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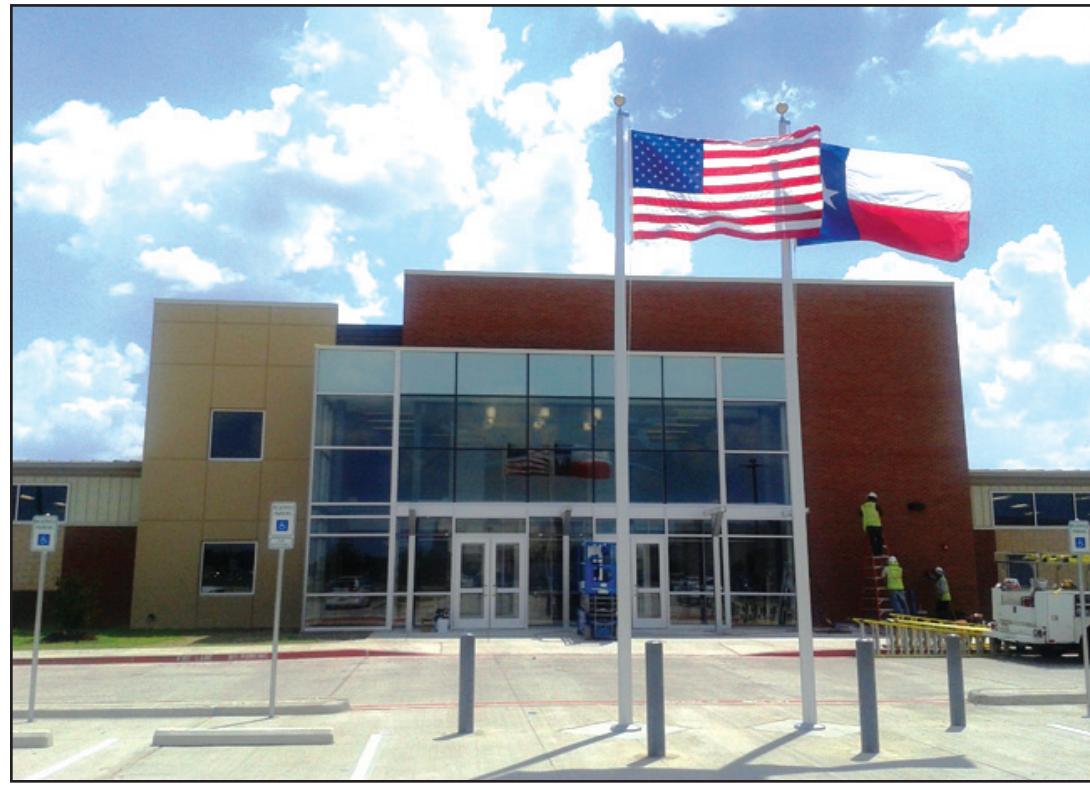
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Texas State Technical College To North Texas Campus



TSTS North Texas Center

RED OAK-Texas State Technical College officials announce the creation of TSTC North Texas, an extension center of TSTC Marshall at Red Oak operating in partnership with Red Oak Independent School District. The new extension center will be in a position to serve the citizens of Ellis County and the greater Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area.

TSTC North Texas is the result of a bill (HB 3640) that passed through the legislative process receiving approval from both the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate as a result of a community initiative to enhance the growing workforce-development needs in Ellis County, Texas. Specifically this bill introduced by Rep. Jim Pitts and sponsored by Sen. Brian Birdwell, authorizes the creation of an extension center of TSTC in the city of Red Oak. SB1, the General Appropriation Act provides new State funding for TSTC to support the creation of the enter.

"Red Oak ISD sees this partnership as an extension of our responsibility to prepare students for post--secondary success in college, technical school or the workforce," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Niven. "This opportunity will create new pathways for success benefitting both our students and students across the north Texas region."

"The growth in population over the past 10 years in Ellis County, and the entire North Texas region, has been nothing short of incredible," said Texas State Representative Jim Pitts. "TSTC having a significant presence in our area will provide the job-related training and workforce development necessary for today's economy, and will attract businesses and job creation. I see this extension center as an incredible economic development opportunity and a critical investment in the future of our community. It was an honor to work with Chancellor Reeser, Superintendent Niven, and Senator Birdwell to make this a reality." Initially, programs in the areas of industrial maintenance, electronics, information technology, transportation, and engineering technology will be offered at an existing Red Oak ISD facility. At the same time, plans will be made to construct new facilities to house the center.

Marsalis Ave Church of Christ Makes Transition at the Historic Congregation in Oak Cliff

On Sunday, August 24, 2014 David L. Lane, Ph.D., announced that he will be retiring as minister of the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ at the end of this year. Dr. Lane has served as the Senior Minister of the Dallas church for the past 11 years. He came to Dallas after ministering to the Berkley Heights congregation in St. Louis, Missouri, where he labored for 27 years. "It was not my intention to take on another congregation when I moved to Dallas," Lane admits. "However, the needs of the congregation aligned with my skills, and gave me an opportunity to have a working laboratory for church administration training needed for Southwestern Christian College ministerial students. God orchestrated the events and led me to Marsalis," he adds. Dr. Lane will remain for the next few years as the resident retired minister of the Marsalis Avenue congregation. He will continue his national and international ministry of university lecturing, revivals, workshops, conferences, business and church arbitrations, as well as writing.

