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Has the time come for Blacks to return to Africa?

By Nicole James Scott
Contributing Writer

Hollywood has made sure the biblical story of the Hebrew children held in captivity in the land of Egypt is one well known even among the greatest non-believer. A story when juxtaposed against the plight of the African in America bears striking similarities—a subjugated people with no rights the state is bound to respect, the incessant victims of injustice, exploitation, and state sanctioned murder. Such precarious conditions, which led Moses to command Pharaoh to “let my people go.” Today with not only the swelling oppression of Blacks under the current “Pharaoh”, but also a foreseeable bleak future, perhaps the directive should not simply be Pharaoh let our people go, but that we let him go.

When analyzing the collective experience of Blacks in America following the emancipation up to the present, there has been very little change in the state of Black America. Figures from a recent study are a telltale sign of how far we have yet to come. African-Americans are still unemployed at an exceedingly greater rate than their White counterparts. Within the last half century, the income gap has only narrowed by 7 percent while the wealth gap



Children learn about nutrition as part of the Peace Diet Program.

has continuously grown. Although Blacks make up roughly 13 percent of the overall population, we account for 24 percent of those living in poverty and 11 percent living in deep poverty.

The economic front is not the only area in which Blacks are poorly faring. Since 1980 the number of incarcerated Blacks has tripled with Blacks comprising almost 38 percent of the federal prison population, likewise for Black men at the state level, and Black women account for twice the number of White women incarcerated. Black men are killed by police at 21 times the rate of White men. One out of every three Black men will enter the criminal justice system at some point in his life.

So African-Americans are losing the battle economically as well as socially but how are we faring educationally? What is the state of health for Black America? In one word: critical. With such a grim trajectory, with Blacks having waged a continual fight for equality, to have our humanity recognized and with the ever-increasing signs that our reality is going to get worse, especially with the current Commander in Chief, why would we not consider returning from whence we came? It is a valid question, one community organizer and activist Zarakiah Ben Sar Amadiel is asking Black America.

Amadiel who is the director of the

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Rolanda Brigham

Rolanda Brigham joined the Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC) team last month as the Director of Education. A native Texan, she has worked extensively with arts education for the last 30 years in Chicago and Dallas. She is a retired actress who has performed in national commercials, voice overs, industrials, regional theatre as well as Broadway. A graduate of The College of Santa Fe with a Masters at The University of Kansas, Brigham is the product of an innovative arts based curriculum from



Arts Magnet High School at Booker T Washington in Dallas.

Brigham has worked to help develop and implement an arts-based curriculum in Chicago with

Gallery 37, Truman Middle College High School, The Chicago Theatre Company, Pegasus Players, Cornell Interventions, Beacon Street Gallery/Youthnet and Master Artist Program. She also worked with Urban Gateways, Catholic Charities, Sullivan House Group Home, Chicago's Juvenile Justice Systems' Healy and Smart Programs, LEAP (Lakeview Educational Arts Program) and numerous high schools and elementary schools through the Chicago area.

In Dallas, Brigham has worked extensively with Junior Players teaching creative writing, acting, im-

provisation, ballet, jazz and cultural endeavors. Other partnerships include working with Big Thought creating study guides, parent guides and activity guides for their reading programs as well as teaching new artists how to engage and teach kids through the arts.

Brigham is a founding member of Young Audiences of North Texas' Wolftrap Program which was specifically designed to target teaching pre-k kids via the arts. The Wolftrap artist develops curriculum through the arts that adheres to state goals and teaches the curriculum to

the student and the teacher. She is also an active artist in the city-wide initiative of Library Live, 'Every Child Ready To Read' that targets early childhood development reading skills in the public library system.

Also joining the Bishop Arts team, is Sergio Antonio Garcia as the new Director of Marketing and Communications. After an unprecedented year as the agency's Director of Education, Garcia joined the BATC team in June 2016. His professional career in theatre spans over 16 years. He holds a BFA in Music Education and Choral Stud-

ies from the University of Texas in Denton, and he studied at the American Musical & Dramatic Academy in New York, NY.

Garcia has worked in arts administration for over a decade and performed for notable theatres such as Casa Manana, Theatre Three, Uptown Players, ICT Mainstage, Lyric Stage, and Water Tower Theatre. Favorite roles include Giuseppe Zangara Assassins (Theatre Three), Jack Into the Woods (ICT Mainstage), Chino West Side Story (GSM), and Patrick Chibas Spinning Into Butter (Theatre Three).

Paulette Turner

The Fort Worth Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. Beta Tau Lambda in association with the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum (NMWHM) will honor outstanding civic and community leaders at the 24th Annual Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend Award Ceremony on Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Central Library located at 500 West 3rd Street, in Fort Worth.

The Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend Award is presented to area citizens who have dedicated their lives to community service. This



year's honorees include: Gwen Barbee, Community Service, Paulette Turner, Business, Bishop Robert L. Sample, Religion and Dr. Robert T. McDaniel, Education.

Paulette Turner embodies

her motto, "Standing Tall...Reaching Back", choosing to serve as a mentor and champion to benefit others. She earned a BA degree from Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois and an MBA through the Executive MBA program at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She is a graduate of Leadership America and Leadership Fort Worth.

Paulette, a retired IBM executive, had roles in administration, sales, marketing, sales learning, sales operations and human resources during her career, which spanned more than 30 years. In her last role with IBM she was responsible for leader-

ship development and sales training for all sellers, sales managers and sales executives in IBM Americas.

Paulette serves as chapter chair for the Fort Worth Chapter of the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO), where she uses proven techniques to assist entrepreneurial women leading multi-million dollar businesses in enhancing their personal effectiveness and achieving business growth.

Paulette is currently a board member on the International Board of Visitors at Texas Christian University - M.J. Neeley School of Business. She is on the Executive Board of the Dallas Black

Dance Theatre and serves as secretary of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre Board of Directors. She is the President of the Fort Worth Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a women's civic organization, which provides programs and services to the Fort Worth community.

The recipient of numerous business and community awards, Ms. Turner has been announced as the recipient of the 2017 Discover Award by the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. She was honored as an Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Minority Leaders & Citizens Council. Paulette and her

husband, Herb Turner, are the proud parents of Jennifer Green Godette, an Associate Director in Marketing for Cognizant, and devoted grandparents to Gabriel Godette, ten years old, who is an avid sports enthusiast whose favorite school subject is math.

To attend the 2017 Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legends Award Ceremony, RSVP to 817-691-2689 or email livinglegendawards@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 20 at 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public, however there is limited seating, please RSVP at your earliest to assure seating.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

"The Weekend Effect" encourages readers to learn to do less ... and enjoy themselves

As a country, the people of the US do work too hard – especially when you compare the amount of worked hours and holidays to some European countries. And especially when what we do today is compared to what people did in the past. Folks are working more and getting payed less than we did in the past.

However, the corporate taskmasters and the Republican party that lobbies

for them want us to continue and make even less.

We have surrendered so much of the power to design our lifestyle to the corporations which only want us to make money for them. -- Anonymous

Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: For Our Community is not in the Hood!

Yep, it is as true as "heat is hot"...The few folk with money are trying to buy elections to control the poor community and make money for themselves. But if the 99 per cent partici-

pate, the 1 per cent don't matter. The problem is that the people are not organized. Their is a need for an organized effort that works for the people.

Voters need to be registered and educated. Candidates need to be monitored and reported on. When candidates don't do the right thing, they need to feel the burn of voter anger. An educated electorate can defeat money that buys crooked politicians. -- Anonymous

Just Say No!

Twiddle-de and Twiddle-dum seem to be the

stars of this up coming election.

Of course, I was personally impressed with Tiffany Young on the few occasions that I was able to see her in action.

