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Changing America's Narrative: The new Black History Museum

By Marian Wright-Edelman
President, Children's Defense Fund

"In the shadow of the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the King Memorial, and the front yard of the Washington Monument, like a phoenix, our museum will rise... Believe me, if we can build a museum... there's nothing that you can't do. There's nothing you can't reach. There's nothing you can't teach, but it begins with the vision, and it begins with a vision that maybe nobody else can see."

— Dr. Rex M. Ellis, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, National Museum of African American History and Culture

The Sept. 24 opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture was the realization of a dream that's been a very long time coming, beginning a century ago when Black leaders first proposed a memorial to Black Civil War veterans. Dr. Rex M. Ellis, the museum's Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, speaking to young teachers during the Children's Defense Fund's 2016 Freedom Schools® training program, shared his hopes that the museum



President Barack Obama speaks during the grand opening ceremony of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, D.C. The NMAAHC is the first Smithsonian museum focused on Black History on the National Mall. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

will help light the way for the next generation of Americans and that the museum's vision will "change the master narrative of our nation":
"When people come to the Smithsonian now, they're not just going to hear about American art or American history ... We have a 76-ton train, a segregated train car that was built and adorned as a segregated car in the 1940s. We brought that train all the way from Berea, Kentucky, down 14th Street. It took two 16-wheelers to bring that 76-ton

train down, and then two cranes . . . that lowered it into the museum, and as it was lowering into the museum, I said to the director, 'We are bringing a part of our history that will [be here] forever' – because we had to put the train in, and then build the roof over the top of it. So the train is going to be there. Segregation is going to be there. Segregation and lynching and slavery and everything that we have gone through as a peo-

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Grambling and Prairie View game is fast approaching!
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COMMENTARY

New grand jury laws in CA, GA could be model for Texas

NDG's View

Earlier this year the *North Dallas Gazette's* article discussed the need for more transparency in the grand jury process, particularly in cases involving police shootings. For nearly two years, across the country, repeatedly videos have emerged showing police killing unarmed black men, yet until recently none faced charges. This led to continued frustration result-

ing in protests across the country. Many in the African American community felt the grand jury system clearly favored the police, otherwise how could officers not even be charged for a crime in cases where videos would appear to clearly indicate the need for a trial to discuss the facts.

As the Texas legislature prepares to convene in January, they will have

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William Garth, Sr.



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George C. Fraser

George C. Fraser, Chairman & CEO of FraserNet, Inc. and considered to be one of the foremost authorities on networking and building effective relationships, will be one of the guest panelists in an upcoming Dallas monthly film screening event.

Fraser is the author of two books: *Success Runs In Our Race* (a critically acclaimed bestseller) and *Race For Success; The Ten Best Business Opportunities for Blacks In America* (selected as one of ten best business books of the year by Booklist).



Fraser is also the publisher of the award-winning *SuccessGuide Worldwide* and the founder of the annual *PowerNetworking Conference*, billed as the largest gathering of African-American professionals, business owners and community leaders in the nation

I Am For A Reason charitable organization is hosting their 2nd monthly film screening event on Friday Sept. 30 at Skyline Ranch located at 1801 Wheatland Rd. in Dallas. Doors open at 6 p.m., the event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Black America notably is the 15th largest economy in the world is a country in and of itself. The Starring Dallas C.E.O. event has three layers.

Layer one consists of playing film clips of cast members in their movie which is moderated in a Q&A style

panel discussion. Layer two models ABC's Shark Tank, where attendees are able to pitch their projects publicly following the discussion.

dress how to leverage Black Wealth in America with a socioeconomic approach of open dialogue and financial literacy forums.

ALL-STAR PANEL Q&A - Fraser will join world-renown moguls Dr. Michael V. Roberts and Douglas Eze CEO of Largo Financial; along with several Dallas-Based Leaders Dameon Madison, Sr. Pastor of The Life Church, David Wren, Precious Metals Expert – will share economic solutions for the audience.

This community event will be Moderated by Cory L. Hughes, CEO of Tax Nation and James Thomas, Owner of Southern Dallas C.E.O. monthly events ad-

stayed on Chicago's South Side where he purchased a 12,000 square foot building on 806 East 78th Street.

From the *Citizen's* new home, Garth established a not-for-profit foundation in memory of his late son, Quentis B. Garth, where he served as chairman. Through the QBG Foundation, the organization helped over 49 students and disbursed over \$1 million in scholarship awards to disenfranchised, inner city youth in the Chicagoland area.

During his lifetime, Garth instinctively understood the importance of passing on the torch to the next generation of leaders. In essence, this was the purpose of the foundation. It's no wonder that one of the numerous awards Garth received was the opportunity to carry the torch in Chicago during the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. It was one of many local and national awards and honors he received during his lifetime.

Garth's son, Darrell Garth, president and publisher of CCNG, was thankful for the support he and his family received from members of the community. "The family would like to

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William Garth, Sr.

By Lisette Gushiniere

(NNPA) William Garth, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group Inc. (CCNG) and Chairman of the Chatham Business Association (CBA) died on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016. He was 79.

A pillar in the community, Garth led the *Citizen* with a steady hand and worked hard to make the news operation the largest Black-owned ABC-audited newspaper in the Midwest. Starting out as an advertising salesman for the *Citi-*



zen, Garth lived the American Dream. After gaining recognition as a master salesman at the *Citizen*, he ended up owning the newspaper chain in 1980 when he purchased the business

from Gus Savage, a six-term Democratic congressman who represented Chicago's South Side. The sale to Garth included the *Chatham Citizen*, *Southend Citizen* and the *Chicago Weekend Newspapers*. Under Garth's leadership, the *Citizen* flourished. Between 1984-87, Garth grew the newspaper chain when he added the *South Suburban* and *Hyde Park Citizen Newspapers*.

The *Citizen* was a business Garth nurtured and loved. He once said, "I've been good to the *Citizen*, because the *Citizen* has been good to me." He was

right. With a current circulation of 112,000 newspapers and a following of 400,000 readers weekly, the *Citizen* established itself as an important source for community news focused on the African-American market.

During the early years while the *Citizen* prospered, Garth remained close to his roots. For years, the *Citizen* operated from a storefront on 87th Street near King Drive, but as the business expanded, Garth moved on, but not too far away. Instead of opting for a lofty downtown office outside of the Black community, Garth

champion for information equality, privacy and freedom of thought and speech. Like all librarians, she is committed to the bedrock principle that all Americans everywhere deserve equitable access to the information that they need to succeed and lead productive lives in the digital age.

"We know that with Dr. Hayden at the helm, the Library of Congress will strengthen its ties with the nation's libraries and other groups that influence how people access knowledge and information in the digital age. The Library is an extraordinary national and global resource and can and will greatly expand its reach in the digital age."

Dr. Hayden was nominated by President Obama to

be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board in January 2010 and was confirmed by the Senate in June 2010. In 2013 she served on the steering committee that led to the launch of the National Digital Public Library. Prior to joining the Pratt Library, Dr. Hayden was Deputy Commissioner and Chief Librarian of the Chicago Public Library from 1991 to 1993. She was an Assistant Professor for Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh from 1987 to 1991. Dr. Hayden was President of the American Library Association from 2003 to 2004. She received a B.A. from Roosevelt University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

ALA President Julie Todaro released the following statement:

"Throughout her career, Dr. Hayden has been a

Dr. Carla Hayden

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Dr. Carla Hayden, a former president of the American Library Association (ALA) and Chief Executive Officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, was sworn in as the 14th Librarian of Congress on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The historic ceremony was broadcast live on the Library of Congress YouTube channel. Dr. Hayden is the first female and the first African American to lead the Library of Congress. The nation's Library has been led by a library professional three times before in its history.

ALA President Julie Todaro released the following statement:



"Dr. Hayden personifies the modern librarian: informed, articulate and committed. She will provide the leadership that the Library's highly qualified staff needs to manage their world-class collection, which she has rightly called a 'national treasure.'