The congregation has experienced great spiritual growth under his tutelage. Under his leadership, the 400 member congregation established a Life Management Center, where a team of mental health professionals also volunteer their time to provide counseling services to members, their families, friends and community members. The church has partnered with groups such as the Dallas Police Department, Lifeline Chaplaincy, and Victims Relief Ministries in a variety of efforts designed to transform lives to the glory of God. Dr. Lane's leadership also led to the equip-



William Lamont Ross
Lamont Ross is the Family and Youth Minister of the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. He holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the Austin Graduate School of Theology and graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Communication Studies. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in professional counseling. He served as the Youth Minister of the Eastside Church of Christ in Austin, Texas for six years.

Brother Ross has been preaching since the age of seventeen and has been a featured speaker at lectureships, marriage seminars, singles workshops, youth conferences and at various church, community and corporate events. He served two terms as president of the Dallas Area Youth for Christ and is a Seminar Director who trains church leaders and counselors how to minister to couples using the Prepare/Enrich program. In addition to his work in the kingdom, brother Ross served three years on the NAACP National Board of Directors and is the former co-host of "The Forum," a weekly radio show for young adults on KAZI 88.7 FM in Austin. He and his wife, Stacy, have three children.

ping and ordination of additional elders and deacons as well as the expansion of the church staff. In 2008, the congregation hired Lamont Ross as its full-time Family and Youth Minister.

On January 1, 2015, Minister

Ross will become the Senior Minister of the historic church located on Marsalis Avenue and Grover C. Washington Avenue. "We brought Minister Ross back to Marsalis anticipating that he would become the Senior Minister at some point. We knew that if we were going to reach a new generation for Christ, we needed someone whose primary role would be to connect to Generation Y," said Jewel Manzay, one of the six elders of the church. Minister Ross is known for his dynamic sermon illustrations and object lessons. He has the unique ability to reach Millennials, Generation X and Baby Boomers alike. Minister Ross envisions a church that is a reflection of the diversity of the greater Dallas area, specifically the nearby South Oak Cliff community.

After serving in Austin, Texas, Minister Ross returned to Dallas where he has many family and friends. A native Dallasite, Minister Ross spent his formative years at the Marsalis Avenue congregation. "I am amazed by the providence of God. Only God knew that nearly 25 years later I would return to minister to the people that my wife and I know and love," he says. Minister Ross holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the Austin Graduate School of Theology and graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Stacy, who also grew up at the congregation under the leadership of the late Grover C. Washington, have three children. An official installation service is being planned for January 2015 for Minister Ross.

Dallas ISD Releases Its Lead Investigator

The following is a statement from the Dallas Independent School District:

Dallas ISD announced that it has released its lead investigator based on the findings of a month and a half-long review. The review, conducted by outside counsel, found multiple instances of poor behavior and decision-making, and violations of law and the Texas Education Code that warranted the termination of Jeremy Liebbe, who had managed the Professional Standards Office since March of 2014.

As a matter of practice, Dallas ISD does not comment on personnel issues.

"It is unfortunate that this matter has been made so public without the district being able to comment," said André Riley, director of news and information. "Because there has been considerable media and public attention, we believe it is important for the public to know the outcome of the investigation," said Riley. "That being said, to respect all involved, we will not discuss the details of the investigation or resulting action."

Liebbe's attorney Pete Schulte released this statement:

"My client, Jeremy Liebbe, a top official with DISD who oversees administrative investigations, was notified yesterday that there is a pending administrative inquiry involving him and he was placed on administrative leave. The only information we are aware at the moment is that the inquiry is not criminal in nature. Regardless of the accusations, my client looks forward to resolution and returning to work as he knows he has done nothing wrong."

Before he was hired to head the district's Professional Standards Office, which is part of DISD's Human Resources Department, he was a district police officer and detective.

He is credited with being the first to identify the 'cheese' heroin epidemic in 2006 that took the lives of several DISD students.



Jeremy Liebbe

News You Ought to Know

•Texas Rangers Manager Ron Washington Resigns

•Dallas ISD Superintendent Mike Miles and Board President Miguel Solis will discuss goals and challenges at the 2014 State of the District Luncheon September 16 1:45 p.m. at the Belo Mansion. Tickets are \$60.00 for Dallas Regional Chamber members and \$120 for nonmembers.

•Dallas Healthy Start will hold a Baby Buggy Walk on Saturday, September 13 from 10-1p.m. at the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute at the Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center, 4500 Spring Ave.

•Parkland receives platinum award from Cardiology Foundation To receive this award, Parkland consistently followed the treatment guidelines in the ACTION Registry—GWTG Premier for eight consecutive quarters and met a performance standard of 90 percent for specific performance measures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 700,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. Last year, Parkland treated 127 heart attack patients.

•President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key Administration posts: Michele Thoren Bond – Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State

Michael Young – Member, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

•The Dallas Sidekicks will hold a series of open tryouts on September 24-25 and October 1-2 at Soccer Spectrum in Richardson. Interested players will have the opportunity to train in front of Tatu and other Sidekicks coaches, learn from the staff and ultimately try to earn a place on the 2014-2015 Dallas Sidekicks. To register, please visit www.dallassidekicks.net/opentryouts

For more information, prospective athletes may call 469.200.GOAL (4625).



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Serena Williams Wins Third Consecutive US Open, Sixth Total

Serena Williams rescued her season with a lopsided victory over Caroline Wozniacki to win her 18th grand slam title in a final that flirted with towering mediocrity, was restored to passable competence and finished with merciful speed in a dribble of errors.