Wilson's vote withdrawal promises to taint him as a candidate for some time. Tenell Atkins showed his a*s to the people on several occasions when he was on the council in the past. Atkins was strongly against the Occupy Wallstreet movement that exposed so much wrong doing in this coun-

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Dallas City Council fireworks coming soon!



**Ed
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The runoff elections are over and the citizens have decided, and the winners are Omar Narvaez, Kevin Felder, and Tennell Atkins. Congrats to the winners. However, the biggest loser in this past election cycle is Mayor Mike Rawlings. A powerful city mayor picks his city council, and in a display of political strength in southern Dallas, Rawlings lost. Through the defeat of the incumbents, he supported and subsequently the Dallas power structure supported, Mike Rawlings, becomes a three-time loser.

The newly elected councilmen have the opportunity to work for the citizens of Dallas and move the city

forward. As I stated before in "My Voice My Opinion" commentary on WFAA, there is not a shortage of problems. The only question is whether these incoming council will have the votes to make meaningful change in their communities.

Whether it is gentrification, social inequality, housing, policing, or economic disparity, the incoming council have a lot of work ahead of them. The biggest challenge will be whether the incoming councilmen of Narvaez, Felder, and Atkins will work with Mayor Rawlings. Perhaps the question will be whether Mayor Mike Rawlings will work with them. Will Dallas succumb to heated displays of northern arrogance to the concerns of its southern sector? Will the southern sector reach out for allies that can bring economic viability to their communities? Can

both sides trust each other, but most all respect each other?

I have watched with dismay, the Mayor's attempts to ridicule and silence Councilwoman Carolyn Arnold over the "Deck Park". These displays of strength are ironic when directed to a black woman who has the nerve to oppose the mayor. The challenge for Mayor Rawlings is whether he will disrespect the newly elected black male city council members as he much as he did Councilwoman Carolyn Arnold.

The funding of "For Our Community" and the support from the mayor's political action committee for its chosen city councilpersons is contrary to the "Dallas Spirit." For many years this unwritten rule in the conduct of elected members of the Dallas city council, prevented supporting candi-

dates in contested elections.

The dye is thus set for political fireworks. There are three incoming councilmen who are not beholden to Mayor Rawlings so that's when the fireworks will begin. The possibility of three opposing votes against the political leadership of Mayor Rawlings, only the Mayor can heal that wound. He should heal that wound not "for our community" but for our Dallas.

The irony of this past election is the elected city councilmen will take office June 19, which is Juneteenth. The election of Narvaez, Felder, and Atkins could possibly signal independence from the influence of the mayor. I certainly hope so. Whatever the case, in politics there is always fireworks, and they don't always happen on the Fourth of July.

With Sessions' sentencing change, it's time to end secrecy around private prisons

By Lisa Rosenberg

(American Forum) Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently announced new guidelines[justice.gov] that will result in a significant increase in the prison population, directing federal prosecutors to seek the toughest penalties possible for nonviolent defendants. Those prisoners will have to be incarcerated somewhere, which is perhaps the reason for the Attorney General's February memo reversing an Obama-era directive to phase out the Justice Department's use of private prisons.

While the private prison population will likely increase, taxpayers can expect little in terms of accountability in return for footing the bill for government contracts with private prison companies. Even though for-profit prisons are fulfilling a government role by housing federal prisoners, the industry remains shrouded in secrecy and shielded from meaningful public oversight.

By asserting their status as private entities, private prison companies exempt themselves from the public's chief tool for transparency and accountability, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), making it harder to assess whether private prisons are comparable to their federally-run counterparts. A damning 2016 report by the Justice Department found that private prisons were less safe and secure[oig.justice.gov] than government-operated facilities, and that Bureau of Prisons (BOP) oversight of private prisons was often lacking.

Private prisons under federal contract can shield from public scrutiny factors that are necessary to determine whether private prisons are adequately performing their contractual duties, including: the number of deaths and sexual assaults that occur while in custody; the number and types of security breaches that occur; guard-to-prisoner ratios and data on overcrowding; information

on prisoners' access to medical care; and whether the private prisons are in compliance with their contractual obligations.

In 2015, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that about 18 percent[bjs.gov] (34,900) of federal prisoners were held in private prison facilities. The statistics for immigrant detention facilities are much larger - a 2016 DHS advisory committee report noted that 65 percent[dhs.gov] of Immigrations and Custom Enforcement (ICE) detainees are held in for-profit detention centers. By implementing policies expected to further increase both the prison population and the number of undocumented immigrants in detention, the Trump administration has given private prison companies a significant boost.

The two largest companies, CoreCivic (formerly Corrections Corporation of America) and Geo Group, saw a dramatic increase in stock prices[money.cnn.com]

this year. Moreover, a month before the 2016 election, Geo Group hired two former Sessions aides[politico.com] to lobby for federal government contracts with private prisons. Sessions also supported private prisons[mother-jones.com] in his home state of Alabama, as attorney general and later as Senator.

By housing tens of thousands of federal prisoners, the private prison industry is a proxy for the federal government. As a condition of this role, private prisons should be accountable to the taxpayers from which they profit. Congress and the public should demand that private prisons are subject to the same public access and information laws with which federal prisons must comply, to ensure that they are living up to their contractual obligations, that they are not wasting taxpayer dollars, and that they are as safe and secure as their federal counterparts.

Rosenberg is executive director of OpenTheGovernment.org.

Our pursuit of happiness makes us sad

Social pressure to feel happy can actually have the opposite effect—and might contribute to the prevalence of depression—according to recent research.

“Depression rates are higher in countries that place a premium on happiness,” says social psychologist Brock Bastian. “Rather than being the by-product of a life well-lived, feeling happy has become a goal in itself. Smiling faces beam at us from social media and happiness gurus flog their latest emotional quick fixes, reinforcing the message that we should aim to maximize our positive emotions and avoid our negative ones.

“If we fail to live up to that, what effect does it have on us?” asks Bastian, associate professor in the University of Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences.

In a recent study in Depression and Anxiety, Bastian, Belgian collaborator Egon Dejonckheere, and fellow researchers sought to examine the relationship between the social expectations not to experience negative emotions, and the occurrence of depressive symptoms.

A sample of 112 individuals with elevated depression scores took part in an online daily diary study for 30 days in which they responded to questions designed to measure their depressive symptoms (low mood, fatigue, agitation, lack of concentration) and the extent to which they felt pressure from others not to feel depressed.

Statistical analysis of the responses showed that the more a participant felt social



pressure not to feel sad or anxious, the more likely they were to show an increase in depressive symptoms. The study provided important new insights into factors that predict whether people feel depressed on a daily basis, and it appears that a person's social environment—the culture they live in—plays a central role in determining this mental illness.

“Traditional depression research generally focuses on the role of person-specific characteristics, meaning that researchers look at genes, biomarkers, cognitive and behavioral styles. But the findings from this study suggest that external cultural factors are also at play,” says Bastian.

“One in five Australians experience depression, that's an epidemic. With epidemics like diabetes, researchers look at individual factors like a person's biology and personal choices like diet and exercise, but they also look at broader societal factors like economic disadvantage or the proliferation of fast foods. I think we need to do the same with depression in order to explain its prevalence.”

The pursuit of happiness at the expense of its counter-

part emotions was the focus of another recent study of Bastian's. It looked at the causal relationship between social expectations and increased rumination—a focused attention on the symptoms of one's distress, in response to failure.

After reporting their current emotional state, 120 participants went into one of three experimental conditions to complete a task: solving 35 anagrams in three minutes. What the participants didn't know was that half of the anagrams had no solvable answer, which meant they were obliged to perform poorly and experience failure.

