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This is why Black-owned newspapers matter

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
NNPA President and CEO

In 2017, we will celebrate 190th anniversary of the Black Press in America. Since the first publication of Freedom's Journal on March 16, 1827 in New York City, Black-owned newspapers have led the way when it comes to raising a voice of consciousness for Black America. Today, in 2016, Black-owned newspapers still matter.

Black Lives Matter. Black Votes Matter. Black Press Matters. In order to overcome racial inequality and injustice, we have to emphasize the importance of nurturing and mentoring the rise of a new generation of freedom-fighting journalists, publishers and African American owners of newspapers and media companies.

There is a huge, qualitative difference between media that is Black-owned and non-Black-owned media that is targeted to Black consumers. Numerous national studies have documented that Black-owned newspapers remain the "trusted and respected" source of news, empowering success stories, and cultural aspirations for more than 45 million Black Americans.

The inaugural Discover the Unexpected (DTU) NNPA Journalism Fellowship Program this summer at the



The development of the press and newspapers as a source of information for the public was vital to the development of a thriving democracy. No less important was the impact of the Black press as African Americans struggled for equality. (Phot: Neon Tommy / Flickr)

Howard University School of Communications supported by Chevrolet has done remarkably well in identifying and encouraging the next generation of gifted, talented and committed young journalism scholars. The National Newspaper Publishers Association is pleased with the positive and transformative results of the DTU fellowships.

The NNPA fellows scored front-page news features in NNPA member newspapers across the nation. In addition to attending both the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., the NNPA fellows completed as-

signments that covered a wide range of subjects from Muhammad Ali's legacy and Black arts and culture to contemporary Black family life, the 2016 Olympics in Rio, mass incarceration, new data on police and prosecutorial misconduct and abuse, and the struggle to preserve Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

This summer, Brandi Montgomery and Brelaun Douglas worked at the "Atlanta Voice," Briahna Brown and Mckenzie Marshall at the "Chicago Defender," Victoria Jones and Rushawn Walters at "The Washington Informer," and Tatyana Hop-

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Prairie View game is
fast approaching!**
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event!



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COMMENTARY

We have to end the War on Women in cyberspace

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Wire Columnist

I don't know whether you have been following this, but there is a very disturbing trend that has been underway. Women in cyberspace are under attack. These attacks are very much focused on programmers and video game designers. These attacks are nothing short of vicious.

Yet, the attacks have expanded. Just recently Leslie Jones, a co-star in

the reboot of the film "Ghostbusters," came under such a vicious online assault that she took a breather from Twitter while Twitter management decided to purge some of her worst attackers. What Leslie Jones has experienced, i.e., these vicious online assaults, is something that an increasing number of women that work in cyberspace and technology careers have

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Brandon Douglas



Chrishuna Williams



Margaret Jordan

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Brandon Douglas

Brandon Alan Douglas is the son of Mr. Gregory and Mrs. Robbie Douglas. He is the maternal grandson of Mrs. Oreler and the late Mr. James Murry. He is the paternal grandson of Mrs. Shirley and Charles Hill. He has one younger sister, Ryan Elise.



Brandon has graduated from Lakehill Preparatory School. While at Lakehill, Brandon distinguished himself on the Headmaster's Honor Roll since ninth grade and in leadership roles across a wide range of activities. He served as

Lakehill Student Council President and organized Lakehill's Warrior Outreach Organization, a student-run project that plans community service for high school students.

Additionally, Brandon was an active debater with YMCA's Youth and Government where he earned Distinguished Delegate and played on Lakehill's varsity football team since ninth grade, earning 1st Team Academic All-State two years in a row. Brandon also served as Lakehill student ambassador during open houses and school tours for prospective students.

He is an active youth leader at his church, Bethel Bible Fellowship in Carrollton and is a counselor and music ministry participant at MidSouth Covenant Christian summer camp.

Creative expression is

part of Brandon's personality and he has performed in many musicals and plays.

Brandon placed second in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District Competition for Duet Acting. Discovering a love for music, Brandon co-founded the hip-hop, pop band "[sic] muzik" and began performing, producing, and recording music. Last April, Brandon and his bandmates won the House of Blues: Bringin' Down the House competition with their song "200" and were selected to perform live at the House of Blues along with three other

bands from Dallas/Fort Worth.

In his free time, Brandon enjoys producing music, playing the harmonica, painting, watching

Netflix, relaxing, and hanging out with friends.

Brandon plans to attend University of Southern California or New York University and double major in Recording Arts and English while minoring in French studies. Brandon also hopes to study abroad to expand the scope of his learning and ultimate pursuit of a career in the music business.

Meet Brandon

My hobbies are: paint-

ing, producing music, and playing the harmonica

The three words people use to describe me are: calm, diligent, and creative

I'm most proud of: being able to perform music with my band

My favorite school subject is: English

The two people I'd most like to meet are: Barack Obama and Louis Armstrong

When I finish school: I plan to: continue my academic career at the college of my choice

The best book I ever read was: *The Last Olympian* by Rich Riordan

Chrishuna Williams

The Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are exciting times for us supporting the teamUSA. Learn who is not just representing our country, but also representing us from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Chrishuna Williams

Sport: Track and Field / Event: 800-meter

Chrishuna currently lives in Dallas, Texas. She is a NCAA Division I All-American for the Arkansas Razorbacks (University of Arkansas) and transitioned from running 400 meters to 800 meters in 2015 as a senior. She hit the mark of



1:59.59 in 800 meters, July 4th of 2016, to stamp her passport to Rio de Janeiro.

Her majors are human development and life science.

The women's 800 meters first event is on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 8:55 am. Semifi-

nals are on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 7:15 p.m and the finals will be on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:15 p.m.

Madison Kocian

Sport: Gymnastics

Madison is a native Texan, from Dallas, artistic gymnast. 2016 Rio Olympics will be her first Olympic games representing the U.S women's gymnastics team. But she has plenty of experience with international competitions; Madison is the 2016 U.S uneven bar silver medalist and 2015 U.S uneven bar champion.

Madison still resides in Dallas, Texas, and went to high school at Spring Acad-

emy in Plano, Texas.

Madison started killing it already! She was the first in the qualifying individual event of uneven bars with the score of 15.866. Madison will be competing in the individual event finals Aug. 11 at 2 p.m, and also in the women's uneven bars final Aug.14 at 2:20 p.m. The women's team final is Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

Courtney Okolo

Sport: Track and Field / Event: 4x400 meter

Courtney was born in Dallas, Texas. She currently resides in the city of Carrollton, Texas. She ran for the University of Texas and set an

American collegiate record in the 400 meters when she won the Big 12 Outdoor Championships with the mark of 50.03 seconds.