"Throughout her career, Dr. Hayden has been a

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Love him or hate him, Donald Trump has transformed U.S. politics

By Raynard Jackson
 NNPA Columnist

As my readers know, I don’t pay much attention to polls. I think they are a total waste of time and have proven to be extremely inaccurate over the past few years. According to polls, Mitt Romney should have been president after the 2012 elections.

Just as the polls have been egregiously wrong in predicting election results, so have most of the pundits in discussing the “Trump Phenomenon.”

Republican pundits attribute Trump’s rise to his oversized personality, but if they really faced facts, they would find the roots of his success in the mirror. The Republican establishment is so out of step with the base of the party and they also seem to suffer from cognitive dissonance—the inability to see what they don’t believe.

The base of the party doesn’t want amnesty for those in the country illegally, they don’t want all these trade deals that hurt American workers, and they don’t want us involved in wars all over the world.

Trump comes along advocating a simple platform: no amnesty for illegal immigrants and a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border; trade deals that put Americans first; let other countries protect themselves, unless there is a clear overriding American security interest at state.

These seem like very reasonable positions to me, notwithstanding Trump’s sometimes bombastic rhetoric in expressing his vision for America.

Democratic pundits attribute Trump’s rise to his “racist appeal to low-educated White voters.” In the immortal words of legendary singer Michael McDonald of the Doobie Brothers, “what a fool be-

lieves he sees, no wise man has the power to reason away; what seems to be is always better than nothing at all.”

These Democrats have no choice, but to blame Trump’s rise on “racism.” They are terrified of the lack of enthusiasm Blacks are showing for Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign. According to every economic indicator, Blacks have regressed during Obama’s two terms in the White House and Democrats refuse to blame it on their failed liberal policies; so they fall back on their tried and true—the race card!

I have warned the Republican Party incessantly of this quadrennial exercise by the Democratic Party, but, as usual, Republicans are yet again unprepared.

There are many areas of legitimate criticism one could place at Trump’s feet, but I am amazed that no one

is willing to give him credit for a tectonic shift in the body politic that is unheard of for a Republican presidential candidate.

Trump has been roundly criticized for his cynical approach of outreach to the Black community. I, too, have been one of his critics in this regard. Trump is just another example of a Republican trying to do the right thing, but doing it the wrong way.

Trump has single-handedly laid out in stark detail the devastating impact that liberalism has had on the Black community more than any Republican since Richard Nixon. He has mentioned the Black community more than the sum total of all of our presidential candidates combined over the past generation.

He has been roundly ridiculed by the D.C. punditocracy for this, but I challenge anyone to name an-

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Letter: ‘No More, No Mas, These Murders by Cops Have To Stop’

I am willing to die right now to help be a part of the solution to stop this rash of killings/murders of Black and Brown men in this country by cops, the majority of which are White cops. No one person or one group of persons have all the answers as to how we stop this. There is one thing that I do know, though. The ultimate answer is found in a realistic, public and pro-

found response to the racism in America that is in our Police /Cops that has been recently unleashed all across America.

It makes me ask this question. In the time before there was instant video and over the years, how many Black and Brown American men have been killed/murdered by mostly White cops without anyone knowing? I say mostly

White cops because nowadays you got some Black and Brown cops who are worse in the treatment of Black and Brown men than the White cops and some of them have killed/murdered Black and Brown men.

We all can elaborate on the problem and how we got here. To me, it is time for all people of good will and good faith to draw a line in the sand and say NO

MORE! I believe there has to be massive and mass demonstrations in every city and community in America to send a message to cops and police departments all across America to say, “We Are No Longer Going To Sit Idly And Allow Cops To Kill Our Black And Brown Men!”

Anthony Bond,
 Irving

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laws from around the country to consider as a model for reform in Texas. California in 2014 became the first state to pass grand jury reform law and earlier this year Georgia also revised their state laws related to grand juries and police involved shootings.

Last year California became the first state to remove the veil of grand jury secrecy in cases involving

police shootings. Proponents of the keeping the records sealed on these cases suggest witnesses would not be willing to testify if their involvement was made public. However, opponents contend this has resulted in benefiting no one but the police officer facing charges.

Under the new law in California, the prosecutor will decide if the police of-

ficer will face criminal charges.

In Georgia HB 941, sponsored by four Republicans and one Democrat, earlier this year modified the laws related to juries in cases involving the police. Previously Georgia police officers facing possible indictment are allowed to sit in the grand jury room throughout the presentation of all evidence against them. They were also

allowed to make a closing statement with no questions from the grand jury or prosecutors. Many felt this contributed to the fact more than 184 fatal police shootings since 2010 led to not one police officer being charged.

Concerned Texans are hopeful in 2017, the state’s grand jury process will be opened for more transparency through legislative reform.

EarthTalk: Funny tasting tap water

Dear EarthTalk: I recently moved into a new rental house and the water from the tap tastes kinda funny. Can you suggest some easy and inexpensive ways to test the water for contaminants? —Wanda Belinski, Bridgeport, CT



Chances are your tap water is fine—a recent survey of public data by the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that 95 percent of the U.S. population lives in areas without any past or present water contamination issues — but of course it can't hurt to check. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), most of us get our water from a community/public water system that provides its customers with an annual water quality report, also known as a Consumer Confidence Report.

Typically this report comes out once a year—often with your July water bill. These reports contain information on contaminants in the system and in the water's source—and what the potential health effects could be. Your water utility should be able to provide this report on request as well.

If your water provider's report doesn't bring you solace, or if you are suspicious about the water pipes into your house, you can order a home water test kit and analyze for common

contaminants yourself. National Testing Laboratories (NTL) is one of many companies that will mail you a complete test kit which you can use to test for various contaminants.

NTL's basic kit to evaluate water from your public water supply retails for under \$150 and tests for the most common contaminants in public water supplies, including five metals and minerals such as copper and lead, seven inorganic chemicals including fluoride and nitrates, four physical characteristics including pH and

hardness and 16 disinfectants and disinfection by-products including chlorine, trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids. Meanwhile, NTL's deluxe option costs another \$100 but includes tests for dozens of additional contaminants including arsenic, mercury, benzene, MTBE and even Glyphosate (RoundUp).

If you are one of the 15 percent of the U.S. population deriving their water from a private supply, such as from a well on your property or a common source shared by a small neighborhood, it behooves you to test your supply on an annual basis (or more frequently if you have a new well or recently replaced or repaired pipes, pumps or well casings) to watch out for coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and unhealthy pH levels. Your local health

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Clarice Tinsely will be Mistress of Ceremony of Arthritis Foundation 11th annual Bone Bash Masquerade Ball

The Arthritis Foundation, North Texas will host its 11th Annual Bone Bash Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Omni Dallas from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. with a Haunted Dance Party to follow from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Dallas Bone Bash Masquerade Ball fundraiser is a community-driven event that is being chaired by Dr. Wayne "Buz" Burkhead of the Carrell Clinic.

Clarice Tinsley, FOX 4 News will serve as the Master of Ceremony. Sisters Stella and Cambria Yanda and Mrs. Sharon Stufflebeme will share their personal stories, triumphs and what being a Champion of Yes means

to them. The band Doctor Doctor will provide main stage entertainment, and DJ Mr. Goodtime will host the Haunted Dance Party.

The focus of Bone Bash is to raise awareness about the prevalence and seriousness of arthritis and raise funds to support mission driven programs. Funds raised support research to find a cure, camps for children with juvenile arthritis, provide public health and educational programs and continue our advocacy efforts in the community.

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.arthritis.org/BoneBashDallas.

Educating Millennials on matters of Health Care

(NewsUSA) - Sponsored News - Growing up in the digital age, most millennials (adults ages 18 to 36) have grown dependent on using technology to educate themselves about everything from current fashion trends to the latest rankings for their favorite football team. However, one important aspect of life that can't be as easily explained by a smartphone is health care. Since having comprehensive benefits is a major workplace perk, it's important that millennials understand key insurance terms so they can make the best health care decisions. Learn more at aflac.com.