In the first condition, participants entered a small room decorated with motivational posters and books where an upbeat host asked them to complete the task. The second scenario involved a neutral room and the same task; while the third condition involved the happiness paraphernalia but this time participants were given anagrams that were all solvable; they did not experience failure.

Upon completion of the task, the participants performed an exercise in which they were asked to focus on

their breathing. If their thoughts strayed, they were asked to describe the thought and its frequency. Researchers found that participants in the first condition—the “happy room” with the unsolvable anagrams—dwelled on their failure more than the participants in the other conditions.

“So we're finding that over-emphasizing happiness—the importance of seeking positive emotion and avoiding negative emotion—has implications for how people respond to their negative emotional experiences. We think we should be happy like we're expected to be, and when we're not, it can make us miserable.”

“In eastern—particularly Buddhist—cultures, people aren't happier than their western counterparts, but they are less depressed. This over-emphasis on happiness we see here doesn't happen in those countries in the same way and they seem to embrace a better balance of the whole emotional repertoire.

“Feeling at times sad, disappointed, envious, lonely—that isn't maladaptive, it's human.”

Bastian proposes that in a clinical setting, psycholo-

gists can make their patients aware of this societal pressure to be happy so that they can better choose how to react to it. When scrolling past all the smiling faces on Instagram, they can remind themselves that others are also trying to present themselves in a positive light.

On a societal level, Bastian would like to see education programs that destigmatize feelings of sadness and anxiety and challenge people's prejudice towards mood disorders.

“We've become so used to

people following this social norm of putting their best foot forward and not showing vulnerability. So when a celebrity announces that she's suffered a miscarriage and is taking some time out, or a politician takes leave to deal with the stresses of the job, it resonates so powerfully with us. This stuff is the gritty truth of life and sharing it doesn't bring people down, it connects us,” says Bastian.

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try. He was a thorn in the sides of the Paul Quinn students who didn't want the city dump in their area. He has told his voters on occasion that he did not owe them anything and instead only owed T. Boone Pickens for helping finance his campaign. I wonder how he

convinced the unions to support him this time.

Regardless; what is needed is not a shining single hero candidate. Instead, what is needed is a peoples' organization that stands ready to kick sellout politicians squarely in the buttocks. Any person who is a

politician is likely to be weak without the support/chastisement of the people to make them strong...or immediately kick them out. -- Anonymous

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UNT on the Square exhibition features photographs of family living in unique East Texas community

The exhibition *The Upshaws of County Line* follows one family from everyday events, such as a game of dominos, to important milestones such as births and funerals. But what makes the Upshaws unique is where they lived — County Line, a freedom colony in East Texas formed in the 1870s by newly freed slaves on land that they owned.

The photographs, taken by University of North Texas alumnus Richard Orton, will be on display from July 7



Photo courtesy of UNT

(Friday) – Aug. 12 (Saturday) at UNT on the Square. A reception, which will include an artist's talk, will take

place from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 4 (Saturday).

The exhibition, which covers 25 years, is based on his

2014 book of the same name published by UNT Press.

"I watched family members being born and grow up," he said. "I watched people die. I took photographs of funerals. It was a very rare gift that I was able to do what I did there."

Upshaw was a music major at UNT who took up photography while living in Austin after college. During a visit to his parents' home in Nacogdoches, he discovered the existence of freedom colonies and became curious

about the impact that their relative autonomy had on their families.

He found the Upshaw family, which had 13 children, and told them he was interested in photographing them. The family agreed, and he began taking the documentary-style, black-and-white photographs the day after Thanksgiving in 1988.

In one memorable photo, the patriarch Edward Monel Upshaw is being introduced to his great-granddaughter, Reya, less than a year old,

who is crying. Other photos include the annual homecoming celebration that brings in family members from all over the country in August.

"What I hope that it does is convey some sense of what it was like to be raised in a community like that," Orton said. "The children were not subject to all the negative aspects of the Jim Crow reality of the day. By virtue of fact they owned their own land, they automatically had their own independence."

DFW hosts numerous Juneteenth celebration options

2017 Juneteenth celebrations in DFW

With each passing year, the meaning behind Juneteenth slips further into the background. However, organizations and churches across the DFW area seek to keep the holiday in the forefront of the minds of youth and future generations. Below are a few

events scheduled to celebrate the date African Americans in Texas learned they were no longer slaves.

MLK Celebration

Visitors are invited to attend the City of Dallas Annual Juneteenth Festival, a fun-filled family event from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 19 at the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community Center, located at 2922 MLK Boulevard. This is a free event featuring local vendors, live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, games, and more. All children's food and activities are free. All media outlets are invited to attend.

What is Juneteenth? Juneteenth marks the anniversary of when Texas

slaves learned they had been emancipated back in 1865. This festival is an important event that brings the Dallas community together in an effort to commemorate this important moment in our nation's history.

For more information please visit www.dallasmilkcenter.com/juneteenth.

Best Southwest

Juneteenth Celebration

The City of Lancaster and the Best Southwest cities join together for celebrating Juneteenth. This event will be rejoicing freedom through diversity and honoring the oldest known celebration for the ending of slavery. activities will include food vendors, a vari-

ety of art by local artists, crafts, musical performances and much more.

The Best Southwest area which includes DeSoto, Duncanville, Cedar Hill and Lancaster is so named because of the cities' ability to work together on projects that benefit Southern Dallas County.

Kitchen Dog Theater hosting special community conversations

Kitchen Dog Theater is presenting two special community conversation events: Change the Perception's Community Conversation on Sunday, June 18 at 4:15 p.m. and A Community Long

Table Conversation on Sunday, June 25 at 4:15 p.m. These events are intended to encourage courageous conversation and reflection on the complicated racial issues addressed in Kitchen Dog's

production of Br'er Cotton by Terrance Arvelle Chisholm.

Br'er Cotton is a National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere and the anchor mainstage production of

the 2017 New Works Festival and runs through July 1, 2017. Br'er Cotton tackles complicated issues of racism and racial identity. The play raises tough questions that have no easy answers and is

in perfect alignment with Kitchen Dog's mission to bring to the forefront questions of identity, morality, justice, and power.

Kitchen Dog Theater will create an informal, unmoder-

ated forum for dialogue between artists from the production and the audience following each performance of Br'er Cotton.

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DCCCD receives green light for first bachelor's degree

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed SB 2118 into law on Mon., June 12, which now allows the Dallas County Community College District to offer a bachelor's degree in early childhood education – its first four-year degree.

State Sen. Royce West and Rep. Helen Giddings filed bills to address the shortage of early childhood teachers in the North Texas area. Ultimately, language from their bills was added to SB 2118 by Sen. Kel Seliger. This legislation will



DCCCD

provide a solution to the shortage of more than 4,000 early childhood education

teachers in Dallas County. “Students in our area now can choose a quality, afford-

able bachelor's degree in early childhood education,” said Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor.

“It also supports the governor's goal to provide quality pre-kindergarten for our youngest Texans, and it comes at no additional fiscal cost for the state.”

May added, “We are excited to offer this choice and also to solve a shortage that has limited the number of youngsters who were allowed access to pre-K programs in Dallas County be-

cause there weren't enough teachers.”

The bill also allows several other community colleges in the state to offer a baccalaureate degree in applied science, applied technology or nursing.

DCCCD now will work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish an education pathway for early childhood education in the district. DCCCD colleges already have child development programs in place and can

offer the new bachelor's degree once the specific curriculum and requirements are established and have been approved by the THECB.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools also will be involved in the accreditation process for the new degree, including faculty credentials, expanded library offerings and other criteria.

The entire process will approximately three to four years.

Dallas senior selected for Math and Science scholarship

(Black PR Wire) WASHINGTON -- Four graduating high school seniors have been selected by the Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) to receive the 2017 ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship. The students were chosen from several hundred applicants in big-city school districts across the nation for academic performance, leadership qualities and community involvement.