Courtney has represented the US at the Pan American Junior Championships of 2013, in the NACAC championships of 2015, and in the World Indoor Championships of 2016 in Portland, Oregon.

She majored in exercise science and minored in African and African Diaspora studies.

The first 4x400 relay in on Friday, Aug. 19, at 6:40 p.m and the final will be on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8:00 p.m.

Michelle Carter

Sport: Track and Field / Event: Shot Put

Michelle is a University of Texas graduate and 2006 National Collegiate Champion that resides in Ovilla, Texas. The Olympic games are not new to Michelle; she has competed in the 2008 Olympic Games, and she finished fifth in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. She just won a gold medal at the World Indoor Championships of 2016 in Portland, Oregon, and earned a bronze medal in the World Championship of 2015 in Beijing, China.

For more info on DFW athletes, go to our website at www.northdallasgazette.com.

Margaret Jordan

IRVING – A president/CEO of Dallas Medical Resource since 2004, Margaret H. Jordan was announced today as the DFW Hospital Council's (DFWHC) 2016 recipient of the Distinguished Health Service Award. The honor will be presented during DFWHC's 68th Annual Awards Luncheon, October 18 at Arlington Convention Center.

"Margaret's career in North Texas healthcare and her dedicated involvement in the community make her one of the most deserving recipients in the history of the award," said W. Stephen Love, president/CEO of DFWHC. "Her commit-



ment, volunteer work and voice for social change have been instrumental in improving healthcare and patient safety in Texas."

A founding director of the National Black Nurses Association, Jordan has also served as the president/CEO of the Margaret Jordan Group and was executive

vice president of corporate affairs at Texas Health Resources from 2000-2006.

Jordan has earned many awards for her work including the 2012 Dallas Historical Society's Community Service Award, the Dallas County Medical Society Health Award and the Alumni of the Year Award from the University of California Berkeley. She has been a director of multiple organizations including the American Hospital Association, the Texas Hospital Association, the Metropolitan United Way and the YWCA.

Jordan is also a direct descendant of Paul Jennings, U.S. President James Madison's enslaved manservant. Jennings served Madison

throughout the president's lifetime. His historical memoir, "A Colored Man's Reminiscences of James Madison" published in 1865, is considered the first-ever book about life in the White House.

The Distinguished Health Service Award has been bestowed annually for 68 years. Since 1948, residents of the Dallas/Fort Worth area have been honored for their dedication and support of healthcare including Dr. Merlyn Sayers (2015), Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr. (2014), Senator Florence Shapiro (2013), T. Boone Pickens (2012), Mayor Mike and Rosie Moncrief (2011), Ray and Nancy Ann Hunt

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Readers react to recent NDG headlines

On the NDG editoria regarding support for both BLM and the police

Kudos and accolades!!!!...well spoken truth!!!! I wonder if the Dallas Morning Snooze would wake up long enough to print this.

-Anonymous

Having communicated with “those in charge” who say “they’re not in charge” and having documented a complete set of facts about the Black Lives Matter movement, I have much say.

The BLM founders recently wrote that they didn’t want our group in Pittsburgh to be a part of their network because our focus is “ENDING GUN VIOLENCE IN PITTSBURGH!”

The BLM Founder explained: “their focus is centered on the leadership and experiences of black, queer and transgender women and gender non-conforming people.” Is their efforts really a “fight for gay and transgender rights.”

Thereafter, they staged BLM events in Pittsburgh with “a majority white, gay and lesbians group that joined together with local political sellouts.” It was clearly an effort to upstage what we have been doing for more than two (2) years.

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been living through for years. Subterranean assaults carried out in the dark of night that make life miserable for their targets have become a current feature of our times. This has expanded so much so that it has even become part of popular culture, such as a plotline of one of the “Law & Order” franchises.

What is motivating these attacks? These attacks are acts of misogyny, pure and simple. They are being carried out, quite blatantly, by men who believe that there are certain fields that should



Issues of protests, law enforcement, and the relationship between the two have dominated headlines in recent months throughout the country. Stories relating these matters in recent days have drawn a lot of comments from readers at the NDG website. (Photo: Amir Aziz / Flickr)

Nonetheless, this new “AGENDA” appears to be exactly the ideological errors critics identify as proof that the “moral crusade” lacks the ability and competency to lift things to the next level.

IT IS WHAT IT IS BECAUSE THE NATIONAL MEDIA HAS CATASTROPHICALLY FAILED UPWARD A FEW POLITICAL INSIDERS AS BLM LEADERS.

To be taken seriously by policymakers the new “AGENDA” should have been more focused and less “wild-eyed.”

They are demanding everything but the basic fundamentals necessary to address impoverish black neighborhoods and the black boys and girls struggling to survive (epidemic gun violence, excessively high unemployment, low

skill levels, abject poverty, and the like).

For some reason the media and political establishment allows just the uninformed and most belligerent to do the talking for the BLM movement.

Again, these BLM leaders who say they are not BLM leaders, are benefiting financially by taking advantage of our local BLM issues. They show up at the local demonstration with no plan, no vision, no centralized platform and could care less about local black lives.

However, as the “BLM network” recognized by the national media they are given financial support to promote “the leadership and experiences of black, queer and transgender women and gender non-conforming people,” and not the issues

important to local BLM groups.

- Todd Elliott Koger (Local Organizer of BLM Activity in Pittsburgh for more than two years)

On the story about Grand Jury selection...

I can agree with the commissioner – all that is necessary is for the people to get up and do IT. However, IT is not as simple as just voting. Many other tools can/should and will be used to establish unbiased justice and power for the majority of the people. Currently, so many things are stacked against true majority rule as well as being stacked against unbiased justice for the majority. The “profit motive” which gives power and justice to those who have money needs to be restricted. The economic institutions which empower the rich and shortchange the poor in so many ways need to be changed/destroyed.

I have high hopes for the positive difference that a new grand jury selection system will bring. But as long as cops, prosecutors, judges and politicians have a biased respect for rich institutions of corruption as opposed to the principles of justice and righteousness, we will have the same old

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countered people who were rude, arrogant and intolerant over the Internet, yet when you would meet them in person they would be nothing short of a cuddly teddy bear.