5 TERMS EVERY MILLENNIAL MUST KNOW

- 1. DEDUCTIBLE:** The amount you must pay out of pocket before your insurance starts to pay.
- 2. CO-INSURANCE:** The percentage of costs you share with your insurer after the deductible is met.
- 3. CO-PAYMENT:** A fixed amount you pay for a service or prescription.
- 4. OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM:** The most you'll have to pay for covered services in a year.
- 5. NETWORK:** The group of doctors and hospitals your insurance covers.

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Major new industrial project announced in Garland

The City of Garland has approved an exciting new project that will result in the imminent construction of 494,000 square feet of additional industrial space on Leon Drive.

This massive new facility, named the Garland Logistics Center, will be built on a 29-acre greenfield site located in southwest Garland near I-635 and Garland Road. This \$20+ million project brings additional Class A industrial space to this premier industrial area of the D/FW Metroplex and continues the community's proactive efforts to significantly enhance its larger industrial/commercial space inventory.

The developer of the project, IDI Gazeley, LLC, is supervised by Brookfield Property Partners, a \$144 billion global real estate owner, operator and investor. To date, IDI Gazeley has delivered over 250 million square feet of space to the global marketplace.

Further, since IDI Gazeley's Dallas Office opened in 1994, they have constructed over 18 million square feet of industrial and office space in North Texas,



Houston, El Paso and the Texas/Mexico Border market.

IDI Gazeley is no stranger to developing and operating in Garland. Instead, they just completed the 472,244 square-foot Jupiter Trade Center located at 3300 Wood Drive. This \$20+ million facility is currently fully leased to four major tenants.

Established tenants include: 1) Andersen Windows, one of the most recognized brands in the window and patio door industry; 2) Liquidity Services, a leader in assisting retailers to manage the reverse supply chain for overstocked and returned inventories; 3) American Logistics Services, providing inventory

management, warehousing, re-packaging and transportation services to numerous nationally recognized customers; and 4) Great Western Malting Company, which supports the rapidly expanding market of brewers, distillers and food processors in our region.

With the announcement of this newest exciting project, additional major tenants are soon to call Garland home.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work again with the City of Garland on another new facility in their fine city. Our most recent development, the Jupiter Trade Center, was a great success and is 100% leased. Our promise to deliver world-class service

and quality on every project gives our customers confidence in us as a trusted partner," said Doug Johnson, Senior Vice President and Regional Director -Texas, IDI Gazeley.

The Garland Logistics Center site is one of the last sizable undeveloped parcels available for industrial development in Garland. The D/FW industrial market continues to be extremely competitive, and Garland leads in its comprehensive spectrum of industrial space offerings. Further, numerous industrial reinvestment

and redevelopment opportunities are currently being explored with seasoned development partners.

"This is yet another great opportunity to secure additional Class A space in one of the largest and most dynamic industrial districts in the region. IDI Gazeley has a proven track record of developing quality projects and solid facilities, and we look forward to working with them yet again on this newest industrial project," said David Gwin, Director of Economic Development for the City of Garland.

It is now easier to vote in Dallas County

The Dallas County Democratic Party recently petitioned the Dallas County Commissioners and gained three key victories in helping to make it easier for Dallas County voters to participate in the November election. Their approved requests were:

- 1) The extension of early voting hours;
- 2) The addition of 9 early voting sites; and
- 3) The use of mobile voting sites for every Dallas County Community College campus.

NTTA announces new hours

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) announces a change to service hours in the NTTA Call Center and Plano, Irving and Fort Worth TollTag Stores to improve service during peak demand periods.

Beginning Oct. 3, new hours for the NTTA Call Center and all NTTA Toll-

Tag Store locations will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Saturday hours for all locations remain unchanged at 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

As always, customers may get help 24/7 through NTTA's Online Customer Service Center, Tollmate app or by phone at (972) 618-6882 or (817) 731-6882.

NTTA also offers customer service appointments through the At Your Service program. Two thirds of NTTA customers already conduct their business through these self-help channels.

For more about NTTA customer service, visit NTTA.org.

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agency can refer you to testing labs in your area that can provide sample containers or even come out to your property to take their own samples, or firms like National Testing Laboratories can mail well water test kits your way.

If your water supply is contaminated, contact your city, town or county health agency to find out what you

can do to remedy the situation—and in the meantime, boil any water you intend to drink, or get bottled water. If you are on a public water supply, chances are your home isn't the only one affected, so band together with neighbors and demand your water utility clean up its act. The silver lining to the Flint, Michigan water debacle is that Americans

no longer take for granted that their water supplies are safe. Hopefully that will translate into more public vigilance regarding end-of-the-faucet monitoring of our precious water.

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Event celebrates women championing diversity at UT Dallas

The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement honored four female faculty, staff and student leaders for their work to promote diversity and inclusion on campus at a recent ceremony.

Honorees at the Women Leading in Diversity breakfast ceremony, held in the McDermott Suite, were:

- Dr. Rashaunda Henderson, associate professor of engineering in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.
- Dr. Julia Chan, professor of chemistry in the School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics.
- Cristen Casey, assistant vice president for international programs, who heads the UT Dallas International Center.
- Lavanya Desai, psychology senior in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences and chairperson



From left: Dr. George Fair, vice president of diversity and community engagement, with Women Leading in Diversity honorees Dr. Julia Chan, professor of chemistry; Dr. Christine Stanley, from Texas A&M University; Lavanya Desai, of the UT Dallas Student Diversity Advisory Council; Josephine Vitta, director of the International Student Services Office, who accepted the award for Cristen Casey; and Dr. Rashaunda Henderson, associate professor of engineering. (Photo: UT Dallas)

of the Student Diversity Advisory Council.

- Dr. Christine Stanley, vice president and associate provost for diversity and professor of higher education administration at Texas A&M University, spoke at the event and also was recognized for her contributions. Stanley spent two days on campus leading diversity

workshops for the UT Dallas Center for Teaching and Learning.

"The women we're honoring here today don't spend much time in the spotlight," Dr. George Fair, vice president of diversity and community engagement, told the audience. "But each of them inspire countless women and men on campus every day.

We're delighted to honor each of these exceptional leaders."

Henderson, who serves as chair of UT Dallas' Committee for the Support of Diversity and Equity, spoke about the importance of introducing young people to new career possibilities. Henderson said she initially planned to become a math teacher until

one of her high school teachers suggested a different path.

"Someone encouraged me to consider engineering and I did that," Henderson said.

Diversity leads to better science, Chan told the audience after accepting her award.

"I espouse and care a lot about diversity. It's not only the right thing to do, but published research shows that diversity in STEM produces more innovative results," she said. "The research environment is certainly richer with a multitude of opinions and backgrounds."

Desai told the audience that she was thankful for the opportunity to serve in her role on the diversity council.

"I love this school so much. It has given me so much and so I'm very honored to be able to give back to this community," she said.

Casey was unable to at-

tend the event. Josephine Vitta, director of the International Student Services Office, accepted the award on her behalf.

In her speech, Stanley emphasized the need for open dialogues and accountability to increase diversity on college campuses.

"It's everyone's responsibility," Stanley said. "When we engage in dialogues with each other and truly engage in dialogues with each other, even if it's not comfortable, that's how we change the places and spaces we're in."

In 2015, the University was ranked among the top 25 most ethnically diverse undergraduate student populations in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement offers a variety of programs including workshops, lectures, scholarships to promote diversity on campus.

Nationwide SAT participation increases for test-takers in 2016

NEW YORK -- Over 6.7 million test-takers completed the SAT or a PSAT-related assessment during the 2015-16 school year, according to the 2016 SAT Suite of Assessments results released today. The SAT Suite of As-

sessments, which launched in 2015, includes the new SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9, and helps millions of students and educators set an earlier trajectory for college and career readiness. This is because it

focuses on areas that research and evidence show matter most and reflects what students are already learning in class.

More test-takers completed the new SAT from March through June of this

year than took the old SAT during the same period in 2015, which is a substantial show of support for the test's redesign. Nearly 1.36 million test-takers took the new SAT in 2016, compared to 1.18 million who took the old

SAT in 2015. This is a jump of approximately 180,000 SAT takers.

