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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Preserving Our Past, Affirming Our Greatness*

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### The Last Days of Whitney Houston

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American

Earlier on Thursday, Houston dropped by rehearsals for Clive Davis' pre-Grammy party. Several members of the press were there doing a junket. Though Houston greeted people with a warm smile, she "appeared disheveled in mismatched clothes and hair that was dripping wet with either sweat or water," reports The Los Angeles Times.

Describing her as "visibly bloated," the Times says Houston "displayed erratic behavior throughout the afternoon — flailing her hands frenetically as she spoke to Brandy and Monica, skipping around the ballroom in a child-like fashion and wandering

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**TOP:** Whitney Houston's sudden and untimely death on Feb. 11 sent shockwaves throughout the country, world and the music industry. At press time, imminent details of how she died has not yet been determined, but is clouded by a phase of her life that included drug and alcohol abuse. Yet many of her millions of adoring fans wish to focus on simply remembering her many accomplishments in music and acting, along with a heartfelt "Thank You" for her gift to the world.

**RIGHT:** Whitney, in Jan. 1987, enjoys an evening with her mother, former gospel singing star Cissy Houston (center) and her cousin, acclaimed singer Dionne Warwick.

## FIRST LADY ON THE "MOVE"

*Michelle Obama delights, educates Texas crowds on comprehensive health initiative*

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When the next generation looks back to this current generation, it may very well be reported that First Lady Michelle Obama made both Black history and American history; that her Let's Move! Initiative sparked a total reversal on the health and fitness status of children and young adults.

A chapter in Obama's mission took place last week when she made stops in Dallas and Fort Worth, part of her nationwide tour of observing the second anniversary of Let's Move!, the program designed to attack and dra-

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First Lady Michelle Obama speaks to an audience in Dallas while promoting her Let's Move! Initiative. Photo by Deborah Kellogg

Nation of Islam leader Jeffrey Muhammad (right) is greeted by Eugene Yu of the Federation of Korean Associations at a Korean leadership conference. Photo by Victor Muhammad



## A Meeting of Cultures

Koreans reach out to Black community, hope to settle boycott

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Representatives of the Korean and Korean-American communities

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## POLL QUESTION

*Is Whitney Houston's death being treated right in the media?*

A. Yes, I want all of the ugly details, no matter how bad it looks.

B. No, I don't want the details, let's just remember her for her music.

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## Local Business Owner Recognized by Nonprofit Organizations

Tiffany Dale Hunter was recently selected to receive one of Dallas Furniture Bank's 2012 "40 Under 40" awards, which recognizes individuals' civic efforts that benefit families in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, as well as those who possess leadership in heralding awareness that makes the community more socially conscious and who serves as an inspiration for others to reach their highest potential.

"It's truly an honor to be recognized for many years of professional leadership and community involvement," said Hunter, President & CEO of Tiffany Dale Agency. "I am committed to continuously making a positive impact on the people in our communities."

Hunter's agency has provided over \$100,000 in pro-bono services to non-profit organizations. She also serves on the board of directors for Southern Methodist University's Business Associate Program and is actively involved with the Leadership Dallas Alumni, Leadership Hous-



**Tiffany Dale Hunter**

ton Alumni, Junior League, Dallas Symphony Orchestra League and the Community Partners of Dallas Auxiliary Group.

Hunter is a former president of the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals and served on the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas.

The Dallas Furniture Bank's "40 Under 40" award recipients will be recognized during the "How Sweet It Is Battle of the Bakers" fundraising event, taking place at the Room on Main on March 6.

## United Airlines Names First Black Chief Pilot

United Airlines, the world's largest airline, named Captain James Simons, Jr. Chief Pilot of one its five U.S. regions, becoming that airline company's first African American to serve in that capacity.

Simons, a United Airlines pilot for 22 years, will manage 1,450 pilots for the Chicago-based airline's Northeast Region, which is headquartered at Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Va. He will further manage pilots at Dulles, John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport in New York City, Newark Liberty International Airport, Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport, and Reagan National Airport in Washington D.C.

"We are proud of Captain Simons' achievement and applaud United Airlines for its commitment to promoting minority men and women to executive positions in the aviation industry," said Cheryl Chew, Executive Director of Organization of



**Cpt. James Simons, Jr.**

Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP).

Simons also thanked other black pilots who he said opened the doors for him to move into management at United Airlines. He referred to Louis Freeman, former chief pilot for Southwest Airlines, and Bill Norwood, United Airlines' first African American captain.

"This is a humbling experience. I learned a lot from Louis Freeman and Bill Norwood," Captain Simons said.

Before his promotion, Captain Simons had been assistant chief pilot for the Northeast Region since 2007.

## From Texas to Textiles: A Designer on the Move

Robin Wilson visited Dallas recently to speak to parents and pediatricians about her branded line of textiles (pillows, towels, comforters) which launches in March 2012 on the Bed Bath & Beyond.com website. Her products are hypoallergenic and perfect for those who suffer from allergies and asthma. The pillows are made with a special weave to prevent dust mite accumulation, and include a free washable pillow cover.

Wilson is the first woman to license her name to eco-friendly custom cabinetry for bath & kitchen.

"My grandmother worked in the kitchen, and it is thrilling to know that with hard work and support of consumers, my brand is now on the kitchen," Wilson said.

After learning that 1 in 4 African American children suffers from asthma, and 1 in 9 children in the general population suffers from allergies, Ms. Wilson began to focus on educating consumers about hypoallergenic



**Robin Wilson**

products, clean construction methods and other information to help prevent wheezing and sneezing. She was named an ambassador to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America ([www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)).

Wilson has been featured on the #1 rated HGTV show, "Selling New York", *O magazine*, House Beautiful, or Good Morning America Health on allergies & asthma issues. She was born and raised in Austin, Texas, holds a BA from the University of Texas and a graduate degree from New York University.

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Wells Fargo is proud to celebrate Black History as we honor the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and the contributions that African Americans have made in enriching our company and encouraging us all to reach new heights.

To learn more about the heroism of the Tuskegee Airmen, check out *Red Tails* - in theaters now.

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