I believe that “The Wizard of Oz Phenomenon” has expanded and it has become the means through which some very mean-spirited, arrogant men have decided to conduct a war against women. Hiding behind the “curtain” of the Internet, they harass women to the point that some have decided to abandon their field of interest entirely, simply because they have concluded that the harassment is

not worth it.

So, here is my proposal. There are some good hackers out there. I think that there is a need to develop a battalion of such hackers who are interested in bringing a halt to this online misogyny. Their assignment, should they choose to accept it, would be to search out, identify and publicize the existence of these harassers and, as they say, return the favor.

Any volunteers?

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is a talk show host, writer and activist. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.billfletcherjr.com.

Church of the Incarnation hosts last free immunization clinic and health fair before school starts on Aug. 20

Immunizations by the Caring For Children Foundation Care Van will be offered on Saturday, August 20 from 1-3 p.m.

Located at 3966 McKinney Avenue, just north of Blackburn Street, Church of the Incarnation Episcopal hosts a Free Back to School Immunization Clinic. The event is free to the public and is an easy way to bring your child's shots up to date. It is sponsored by Church of the Incarnation with immunizations provided by Texas Care Van.



Also participating are the North Dallas Shared Ministries. Meningitis and whooping cough vaccines will be included in the vaccines offered. Free student sports physicals will also be

given. First come, first served. Participants need to bring their immunization records.

Physicals

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- Free Participation/Sports Physicals
- Free Dental Exams
- Free Eye Exams

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sured (a child whose health coverage does not include vaccines).

Vaccinate Before You Graduate - free meningitis vaccines

The clinic will feature the immunizations, a Zumba class, an "Ask the Doctor" booth, free sports physicals and other health information. A soccer ball give away, bicycle with helmet give away will also take place with a limited number of donations. The Dallas Police Central Neighborhood Patrol Office will sponsor a bicycle safety

course at the Health Fair.

The Mounted Patrol, McGruff the Crime Dog and Police Low rider will also be there the day of the event. Young Chevrolet will be providing reusable grocery bags for the event.

Any inquiries about the above event should be directed to Sandy Secor, genesisv1@earthlink.net, 214-914-1638; Anne Mackintosh, 214.217.5632, amackintosh@incarnation.org, about the Health Fair for vaccine information.

North Texas Poison Center cautions about summer bites, stings

Summer means spending more time outdoors and more chances you'll come across creepy crawlers, bugs and even snakes that can leave you with a nasty bite or sting.



Wikimedia

While such encounters may be inevitable, experts at the North Texas Poison Center at Parkland emphasize learning how to protect yourself from bites and stings can help keep you safe. Coming in contact with one of these culprits usually results in an initial sharp pain, often followed by your skin's angry reaction to the bite or sting. While causing some discomfort, most bites and stings are not dangerous. But if you happen to have a severe allergic reaction, the result could be deadly, experts warn.

Most bites are a defense against a perceived threat, so it's best to stay away from nests and hives. If you do get bitten, the severity of the bite and symptoms determine how you treat it. First, don't scratch. Scratching can cause the site to become infected. When venom is injected into the body through a bite or sting, the body's immune system responds and usually results in redness and swelling. Other responses can include itching or soreness.

Among the insects that can produce painful stings are bees and wasps, yellow jackets, fire ants and scorpions. While many people fear spiders, the good news is that most spiders are not dangerous. But there are a couple of notable exceptions in Texas – the black widow and the brown recluse, usually found in dark areas.

"While both of these spiders are likely to run away when disturbed, they will definitely bite if they feel threatened," Yudzky said. "If you believe you have been bitten by a black widow or brown recluse, you should call the specialists at the North Texas Poi-

son Center right away."

While seldom fatal, bites from these two spiders can result in fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, joint pain or stiffness, and muscle cramps.

Other insects to look out for during the summer are mosquitoes, fleas, ticks and chiggers.

"Regardless of the insect, seek immediate emergency medical attention if the bitten person develops a severe reaction, such as trouble breathing or loss of consciousness," Yudzky said. "If someone has previously suffered a severe reaction from such a bite and has been prescribed an auto-injector of epinephrine, they should always carry that injector, especially when they are likely to come in contact with insects."

Using an insect repellent that contains DEET is an excellent way to keep many insects away. Wear hats and clothing that provide protection and choose clothes with neutral colors rather than brightly colored items that can attract some bugs. Keep food and drinks covered and avoid wearing perfume or cologne.

Snakes pose another potential threat outdoors in Texas. It's difficult to tell which snakes are venomous and which are not, so the best policy is to leave them alone, Yudzky said.

For any bite or sting, it's

best not to try any home remedies or treatment you may have read about online. Instead, contact the experts at the North Texas Poison Center by dialing 1.800.222.1222 for treat-

ment instructions. The North Texas Poison Center recently received reaccreditation by the American Association of Poison Centers. This reaccreditation is valid for seven years.

To find out more about poison control, visit www.poisoncontrol.org. For additional information on services available at Parkland, go to www.parklandhospital.com.

Visit website for complete location and schedule: www.metroPCS.com/offers/school-supplies

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Alpha Phi Alpha to Host Kenn Manous Alpha Honors Scholarship Gala

The Rho Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with the Rho Nu Lambda Scholarship Foundation, will proudly host the Kenn Manous Alpha Honors Scholarship Gala Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the University of Texas at Dallas. During this fundraising event, the following community leaders will be honored for their

sacrifice and service to the greater Dallas area: Chelle Luper-Wilson, immediate past South Central regional director for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Jennifer Stimpson, chemist and renowned STEM research doctor; Shawn Scott, founder of Cliff Kids Code; Kevin Mondy, founder of Project Still I Rise; and Jennifer Jones, National Pan Hellenic Council

(NPHC) national president. In addition, a deserving, male high school student will be presented a scholarship during the event.

Admission is \$50, which includes a five-course meal, musical entertainment and a silent auction. All event proceeds will support

the Rho Nu Lambda Scholarship Foundation. To purchase a ticket or ad, or to make a donation, visit www.squareup.com/store/rho-nu-lambda-scholarship-foundation.

The Rho Nu Lambda Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that pro-

vides leadership training and development, and scholarship opportunities to disadvantaged, male students. Since its inception in 2011, the foundation has awarded thousands of dollars to students matriculating at postsecondary institutions.

Red Cross offering \$5 gift cards for much-needed blood donors by Aug. 31

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency need for blood donations – so to encourage people to donate this month, the Red Cross is offering donors an online code to claim a free \$5 Amazon gift card through Aug. 31.

More details are here.

Eligible donors can make an appointment to donate by visiting this American Red Cross website or downloading our free Blood Donor App, which is available for Apple iOS and Android devices.