"We have transformed all of our tests to deliver greater opportunities and to clear a path for students to succeed in college and careers," said

College Board President and CEO David Coleman. "No other assessments provide students access to hundreds of millions of dollars in scholarships and free, per-

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express our deepest gratitude and thanks for your prayers, cards, flowers, kind gestures, sympathy and show of support as we mourn the loss of my father. The overwhelming response from members of the community who expressed love, care and concern during this difficult time is greatly appreciated."

Garth was just as passionate about Black entrepreneurship as he was about helping young people. Through the Chatham Business Association (CBA), a business resource center offering an array of customized services and programs designed to assist businesses, he worked tirelessly to lead and guide the developments of the CBA. A dedicated activist in the

community, it was important to him that Blacks had a seat at the table and were represented on all levels in business.

Garth deeply understood the power of the Black press and was an active member in the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), an organization whose mission he vigorously supported. As the former President of Midwest Region III of the NNPA, he was also Region III Advertising Representative with the association. In addition to the NNPA, Garth was active throughout the publishing industry. He became the first Black person to be elected president of the Illinois Press Association (IPA). The IPA is the state's largest newspaper association and is

the office trade organization for Illinois weekly and daily newspapers.

By holding this title at the IPA, Garth became the second Black person in the nation elected president of a statewide press association. He also sat on the Board of the Government Affairs Committee, of the Illinois Press Association and served as a board member for more than 15 years. In addition, he was elected a stockholder in the Cook County South Suburban Publishers Association and in 2009, was elected Chairman of the Cook County Publishers Association for 2010. His business acumen and knowledge in the publishing industry allowed him to also serve as a board member of the Midwest Black Publishers Association.

Garth left a lasting im-

pression on the people he met.

"Bill Garth was my hero, my friend and my business partner," commented Al McFarlane, Founder of *Insight News* and Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Foundation. "He was part of the Pantheon of legendary newspaper owners and civic leaders," he said. "Garth was a master salesman, consummate strategist, and visionary philanthropist. He traveled the world...challenged and afforded American business leaders the opportunity to renegotiate the marketing relationship between product producers and our consumer marketplace. He highlighted the burgeoning purchasing power of Black consumers and unwaveringly marched into often bare knuckle negotiations

demanding and achieving movement toward equity and parity. Fearless, he commanded the attention and respect of presidents and heads of state, governors and congressional leaders, captains of industry and the everyday citizen as well.

"William Garth was a friend, a listener, a do-er, a colleague always seeking to make life better for his family, his neighbors, his friends. 'Bill,' as we affectionately called him, was a brother to me. In my role as publisher of the Milwaukee Community Journal, having founded it in 1976, Bill was a mentor, a respected peer, a professional associate, a friend. He is sorely missed and shall be forever remembered." May God bless his soul and comfort his magnanimous family. Peace be with you!"

In December 1998, Garth received the honor of being appointed to Governor-elect George Ryan's Transition Team and was later appointed to the Board of Directors for the Illinois Inauguration 1998, Inc. He also maintained memberships and positions with several business organizations, served as a member of the transition team for the IDOT Dan Ryan Project, was a board member of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of the Chatham Lions Club.

In 2010, an honorary street was named after the Citizen Publisher. During the ceremony, family, friends, members of the business community as well as numerous dignitaries and other officials shared in the celebration with Garth.

Irving to shine light on domestic violence

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the City of Irving will host Illuminate Irving, a free, family-friendly event for the entire community 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18. Illuminate Irving will honor domestic violence victims, as well as friends and families of those touched by this pervasive crime. The goal for the event is dual-purpose: awareness and education for the community, and



support and healing for victims.

“Many of us know someone who has experienced a form of domestic violence,” said Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne. “We need to look

past the stigma and start talking about how and where to get help.”

The evening of remembrance and hope will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at 200 E. Las Colinas Blvd., along Irving’s Mandalay Canal, where victims and their families will launch lanterns on the canal’s waters, each bearing the name of a person whose life has been affected by domestic violence.

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sonalized practice.”

In addition to providing more information about students’ college readiness, College Board assessments connect students to opportunities such as test and college application fee waivers, challenging course work, scholarships, and free, personalized practice.

Since the College Board’s Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy launched in June 2015, more than 1.7

million unique users have signed up to practice for the SAT free of charge. In nearly half of all U.S. high schools, students are logging on to the site for productive practice.

“Now, preparing for college is the same as practicing for the SAT,” said Schmeiser. “For the first time, there is equal access to world-class SAT preparation. And it’s free. Our data show more students across all ethnicities and income brackets prepare

for the SAT with Khan Academy than with all commercial test-prep courses combined.”

According to Khan’s surveys of SAT takers, nearly 60 percent who took the new SAT this spring and practiced for the test reported using Official SAT Practice to prepare, compared to 19 percent who used commercial test prep, and there was a 10 percent drop in the number of students who paid for SAT prep resources.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness summit

Irving ISD is committed to providing parents and families with updated evidence and awareness on alcohol and drug trends. “Alcohol and Drug Awareness Summit 2016: Families Uniting for Success” will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Irving

High School.

This event will include information on how parents can begin alcohol and drug awareness talks with their children, drug trends in the DFW area, an agency fair of community resources for parents and families, and a panel of experts to answer

questions that are difficult to ask regarding alcohol and drugs.

Refreshments and prizes will also be part of this event. Child care will be available. Register at www.irvingisd.net/drugalcoholawareness.

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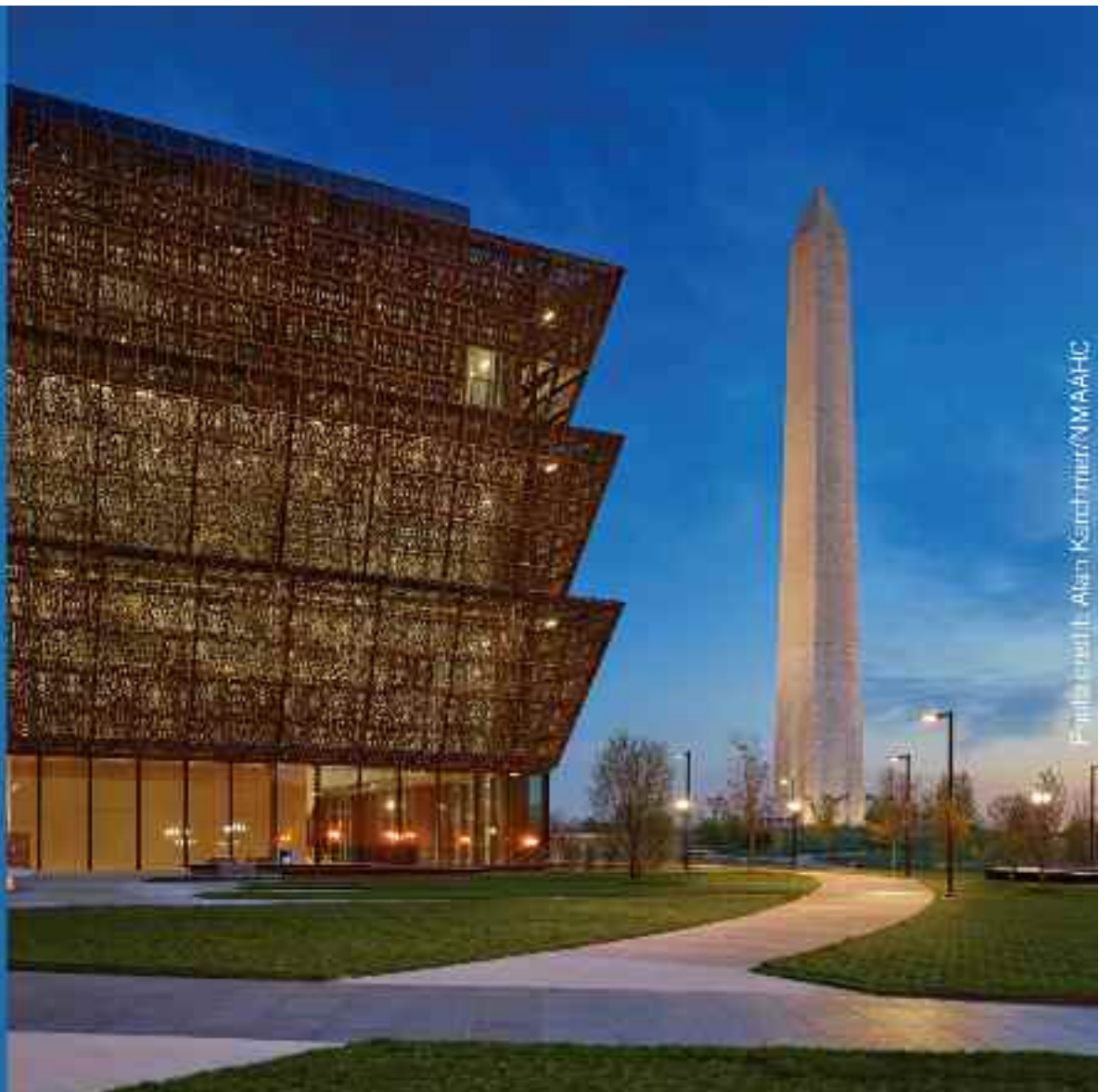