Now in its eighth year, the scholarship was created by former NASA astronaut Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., the first African American to walk in space, and ExxonMobil to encourage and assist promising students of diverse backgrounds who

plan to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies after high school.

The awards are given annually to African-American and Hispanic seniors from high schools in the 68 urban school districts represented by Council.

“We are indeed proud of the winners in this highly competitive national scholarship program,” said Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. “These young men and women may become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow thanks to the support of ExxonMobil and the encouragement of Dr. Harris.”

Each scholar will receive \$5,000 for continued education in a STEM-related

field. This year's award winners are:

- Caleb Myers, who attended Townview School of Science and Engineering in Dallas, TX
- Paul Davis, who attended Lincoln College Preparatory Academy in Kansas City, MO
- Diana Moreno, who attended Maxine L. Silva Health Magnet High School in El Paso, TX
- Robin Ryce, who attended Renaissance High School in Detroit, MI

In the fall, Davis plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to study aerospace engineering. Moreno will pursue a degree in biochemistry at Uni-

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Irving 2017 scholarship numbers continue to climb

The amount of scholarships and grants received by the Class of 2017 is on the rise as graduates continue to report their awards. To date, totals have reached more than \$38.3 million in an outstanding display of academic achievement by this year's graduating class. An updated breakdown of scholarships and grants by school is as follows:

- Irving High School – more than \$8.2 million
- MacArthur High School – more than \$9.3 million
- Nimitz High School –



more than \$12.6 million

- Singley Academy – more than \$8.1 million

Scholarship and grant totals for seniors of Cardwell Career Preparatory Center also grew to more than \$43,000 – the most earned by a graduating Cardwell class.

Plano Event Center embraces new name and new look

Check out the new look of Plano Centre, now called the Plano Event Center, at a free Open House on June 19 and 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour the building and meet our team. After a year-long renovation, we've got lots to celebrate including new paint throughout the entire interior and exterior of the building, new carpet and furniture, as well as renovated restrooms with new marble tile, flooring, sinks, mirrors and partitions. Dramatic chandeliers now light up the main, east and west hallways and the Windhaven Ballroom.

An upgraded sound system enhances our second largest room, the Wind-

haven. It overlooks the courtyard and is the perfect place for your next party or meeting. New motorized shades allow the room to be completely darkened for corporate presentations. All of the remaining meeting rooms have new window shades and white boards doubling as screens for audio-visual presentations.

Whether you host an event or attend one of the many events held at Plano Event Center every year, we hope these changes make every visit more enjoyable. We cannot wait to show it off, please register for our free open house so we know how many to expect.

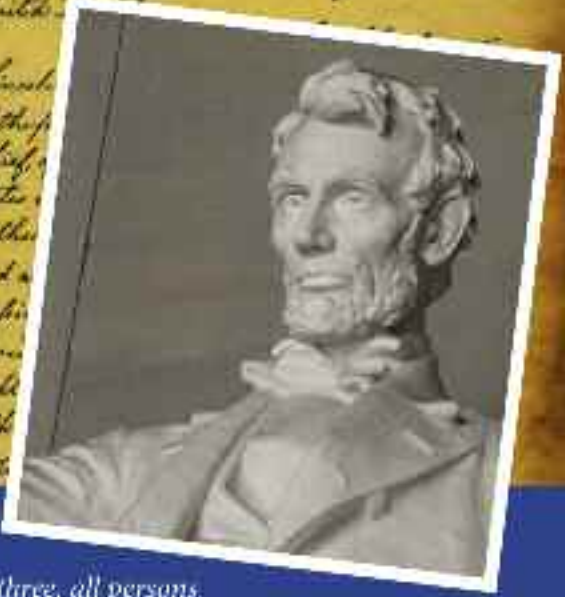


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June 17

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Bethel Bible Fellowship salutes its 2017 HS, college graduates



Dián Jacqueline Lewis

At the end of May, Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton where Dr. Terrence Woodson serves as the Senior Pastor, the church took the time to celebrate the academic achievements of the 2017 graduates. The program honored both college and high school graduates. The church body offered words of encouragement as each of the young men and women begin a new chapter in their lives. Visit www.northdallasgazette.com for a full list of graduates.

Free Play in the Park program kicks off June 7 at Willowcreek Park

Looking for something fun for the kids to do without breaking the budget? Sometimes the best method for making lasting memories is through the simplest of activities. For us, that consists of giving children the gift of play in the great outdoors. That's why we are excited to provide for the second year in a row our free Play in the Park series!

Starting on June 7 and lasting through Aug. 9, children of all ages can join Plano Parks and Recreation staff from 9-10 a.m. each Wednesday at Willowcreek Park (2101 Jupiter Road) for heart-pumping games like limbo, tag, relay races and much more. Did we mention the free popsicles?

The pAltTexturpose of the program is simple: to play! We want to give all children in Plano the opportunity to enjoy the social and physical benefits that come with being in



the great outdoors. These childhood activities also promote sportsmanship, teamwork and overall well-being.

No sign up necessary—just meet us at the park and let's play! For more information, call us at 972-941-7250.

DALLAS City Men Cook

The 17th Annual City Men Cook is a Fun-Filled Food Tasting Father's Day Event is Sunday, June 18 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Gilley's of Dallas, 1135 S. Lamar in Dallas. You will beat the heat at this all-you-can-eat indoor event where the men of North Texas are cooking their favorite dishes.

This is a culinary celebration where dishes range from specialty chicken wings to custom cakes. Over 40 men prepare dishes made from handed down and traditional recipes.

2017 Celebrity Tasters includes KC Fox, Former Harlem Globetrotter Kevin Daley, Gospel Great Fred Hammond, Oscar Joyner, Showtime at the Apollo's Kiki Sheppard, Mrs. Adrian Springs wife of the late Dallas Cowboys Ron Springs, Marie Ryam, former NFL player Donte Wesley, comedian Damon Williams and

more.

Please visit www.citymencook.com for more information.

GARLAND Fire Dept. welcomes new ladder truck

Garland Fire Station 11 took ownership of their new aerial Truck 11 with an official ceremony on May 31. In keeping with tradition, Truck 11 was given a bath using the water from the old truck's tank. Those in attendance helped the firefighters complete the drying, as well as helped push Truck 11 into the apparatus room. Cake and punch were served to finish off the ceremony.

The Marketplace: Saturday, June 17

Shop local produce, crafts and more at The Marketplace in Downtown Garland!

The outdoor market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every first and third Saturday of the month through October. Learn more about

The Marketplace and other local events at VisitGarlandTX.com.

PLANO Full Closure of the Dallas North Tollway June 16-19

All DNT lanes are closing this weekend for the installation of beams on the Legacy Drive bridge. Both directions between Spring Creek Parkway and Gaylord Parkway are impacted from 9 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday.

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versity of Texas El Paso. Myers plans to study chemical/biomedical engineering at Prairie View A&M University, and Ryce will study engineering at University of Michigan.

"I am consistently amazed and inspired by these students and their eagerness to succeed," said Dr. Harris, also a physician and president and founder of The Harris Foundation.

"Each of them will be such an asset to the universities they attend and as future innovators in our workforce. It's an honor to help support them in their endeavors."

Administration of the scholarship program, including the application process, pre-selection and presentation of awards, is provided by the CGCS. Dr. Harris makes the final selection of recipients.

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Dru Hill is an American singing group, most popular during the late 1990s, whose repertoire included soul, hip hop soul and gospel music. Founded in Baltimore, Maryland, and active since 1992, Dru Hill recorded seven Top 40 hits, and is best known for the R&B #1 hits "In My Bed", "Never Make a Promise", and "How Deep Is Your Love".