Mid-Cities Chapter of The Links, Inc. Hosts 24th Annual Black-Tie Gala

When the boxers take to the ring on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 at the Omni Dallas Hotel during the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links Incorporated, A Knock-Out Affair: Round XXIV Black Tie Gala, their professionally sanctioned bouts will raise funds for the organization's multi-faceted community programs.

The annual dinner, dance is in its 24th year and has been expanded this year to include a raffle and casino gaming.

“Our guests and sponsors have been very loyal to us over the years and we are incredibly grateful for their support,” said Mid-Cities

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DART hosting meetings to discuss Cotton Belt Regional Rail Corridor

You are invited to a community meeting (listed below) to discuss the Cotton Belt Regional Rail Corridor project.

The Cotton Belt project was approved as part of the DART Transit System Plan in 2006, and has a current service implementation year date of 2035.

DART now has an opportunity to accelerate the project schedule by more than 10 years.

The meetings will include information on:

- Project history and background
- Proposed project schedule and funding sources
- Next steps for project development

Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

Richardson Civic Center - 411 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080

Thursday, August 25, 2016 -

6:30 p.m.

Addison Conference Centre - 15650 Addison Road, Addison, TX 75001

Monday, August 29, 2016 - 7 p.m.

Parkhill Junior High School Cafeteria - 16500 Shadybank Drive, Dallas, TX 75248

Tuesday, August 30, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

Event 1013 - 1013 East 15th Street, Plano, TX 75074

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott North

8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving TX 75063

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

Plaza Arts Center - 1115 Fourth Avenue, Carrollton, TX 75006

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UTA targets exceptional Latino students with ApplyUTA

ARLINGTON -- The University of Texas at Arlington today announced ApplyUTA, an initiative to identify and assist exceptional college-ready students in the Latino community interested in enrolling at UTA for the 2016-17 school year.

Through ApplyUTA, students will have an opportunity to meet in-person with UTA faculty and staff knowledgeable about the recruitment, admissions, and financial aid process at a series of upcoming events on and off-campus.

"We believe in giving excellence every opportunity to succeed, and we want to partner with the Latino community, businesses and others to let Hispanic high school students in our region know that if they want to make their dreams of attaining a college education a reality, we're here to help them," said UTA President



Students make their way down the mall in front of the UT-Arlington library on the first day of school. UTA is currently looking to boost enrollment of high-performing Latino students through the ApplyUTA program. (Photo: UTA)

Vistasp M. Karbhari.

The first ApplyUTA event will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak St., Dallas. Students and their families will be able to receive help with financial aid applica-

tions, information about obtaining high school transcripts, and other items that must be processed for admission.

UTA will also provide the Residual ACT, free of charge, at 10 a.m. Aug. 10-11 at University Hall, Room

121, 600 S. Nedderman Drive. Registration is required at utatesting.time-trade.com. The ACT comes in two versions, Residual and National. The Residual ACT is only valid at the school where it is taken and scored.

Other community events focused on ApplyUTA will be held in Arlington, Carrollton-Farmer's Branch, Fort Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lewisville and Plano. Visit www.uta.edu/admissions/applyuta soon for more information. Join the conversation on Twitter using #ApplyUTA.

"Many students have already started the application process for admission to UTA, but for countless reasons, didn't complete it," said Dara Newton, executive director for University Recruitment. "We are mounting ApplyUTA to work with the community

and regional partners to let such students know that it is never too late to begin."

Designated in 2014 as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, the University is committed to making an affordable and excellent college education available to traditionally underserved communities. According to the National Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Hispanics represent 17.3 percent of the U.S. population. Just 15 percent have a bachelor's degree compared to 35 percent for non-Hispanic whites.

Maria Martinez-Cosio, assistant vice provost for Faculty Affairs, who directs a new \$2.62 million federal HSI initiative for Hispanic and nontraditional students, said ApplyUTA aligns with the University's Strategic Plan 2020: Bold Solutions | Global Impact.

"As the fifth-most diverse college in the nation and

one of the largest public institutions of higher education in Texas, it's our responsibility to provide the fast-growing Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex with educated and career-ready graduates," Martinez-Cosio said. "The megacity of the future depends on us."

Michele Bobadilla, senior associate vice president for Outreach Services and Community Engagement and assistant provost for Hispanic Student Services, underscored the importance of an educated and workforce-ready Hispanic population.

"This is about our families, improving their economic futures, and abilities to contribute meaningfully to our state and beyond," Bobadilla said. "Statistics also show that college-educated individuals live healthier lives and have improved social and cultural experiences."

Garland ISD in need of more school guards

The first day of school is Aug. 22, and the City of Garland still needs several school crossing guards. School crossing guards will

escort children, en route to and from school, safely across various streets and intersections.

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morning shift (7 to 8 a.m.) and a one-hour afternoon shift (3 to 4 p.m.), for a total of two hours per day.

View a job description,

see minimum qualifications and apply for this position at the City of Garland's website (www.GarlandTx.gov).

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- Anonymous

It's a positive/healthy development to open up the process for grand jury selection, and remove some of the conflicts and bad practice that the article cites.

That said, the Black Lives Matter movement has been agitating for prosecutions of police where there simply is not evidence to support a prosecution, and where there is often significant evidence that would exonerate the officer(s). The disaster of the Freddie Gray prosecutions in Baltimore is a case in point where an overzealous prosecution that ignores the realities of the evidence does an enormous harm to all citizens, including the black lives the

prosecutor (in that case) intended to defend or represent.

The lack of prosecutions of police in police shootings has overwhelmingly been a function of the lack of evidence to support prosecutions, rather than some inherent racism or bias within the grand jury pool or process. That doesn't mean that the grand jury process can't be improved, but let's not delude ourselves that a more diverse grand jury will suddenly find evidence and cause for prosecution where that evidence and cause hasn't been present in past cases.

- RB

I agree that African Americans must be a part of the Grand Juries and I and

my siblings are very interested in being a part of that process. However, how does one get selected???

- Trenda

On the issue of police and fire department pay...

While they're pushing for more money, they should ask for better training too. What can they do to make the community appreciate them more...That is what they should be trying to push for...or is it all about the money to them...??? What can be done to make fewer citizens fear them?...that is what they should be pushing for...

- Anonymous

In fact police officers who risk their lives in their role of protecting the population every day deserve to

be well paid.

- Silvana

i like raise. inot had in 6 or 7 years

- W. E. McCarter

Being an officer of the law deserves respect from both the community and the government and part of that respect should be reflected as pay.