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**CARROLLTON
Pumpkins,
Ghostbusters and
dogs on the square**

The City of Carrollton will host a double feature on the Square in Downtown Carrollton with screenings of It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown followed by Ghostbusters(PG). Plus you can bring Fido too!

The Saturday, Oct. 22 event promises fun for the whole family as there will be a free mini-pumpkin giveaway and painting as well as performances by the R.L. Turner High School Lionettes dance team. Stick around to take pictures with the DFW Ghostbusters fan group, a replica of the Ecto-1, and the inflatable 8-foot Stay Puft Marshmallow Man.

In conjunction with Carrollton Farmers Branch-ISD, the City reminds attendees to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the evening. Coolers are permitted and bug spray is encouraged. Don't forget spending money for a few snack items from shops around the Square.

Friendly canine companions and service dogs are welcome to join their people at the Downtown movies as long as they are on a leash and are cleaned up after.

Pumpkin giveaway and painting will begin at



5 p.m. The 20-minute episode of Charlie Brown will be immediately followed by the 1984 comedy classic starring Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Sigourney Weaver, and Ernie Hudson.

In case of rain, all movies will be cancelled. Please call the Special Event hotline at 972-466-9135 and press 9 for current weather cancellation updates.

**GARLAND
Bean mosaic at the
library**

Children age 6 to 12 are invited to create mosaic art at Art Explorers, a monthly program hosted by Garland libraries. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive. Participants will draw their own designs on paper, then brush on liquid glue and add dried beans to make their own pieces of mosaic art!

Space is limited, and registration is required

by phone or in person. All supplies are provided by the library.

For more information, call 972-205-2585.

**District 4 Town
Hall Meeting**

District 4 Council Member B.J. Williams will host a Town Hall meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Topics will include street and alley funding and improvement projects, information about Garland's Neighborhood Vitality Program and a public safety update.

For more information, call 972-205-2406 or email Council4@GarlandTX.gov.

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Cirque Italia**

Come experience the magical world of Cirque Italia – a show like no other. It is the first traveling WATER circus in the US! The stage holds 35,000 gallons of water and features a dynamic

lid which lifts 35 feet into the air, allowing water to fall like rain from above as fountains dazzle below. This incredible show takes place under a majestic white and blue big top tent which came all the way from Italy.

The show is set for Nov. 3-13 at North East Mall at 1101 Melbourne Rd., Hurst between Dillard's and Best Buy in the parking lot. The box office will open on-site the week of the show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on non-show days, on show days they are open until 9 p.m.

For more information, check out the Cirque Italia website: www.cirqueitalia.com.

**IRVING
Irving ISD
Band Festival**

Save the date for the 34th Annual Irving ISD Band Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Irving Schools Stadium. Students, parents, staff and community friends are invited to join us for a night of music performed by marching bands from Irving, MacArthur, and Nimitz High Schools, along with a special grand finale featuring all eight middle school bands.

A \$2 donation will be collected at the door in support of the fine arts department.

Deadline approaches to register for Nov. 8 election

The upcoming Nov. 8 election is set to be one of the most contentious in recent history. Just as important to remember, the deadline to register and be eligible vote in this election is Oct. 11, which is coming up very quickly.

To register, one must either appear in person or submit a registration by mail. If mailed, the registration must be



postmarked by the Oct. 11 deadline date. Voter registration applications may be obtained from the voter registrar's of-

ice, libraries, most post offices, and high schools. A voter registration application is also available online or

request a postage-paid application can be mailed.

Early registration for the Nov. 8 election will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday, Oct. 24 through Saturday, Oct. 29. Early voting on Sunday, Oct. 30 will be available from 1-6 p.m. The polls will resume the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Hollywood director hosts workshop at TBAAL

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

David E. Talbert may not have done it all, but he is getting pretty close.

Dallas gets their turn to showcase the talented minority actors and actresses who are looking for their big break. Talbert has hosted Multi-City Actor's Workshop & Talent Search in 2014 and 2015 but this

weekend will be the first time it is landing in Dallas. The workshop is scheduled for 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. at The Black Academy of Arts & Letters, Inc. located at 1309 Canton Street.

Talbert believes the talent pool in Hollywood is amazing, "But, I feel from touring plays for 25 years there are all sorts of talent that cannot get to Hollywood," Talbert shared. This belief inspired

him to launch the David E. Talbert's Actor's Workshop & Talent Search.

He also wants to contribute to the growing diversity in general shows and films featuring minorities. All too often it can seem like we see the same faces over and over again. However, after the backlash from the lack of diversity reflected in this year's Academy Award nominations and with the

expansion of TV shows featuring African-Americans, Asians, and Hispanics, the tide is beginning to turn. The question is are the minority performers ready to step up.

Talbert pointed out with movies such as Queen of Katwe, Birth of a Nation, Hidden Figures, and his own Almost Christmas opening this Fall he said, "There is

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David E. Talbert (at right) gives instructions on set to Gabrielle Union (left) during recent filming. (Photo: Done Communications)

State Fair of Texas will honor first responders on Oct. 14

As a special tribute to their public service and dedication, the Fair will host a special day recognizing the various organizations of first responders and their contribution to the community. The State Fair of Texas would like to honor all active and retired public law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and

other emergency services agencies on First Responders Day – Friday, Oct. 14. First Responders Day includes free admission to the 2016 State Fair of Texas for all first responders when they present a valid badge or ID card from their department or organization, plus up to three admission tickets for their family

members. Valid documentation must be presented at the gate. Offer and ticket valid only Friday, Oct. 14.

"First responders put their own lives on the line every single day to ensure our safety," says State Fair President Mitchell Gieber. "Honoring these brave men and women with a special day at

the State Fair of Texas is the least we can do to say thank you for the sacrifices they make for our communities."

Big Tex is honoring our first responders, too – throughout the run of the Fair, the cowboy will be donning a ribbon in memory of the DART and Dallas Police officers who lost their lives in

the line of duty on July 7, 2016.

Ticket prices for the 2016 Fair remain the same as last year. Priced at \$18, general admission to the Fair includes hundreds of daily shows, concerts, activities and exhibits, all at no extra cost. The Fair offers \$14 admission for chil-

dren up to 48 inches in height and seniors age 60 and older, with free admission for children age two and under. Visitors can purchase Season Passes at the gate through the last day of the Fair, Oct. 23.

For a full list of 2016 State Fair discounts, visit BigTex.com/discounts.

Eisemann Center presents 'Sister's Back to School Catechism'

Eisemann Center Presents the Theatre Series production of Sister's Back to School Catechism: The Holy Ghost and Other Terrifying Tales for five performances running Oct. 27-30, 2016 at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson.

It is that time of year

again and Sister is preparing her classroom for another long year of Catechism. You are in store for another hysterical lesson with Back to School Catechism: The Holy Ghost and Other Terrifying Tales. In this session we find out the Church's take on all the familiar Halloween tales of ghosts and

goblins. Full of Sister's signature class participation, you may get hands-on experience in how to build a Catholic-appropriate Halloween costume.