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For more info visit a local Soulman's or Soulmans.com for a delivery order.

Nick & Sam's Steakhouse Celebrates Father's Day with Steak Special

Come on you know Dad wants steak! The popular Uptown Steakhouse will feature a mouthwatering Father's Day Special. From June 15-18 for \$75, guests can indulge

in the exclusive Steak Diane – a 24 oz. dry age bone-in sirloin with summer truffle demi. Reservations: 214-871-7444.

The Ranch At Las Colinas Rounds Up Texas-Sized Brunch Just For Dad

This Father's Day, guests will have the opportunity to fill up on more than 40 Texas favorites. The extensive 12-



At left, a carne asada feast from Meso Maya. Above, the sticky ribs from Steel are sure to be a hit.

station buffet offers a cornucopia of made-from-scratch, farm-to-fork selections that demand a Texas-sized appetite. After all, The Ranch only opens for Sunday Brunch three times each year; so you know it's got to be BIG!

Brunch is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, and is priced at \$46.95 for adults, \$18.95 for kids 9-13 and \$10.95 for the young'uns

from 5-8. Children four and under eat free.

Sushi or Sticky Ribs for Dad

Steel Restaurant and Lounge's Executive Chef Tysun Thomas has created a special Father's Day menu. Six new entrees will be featured and served only during Father's Day weekend from June 16-18. Remember about half-priced bottles of wine available every Sunday. Call

Steel for reservation 214-219-9908, or reserve your spot online at Steelrestaurant.com.

Celebrate El Día Del Padre At Meso Maya

Chef Nico Sanchez has created a three-course feast featuring a culinary journey through interior Mexico. The adventure begins with Chicharrónes, an appetizer made with fried pork skin, followed by the main course of Carne Asada – marinated flank steak, grilled to perfection. The Father's Day meal will end fittingly with a serving of flan and a shot of tequila – perfect for toasting the man of the hour.

This one-of-a-kind offer is available at all four Meso Maya locations. It is priced at just \$30 per person and is only available on Sunday, June 18. For reservations, menus and hours, visit mesomaya.com.

A Cinderella tale in splendid African fashion

Dallas Children's Theater's (DCT) National Touring Production of John Steptoe's MUFARO'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS: AN AFRICAN TALE, a beautiful Zimbabwe-based Cinderella story, wraps up DCT's 33rd season in splendid fashion. Since September, the touring company has taken this wonderful story on the road to 60 cities and 28 states and now returns home for a grand finale. Celebrate goodness, generosity, and love with traditional danc-



ing, rhythmic drumming, and glorious African song in this production based on the 1988 Caldecott Honor

Award book, while it runs at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts from June 23 – July 9, 2017.

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Denise Lee will present Change the Perception's Community Conversation, an ongoing conversation of community relations, race, and other topics on Sunday, June 18 at 4:15 p.m., following the matinee performance of Br'er Cotton. Change the Perception is meant to bridge the divide between communities and devise steps to bring about real change to make the world a better place. No panels; just open, honest, re-

spectful conversation to help us understand not just each other but ourselves. All are invited.

A Community Long Table Conversation, a forum for conversation of community, racial equity, and racial healing sponsored by The Embrey Family Foundation on Sunday, June 25 at 4:15 p.m., following the matinee performance of Br'er Cotton. This community gathering is meant to appropriate a dinner table atmosphere as a

public forum and encourage genuine conversation about the complicated issues of racism and racial identity addressed in Br'er Cotton. All are welcome to have a seat at the table and to share healing food-for-thought.

All KDT performances and events are held at at Trinity River Arts Center, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 180, Dallas, TX 75207 (NE Corner of I-35 and Medical District). For additional information, visit www.kitchendogtheater.org or call 214-953-1055.

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Jazz sensation Nicole Henry to perform at NNPA conference

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor



For more than 17 years, Nicole Henry has been singing and performing in front of fans, friends, family members and industry leaders.

Now, the jazz sensation will face a much tougher crowd: publishers and journalists.

Henry is scheduled to perform at the National Newspapers Publishers Association's (NNPA) annual sum-

mer conference, on Wednesday, June 21 at the National Harbor in Prince George's County Md.

The NNPA is a trade group that represents more

than 200 Black-owned media companies operating in the United States.

"There's an opportunity to make an impression on people who are tastemakers and I'm sure they have opinions," Henry said. "The opportunity to present myself to a new audience is exciting and, hopefully, I'll be able to maintain relationships with these journalists as I release [new music]. As a touring musician, you always need friends."

Since her debut in 2000,

Henry has established herself as one the jazz world's most acclaimed vocalists, possessing what her handlers call a potent combination of dynamic vocal abilities, impeccable phrasing, and powerful emotional resonance.

Henry has earned a Soul Train Award for "Best Traditional Jazz Performance," three Top-10 U.S. Billboard and HMV Japan jazz albums and she has been heralded by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Essence*

magazine and others for her ability to tell "real stories through repertoire from the American songbook," classic and contemporary jazz, standards, blues and originals.

A native of Philadelphia, who now splits her downtime between homes in New York City and Miami, Henry has performed in more than 15 countries; headlining venues in New York, Tokyo, Madrid, Moscow, Shanghai, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco.

The NNPA performance, which is sponsored by Macy's, is one of a few she'll have in the Washington, D.C.-area in June. She's also scheduled to perform at Blues Alley on June 22.

"I've been singing and acting full-time since 2000 and I've been touring the world since 2005 and I never get tired of the road," said Henry, whose 2004 debut CD, "The Nearness of You," earned considerable atten-

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Free Friday Night Jazz Concerts at Fair Park in June

By Jo Ann Holt

Thanks to a partnership between the historic Old Mill Inn at Fair Park and neighboring Exposition Park club, Sandaga813, there will be free jazz concerts every Friday night in June. The outdoor concerts will be held on the Old Mill patio from 5:13 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. June 16, 23 and 30. Admission and parking are both free for the concerts.

The Old Mill Inn, known for its historic ambience and good food, will provide a

cash bar with an assortment of beer, wines by the glass, and non-alcoholic beverages for guests to enjoy as well as food..

Headlining the entertainment will be Sandaga813 bandleader and renowned musician S-Ankh Rasa with his jazz group. They can be heard playing straight-ahead jazz every Tuesday night at Sandaga813.

S-Ankh Rasa has an impressive musical resume, as the youngest student to be accepted at age 12 by the University of California,

Berkeley Music Department. At 15, he attended San Francisco Music Conservatory, and composed his first symphony. At 16 he was a featured saxophonist for the Monterey Jazz Festival with Dizzy Gillespie's Modern Jazz Quartet.

He worked as an L.A. studio musician for saxophone, flute and clarinet as well as composer, arranger and musical director for such luminaries as Marvin Gaye, Natalie Cole, Stevie Wonder, Debbie Allen & Fame, Temptations Reunion Tour,

Barry White, and The Four Tops.

At age 26, Rasa retired from the music scene to study traditional African music. He toured the U.S. with his teacher, Mamady Keito, a famous djembe drummer. He played percussion and served as associate music director for the U.S.

tour of "Crowns," a musical written and directed by Regina Taylor. He also performs on the kora, traditional African harp, and composes and sings in three languages. Rasa has written original music for numerous productions including "Anansi: The Spider Man" for Dallas Children's The-

ater. Visitors to Fair Park Friday night, June 2 will also be able to enjoy Fair Park Sparks, a free fireworks display at the Esplanade. Parking for that event is \$5.