- Jim

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Texas gets a wake-up call on levels of water waste in its cities

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Though Texas has had its share of natural droughts, the Lone Star State is wasting billions of gallons of water away every year. According to a review of the state's data by FluksAqua, the State of Texas loses a stunning 156,000+ Olympic-sized swimming pools of drinkable water every year at a cost of nearly \$400 million.

Compared to the State of Georgia who also tracks water leakage, Texans pay more for their lost water. On average, a Texan water customer will pay an extra \$38 per year to cover the water leaking from the existing infrastructure. Georgians pay \$25.36 per customer connection.

However, Texas is one of six States that recognizes the issue and actually requires reporting of water loss. Water leakage is impossible to escape entirely but an inefficient water supply means water is drained

from the environment prematurely.

The problem affects all communities large and small, with costs adding up quickly. The three biggest water losers are big cities:

- Houston – 17.2 billion gallons at a cost of \$80 million

- San Antonio – 10.5 billion gallons costing more than \$35 million

- Dallas – 10.2 billion gallons at a cost of \$38 million

Urban centers experiencing major losses is not surprising but smaller towns and villages are hit by bigger costs and ultimately bigger water bills. According to the data, some of the highest costs of water losses per customer are in small towns such as the City of Silsbee (\$322), the City of Groveton (\$242) and the City of Moulton (\$233).

All residents of Texas can check water loss information in their own municipalities by visiting www.fais-site.com/agence79/FLU

KS-USA/TEXAS/ Created by FluksAqua based on data collected by the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Municipal League and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the interactive infographic can show water leakage information based on geographical location.

“Texans can take some comfort in knowing that their water system is not unique – water leakage is a problem across the country,” says Hubert Colas, president, FluksAqua Americas. “Having a system to properly track water losses is the first step in helping to contain and prevent leakage, but more resources are needed to maintain the water in the system.”

Based on reported numbers, most states are likely experiencing the same or larger losses but there is no unified system for collecting the information. It is the problem that everyone knows is happening but

there is little action to correct it. Texas may be wasting billions of gallons of water but they do require reporting from all their water utilities.

“Every State should be required to track their water losses and plan to improve

their infrastructure before there is a significant break in the system,” explains Colas. “Water is not an unlimited resource and the issue of water leakage can no longer be ignored.”

Water losses may actually make up a large amount of

water production costs. Water is taken from the environment, treated and pumped before being delivered which burns energy, uses chemicals and requires the building of facilities

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Harnessing Black economic power

Local group is collectively providing a platform which will teach African-Americans how to better utilize their economic power. Participants include Film Producer/Director Ric Mathis with his film: Black Friday where investors, cast members, DFW Metroplex leaders, and others will lead an open discussion of how to take advantage of the community's \$2 Trillion spent collectively annually. Premiere Screening of the

movie Black Friday is Thursday, Aug. 25, doors open at 6 p.m. with the screening starting at 6:45 p.m. followed by Panel Discussion at 8 p.m. at the Magnolia Theatre.

Veasey schedules Town Hall meetings for residents in Dallas and Tarrant Counties

Congressman Marc Veasey, TX-33, invites all residents of Texas' 33rd Congressional District to attend a series of Town Hall Meetings, in Dallas and

Fort Worth, beginning August 16, to discuss current legislation and other issues of local concern. This event is free and open to the public.

The scheduled dates and locations are:

- Tuesday, August 16, a Dallas County Town Hall will be held at El Centro West Campus Community Room (3330 N. Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas 75212) from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, August 18, a Tarrant County Town Hall will be held at All Saints Catholic Church Parish Hall

(214 NW 20th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76164) from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

GARLAND Cooling stations available at Salvation Army

Weekdays Only 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Salvation Army has activated 14 area cooling stations where people may cool off for a moment or stay all day. The Garland area cooling station is located at 451 W. Avenue D.

See a complete list of locations at www.SalvationArmyDFW.org.



The Salvation Army has been a force of relief in the U.S. for decades. Currently the organization is coordinating cooling stations for residents who need help dealing with the heat in Texas. (Photo; Raymond Wambsgans / Flickr)

McKinney National Airport lands CareFlite helicopter base

The McKinney National Airport announced CareFlite, a nonprofit medical transportation provider, has chosen to base a portion of its operation at the city's airport. McKinney will be its seventh base in the DFW metroplex. CareFlite will bring 29 employees to the

airport and occupy three offices in an existing aircraft hangar. CareFlite will base one Bell helicopter at McKinney National Airport.

"We are excited to welcome CareFlite and their crew to our airport," said Ken Wiegand, McKinney National Airport Director.

"The emergency services they provide will serve all of our citizens by making precious minutes count."

CareFlite's helicopter EMS responds to requests from hospitals, fire departments, EMS agencies and law enforcement. CareFlite has transported more than

900,000 patients by air and ground since its founding in 1979. CareFlite is sponsored by Baylor Scott & White, JPS Health Network, Methodist Health System, Parkland Health and Hospital and Texas Health Resources. CareFlite is the oldest joint-use air

medical provider in the United States and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transports Services (CAMTS).

"Our new McKinney base will bring CareFlite closer to its customers north and east of the DFW metro-

plex," said James C. Swartz, President and CEO of CareFlite.

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Miss Sharon Jones! is a pure cinematic joy to behold

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Wire Film Critic

Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings is a Grammy-nominated R&B band from Brooklyn. Their groove is funky like James Brown's. Jones' gyrations are as wild and ferocious as Tina Turner's. The group's soul shakes and their lead singer's indomitable spirit blend into something very special, heartfelt and familial. When Jones is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, it rocks the band's foundation. Her fight for life and that harrowing journey is what's on view in this very emotional and inspiring documentary titled, "Miss Sharon Jones!"

According to the American Cancer Society, for all stages of pancreatic cancer combined the one-year relative survival rate is 20 percent and the five-year survival rate is 6 percent. Blacks are more likely to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer than Whites.

Jones is the lead singer and the star attraction of her group. Her ability to perform and record determines whether the artists she loves



can keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. She has a lot of responsibilities and a lot of reasons to want to beat her deadly illness. At just 4'11" she carries the weight of a mountain on her shoulders.

Jones' willingness to share her feelings, fears and her recollections of being told she was "too short, too fat and too dark" to have a successful singing career is never less than courageous. Her gutsy outlook on life puts viewers squarely in her corner. She's an everyday superwoman letting a lot of people ride on her cape.