Late Nite Catechism written by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan made its debut May 28, 1993 at the Live Bait Theatre in

Chicago, Illinois and has grossed over \$100 million in box office receipts. It has been presented in over 410 cities around the world, has played 6 countries with more than 3.5 million people in attendance. The show has raised over \$4 million in good faith donations for retired Sisters and Catholic

organizations. There have been over 100 "Sisters" presenting the eight shows in the series.

Performances of Back to School Catechism are Oct. 27-29, 2016 at 8 p.m. with matinees on Oct. 29-30 at 2

p.m. in the Bank of America Theatre.

Tickets are \$37-\$42 and are available at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

A 'Burtonesque' screen adaptation on the book about 'Peculiar Children'

By David Wilfong
NDG Special Contributor

Hollywood has made a mint from chunking British kids through magical portals into alternate universes as of late.

In the *Harry Potter* series, young magicians find their way to Hogwarts through a train station wall. In *The Chronicles of Narnia*, the pathway to magic land is through an old stand-up closet.

This time it's an American kid that gets to make the trip, but in order to do so he has to go hang out with some British kids. And this time it is being conjured up



Tim Burton's latest creation features a cast of youngsters with bizarre traits that make them unable to live among mere humans. It is based on a popular novel (Photo: 20th Century Fox)

by the spooky genius of Tim Burton.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children is the screen adaptation of a popular novel of the same name by Ransom Riggs.

The storyline plays on the idea of an alternate, super-

natural universe that exists almost right in front of us. Through the use of "loops," time can be literally brought to a standstill, much the same way as Bill Murray experienced in *Groundhog Day*.

In this case, a tragic fam-

ily event which authorities play off as "natural occurrences" leads Jake (Asa Butterfield) on a quest to carry out cryptic instructions left by his late grandfather. In the process he finds himself in a world he cannot explain and must adapt quickly. He also learns that he is not quite as normal himself as he originally thought he was.

The film is visually stunning, and the hand of Tim Burton in the making is unmistakable. The story is imaginative with a touch of campy, and the lead actors give a good enough performance to make this film worth the ticket price.

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The Belles of Notre Dame & Hunchback The Musical

The Art Centre Theatre announced not one but two musical adaptations of The Hunchback of Notre Dame that promise to bring this classical story new life.

On one hand they are promising a beautifully fun,

modern day take entitled "The Belles of Notre Dame" written by their very own Gloria "Gigi" Gonzalez.

On the flip side the adult cast is performing an intense drama written by the

award winning playwright Paul Boyd entitled "Hunchback The Musical." While this performance is anything but family friendly, it is a ridiculously funny and action packed show. The team has worked hard to

bring this period piece to life with a vivacious cast and thrilling musical numbers.

"The Belles of Notre Dame" features shows at 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays as well as Sunday

matinees at 1 p.m. until Oct. 9. "Hunchback The Musical" runs until Oct. 2, with evening shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and a single special Sunday matinee Oct. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased

online at www.artcentretheatre.com or at the door. For a complete schedule and full details visit artcentretheatre.com. The Art Centre Theatre is located at 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano.

DCT offers chilling production of DRACULA: The Vampire Play

DRACULA: THE VAMPIRE PLAY, presented by Dallas Children's Theater's Teen Scene Players will satisfy all cravings for thrill and terror.

Directed by Artie Olaisen, this version utilizes the original script from the play's debut in the 1920s. Audience members will be forced back in time to be a part of the legendary battle of good versus evil. The play runs October 14 through October 29, 2016 and arrives just in time for Halloween.

Bram Stoker's classic,



Courtesy photo DCT by Karen Almond

Gothic-era novel Dracula is the basis of the script which was adapted by Hamilton Deane in Dublin at the turn of the 20th Century. Stoker

previously tried to adapt the story for the stage himself, but was unsuccessful.

Deane later took it upon himself to write the play,

doing so in a four-week period while he suffered with a severe cold. He brought the play to America in 1927, and the role of Dracula was taken on by the then-unknown Hungarian actor Bela Lugosi, who went on to become one of the most iconic actors to take on the role.

John L. Balderston later rewrote the play for its American debut, and the show went on to run on Broadway.

"With this production, we introduce our audiences to the original stage adaptation which chilled and startled audiences in the 1920's,"

said Artie Olaisen, director of DRACULA: THE VAMPIRE PLAY and DCT's Associate Artistic Director.

Tickets to DRACULA: THE VAMPIRE PLAY are on sale now. The play runs until Oct. 29, just in time to give audiences thrills and chills before Halloween.

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definitely a movement. As more opportunities come, we will need a talent pool." He wants to make sure minority actors and actresses are prepared to walk in the open doors.

The workshop will provide invaluable opportunities for those seeking to hone their craft. Workshop sessions will include: Acting for Stage and Screen, Audition Techniques and Monologue and Scene Study.

"We will talk about everything from my philosophy of what is acting to how do you really break into the biz. And what are directors like me looking for," Talbert said. He promises the attendees an opportunity to work through scenes, and he will critique them on the spot.

Like so many of the most talented and skilled entertainment professionals, Talbert began his career in the theater, first making a name for himself as a renown playwright and director.

While perhaps he is not a household name like Tyler Perry, Talbert has received an unprecedented 24 NAACP Image nominations including a win for Best Playwright of the Year for *The Fabric of a Man*.

Moving to the big screen, Talbert's accomplishments include films such as the comedy *Baggage Claim* which was one of the first times an author adapted and directed his novel. But perhaps the best is yet to come with this year's release of *Almost Christmas* by Universal Feature Film on Nov. 11. The holiday comedy will feature Danny Glover, Mo'Nique, Gabrielle Union, Omar Epps and many more familiar faces.

"Almost Christmas started with my great-grandmother. She made sweet potato pie, and it was a favorite in the family," Talbert shared. When she passed away his mother stepped up to make it for the holidays, "We were

all excited until we tasted it. It was good, but it wasn't her sweet potato pie."

In the movie, Walter played by Danny Glover is facing his first Christmas without his wife of 40 years, and Walter is determined to make the sweet potato pie. While dealing with his dysfunctional family Walter, "learns the secret ingredient he has been missing."

Talbert admits, "I love the holiday classics!" And his goal is for *Almost Christmas* to join the list of must see movies each holiday season for families.

Talbert chooses cities for his workshops from those which he often brings his plays – in 2017 he is touring with *Can A Woman Raise A Man*. But there is another reason he chose Dallas.

"I am excited to put someone from Dallas on the map. I have been a Dallas Cowboy fan since the Dallas Cowboys beat the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl during Tony Dorsett's first season," Talbert admits with a laugh.

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Three things the CFPB has to get right when it comes to debt collection

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Columnist

When it comes to consumer complaints on credit and lending, debt collection generates more criticism than any other industry. This \$13 billion industry makes profits by pursuing at least 77 million consumers each year. Many of the aggressive tactics used are for debts that are not owed, others that are too old to collect, or entirely owed by another consumer.

An earlier column this summer shared how the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released its proposed outline, an early step in the rule-making process, intended to rein in abusive debt collection practices such as harassing phone calls made to consumers either at home or work. Now, before the first-ever debt collection regulation is adopted, a broad base of 59 civil rights, consumer and legal service advocates working at both the national and state levels are pushing to ensure that debt collec-

tion rules become all that consumers expect and need from their consumer cop-on-the-beat.

In a September 15 letter to CFPB Director Richard Cordray, the advocates urged the Bureau to include additional provisions in its proposed outline. In their alternative and collective view, it is important to require more robust documentation standards to better ensure that debt collectors can prove a given debt is actually owed.