Her 6-3, 6-3 defeat Sunday of good pal Caroline Wozniacki in Sunday's U.S. Open final - her sixth in New York and third consecutive - comes 15 years later, the longest span between Grand Slam titles in history.

She stands alongside Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova now, and four behind Steffi Graf as major winners in the Open era, but still trailing Helen Wills Moody (19) and Margaret Court (24) in the history of the game.

"I'm sure you have your ups and downs, and every time she's so competitive," said five-time Grand Slam champion Hingis, who is one year older than Williams and reached the women's doubles final. "I mean there's no words. I mean Serena is Serena. Geez. Wow."

In a season where eight different women reached Grand Slam finals, Williams cemented her status as the top player. But it took the biggest stage and home turf for Williams to win her first major of 2014.

"It was a wonderful finish [to the slam season]," a sobbing Williams said courtside. "Of all the struggles we've been through, we've texted each other nearly every day."

It was the third year in a row here that the final entertained two players who have been ranked the best on their Tour, although you would not have guessed so had you arrived from Mars and witnessed opening exchanges that were more like botched handshakes than blows of mean intent.

Williams is a wonderful player. The second set was marginally more competitive yet it had the unmistakable air of a slow walk towards a disappearing target, the last of Wozniacki's 15 unforced errors floating long. The applause was that of relief as much as celebration.



Serena Williams

Dallas: Too Busy Growing To Hate!



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEACON ROBERT WALKER, JR.

APRIL 22, 1937 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

Robert Walker, Jr., was born April 22, 1937 to the parentage of Robert and Minnie Earl Walker in Seagoville, Texas.

During his formative years, he attended the Strangers Rest Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas where he also accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and graduated from I. M. Terrell High School in May 1955.

He went on to attend Prairie View A&M College where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Education in 1960. In September 1960, he entered the United States Army and received an Honorable discharge in

September 1962. While at Prairie View, he met Lavada Broussard. On June 13, 1962, he and Lavada were united in holy matrimony. In 1965, this union was blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Kimberly DeVette (affectionately known as "Kimley").

Robert later went back to Prairie View and attained his Master of Science Degree. In 1963, his teaching career began in Texarkana, Texas at the Dunbar High School. In 1967, he and his family moved to Dallas, Texas.

He was employed with the Wilmer-Hutchins School District from 1967- 1969. He was later hired by the Dallas Independent School



District where he taught Occupational Education and Mathematics. Deacon Walker retired from DISD in May 1992.

Church Affiliations in Dallas. In 1967, he became a member of the Beth Eden Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Rev. Lloyd D. Hall. In the organization of the Church, he became one of the first deacons. He also served as Chairman of the Deacon Board and President of the Usher Board.

In 1976, he and his family became members of the Bon Air Missionary Baptist Church. At Bon Air, he served as Deacon, past Usher Board President and Evangelistic Team

President.

Organization Affiliations Deacon Walker is a member of the Tommie Robinson American Legion Post 802, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Dallas Retired Teachers Association, and the Dallas Prairie View Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father and brother, Earlie Luster. He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Lavada; daughter, Dr. Kimberly Walker Brown (Daniel); sisters, Ollie M. Glasco and Alice M. Walker, both of Fort Worth, TX; goddaughters, Kaysha and Destinee Cohen; nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and loved ones.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. BOBBIE C. ROBINSON



Mrs. Bobbie C. Robinson 79, Ascended to her heavenly home to rejoice and praise God forever on September 6, 2014. Mr. Billy Pat Robinson and family invites relatives and friends to celebrate her life. The Evening gathering will commence Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 from 7-8PM in the Singing Hills Memorial Chapel. The Service of Celebration is 11:00AM Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church 1101 C.B.T. Smith St. Dallas, TX 75203. The Final and Sacred Service will be at Lincoln Memorial Park.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING III SEEKS JUSTICE DEPT. AID IN HOUSING CRISIS

Charges Aggressive Foreclosure Tactics Imperil Minority Homeowners

In a letter sent recently to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Martin Luther King III requested the intervention of the Justice Department in legal issues surrounding practices in the housing finance industry that are obstructing federal and state efforts to assist struggling homeowners to avoid foreclosure, particularly in hard-hit communities of color with predominantly African American, Latino or Asian residents.

While commending the Attorney General's outstanding leadership in bringing the "legal and moral authority" of his office to bear on issues that directly affect American families, Mr. King outlined several steps that could be taken by the Justice Department to counter the impact of actions, including litigation, taken by certain mortgage bondholders "for the purpose of encouraging foreclosures and/or discouraging principal reductions and mortgage modifications."

"At a time when the mortgages of more than nine million American homeowners remain under water...and with the millions of foreclosures the housing crisis has already wrought," Mr. King asserted, "it is reprehensible that anyone today could deliberately support more foreclosures and more suffering."

He noted that these



developments directly undermine the government initiatives that have helped "more than one million struggling families modify their mortgages and stay in their homes." The new push for foreclosures also contradicts the terms of the 2012 National Mortgage Settlement negotiated under Holder's leadership by the Justice Department, as well as attorneys general in 49 states, "specifically requiring banks and other mortgage market participants to pay significant sums to borrowers and to foreclosure prevention programs, including loan modification initiatives."

In January 2013, Mr. King himself participated in an effort sponsored by the Independent Foreclosure Review (IFR) to increase nationwide awareness of the availability of such government-sponsored assistance to those in affected communities. He spoke to nearly 8,000 members of denomination anchor churches, which in turn

spread the word throughout their constituent congregations and distributed CDs that reached additional millions.