In many ways, she is no different than others who undergo cancer treatments: sur-

gery, week-upon-week of chemotherapy, a loss of energy, loss of hair, doubts and despair. In other ways her experience is so unique because of her public life and a support system that consists predominately of friends and medical/healing practitioners and not her immediate family.

Veteran documentarian Barbara Kopple (Oscar winner, "Harlan County U.S.A." and "American Dream") takes the audience behind the scenes as this ultra-cool music group with an old school feel goes through hell and back. Kopple's efforts are aided by judicious editing (Anne Fratto, Jean Tsien) and illuminating cinematog-

raphy (Gary Griffin, Tony Hardmon, Kyle Kibbe).

For 94 heart-warming minutes, every emotion, every dramatic confrontation, setback and supportive gesture is on view. It's hard not to be touched by it all. It's as if Kopple's camera is an invisible friend that lets you hold Jones' hand along the way. Witnessing the singer's day-to-day battle is an extraordinarily humbling and enlightening experience.

This personal story will make you appreciate the very essence of life. By the end of the film, you'll desperately want Jones to recover, revive her career and make it back to center stage. Will she?

Bring a hanky and get blessed by a beautiful spirit. "Miss Sharon Jones!" is pure joy.

Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. As a critic he regularly attends

international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the American Black Film Festi-

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A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline at the Plaza Theatre

Julie Johnson stars as Patsy Cline in Mark Bell's critically-acclaimed production of A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline. This happy, loving tribute to Country music's most enduring superstar traces the legendary singer's rise from her hometown in Winchester, Virginia to the Grand Ole Opry, Las Vegas and Carnegie Hall. Patsy Cline defined the term "crossover hit" by dominat-

ing country, blues, pop and gospel charts simultaneously in the 1950s and early 1960s. A Closer Walk... features 21 of Patsy's greatest hits, including: Walkin' After Midnight, Sweet Dreams, I Fall to Pieces, Crazy, She's Got You, Seven Lonely Days and the title song, A Closer Walk with Thee.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline performs at the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State Street

in downtown Garland. Show dates/times: Nov. 11-20, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tickets will also be available at the door of the Plaza Theatre, two hours prior to show time.

Labor Day festival in Galveston features craft beer and free beach concerts

GALVESTON – There is still plenty of summer left to celebrate, and if you're a fan of music or a lover of beer, Labor Day weekend will be the perfect time to visit Galveston Island.

While you're enjoying summer's last hurrah amid Galveston's attractions and

relaxed beach vibes, don't forget to check out special events like the Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival – the largest craft beer festival in Texas!

The festival will take place Sept. 2-4 at Moody Gardens and will feature more than 400 craft beers

with a celebration showcasing award-winning "brewmasters" at two signature events: the BrewLicious Beer & Food Pairing and the BrewHaHa Grand Tasting. Attendees can hoist their mugs while enjoying

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Dallas Children's Theater announces Fall 2016 Academy Classes, Aug. 29 - Nov. 18

Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) calls all aspiring young actors to enroll in the most creative elective of the semester. All of DCT's classes focus on communication skills and collaborative problem-solving through performance techniques. Starting this fall, actor, director, and play-

wright Matt Lyle will teach a Comedy and Sketch Writing and Performance course.

Lyle will call upon experiences fresh from Chicago with Second City and City Life Supplement as he guides teens through the world of sketch comedy writing. "The education

program at DCT is truly one of the best of its kind in the country. They've been teaching improv for years, so there is an established interest in comedy performance," he said. Lyle has been connected with DCT since he interned here during his senior year of college.

"As a young lad, I was obsessed with sketch comedy shows like SNL and The Carol Burnett Show, and always had ideas for sketches—but no outlet. There was no place to perform them, so I didn't write them," said Lyle. "I know

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Matt Lyle will be a featured instructor at this year's DCT Fall Academy. (Photo courtesy MattLyle)

Garland Civic Theatre schedules auditions for upcoming show

Garland Civic Theatre has scheduled auditions for Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical, a musical based on the life of Rosemary Clooney. The show is by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman. Tenderly... focuses on Rosemary Clooney in 1968 (age 40) as she recovers from her infamous on-stage breakdown.

Through flashbacks, Tenderly... charts her ascension from humble beginnings in rural Kentucky to Hollywood stardom, pill addiction and a triumphant second career. Classic songs alternate with scenes between Rosemary and her therapist.

The auditions will be held at the offices of Garland Civic Theatre, 2703 Na-

tional Place, Garland on Sunday, August 21 beginning at 1 p.m. Appointments, which can be made by calling the Garland Civic Theatre Office at 972-485-8884, are required for all auditions. Auditioners should prepare any Broadway-like ballad, Rosemary Clooney song or Sinatra-like song. Accompanist provided; no recordings

please. Bring sheet music, a headshot and resume to your appointment. Roles for the production are as follows:

Rosemary Clooney: female, 30+, the famous singer, charming, feisty, straightforward, and vulnerable. Not looking for someone to impersonate her, necessarily, but rather can communicate Clooney's

courage, strength and sense of humor. Seeking seasoned dramatic singer/actress who excels at a variety of musical styles.

Doctor: Rosemary Clooney's psychiatrist, 30+. Seeking a seasoned dramatic actor who can sing, move well and who can instantly convey a range of recognizable and believable charac-

ters. Actor will also play a wide variety of other roles, both male and female, including Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

Kyle McClaran is directing this production. The music direction will be by Kevin Sutton, and the choreography will be by Abi Abel. The production dates are Oct.13-Nov. 5.

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When applying for that new job, interview the interviewer

By Lucas Franco de Siqueira
NDG Special Contributor

In the process of job hunting, forgetting to evaluate potential employers is common in job interviews. Interviewees focus on watching videos about the first impression and seeking to look as professional as possible for those moments. However, many times it is not just about the approval of the company, but it is about potential employees seeing the company as a valuable choice.

A senior executive at a Fortune 500 company, said: "You will be spending twelve, thirteen, even fourteen hours a day in your job at times. If you are in an environment where you don't feel comfortable, your productivity will suffer."

What the executive said applies to everybody. However, it is important to stress the relevance of this topic for people searching for entry-level jobs. Usually, college graduates, college seniors, and professionals seeking to change their areas have the feeling of running against time. There is anxiety to reach the next step of life, but



there is not much care about avoiding the stress of this phase turning into impulsiveness.

Why evaluating the interviewer and the environment helps?

Discovering more about the company, the job, and the possible coworkers will take pressure off of the hiring process. If the focus is solely on the performance or other's first impression, the anxiety will inevitably grow. The concentration cannot be on uncontrollable outcomes.