The coalition which includes the NAACP, National Consumer Law Center, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Council of LaRaza and the Center for Responsible Lending, highlighted key areas where the Bureau can more fully address common abusive practices including:

1. Requiring debt collectors to have and review original account information at the start of collection attempts;
2. Providing those same and additional documents to

the courts when filing collection lawsuits or obtaining judgments in those cases; and

3. Limiting the number of calls made to consumers, particularly for medical or student loan debt.

While each of these efforts are needed, one in particular has the potential to make a huge number of multiple bad practices go away. Across the country, local courts have been inundated with undocumented claims of default. Moreover, millions of affected consumers have only become aware of lawsuits until after court judgments have been ordered and frequently based on inaccurate information. Unfortunately, communities of color are among those hardest hit by debt collection and debt collection lawsuits.

People living in neighborhoods with a higher share of Black or Latino residents are more likely to have debts in collection and

also a greater amount of debt in collections. Majority Black neighborhoods experience debt collection lawsuits and judgments at a rate twice that of White neighborhoods.

Last year, debt collection generated more complaints than any other industry. With both the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and CFPB. Additionally, last year CFPB returned \$360 million to consumers wronged by unlawful debt collection practices and levied \$79 million in fines against violators. The FTC banned 30 companies and individuals from working in the industry again.

Although the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (FDCPA) was enacted in 1977, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act gave the first-ever regulatory authority for the debt collection industry to CFPB.

“Every consumer should be free from abusive and

harassing debt collection,” said Lisa Stifler, deputy director of the Center for Responsible Lending’s state policy. “When people are being wrongly pursued for debts they do not owe, it is time for action and re-

forms.”

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availability again from Monday, Oct. 31 until Friday, Nov. 4. During the early voting period, residents in Dallas County can cast their vote at any of the available early voting locations. A full list of locations is available on the Dallas County Elections website, along with some additional special early voting times for temporary branch locations.

It is also important to remember to bring identification when voting. Acceptable forms of photo ID at the polling place include the following:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS

- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS

- United States military identification card containing the person’s photograph

- United States citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph

- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Voting on the specified Nov. 8 election day will also be carried out from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Voters going to the polls on Election Day itself must report to their appropriate polling location based on where they live. Information on polling locations can be found on the Dallas County Elections website.

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Breaking the Cycle: Young mother of seven turns life around at McDonald's

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

Ten years ago, Cameo Faust, a single mother of seven, was working at an Atlanta-area McDonald's, struggling to make ends meet and highly motivated to make a better life for herself and her family.

Now, she's the general manager, who is responsible for the operation of the restaurant and in charge of helping to build a team of employees to help the business flourish.

Faust gave birth to her first child when she was 14. Faust's mother, Shirley Randolph, had given birth to her first child at the age of 12.

"By the time I was 15, I had twins, plus the baby. At 17, I had four kids, and then I had five by the time I was 18 and, finally, by 26, I had seven," she said, unapologetically, naming them in range from the oldest to the youngest - Jasmine, Markiesha, Marcus, De-Marcus, Sparticus, Sparkle and Joshua.

Now, Faust, at 36 years-old, realizes that with each pregnancy, she was desperately trying to fill a void created by the loveless, tumultuous relationship that she had with her own mother.

"My mother would always be fussing at me telling me not to wear a head rag or not to do this or to do that...[she was] always so mean and I didn't want to listen to her. I'm having these kids to have someone to love because nobody ever loved me," Faust said.

Although she continued in a relationship with the father of her children, Faust knew that a life of struggle wasn't ideal. At the time, Faust didn't even have a high school diploma.

The proverbial light bulb in her head switched on



Cameo Faust found herself in a difficult situation as a young mother, applying a bit of elbow grease she has managed to turn her life around. (Photo: NNPA)

when the town's water company turned off her water, Faust said.

"I was dating my children's father and one day the water got cut off and I asked him what were we going to do," she said. "He looked at me, told me that he didn't know what I was going to do, but that he was leaving."

Stunned, the unemployed Faust showed him the door.

"I just got tired," she said. "I told him that he could go."

Now, with five children, no money, no job, no high school diploma, and a paltry \$367-a-month welfare check, Faust began pounding the pavement.

"I kept walking up and down the street for about three days. There were a lot of fast food restaurants and I would walk up and down every day asking for a job," she said.

"I stopped in at McDonald's near Riverdale Road and asked if I could apply for a job. [The supervisor] told me to come back the next day," Faust said. "I explained that it took me an hour to walk here, but he said, 'I should come back.' I kept coming back and he'd tell me to come back again and again. I was tired, but finally I was hired as a crew person."

At first, the job only added to Faust's problems.

She had five children at

home with the oldest just 10 years-old.

"I had my oldest watch the other children even though I also had an infant and a toddler in the house," Faust said. "I know it was dangerous, but I couldn't allow my kids' father to come back. I'd walk back and check on them when I could and I made sure that they had three meals every day."

She said, adding that a neighbor did, from time to time, peak in on the children to ensure that all was well.

"It was all about perseverance and I didn't want to be on welfare anymore, so I did what I had to do," Faust said.

Faust worked hard and began to earn promotions at the restaurant.

Ironically, she said that she was inspired by Randolph who had given her such a difficult time.

"My mother pushed me to be better than her, that's why she was so hard on me," said Faust. "She loved me. She's really my role model."

Faust is now enrolled in school and she's taking courses at McDonald's famed Hamburger University, recognized by the American Council on Education as the only academically accredited restaurant in the country.

Through a company program, employees can trans-

fer as many as 46 hours toward a bachelor's degree, certificate program, or associate's degree.

Hamburger University first opened in 1961 and more than 330,000 students have taken courses there including franchise general managers like Faust whose courses include shift management, introduction to management and guest services.

In a statement about the university, Rob Lauber, McDonald's chief learning officer, said that an educated workforce has huge value for the business.

"We estimate between 20 and 30 percent of our restaurant managers haven't finished high school and Hamburger University focuses more on leadership development, business growth, and operations procedures, with a special emphasis on service, quality, and cleanliness to help prepare students for managerial positions in the restaurant industry," said Lauber.

John Hurt, the McDonald's franchise owner who employs Faust, said that she has done a great job.

"This is one area of being an owner that really gives you

satisfaction," said Hurt. "Knowing you're helping others and this one particular

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Walmart Texas hourly employees earn nearly \$25 million in cash bonuses

Facing public criticism for low wages compared to other box stores, in 2015 Walmart announced several new initiatives aimed at improving and enhancing the store experience for associates and customers.

As a result of these changes, the company recently awarded \$24.5 million in second quarter cash

bonuses to 103,500 hourly associates in Texas. The bonuses, which were based on stores' performances from May through July of this year, are part of an overall incentive plan designed to reward associates whose stores have met their performance and customer service goals. Eligible associates can earn

these bonuses four times a year.

More than 932,000 hourly associates received a second quarter bonus, up from 880,000 associates in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 and 687,000 associates in fiscal 2015.

"There were a lot of smiles around our Walmart on September 8," said Greg

Harden, Walmart Store Manager. "Walmart is a place of opportunity. We knew our performance and customer service goals, and it was up to the Associates in my store to take advantage of this opportunity. We did it and being recognized for our accomplishment means a lot to our whole team, and to our families."

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other Republican in recent memory that has devoted this much time in their speeches to the Black community.

His solutions to some of the pathologies affecting the Black community are: school choice and vouchers; increased access to capital for small businesses; and more funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This is a pretty good start.

Trump has shifted the conversation from the Republican Party ignoring the Black vote to arguing about how much of the Black vote Trump is going to get.

This is where the tectonic shift in the political landscape has taken place and no one is even talking about it.

In marketing, this is considered the "proof of concept stage"; where one has moved beyond whether you have a viable product to how viable the product is. No one is arguing whether anyone will buy an electric car; the question is now how many will be sold.

Trump's actions regarding the Black vote have now shifted the conversation from not whether, but how much of the Black vote he will get. This is truly transformational.

If Trump had "real" Black operatives around him who were Republican, he could truly gain a decent amount of support from the Black community; but he, unfortunately has surrounded himself with Blacks who are not up to

the task.

Blacks are begging the Republican Party to give them a reason to vote Republican. The door is still cracked just a little for this to happen this cycle, but there must be a more substantive approach to the Black community by Blacks, who have credibility both in the party and in our community.