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June celebrates home owners: Here's how to become one



Dr. Daniel B. Prescott
*Interim CEO
Transformance*

Various Federal agencies and the National Association of Realtors have dubbed June as National Homeowner Month. It's a time to reflect upon how the impact owning a home can build family wealth, stable communities and contribute to our overall economic health. Every year the holiday month is celebrated, it centers on a specific theme. In 2017, National Homeownership Month is known as "Find Your Place in a New Era of Homeownership."

As you read this, you may not consider yourself home ownership material. But I'm here to tell you that striving to reach the goal of a home of your own is possible if you're willing to put in the work and believe in yourself. It goes without saying that home ownership comes with many benefits, the least of which is the satisfaction in knowing that you have a place to call your own. But I'd like to add to that senti-

ment by listing out a few of the other benefits to homeownership.

Owning a home of your own means upward mobility for you and your family. You are no longer renting, but building equity in a property under your name. As the years go by and your payments are made, you are accruing the value of your home and property. Just like any other investment, the value can go up or the value can go down but in most cases of home and property ownership, the value only increases.

You see, paying your mortgage each month reduces the principal amount of your loan. Or, as I like to say, it's very similar to a "forced" savings plan. Every month you are paying and every month you are also earning—more and more valuable equity in your own home.

If you're in a lower-income bracket, have had bad credit or don't necessarily have money saved for a down payment, you need to know that there are still ways to accomplish the goal of homeownership. There is plenty of information to find on the Internet, but here are a few specifics I'd like to

share with you:

Several mortgage programs are specifically designed for those with low or moderate income. The benefits of the programs come in the form of below-market interest rates/payment plans, discounted mortgage interest, low down payment options and even assistance through grant programs. You just have to look in the right places and ask the right questions. For instance, many lenders can point you to government-backed programs unrestricted by your income level.

A good place to start your search is a visit to a local community bank, credit union or a nonprofit such as the one I represent—Transformance. Sit down with a representative, take notes and educate yourself in the process. There's nothing wrong with beginning an ambitious plan of your own by announcing, "I'd like to own a home and I need an education in how to do it based on my current financial situation." Guess what? You may come away from that meeting pleasantly surprised and armed with a plan to one day soon own a home of your own.

Did you know that our

nonprofit Transformance is an HUD-approved Housing Counselor? We have qualified staff members who can help make your home ownership dreams a reality. We can set you on the path to buying a house. We'll set up a budgeting and saving plan based on your current income level and check in with you regularly to see if you're meeting your goals.

When you're ready to buy, we'll make sure you have a thorough understanding of lenders, insurers, realtors, inspectors, appraisers, title companies, and more. Think of us as your

personal guide, because you don't have to go it alone.

If you're ready to get started, but you don't know quite where to begin, check out our seminar, the Home Buyer Pre-Purchase Class. You can register online on our website or by calling and classes are available in Spanish. We will host three of these Home Buyer Pre-Purchases Classes next month in July. They will occur on Saturday, July 8, Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, July 19. If you can, make plans to attend one of these seminar sessions. It could change the trajectory

of your financial future for you and your whole family. And next June, you can celebrate right alongside all the other homeowners.

Transformance is always available to answer your questions and assist you via our website, www.transformanceusa.org or by calling 1-800-249-2227.

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tion from audiences and critics domestically and abroad.

She won Best New Jazz Artist of 2004 in Japan and her follow up CD, "Teach Me Tonight," topped the music charts in Japan a year later, helping her earn HMV Japan's Best Vocal Jazz Album.

An avid admirer of the legendary Nancy Wilson, Henry has also showcased her ability to perform her own renditions of songs by such iconic hitmakers as Bill Withers, Aretha Franklin, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor and Gladys Knight.

"I remember in 2000, I was invited to go on the road with a Blues and Rock band.

It was the only time I've ever been a background singer in a professional capacity," Henry said. "It was six weeks on a bus tour and as soon as I got home, I knew that was what I wanted to do."

While she's planning to do more to pursue her acting career, Henry's bread and butter remains music. She's currently working on a Nancy Wilson tribute CD that will cover the legend's more than five-decade career.

"[Wilson is] a living legend and I think sometimes, because she straddled two genres, she gets lost in the mix a little," Henry said of

her idol. "Not that people have forgotten Nancy Wilson; the jazz world and the pop world have a lot of respect and embrace her and I have a lot of respect for her and I've been influenced by her style."

Henry noted that she's also planning to do a CD of all original music and that she's excited to hear what she has to say next

When asked what NNPA can expect at the summer conference, Henry didn't hesitate.

"I would say a mix of jazz and a mix of soul and a mix of...something you haven't seen in a little while," she said. "I'll be happy to do Nancy Wilson, too."



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How a sketchy leader could hurt your career

A top leader's ethical transgressions are especially bad for the careers and reputations of colleagues and subordinates, according to new research.

Nearly a decade after the collapse of Enron, as the researchers point out, many of that company's former employees continue to feel the weight of the scandal, believing that the public views them as corrupt even though they never engaged in the type of unethical behavior practiced by Enron's top

managers that eventually bankrupted the firm in 2001.

"Researchers refer to this phenomenon as moral spillover, in which the immoral actions of one individual lead people to develop negative moral impressions of other associated individuals," write lead author Takuya Sawaoka, a Stanford University graduate student in psychology, and Benoît Monin, Stanford professor of organizational behavior and of psychology.

'Moral spillover'

In four different studies involving 672 participants, Sawaoka and Monin found that when people learned about the immoral behaviors of top leaders in a group, they reported greater "moral suspicions" about the other group members lower in the organization's hierarchy.

In one study, participants were randomly assigned to read vignettes in which an organization member had engaged in unethical business practices. The results

showed that a high-ranking member's deceptive practices were perceived as more prototypical, resulting in more negative moral impressions of the entire organization and everyone in it.

"This more negative moral impression led people to rate ambiguous behavior by another organization member as more suspicious — even when the prior transgression was purely self-serving," write Sawaoka and Monin in *Social, Psy-*

chological and Personality Science. This "moral spillover" effect played out across different types of misdeeds, spanning violations in scientific research, medical practice, and finance.

Finally, a top leader's unethical behavior led other organization members to receive more negative job-hiring recommendations, according to the findings. Thus, high-ranking ethical violations affect not only reputations of lower level

employees, but career prospects as well.

"We found that people made significantly more negative hiring recommendations for this employee after they read that a high-ranking executive, rather than an entry-level employee, from this organization had committed fraud—even though there was no indication that the two had ever worked together or even knew each other," says

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Peace Diet Program, a non-profit community-based project providing nutritional counseling to combat the psychological trauma experienced by Blacks in America. Blacks residing in low-income areas in particular, strongly believe President Donald Trump's election has fueled a resurrection of overt white supremacy and racism and Blacks in America should view this as a calling card.

"The time is now. When you see the actual election of a white nationalist and not just the president but the administration and those policies start to be enacted, the time is appropriate for us to make the move toward self-sufficiency," Amadiel said.

Despite President Trump's numerous denials that he is racist, his first 90 days in office, the policies he has put forth and his overwhelmingly White administration who themselves have a highly problematic past, convey a glaringly different truth. As the old saying goes if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck.

The following bills have been introduced following Trump's election just to get a glimpse of what this current administration has in store:

- HR 861 Terminate the Environmental Protection Agency
- HR 610 Tax dollars for

private schools, reducing public school funding

- HR 899 Terminate the Department of Education
- HJR 69 Repeal Rule Protecting Wildlife
- HR 370 Repeal Affordable Care Act
- HR 354 Defund Planned Parenthood
- HR 785 National Right to Work (this one ends unions)
- HR 83 Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Bill
- HR 147 Criminalizing Abortion ("Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act")
- HR 808 Sanctions against Iran

While many African-Americans are fixated on the latest mainstream media propaganda or drama, the American empire is folding right before our eyes.