On a more personal note,

Mr. King shared with Attorney General Holder a historic footnote that resonates strongly with his family. He recalled that President Lyndon Johnson secured the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 - Title VIII of which was the Fair Housing Act -- on April 11, 1968, exactly one week after Dr. King's death.

While President Johnson urged Congress to support the legislation as a "fitting tribute" to his father's life-long struggle for justice and fairness for all citizens, the third-generation civil rights activist concluded that "some 46 years later, there is still...much more work to be done to ensure that the promise of the Act moves closer to demonstrable reality."

Toward this end, Mr. King has requested a meeting with Mr. Holder to explore opportunities in which the Justice Department can

exert its legal muscle to fight for homeowners in minority communities to protect their interests and preserve their homes against the rising tide of foreclosure litigation.

SALUTING THE URBAN LEAGUE



BY CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

There are numerous organizations and institutions located in the 30th Congressional District that make a fundamental difference for good in the lives of people. Each day, the individuals who work for, and lead these concerns work tirelessly and unselfishly to improve the quality of life for all people in North Texas.

One such organization that I would like to salute is the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas. Led by Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, the Urban League has a wealth of programs that include employment services, financial assistance, health education, technological and computer training, community residential development and many more.

One of its most vital programs is one in which previously incarcerated individuals learn job skills, and receive training that assists them in their transitions back into society. Some of the individuals who have experienced the Urban League program have gone into business for themselves. One participant created a business that allowed him to hire others who had been incarcerated.

The work of the Urban

League is not limited to Southern Dallas, as many think. The organization has outreach centers and staff in Pleasant Grove, Garland, and Irving. The centers provide various services to those who live on the economic margins of our society, attempting daily to remove families from poverty to a place where they are able to stand on their own.

A number of people have achieved success after experiencing one or more of the Urban League's programs. One man, homeless and unemployed when he sought out the Urban League, participated in their Efficiency Housing Program. That led to full-time employment, the ability to purchase a car, and his own suitable housing. He said that the Urban League experience "empowered" him.

A 28 year-old woman who had not completed high school enrolled in the Urban League's GED course. Her exam scores were extremely high. In fact, her reading scores were high enough to be among the very best in the entire nation. After the course she enrolled in college to study business management.

During the course of the last year, 53 families purchased their first home after participating in the Urban League's Homebuyer Education Program. Nearly 600 area residents completed the credit counseling and financial literacy classes offered by the League. Two hundred and thirty-three veterans, some faced with

homelessness, received support services that enabled them to rent housing or make purchases.

In fact, nearly 8,000 individuals and their loved ones were positively affected by the health education, health promotion and housing services offered by the Urban League. Its client base ranged from teenagers to senior citizens.

The Urban League receives its financing from government, business organizations and individuals who believe in the mission of the organization that has served the people of North Texas for more than four decades.

Even during times of financial stress, the Urban League has continued its effective program base, reaching out to people, making a difference in their lives. It has been successful because it has taken an innovative and visionary approach to the science of improving the human condition.

I urge you to support the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas as it continues on the path that its organizers so prudently and unselfishly chose. Its success is our success. Its mission is our mission.

I am grateful to all of the organizations that serve our community for their dedication and for their service to the people of our Congressional District. Their contributions are vital, necessary and greatly appreciated.

EDITORIAL PAGE

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX
NPNA COLUMNIST

The Dow Jones Industrial Average has been floating at or above the 17,000 mark in the past two months - an all time high. There has been a stumble here and a wrinkle there, but even with a weak unemployment report for August, the Dow has remained over 17,000. This compares with a Dow of 13,000 just a year ago (or a 30 percent gain), and is generally seen as a sign of economic progress and of increased wealth.

Who gets the wealth, though? Fifty-two percent of US adults own stock which includes mutual funds, Individual Retirement Accounts, and 401-k accounts down from 65 percent in 2007. The drop in the level of stock holdings can be at least partly attributed to the Great Recession, when high levels of unemployment forced people to go into their savings to survive.

REV. JOHNNY C. SMITH,
PASTOR - MOUNT MORIAH
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

What a magnificent book we have before us. Isaiah, the prince of prophecy, is writing a very encouraging message to Judah, informing her that God promises to restore her to the land, Jerusalem. This chapter is in the comforting section of the book. In contrast to the first section that emphasizes denunciation (chapters 1-39), the second section focuses on deliverance (chapters 40-66). Within chapters 40-66, there are three sections with the following mes-

BY GEORGE E. CURRY
NPNA COLUMNIST

St. Louis County has 90 municipalities - ranging in population from 13 to nearly 52,000 - and most of them sustain themselves by targeting, fining and jailing poor Missouri residents, many of them Black, who are unable to pay traffic tickets.

A "white paper" by ArchCity Defenders, a group that defends the poor in the St. Louis area for free, carefully details how Ferguson and other small villages and municipalities in the state have perfected the art of exploiting those who drive while Black and poor.

According to the report, three municipal courts in Missouri - Ferguson, Bel-Ridge and Florissant - "were chronic offenders and serve as prime examples of how these practices violate fundamental rights of the poor, undermine public confidence in the judicial system, and create inefficiencies."

It continued, "Overall, we found that by disproportionately stopping, charging and fining the poor and minorities, by closing the Courts to the public, and by incarcerating

Maybe, too, dissolved stock holdings to help them with housing crises and underwater mortgages. For those reasons, and for many others, stock ownership is falling.

While half of the overall population owns stock, bonds or mutual funds, a 2011 Washington Post survey reported that one in four African Americans and one in six Hispanics had such holdings. These are the folks who were disproportionately hit by the housing crisis, and are now unlikely to gain from the surge in the stock market. Some folks just can't catch a break.