Interviewees tend to take all the responsibility for interviews going well. Thus, there is the elimination of so many variables that could play vital roles during these moments. Variables such as the kind of day that the interviewer is having, how the last interview made him feel, or

how useful the questions are.

If the preparation focuses on the best personal presentation, but also in learning as much as possible from the interactions with potential employers; Interviewees tend to let go of outcomes.

This mentality will help anyone carry less guilt when an interview does not go well. It becomes an experience and not a failure.

Avoiding or accepting a mentality of abundance.

Usually, the level of anxiety a person feels before an interview is related to how much the person values the opportunity.

When there is a belief that it is difficult to find jobs or the interviewee's self-confidence is low, each interview is highly valued.

In that scenario, the focus is on being approved.

However, if there is trust on the preparation and self-confidence, every interview is differently valued. That is the surrendering of outcomes.

Consequently, there is a better chance of a positive interview because of natural confidence. That is the acceptance of the abundance mentality.

The takeaway.

It is not wise to take a job out of fear. It is different to be humble and hustle

than to take a job because of low self-confidence.

Interview the interviewer. Value yourself and your potential. Check if they are a good fit for your life just as they are doing

with you. It takes pressure off your back.

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Looking for the perfect job? You may have already found it

What's your passion?

Family? Gardening? Rock climbing?

Now think about where your job falls in your list of passions. For many, a job is just a means to an end – it provides money for an education, an SUV, a house and more.

But finding passion in your job – whether it's a clerical or professional position – is key to career success, says Nicole Smartt, author of "From Receptionist to Boss: Real-Life Advice for Getting Ahead At Work" (www.nicolesmartt.com).

"Everyone can achieve a

great career," says Smartt, touting a nose-to-the-grindstone focus to overcome workplace obstacles that keep you from climbing the ladder to more responsibility and a higher salary.

"When you are enthusiastic about what you do, the stress, challenges and bumps in the road are easier to overcome. Passion serves as a driver, the thing that sustains you when things get tough."

Smartt knows from experience. She rose from receptionist at a Northern California staffing agency to becoming co-owner and vice president at Star Staffing in

Petaluma, Calif., demonstrating how finding that passion and tapping into your strengths can ultimately pay off.

"I committed to being the best receptionist I could be," Smartt says. "By committing to being the best and channeling the positive, you can create your own destiny."

Smartt offers a few suggestions to help you find the passion in your job and start you on the path of your employment destiny:

- Everything is a learning experience. Be observant, ask questions, listen to the

answers, take notes and read a lot. "Become a sponge," says Smartt. "Absorb as much information as you can." And don't be afraid to let hard work trump a traditional education. That doesn't mean you should forego college – but she recommends you don't limit your options on schooling alone. "If you want something, fight for it," Smartt says.

- Know your strengths. Figure out what you're good at. Are you creative, competitive, outgoing – or all of the above? How do those

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(2009), Ross and Margot Perot (2008), Jerry Gilmore (2007), Ruben Esquivel (1992), Tom Vandergriff (1985), J. Erik and Margaret Jonsson (1974) and Joe Dealey (1967).

In addition to Ms. Jordan, DFWHC will also honor the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year and the Kerney Laday, Sr. Trustee of the Year during the Oct. 18 luncheon.

In support of the luncheon's theme "Up for Debate: The Presidential Elections," keynote speakers Tucker Carlson of FOX

News and Eugene Robinson of The Washington Post will discuss what is sure to be one of the more energetic presidential elections in U.S. history. The great Carlson/Robinson debate will be moderated by Lauren Silverman of KERA News.

The event is sponsored in part by Hall Render and CampbellWilson, LLP. Tables of 10 are \$1,100 and individual tickets are \$150. For information, please contact Chris Wilson at 972-719-4900 or chrisw@dfwhc.org.

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with extra capacity. In addition, there is the indirect cost of carbon emissions. For example, the energy to supply water to California corresponds to 19 per cent of all electricity consumed in the state. Overall, producing usable water consumes about three percent of all electricity in the U.S.

"The geographical size and multiple climate zones means Texas weather can

vary greatly from one county to another," explains Colas. "This means precipitation patterns are such that little rain falls in areas like El Paso while Dallas enjoys a more moderate amount. Water supplies can be stressed when precipitation does not fall equally across the state."

Taking steps to conserve now means the state can help manage droughts in the

future.

There is still work to be done as the infrastructure ages, energy costs increase and more regulations change the requirements for safe drinking water, while water revenues do not keep up with all issues to resolve. Texas can deliver improvements but there needs to be a change in attitudes towards water. Conservation means using this precious resource as efficiently as possible.

FluksAqua, a free, practical and moderated Q&A forum specifically designed for operators of drinking water distribution, water, and wastewater treatment plants, is online and actively answering important peer-to-peer technical questions from water professionals.

The FluksAqua Forum (available at www.fluksaqua.com/en/qa/) is

uniquely 'searchable' so that water professionals can review the full string of conversation about a specific topic or concern.

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kins and Sidnee King worked at the "Michigan Chronicle."

Black-owned newspapers are businesses and employers that continue to serve the economic development interests of Black communities. As the economy in the United States continues to rebound from economic stagnation and recession under the leadership of the first African American President, it should also be a national priority to ensure the advancement of the economic well-being of Black families, businesses, and communities.

In the face of historic, political opposition led by the Republican-controlled Congress, President Barack H. Obama, has achieved leadership success in restoring and revitalizing the U.S. economy. In particular, the auto-

motive industry has set new records this year in automobile sales. Thus, we note, with appreciation, those companies in the automotive sector that have been supportive of the NNPA during these difficult and challenging times.

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• Stay focused. Being disciplined and making sacrifices to achieve your goals is important. "No" is the one-word secret to staying on track," Smartt says.

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Smartt advises. "Make sure you bring all of your skills to your work. You'll find you enjoy it because you're good at it."

Smartt says people often become frustrated at a job, and instead of trying to make that situation better, they look elsewhere figuring the next job somehow will be the answer. That's not always the case.

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a perfect job," she says.

Nicole Smartt, author of "From Receptionist to Boss: Real-Life Advice for Getting Ahead At Work" is co-owner and vice president of Star Staffing in Petaluma, Calif. She also is co-founder of the Petaluma Young Professionals Network and was the youngest recipient of the "Forty Under 40" award given by the North Bay Business Journal.