"The writing is on the wall, from an infrastructural perspective. There have been numerous reports talking about crumbling infrastructure and in total collapse. The economy is collapsing. The political structure, the last bastion of false hope is now Swiss cheese", says Amadiel. "Even Whites are seeking other options if they have them."

For second or third-plus generation Blacks born in America the idea of repatriating to Africa can seem frightening, unreasonable, even impossible but the Gahn Institute for Sustainable Solutions (GISS), an

organization that Amadiel chairs, has laid out a comprehensive plan to assist Blacks interested in repatriation. The 6-8 week course provides advice and insight on everything from healthcare, housing, career and entrepreneurial opportunities, to preparatory steps toward relocating, what to expect when you arrive, everyday life and how to sustain yourself.

Topping the list of African countries offering Blacks in America citizenship is Ghana who recently granted 26 African-Americans full citizenship, eight of which were participants in the GISS program.

"A lot of people have recently just seen the writing on the wall [with the election of Trump]. I think a lot of people are certainly reacting to that", said Amadiel who himself will be repatriating to Kenya in one year. "I was born here and I don't live an entirely uncomfortable life. But at the same time as a parent, I think it is abusive to think I can raise my child here [in America] in safety."

For those who still hold skepticism, Amadiel offers these words of encouragement, "We cannot grow and reach the full potential of our legacy in an environment that will never send us the proper, positive signals for advancement and evolution. That's not to say that Africa is some paradise but at the bare minimum, it provides us with the opportu-

nity to build the kind of world we want. If you find yourself surrounded behind enemy lines you retreat to a position that gives you a better vantage of strength, to fight back. If you recognize that you are in a weakened position, and it's pretty clear that we are. If you see that you are surrounded by those who continuously seek to do you harm then the rational course of action is to go to a

place that offers you some greater opportunity of empowerment. And that empowerment comes with healing and reconnection with yourself and legacy, your soil, your environment and not just from a geopolitical or ideological perspective, but psychological and genetic as well because all of those things are important. And at a certain point, you just have to break away.

Isn't that how America was founded?"

To learn more about repatriating to an African country and/or the Peace Diet Program contact Zarakayah Ben Sar Amadiel at the following: Troy Withers, Jr. (Zarakayah Ahmadiel), Chairman, Gahn Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Director, Peace Diet Program, (773) 454-4494, Zarakayah7@gmail.com.



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State Senator Royce West, banker Effie Dennison to write foreword, introduction for *Who's Who In Black Dallas*

State Senator and prominent attorney Royce West and Texas Capital Bank executive Effie Booker-Dennison will write the Foreword and Introduction respectively for the fourth edition of *Who's Who In Black Dallas*, Associate Publisher Ken Carter announced earlier this week.



Sen. Royce West

West, managing partner in the law firm West and Associates and state senator representing District 23, succeeds Matrice Ellis Kirk

who wrote the Foreword last year. Dennison, senior vice president of Texas Capital Bank and recognized



Effie Booker-Dennison

business industry leader, will author the Introduction. "We are absolutely thrilled to have Royce and

Effie on board to write the Foreword and Introduction," said Carter. "They have been integral to the development of Dallas, and they both offer insightful perspectives on the significance of this publication which celebrates and highlights the achievements of African Americans in the city." The 2017 edition will be released in mid-September.

"I am delighted and hon-

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Associa Partners with Richland College for \$707k Job-Training Grant

Associa Inc. has partnered with Richland College to provide job training using a \$707,696 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Greater Dallas area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training for 549 new and incumbent

workers with focused instruction in business technology instruction. Trainees will include data entry clerks, accounting specialists, education coordinators, trainers, marketing specialists, account managers, IT systems engineers, and community specialists. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$25.07.

Lewisville offering a Swimming Pool Operator course

The City of Lewisville is offering a Swimming Pool Operator Course for all public and private pool operators on Thursday, June 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Hedrick House, 1407 Creekview Drive. Courses will be taught by a

certified instructor from the National Swimming Pool Foundation.

Pre-registration is required. To register, go to the Health Services page on city-oflewisville.com, and look for the "Sign Up for Pool Educa-

tion Course" hyperlink. Pool operators will need to provide their full name, home address, contact phone number, contact email, and preferred class date. Pre-registration must be done by Monday, June 12.

The course fee is \$100 per

attendee. Cash or check payments will be accepted on the day of the class only. Pre-payment of course fees will not be accepted. A course manual and certificate of completion will be provided to attendees. Manuals will be available in

English and Spanish. No test will be given. Certifications are valid for two years from date of issuance.

Lewisville city ordinance requires that a premises on which a semi-public pool is located must employ a swim-

ming pool operator to maintain the safety and sanitation of the pool. Each designated swimming pool operator shall obtain appropriate certification by successfully completing an approved training course.

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Sawaoka.

Lasting stigma

Sawaoka and Monin's research suggests that people assume that an organization's top leaders are seen as embodying the qualities and characteristics of the rest of the organization.

For example, one of the studies used a scenario in which it was stated that the high-ranking leader may or may not have had direct re-

sponsibility over all others in the organization—therefore, the rank-and-file employees should be perceived as "innocent." Yet they were nonetheless deemed "tainted" by association in the minds of the people being tested in the study.

As Sawaoka put it, "Our reputations are all interconnected—which is why it's in our own best interest to work for ethical manage-

ment and organizations."

Sawaoka and Monin acknowledge that this effect may not apply in all aspects of morality. For instance, ethical violations such as workplace bullying or sexual harassment may be perceived as inherently individualistic misdeeds that reflect the perpetrator's personal flaws, rather than that of a corrupt organizational culture.

The research validates the

concerns expressed by employees who believe they have been unfairly tainted by working for scandal-ridden companies and executives, they write.


Moreover, Sawaoka says, people's professional networks are readily available for all to see in the internet age.

"With the rise of ubiquitous online social networks, rapid news cycles, and greater information trans-

parency, details regarding your professional affiliations—organizations and people you've worked with, for example—are only a few clicks away.

"In addition, revelations about coworkers' ethical lapses spread quickly on the internet gossip mill," he says.

Source: Stanford University



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June 18, 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to our Sunday "Prayer and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this!

June 21, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Pastor Brenda Patterson, Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner and others teaching a series on "Design for Discipleship and Understanding the Bible, Book 7, Chapter 4." Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you. It's Time to Grow; Ephesians 4:12 & 13.

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June 18, 8 a.m.

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June 21, 7 p.m.

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

June 12 until August 20

This is a 70 Day Challenge in seven stages of development by praying daily; reading the book of the quarter, Chase the Lion by Mark Batterson; preparing a household budget for the summer; exercising at least three days a week; a Spiritual Workout on a Sunday, Wednesday or Saturday; Tithing the Bible Way; and learning how to forgive. Call the church for details.

June 18, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Father's Day celebration at Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss Drive, Allen, TX 75002. All fathers will be honored with a gift and a FREE picture will be taken.

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June 16, 2017

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June 18, 10 a.m.

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June 19, 7 p.m.

Join us in Monday School as we grow in God's Word, learn what God has to say to us.

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June 18, 10 a.m.

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as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory; and don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

June 19, 7 p.m.

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June 17, 4 p.m.

Join us for a "Taste of Shiloh" our annual Taste of Shiloh event will take place. There will be food, fun, and fellowship for everyone.

June 18, 8 a.m.

Join us for Worship Services and fellowship as we give God all glory, honor and praise.

June 21, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; it's all for His glory and His honor. We are, "Growing in Christ through the study of His Word."

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Happy Fathers Day, celebrate at church



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This coming Sunday, June 18, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day; it is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

And, it is also Juneteenth weekend in Texas and other parts of the United States. Next week I will devote my column to the history of Juneteenth.