Now, the latest unemployment report suggests that there are fewer gains in the labor market than expected. While the overall unemployment rate has ticked down from 6.2 percent to 6.1 percent, only 142,000 jobs were created, about one hundred thousand fewer jobs than economic forecasters had been expecting.

Tepid job growth bodes ill for the so-called recovery that is optimistically referenced. The Black unemployment in August was unchanged from July at 11.4 percent, with the rate for Black men falling, and that for Black women rising. Usually, Black men

have a slightly higher unemployment rate than Black women.

While the racial unemployment rate still reflects inequality, and the general unemployment rate is too high to be optimistic about recovery (though the rate is down a full percentage point from a year ago), equally concerning is the level of wages that has not grown significantly in the past year. In the last year, the hourly wage has grown by just 50 cents, from \$24.03 in August 2013, to \$24.53 last month. With unemployment rates falling, it would seem that employers would have to work harder to compete for workers, but the extremely small increase in hourly pay suggests this is just not the case. While these data are not broken down by race, the fact that the average African American household earns just \$32,000 a year, compared to \$51,000 for a white household suggests that there is a similar difference in hourly wages.

The movement to increase the minimum wage has momentum, but Congress can't seem to understand how challenging it is to earn the minimum wage in a stagnant labor market. The minimum wage hasn't changed in five years. Meanwhile, Congressional pay has risen from \$129,500 to

\$174,000 between 1992 through 2014. Congress also has its pay inflation-adjusted. President Obama has chided Congress that "America needs a raise," last addressing the point on this Labor Day. And fast food workers have taken it to the streets, demanding that their employers pay them \$15 an hour. Dozens were arrested in cities around the country as they disrupted traffic in busy intersections to make their case known.

The juxtaposition between minimum wages that have not been adjusted in five years, Congressional pay that continues to rise, and a 30 percent stock market gain in just a year are simple indicators of our nation's inequality. Those at the bottom aren't seeing any trickle down from stock euphoria. There has been little increase in the amount of work available, and the amount of pay that it brings. America needs a raise, and congress needs to spend just one week living on the minimum wage. That might give them an insight or two about how some people are forced to live.

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"Fear Not" Isaiah 43:1-7

sages: the promise that Judah will be restored to the land (40-48); the surety of the coming of the Messiah (49-57); and the blessings of the Millennium for Israel will come (58-66).

Isaiah was a great prophet of God, who primarily had a message to Judah. At the point of his messages, Judah had not yet gone into captivity (the date of 586 B.C.). Although the people of Judah had not yet experienced captivity, Isaiah's prophetic vision looked beyond that dismal period to the future blessings of the kingdom. With a sense of confidence, in reading this section, I would like to summarize Isaiah's message this way: Judah will be captured and exiled to Babylon, but looking beyond that dreadful scene, Judah will be restored, not only to her land, but will experience the blessings of the Millennium. What a wonderful message of comfort that is being depicted in this section. Looking through his prophetic

telescope, Isaiah was prophesying from the immediate present, but glides right on to the future.

As we glance at our subject, "Fear Not," I would like to define the word, "fear." The word "fear" can be defined as "a feeling that danger or evil is near; be afraid of; an uneasy feeling or idea; to be restless, disturbed, anxious." Our text offers comfort to Judah, who will experience being captured by Babylon and go into captivity, yet she will be fully restored. In Isaiah 40:2, Isaiah had already comforted her by telling Judah that she has paid in full punishment of her sins, for that verse reads: "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." Although Israel had sinned grievously in disregarding the law, God promises to recapture her and restore her to the land.

Our text offers three reasons

not to fear. The first reason Israel is not to fear is because God created her. Even though going through a terrible period, Israel need not fear because God will protect her (v. 1-2). In verses 3-4, the second reason that Israel should not fear is because God loves her. His love for her is not based on any merit that she possesses, but it is because God chose her (v. 3-4). Lastly, the third reason Israel is not to fear is that God promised to re-gather them to their land (v. 5-7). Having discussed the fears that Israel faced, and the assurances that God's word offered to her, what is your greatest fear? Is it death? I know that death is a terror, and has been a tyrant, but one needs not fear. Christ has conquered death, for Paul makes this emphatic statement - "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory" (I Corinthians 15:55). And because Christ has gained victory over death, believers will do also! May God truly bless!

Driving While Black - and Poor

people for the failure to pay fines, these policies unintentionally push the poor further into poverty, prevent the homeless from accessing the housing, treatment, and jobs they so desperately need to regain stability in their lives, and violate the Constitution.

"These ongoing violations of the most fundamental guarantees of the Constitution are the product of a disordered, fragmented, and inefficient approach to criminal justice in St. Louis County. It represents a failure of the Municipalities to comply with the guarantees of counsel, reasonable bond assessments, and other constitutional and legal rights of those accused. And, perhaps most importantly, these practices create animosity in the community, contribute to the fractured nature of the St. Louis region, and cost the individual municipalities and the region financially."

Unmistakably, poor Blacks drive through certain Missouri municipalities with a huge X on their back.

Last year in Bel-Ridge, 75.7 percent of all traffic stops involved Black motorists. What happened after the stops is even more telling. According to the study, 100 percent of all searches and arrests growing out of traffic stops were of African Americans. In other words, of 775 Blacks pulled over by police, 11 were searched and 32 were arrested. Of 219 non-Blacks stopped,

none were searched and none were arrested.

