MLK Recreation Center the following Saturday night. For the past 30 years, the people of Dallas have joined together to observe the mighty contribution Dr. King gave to this world, some years before the national holiday was officially observed. The celebration intends to

advance Dr. King's efforts to improve the quality of life for all people.

Prior to this honor, Representative Johnson has served as both a board member at the MLK Community Center and Chairman of their 26th Annual MLK day celebration. In the Texas House of Representatives he serves on the House Committee on Higher Education, the House Committee on Appropriations and on the newly created Joint House and Senate Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency.

## Comptroller Susan Combs Distributes \$495 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today that state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.98 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2010.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 21 consecutive months," Combs said. "Sales taxes from retail trade and

restaurant activity continue to improve, with tax revenue from the oil and natural gas sector also providing a lift to overall collections."

Combs will send January sales tax allocations totaling \$495 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.1 percent compared to January 2011.

The sales tax figures rep-

resent sales that occurred in November.

For details of January sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html)

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# SPORTS PAGE

## Heisman Trophy Winner Robert Griffin III Leaves Baylor For The Pros



Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III, left, shakes hands with Baylor head coach Art Briles after Griffin announced that he would skip his senior year and enter the NFL draft, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, in Waco, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)



Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III smiles after announcing that he will skip his senior season at Baylor to enter the NFL draft during a news conference, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, in Waco, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)



In this Nov. 26, 2011, file photo, Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III scrambles during an NCAA college football game against Texas Tech in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Sharon Ellman)



**ROBERT GRIFFIN III**  
**Hometown:** Copperas Cove, Texas  
**High School:** Copperas Cove HS  
**College:** Baylor University  
**NFL Team:** TBD

Baylor President Ken Starr, left, walks out of a news conference with Jacqueline Griffin, right, mother of Heisman Trophy winner and Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III, following Robert's announcement that he will skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, in Waco, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

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## The NBA MLK Jr. Day Celebration Results



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 Boston Celtics Outscore Oklahoma City Thunder 97-88  
 LA Lakers Defeat Dallas Mavericks 73-70

## GREEN-BECKHAM NAMED 2012 U.S. ARMY PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee has announced Dorial Green-Beckham as the 2012 U.S. Army Player of the Year, given to the nation's most outstanding senior in high school football. The announcement was made tonight at the U.S. Army Awards Dinner at the San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Green-Beckham, a wide receiver at Hillcrest High School in Springfield, Mo., was presented with the Ken Hall Trophy, which is modeled after Ken "Sugar Land Express" Hall, high school football's all-time leading rusher. Green-Beckham set the national career receiving yards record with 6,447 and finished the 2011 season with 119 catches for 2,234 yards and 24 touchdowns. Both Rivals.com and MaxPreps list him as the top overall recruit. He is strong and can use his size to fight off defenders and to shield the defender from the ball, particularly in the redzone. He has excellent speed and is a deep threat and big hands that allow him to catch the ball away from his body or snag the ball out of the air or over his head.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BASKETBALL CLASSIC RESULTS: PRAIRIE VIEW A&M LEADS GRAMBLING 81-64

Louis Munks scored 22 points and made five 3-pointers to lead Prairie View A&M to an 81-64 victory against Grambling in the Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Classic on Monday night. Demondre Chapman added 17 points, Ryan Gesiakowski 12 and Jourdan DeMuyck 11 for the Panthers (7-11, 3-2 Southwestern Athletic), who shot 53.4 percent (31 of 58) from the floor. Prairie View A&M made 11 of 17 attempts from 3-point range. Quincy Roberts had 34 points, nine rebounds and three steals for the Tigers (3-13, 2-4). Brandon Dorsett added 11 points. A Munks 3-pointer was the first score, and the Panthers never trailed. Grambling shot 9 of 25 in the first half en route to a 42-29 deficit at the break. A Dorsett layup cut the deficit to 44-34 early in the second half, but Prairie View A&M scored the next seven points to regain control. The Tigers got no closer than 12 points the rest of the way.

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**January is Board Recognition Month**  
 Dallas ISD will join with other school districts across the state to observe Board Recognition Month in January to honor the sacrifice and dedication of school trustees who serve with great dedication and commitment, without compensation. According to the Texas Association of School Boards, school boards are charged with establishing a vision for a district's education program, designing a structure to achieve that vision, ensuring that schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocating continuous improvement in student learning. To learn more about Dallas ISD School Board of Trustees, visit the district's Web site at www.dallasisd.org. Applications for magnet schools are being accepted

Applications for the Magnet Program for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted through Tuesday, Jan. 31. The applications for the magnet, vanguard, and academy schools are available at all schools, at the Administration Building, 3700 Ross Ave., and on the district's Web site www.dallasisd.org. For more information about the Magnet Program, call (972) 925-3300.

If you have some sports information that you would like placed in the DALLAS POST TRIBUNE Sports Section e-mail us at: posttrib@airmail.net

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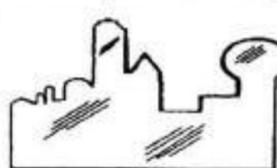
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I extend to you warm greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and my entire Kirkwood Temple C.M.E. Church family. The Kirkwood Church has celebrated its 100th anniversary and our main goal is to better the children and create a society of church and community-related activities, especially activities that give them positive exposure to the larger community.

Our church will hold its 10th Annual African American Jr. Ambassador and Jr. Debutante for their month program on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the Kirkwood Temple C.M.E. Church Family Life Center, 1400 Honey Lane Drive, Dallas, Texas 75212 at 8:00/6:00 pm.

The purpose of this event is to ask you for your support by becoming a sponsor for 10th Annual Ambassador and Jr. Debutante in the event and to purchase one or more tickets. Becoming a sponsor will enable you and your organization to various forms of advertisement and marketing (i.e. Multiple Ads in our Souvenir Booklet).

Support can also be shown for Mikee Freater in the form of an individual or team presentation of 100, 200 or 500 tickets. All prices are \$20 for a business card, \$25 for one-half page, \$50 for one full page and \$100 for a full page.

Ticket prices are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 10 (Other tables \$100 for a table of 10/12/14/16/18/20). All seat reservations can be made at the church or given to the participants in person. Donations will be accepted upon the day of the event, but a commitment will be greatly appreciated.

Please make your check or money order payable to Kirkwood Temple C.M.E. Church, along with the participant name. You may either mail your check and form to the church at 1400 Honey Lane Drive, Dallas, Texas 75212 or you may give your money in the lobby.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact us. We can be reached at (214) 350-1122 or (214) 318-4544.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

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