I give thanks and praises to our Heavenly Father, God for blessing my family because I believe that a family is life's greatest blessing, setup and honored by God.

The idea originated in the USA and has been officially celebrated here on the third Sunday in June since 1966, when it was put on the United State's official calendar by President Lyndon Johnson.

The exact origins of what we now know as Father's Day are disputed, though we do know the movement for a day which celebrated fatherhood began roughly 100 years ago.

Many believe that Sonora

Dodd, from Washington, came up with the idea after hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1910 and wondering, not unreasonably, why fathers did not have their own day too.

Dodd and her siblings had been raised by their father as a single parent after their mother died in childbirth.

The first such "Father's Day" was held in Spokane in 1910, with a number of towns and cities across America later following suit.

Now, Father's Day exists simply to remind everyone that dads are great. It doesn't matter if they are birth fathers, step-fathers or a stand-in father, especially if they are God fearing fathers.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith in 1957 wrote to congress: "Either we honor both our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one." In 1972 it was made a permanent national holiday by President Richard Nixon.

A "father" is one that God ordained and honors. There are many "fathers" that are God-fearing and attempts to or tries to be the man that has compassion and humility.

He is one that prays for his family, his pastor and church. He also prays for his friends, community, neighborhood and workplace.

A praying father loves his family unconditional and is a good man at home, in his community, at his workplace, in his church, and around his friends and neighbors at all times.

Some fathers that I celebrate and honor are: My son, Jarrell Tarpley; my son-in law, William (Bill) Lott; My godly friend, Eugene H. Tinner; my uncle, Charlie Baker and my brother-in-law, David Fielding.

It is my belief that the "Secret to Happiness" for

any father is:

1) Trusting God in the face of adversity. 2) Forgetting the unpleasant things that come into life and focusing on the good things.

3) Apologizing if he believes that he has offended someone because he has learned that a sincere apology is the superglue of life. 4) Willing to admit an error; and do his best to learn from them.

5) He is willing to listen to sound advice; and ask God to help him make the right

decision.

6) Keep his temper (God said to be yea angry and sin not.)

7) He will shoulder the blame.

8) Think first, pray and act accordingly.

9) He will put the needs of his family and others before his own.

10) He will pray without ceasing for family, friends, his church members, leaders of his church and leaders our country.



Tyanna Lott, 2017 High School Graduate and a licensed Cosmologist with her parents, Bill and Sheila Tarpley Lott; getting ready for Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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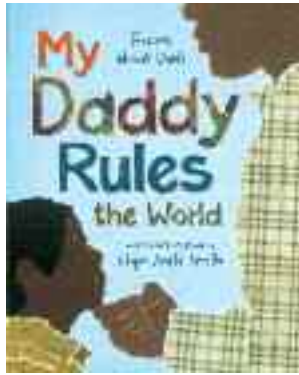
NDG Book Review: My Daddy Rules the World

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your Daddy is the King of the House.

He's the smartest person you know. He can run fast, jump high, and his words make things happen, he's strong, cool, and funny; he's always making you laugh. And in the new book "My Daddy Rules the World," words and pictures by Hope Anita Smith, you'll read all about him.

Your daddy is many things to you. He's friendly as a puppy, he's a porcupine on his face, and he's a tickle octopus. He's tall as a gi-



raffe, wise as an owl, and he gives the best bear hugs!

When he's taking a nap, you try hard not to make a peep. You sneak around and whisper, but there are times when you can't help it: your voice accidentally gets

loud, the door might slam when you go outside, or something might be really funny, and you giggle. You try to hush, but when Daddy sleeps, he's noisy! It sounds like "horses galloping fast" or a "real horn that blows."

When he spends extra time with you, just you and Daddy, it's special. He makes a great breakfast, and he makes time to talk about what's important. And if you can't talk with him at home (because sometimes, Daddies go "far away" for awhile), you can write a letter and tell him everything.

Add a poem or a prayer; he'll like that very much.

Your Daddy might give you a haircut outside, with a "backwards cape" wrapped around your neck. He might scoop you up, or balance you on his shoes so you can dance together to an old-school song. He plays with you and teaches you how to do things that are fun to do; he knows when to let go when you're learning to ride a bike, he shows you the value of a great book, and he helps you to remember to be good.

Your Daddy is the King

of the House. And that's the way you like it.

Here's a certainty you can count on: every Daddy's Little Girl and Daddy's Boy will find something to love inside "My Daddy Rules the World."

They're going to enjoy the poems; that's how author Hope Anita Smith presents each chapter and sentiment of a father's love for his child, and vice versa. Those rhymes are simple and sweet, and they celebrate the everyday. It's also nice to find poems that are specific to children whose fathers are temporarily ab-

sent, and one that speaks subtly of fathers who work late hours. Both boys and girls are equally represented here, which is likewise a very nice touch.

Children will also appreciate Smith's artwork: each picture is created with torn paper, an art form that's interesting to look at, as well as to try at home.

This is a great book for kids to read to Dad, for Dad to read aloud, or for sharing with Grandpa, too. No matter how you enjoy it, "My Daddy Rules the World" is fit for any Papa's prince or princess.

March to End Police Brutality scheduled for this Saturday

On Saturday, faith leaders, community groups, and families who have lost loved ones to police homicide will join together to honor the memory of Jordan Edwards and the hundreds of others whose lives have been stolen by police violence in the Dallas Ft Worth area and to demand changes in the use of police deadly force.

"When you lose a child, it is the most devastating event that will occur, or ever could occur, in your lifetime. But when you lose



a child to police violence, it breaks the social contract, destroying your everyday understanding of your country, and of yourself in that country," said Collette

Flanagan, the founder of Mothers Against Police Brutality. Her only son, Clinton Allen, was killed by a Dallas police officer in 2013.

Marchers will gather at St. Paul United Methodist at 10 a.m., then march to Pike Park for the noon rally. Speakers include Jordan Edwards' father, Odell, and

his brother, Vidal; Rev. Frederick Haynes of Friendship West Baptist Church; other faith leaders, family members, and community organizers.

Marchers will re-dedicate Pike Park to the memory of Santos Rodriguez, a 12-year-old boy who lived nearby when he was killed by Dallas police in 1973.

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ored to be asked to write the Foreword for the fourth edition," said Senator West, who also was featured as one of the Most Influential in 2016. "Recognizing the achievements of African-Americans in Dallas is significant. Sharing my thoughts among those affiliated with Who's Who In Black Dallas is very heart warming.

Dennison serves as Texas Capital Bank's Director of Community Development and Corporate Responsibility, overseeing its Community Reinvestment Act initiatives and the administration of its compliance and charitable donation/grant program. She is also President and Chairman of the Texas

Capital Community Development Corporation that makes commercial loans and equity investments in low to moderate income areas state wide. "I am thrilled to join Senator West and be invited to write the Introduction for the fourth edition of Who's Who," said Dennison. "This publication and its unveiling are significant in bringing the many diverse leaders together at one time. I have been an admirer of this city for a long time and am encouraged about recognizing African-American contributions."

"We are excited to have the support of Senator West and Ms. Dennison as our Foreword and Introduction Writers for the fourth edition

of Who's Who In Black Dallas. Our team in Dallas is working hard to make this a memorable issue and one of our very best," said Carter Womack, Chief Operating Officer of Who's Who Publishing.

Who's Who Publishing, a subsidiary of Detroit based Real Times Media, has grown to publish annual editions in over 26 cities since its founding in Atlanta more than 25 years ago. The company publishes books recognizing African American achievement in numerous cities including Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, NY Washington, DC, Houston, TX St. Louis, MO, Detroit, MI, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, OH, Indianapolis, IN and Charlotte, NC among others.