In Ferguson, 86 percent of all traffic stops in 2013 involved Blacks. Of those stopped, Blacks were almost twice as likely as Whites to be searched (12.1 percent vs. 6.9 percent) and twice as likely to be arrested (10.4 percent vs. 5.2 percent). Interestingly, after being searched, only 21.7 percent of Blacks were found with contraband, compared to 34 percent of Whites.

In Florissant, Blacks were arrested 14.9 percent of the time, twice the White rate of 7.2 percent. Whites were searched 8 percent of the time vs. 15.8 percent of Blacks. Yet, contraband was found on only 7.4 percent of Black residents compared to 12 percent of Whites.

These disproportionate arrests of Blacks translates into more green for the cities.

For example, of Pine Lawn's

4,204 residents, 96 percent are Black. It has a per capita income of only \$13,000. Last year, Pine Lawn collected more than \$1.7 million in fines and court fees. That's \$500,000 more than Chesterfield, an affluent, predominantly White suburb with five times the population of Pine Lawn (47,000) and a per capita income almost four times that of Pine Lawn (\$50,000).

If one can afford an attorney, they have all of the advantages. Typically, in the case of a speeding ticket, the attorney

requests what is called "recommendation for disposition." In those cases a speeding ticket is amended to a non-moving violation, such as excessive vehicle noise, upon payment of a fine and court costs. The offender is able to avoid points on his or her record as well as a possible insurance increase.

Poor people, however, don't get that benefit.

"...in all but a very few, these municipalities fail to provide lawyers for those who cannot afford counsel," the report stated. "As a result, unrepresented defendants often enter pleas of guilty without knowing that they have right to consult with a lawyer, although this information is on many court websites. Defendants are also sentenced to probation and to the payment of unreasonable fines without a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of defendant's right to counsel. Despite their poverty, defendants are frequently ordered to pay fines that are frequently triple their monthly income.

"Defendants are entitled to a hearing to determine their ability to pay, under Missouri Law. Upon revocation of probation because of their inability to pay, defendants are again entitled to an inquiry into their ability to pay. Based on our observations, this rarely occurs. As a result, defendants are incarcerated for their poverty."

Yes, race and money still matters.

A Little Bit of Faith: God Will Sustain You

granted. We assume that if we go to sleep, we will get up the next morning. We also assume that because we have all that we need that it will always be that way.

For this reason, we move through our lives forgetting how faithful God has been to us. We take Him for granted.

The God we serve is faithful to us. He walks with us during good and bad times. He provides for our needs and our

wants as well. Unfortunately, we often forget to thank God for how He has blessed us and provides for us. Often, we act like spoiled children who only seem to look for God when we are in need of something miraculous from Him.

As we get older, we tend to think that many of our successes have happened because of our own ability. We fail to acknowledge that God has blessed us and met our needs

even when we were not deserving of it. God still showed us mercy.

God has stayed close to us because of the love He has for us. This is why the Psalmist is able to acknowledge that "...the Lord sustains me" (Psalm 3:5). Can you take this week and ponder how God has sustained you? If you do this, you will have a more thankful heart. I know I'll take the time to do it. Amen? Amen.

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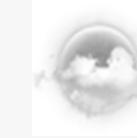
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Levenson Selling Majority Interest in Atlanta Hawks

After Racist Remarks

Officials reported Atlanta Hawks owner Bruce Levenson will be selling controlling interest of the team due to an email reminiscent of the Donald Sterling scandal.

In July Levenson reported himself to the NBA for having sent a racist email in August 2012. The email sent spoke about the race of the Hawks fans, and the "racial sports divide" found in Atlanta. Among many other clichés in the email, Levenson said, "My theory is that the black crowd scared away the whites and there are simply not enough affluent black fans to build a significant season ticket base."

The following statement was released today by Atlanta Hawks Controlling Owner Bruce Levenson:

"Over the past several years, I've spent a lot of time grappling with low attendance at our games and the need for the Hawks to attract more season ticket holders and corporate sponsors. Over that time, I've talked with team executives about the need for the Hawks to build a more diverse fan base that includes more suburban whites, and I shared my thoughts on why our efforts to bridge Atlanta's racial sports divide seemed to be failing.

In trying to address those issues, I wrote an e-mail two years ago that was inappropriate and offensive. I trivial-

ized our fans by making clichéd assumptions about their interests (i.e. hip hop vs. country, white vs. black cheerleaders, etc.) and by stereotyping their perceptions of one another (i.e. that white fans might be afraid of our black fans). By focusing on race, I also sent the unintentional and hurtful message that our white fans are more valuable than our black fans.

If you're angry about what I wrote, you should be. I'm angry at myself, too. It was inflammatory nonsense. We all may have subtle biases and preconceptions when it comes to race, but my role as a leader is to challenge them, not to validate or accommodate those who might hold them.

I have said repeatedly that the NBA should have zero tolerance for racism, and I strongly believe that to be true. That is why I voluntarily reported my inappropriate e-mail to the NBA.

After much long and difficult contemplation, I have decided that it is in the best interests of the team, the Atlanta community, and the NBA to sell my controlling interest in the Hawks franchise.

Hawks CEO Steve Koonin will oversee all team operations and take all organizational reports as we proceed with the sale process.

I'm truly embarrassed by my words in that e-mail, and

I apologize to the members of the Hawks family and all of our fans.

To the Hawks family and its fans, you have my deepest gratitude for the past ten years. Working with this team and its extraordinary executives, coaching staff, and players has been one of the highlights of my life. I am proud of our diverse, passionate, and growing legion of Hawks fans, and I will continue to join you in cheering for the best team in the NBA."