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there are lots of young people out there in the same boat as I was, and I hope this class can be an outlet for their creativity."

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Things to ponder



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Christian One-Liners: Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their church pew.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors. It's easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close. When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there too.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever. Quit griping about your

church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has. God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile. I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges. Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous. Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church, before you go.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qual-

ified, He qualifies the called. God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruit of the spirit" over "religious nuts!" God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you! If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats! Don't give God instructions

-- just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us. The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us. You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

The Blessings in "No": I asked God to take away my pride. He said, "No." It is not for me to take away, but for you to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. He said, "No." The spirit is whole, the body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. He said, "No." Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. He said, "No." I give you blessings, happi-

ness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. He said, "No." Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. He said, "No." You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I ask for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, "No." I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others as much as He loves me. God said . . . Ahhhh, finally you have the idea!



Sister Tarpley with Ms. Ruth Ferguson, Editor of North Dallas Gazette, celebrating Sister Tarpley's 75th birthday

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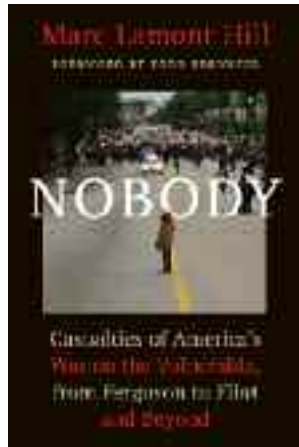
NDG Book Review: There'll be no dropping *Nobody*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Charges dropped.

You were surprised, but not surprised. Hopeful that it might be different, but only barely. You know that these days, the idea of justice can be a slippery issue that's sometimes based on all the wrong things, and in the new book "Nobody" by Marc Lamont Hill, you'll see how we've come to this.

On the afternoon of May 1, 2015, when Baltimore's chief prosecutor, Marilyn Mosby, said she was bringing charges "on six... police officers involved in the arrest and detention of Freddie Gray," her pronouncement was met with "cheers." Gray's case then was the lat-



est in a long line, nationwide, but it wouldn't be the last of its kind.

Gray, says Hill, was Nobody.

"To be Nobody is to be vulnerable," he says in his preface. It's being "poor, black, Brown, immigrant, queer, or trans" and living in

an atmosphere that's "more rather than less unsafe." Nobody is "considered disposable."

Take, for instance, Michael Brown.

By all indications, Brown was a normal guy who acted spontaneously: he stole cigarrillos from a c-store and shoved the shopkeeper, who called authorities and the rest is history. The way it happened, though, the dehumanization, and the aftermath of Brown's "random encounter" with police will be talked about for generations, says Hill.

How did we get here? The answer is found in crowded, ill-maintained, depressing neighborhoods where schools are sub-par

and few in charge care. It's in the way the justice system operates for those who are too poor to hire a lawyer or afford their bail. Also to blame: so-called "quotas" within police departments, a lack of differentiation between serious infraction and minor annoyance, and the relative ease of targeting minorities in all of the above.

And yet, says Hill, we cannot "individualize this crisis." We must fix housing, schools, the justice system, and the economy overall, in all corners of the country.

"We must reinvest in communities. We must imagine

the world that is not yet."

You brace yourself, take a deep breath, unfold the newspaper at the corner and quickly peek at the headline to see if it's about yet another shooting of a young person. So begins your day. Shoulda read "Nobody" first.

Before you do, though, let's get the elephant out of the room: author Marc Lamont Hill isn't anti-cop in this book. Instead, I saw a thoughtful, balanced, thought-provoking look at how today's authorities, police departments, and government entities have evolved to be what they

are, and how that can be turned around. In his examination of the past, in fact, Hill paints real solutions to the problems that put vulnerable citizens in harm's way. I also saw that those solutions don't lie one-hundred-percent with those in Blue.

This is not an easy book to read; it's not fun, either, and it demands that you think about what's said. Still, if you only read one book with the intention of making change, then this is what you want. Start "Nobody" today, and there'll be no dropping this one.

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live music, beer and food pairing seminars, educational events about brewing and more. For details, visit www.brewmastersbeerfest.com.

In addition to the main Beerfest activities here's a look at other special events taking place on the island this Labor Day weekend:

Free! Movie Nite on The Strand

Grab your chairs, blankets and pillows and head to downtown Galveston for a free, family-friendly movie under the stars. Movie Nite

on the Strand will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, with a showing of the film *The Hunger Games* at Saengerfest Park, located at the corner of 23rd and Strand streets.

Free! Concerts at East Beach

During Labor Day weekend, you can enjoy a free live concert at Galveston's East Beach pavilion.

The concert, featuring local band Canonazo, will take place from 3-9 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4. For details, visit [\[info.com\]\(http://info.com\).](http://www.galvestonbeach-</p>
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Beach Brews & Bands at Moody Gardens

Beerfest attendees can also head over to Moody Gardens' Palm Beach for live concerts as part of the festival's Beach Brews and Bands event.

The concerts will take place from 5-9 p.m. Sept. 3 with a performance by The Line Up and Sept. 4 with a performance by The Rat Ranch. Tickets to Palm Beach are \$15 per person. For details, visit www.moodygardens.org.

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Chapter President, Veronica Spencer-Austin. "It is because of their generosity that we able to continue our scholarships and community outreach programs."

The Mid-Cities Chapter uses the majority of the money raised to support the organization's signature program, Link-ED2STEM Enrichment Program and Summer Camp. The program provides elementary and middle school students with mentoring and field experiences that focus on careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S.T.E.M.) as well as exposure to professions that in-

clude S.T.E.M. applications.

Over the years, the organization has provided community activities to some 500 young people. In July, the chapter collaborated with Boys & Girls Clubs and the Arlington Independent School District to underwrite the participation of area youth in the Materials Science Camp conducted by the University of Texas at Arlington College of Engineering. The Mid-Cities Chapter also annually provides scholarships to deserving area high school graduates that are renewable for four years as long as they continue their studies at an accredited uni-

versity.

Honorary Chair for A Knock-Out Affair: Round XXIV Black Tie Gala is Janiece Evans-Page, vice-president of the Global Giving and Fossil Foundation. Mid-Cities Links, Inc. chairs for the event are Angela Ross and Jennifer Stimpson.

Raffle tickets for prizes that include a diamond watch, art and trendy travel locations are \$20 each, 3 for \$50, 6 for \$100, 15 for \$200 and can be purchased in advance from chapter members, online at www.midcitieslinks.org/2016Raffle.php or during the Black Tie Gala. Winners need not be present to win.