Levenson became an owner of the Hawks in 2004. For the meantime, Hawks CEO, Steve Koonin, will be taking over operations for the team while the NBA looks for a new owner.

NBA Commissioner, Adam Silver, said, "Prior to the completion of the investigation, Mr. Levenson notified me last evening that he had decided to sell his controlling interest in the Atlanta Hawks. As Mr. Levenson acknowledged, the views he expressed are entirely unacceptable and are in stark contrast to the core principles of the National Basketball Association.

He shared with me how truly remorseful he is for using those hurtful words and how apologetic he is to the entire NBA family — fans, players, team employees, business partners and fellow team owners — for having diverted attention away from our game."

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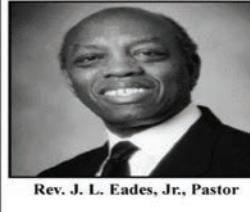
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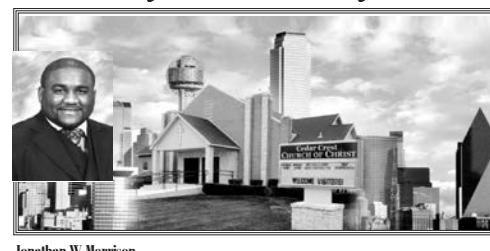
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What is more important? Perception or reality? Your perception is actually your reality. Perception drives behavior everyday. The real purpose of this commentary is this. Things are not always what they appear and strong media relies on this simple fact to make you see things their

way everyday. Depending on the level of your emotional involvement, it becomes paramount or pitiful.

The recent tragedy in Ferguson, Missouri, and the death of Michael Brown remains just that. An American tragedy. The killing of unarmed people, especially an African American teen in this case, by the tax pay-

ing unit sworn to protect and serve always upset the nervous system. Reality hits us in the face everyday with this "movie" being repeatedly played in all American cities. What makes the difference? And just how much of this is driven by the emotional action that sets in and is thus multiplied by a camera full of people marching. Is it

DALLAS STUDENTS GO TO CITY HALL TO ASK MAYOR MIKE RAWLINGS TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER AS MATH ROCKS MONTH

St. Philip's School and The Episcopal School of Dallas students launch letter-writing campaign; they want to change perception of math and help families and children understand that math provides a crucial foundation of knowledge that can lead to thrilling careers

WHAT: An idea of their own making, students from St. Philip's School & Community Center and The Episcopal School of Dallas will go to Dallas City Hall this Thursday and ask Mayor Mike Rawlings to proclaim November as "Math Rocks Month." The students will read letters from their schoolmates and then plead their case to explain that math is cool and fun and can lead to exciting careers. The students want to change the perception of math and help families and children understand that math pro-

vides a crucial foundation of knowledge that can lead to thrilling careers in everything from sports and space, movie-making and medicine, to innovation and illustration.

WHY: After learning that ESD and St. Philip's School & Community Center are sponsors of the bilingual 2theXtreme: MathAlive! traveling exhibition at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, the students came up with the idea to declare November as "Math Rocks Month." They're also recruiting students across Dallas to join them in writing letters to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings asking him to make the declaration.

The youngsters are very excited about their involvement with the "to-the-extreme" exhibition that explores the endless possibilities of real-world math through applications like video games, sports, fash-

ion, music, robotics and more. The 2theXtreme: MathAlive! exhibition at the Perot Museum runs Sept. 27, 2014, through Jan. 4, 2015.

If Mayor Rawlings agrees to proclaim November as "Math Rocks Month," the students hope to return to a Dallas City Council meeting or briefing to receive the proclamation.

WHO: Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and students from St. Philip's School & Community Center and The Episcopal School of Dallas

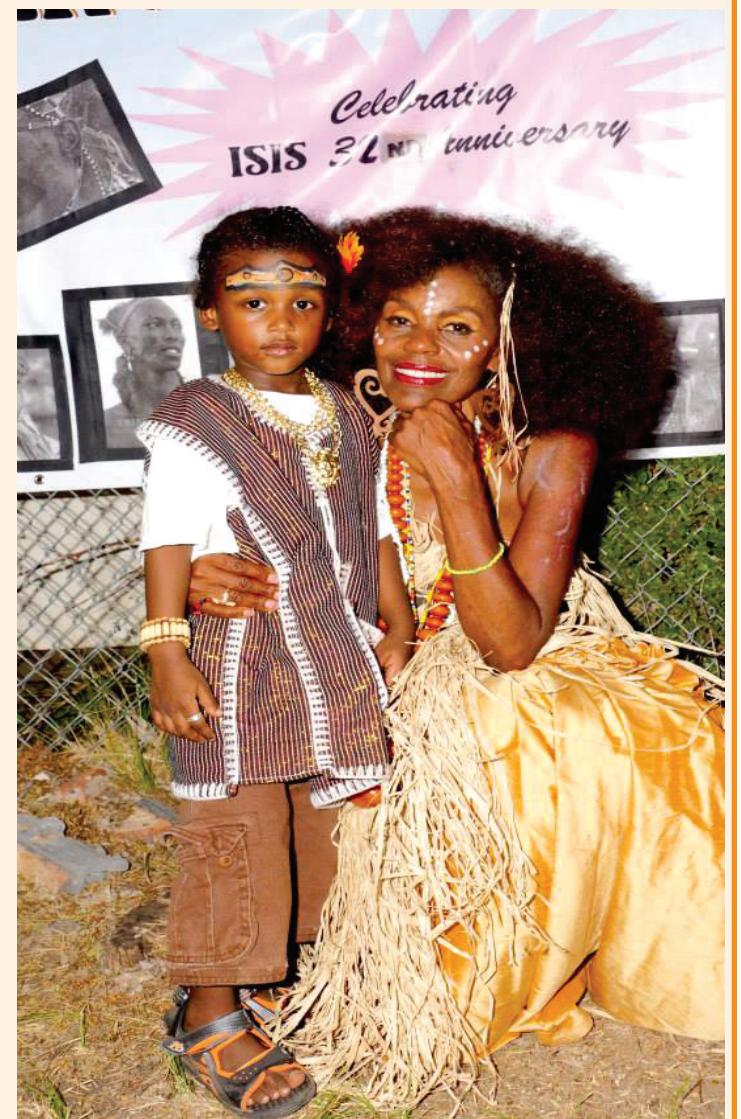
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The Isis Project hosted the 4th Annual Naturally Isis Natural Hair Parade. Starting at Gould Street and Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. the parade was hosted by the Parade and Festival is hosted by Sam Putney and Dj Frances Jay, featuring Dallas' own Grand Marshall Erykah Badu in Sunny South Dallas.

The festival included live entertainment, workshops, children activities, speakers, poets, and a host of food and product vendors. In addition, Irma P. Hall presented the "The Irma P. Hall Living Legend Award" to legendary Jazz pianist, Roger Boykin. The "Swagg Award" will be given to Benita Arterberry, an internationally renowned gospel vocalist.

The parade and festival founded by Isis Brantley was created to celebrate, promote and cultivate the love and acceptance for natural hair beauty standards.

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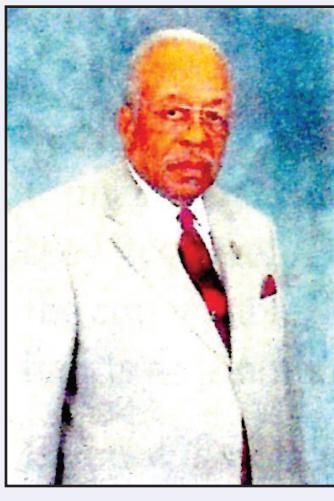
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Sunday 9 a.m. in English
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Sharing Christ Across Cultures

that cameras make the difference. Cameras brings out the visible show of concern in us? Truth is always present somewhere, but when truth is blurred by misinformation, potpourri of high definition lens and perceptions become reality from a certain corner of the world, I can assure you that something is lost.

Now that the cameras have gone on to sensationalize and tantalize more world viewers, I am looking for the growing leftover concern. When CNN left the scene, did concern step up and take its place? Or did concern leave with CNN? Finally, and equally as important is the reported amount of funds donated to each family in the Ferguson, Missouri tragedy. Last accounting, reported donations to the Brown Family was \$250,000. The Police Wives group reported about \$400,000 in donations.

Is that perception or reality?

"From the desk of a Layman"**Creation Genesis 1:24-2:7 (Part 11)**

MR. GENE TURNER

In our last article we went as far as the sixth day of creation. When you consider the sixth day you must consider the fact that the sixth day distinctively comes in two parts.

One part talks about animal life on earth (Gen. 1:24-25). When you read these verses you will see that God created all animal life after its kind, but in the next half of the sixth day, God said, speaking to the other personalities of Himself, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, saying let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Now, this simply means that God created

mankind in both the image and likeness of Himself.

An image is a representation, or replica of one person or thing by another. An image may be similar but not necessarily identical to its original. The term likeness is used as a gauge of comparison, or analogy. When man fell, he retained an impaired image of God. Read (Gen. 9:16) Regaining a likeness of God is one of the accomplishments of salvation.

Our spiritual likeness is restored in justification. Our character likeness is being continuously developed in the process of sanctification. We will be like Christ physically when we are glorified. God's purpose in our lives today is to conform us to the image of Christ, Read (Romans 8:29) - (Gen. 1:26-27) (Heb. 4:12)

There are many people who constantly read God's word and still get creation and formation mixed up. These words are not the same, and do not mean the same thing.

Creation means what God created within His mind, and at some point in time He formed what He created in His mind. A good example is in the book of

(Jeremiah 1:4-5) and (Genesis 1:27-28). All this was in creation. Now, in (Genesis 2:7) God formed man only, even though He created both of them at the same time, but He formed them at a different time. Now, here is what's so amazing, He not only created them in His mind, but He also commanded them as to what they were supposed to do after they were formed. That can be seen in a young child. He or she knows right from wrong when they get here. A one year old baby when alone in the family room will pull things off the coffee table, but when you as Mom and Dad walk in, that baby will drop his or her hands as if nothing is wrong. That's because they were programmed at creation.

If you will notice God programs man in (Genesis 1:26) but, He does not form man until (Genesis 2:7) after man was formed he already knew right from wrong, and being obedient, and disobedient. That's why Adam hid himself from God in the Garden, all Black people need to know exactly where the Garden of Eden is really located. Look at the next article concerning this!

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Dallas, Texas 75215
(214) 426-5468

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8a-1pm Wetland Tours 10a-6pm Art "On the Blvd"
10a-1pm Music Family Fun 10a-11am Corp/LINC Update

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Registration and Community Event: 3342 Cedar Crest@1st St. 214-498-5298

For More Info: Contact Sandra Crenshaw oakclifnia@yahoo.com

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