This has been the missing ingredient. If Trump can correct this in short order, double-digit support from

within the Black community is not out of the question.

Raynard Jackson is founder and chairman of Black Americans for a Better Future (BAFBF), a federally registered 527 Super PAC established to get more Blacks involved in the Republican Party. BAFBF focuses on the Black entrepreneur. For more information about BAFBF, visit www.bafbf.org. You can follow Raynard on Twitter @Raynard1223.



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"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection..." **Philippians 3:10**

If I asked you the purpose for which God made you, what might you say? You might give a lot of answers that required some action on your part.

However, the simplest answer to that question relates to one primary thing: fellowship. The most important thing God desires from us today is to have a deep and intimate fellowship with each of us.

The apostle Paul said he wanted to know Christ, and by knowing Christ he could experience the power of His resurrection.

I find this to be the hardest thing for many of us Christian believers to do. So often it is much easier to

be busy with the urgent (or even Christian) activity than spending quiet moments before the Lord.

Before we realize it, days have passed since our last quiet time with Jesus.

Jesus understood how important quiet moments were with the Father.

"After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone." **Matthew 14:23**

The more mature I become in my relationship with the Lord, the more precious this time becomes to me.

It is a time I look forward to almost daily. It offers me a time to reflect, to share my concerns with my Lord, and to hear Him speak.

I have come to understand that Jesus views us as His friend and He wants to spend time with us.

We are depriving Him of His time when we put Him aside for the urgent. An interesting thing happens when we make prayer a pri-

ority: Urgent things seem to wane as we focus on Him. He makes all these other things fall into place.

Today look up and remember how God created all things and that He owns the cattle upon the hills, the water that springs from the

earth, the skies that span our view, and everything good.

It is God who can provide for and bless the earth and the inhabitants thereof. Pray for the many people who are in difficult circumstances right now and need a touch to help them with

their basic needs.

Pray for those who need financial income to pay their living expenses, those who need jobs to bring in that income, who need good health to be able to do those jobs; and for those whose jobs do not provide sufficient income for their needs.

Pray also for those who have the income, but do not know how to properly manage it for the best outcome.

Pray for those who have much and can give much. Ask God to connect the right people with jobs, and the right people with the

right people, to do what needs to be done.

Pray that God will meet every need; that He will bless the lives of those who follow His guidance and those who are thankful for what God provide. Ask God to hear the cries of the needy.

Ask God to bless those who give from the abundance that He allows them to have, for sharing and ministering in ways that others cannot.

Thank God for hearing and answering prayers in Jesus' name pray.



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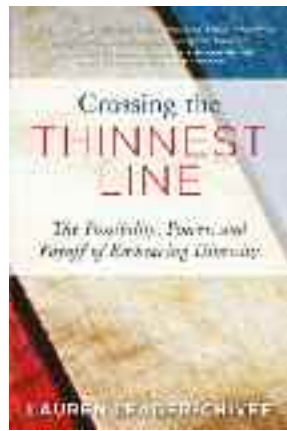
NDG Book Review: Crossing the Thinnest Line

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your business is doing well. It could do better.

Just like every other business in America, you have good weeks and bad. Sales go up and they flatten. You have financial feast-or-famine and you'd like more of the former than the latter. Author Lauren Leader-Chivée says she knows how you can achieve that and in "Crossing the Thinnest Line," she explains.

Open the door to your office and look around. What does your staff look like? Many managers, as Leader-Chivée learned at a conference, tend to surround themselves with people



who look like them. That might feel most comfortable, she indicates, but to do so is to miss out.

While some may find it awkward to actively, purposefully seek diversity, Leader-Chivée says it's important to remember that

most of us have ancestors who were outsiders once. It's also rare in today's world for anyone to live in a bubble: you probably already know, are related to, or come in regular contact with someone who is different than you, and you think nothing of it - which is to say that while humans generally resist change, you may already have "acquired diversity."

Many folks find acquired diversity through family relationships and personal discoveries. Others simply jump in and get to know people who don't look like them.

Insisting on diversity in the workplace not only

"sparks creativity," but it's also forward-thinking: within the next 25-to-30 years, the U.S. will "become a majority-minority." Diversity makes it easier to tap into new markets with impressive buying power, it allows your company to gain a foothold on other continents, and it will help to avoid the embarrassment of miscommunication. By utilizing new experiences from divergent people, you and your employees will benefit from a fresh point-of-view, taking "full advantage of... talents, insights, and creative energies" and a much larger scope of knowledge.

Without diversity, says

Leader-Chivée, "we'll suffer as a nation..."

"It's a mistake we can't afford to make."

I cannot deny that what's inside "Crossing the Thinnest Line" could be helpful. It's filled with statistics, surprising solutions, and illustrative stories that show what world leaders and Big Business are doing. But that richness of info can also be a downfall: there's just too much to take in here.

I really found myself wishing that author Lauren Leader-Chivée had made this into two books, or even three; that might have eased the overwhelmed feeling. As it is, the needs for large

corporations are covered well, but not so much those of small-business owners or Mom-and-Pops who are miles from the Fortune 500. Leaders looking to hire more women will need to trek through information on diversity in race, sexuality, and religion. Non-business-minded readers get a little of everything, and may lose interest long before finding what they really need.

This isn't a bad book - it's just too much of a book and reading it for its full benefit will take considerable time. If you've got that time, though, dive into "Crossing the Thinnest Line." It may do your business well.

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ple is now a part of a master narrative."

Dr. Ellis shared how special the opening of this museum is to him: "For museums around the world, the question is are we going to contribute to the solution to the problems and challenges of our nation and our world, or are we going to sit back like Nero and watch Rome burn to the ground? Our plan is to use our museum as a way to make America better."

The new museum opens at a critical inflection point in our nation's history. By capturing America's struggle to overcome our birth defect of slavery and our ongoing struggle to close the gap between America's creed and deed, for the first time our children will be able to accurately learn the too often hidden or mis-stated history of America. With this museum, I hope new generations of children will grow up not only learning the truth about who we

are and where we came from but also what they can do to create a more equal and just America.

The struggle to build the museum often seemed to mirror the story it was trying to tell. One that required grit, determination, and persistence - a struggle Dr. Ellis feels was well worth having:

"When we began back in 2005, we had nothing. We had no building. We had no collections. We had no land to put a building on and very little money. We had a very small staff of about three people. Now, just 11 years later, we have a staff of over 180 people, nearly 37,000 objects, five acres of land that shares our neighborhood with the Washington Monument and the White House and the United States Capitol and the National Park Service and 18 Smithsonian museums."

Dr. Ellis continued: "Many said it could not be



The nation's museum to the African American experience has been long-awaited, with large amounts of public attention being paid to every step of its construction.

done. 'How are you going to raise over \$540 million and a building that you say will have over 300,000 square feet and seven stories? It's too much,' they said. 'It can't be done,' they said. 'It will certainly take more time to build, and what about collections? How are you going to find a world-class collection? Most of the stuff worth having museums have already collected. You're not going to get the good stuff. Bet you don't have anything from Michael Jackson.'

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, said that the NNPA salutes McDonald's for offering career advancement opportunities for their employees.

Yep, we got a vest he wore during his Victory Tour and one of his signature gloves - but that's not all. We've got Chuck Berry's Cadillac, but that's not all. We've got Maybelline, his guitar. But that's not all. We got hip-hop artist Chuck D's jacket. The original funkmaster George Clinton, we got his Mothership. We got Prince's tambourine."

Dr. Ellis went on as the audience cheered: "We got Nat Turner's Bible. We got Harriet Tubman's shawl. We got Radio Raheem's

boombox from Do the Right Thing. We got a training plane flown by Tuskegee Airmen. We got the Olympic torch that Muhammad Ali signed in the 1999 games in Atlanta, his headgear, his training robe, and on and on and on...we never stopped believing that we could do it. We could build this museum. We could make it happen. We didn't give up, didn't turn back, didn't listen to those who said that we would fail, and the more people saw and experienced

our belief, they caught the fever too."

The African American experience has always been an integral and essential part of the larger American experience. Now, with this beautiful and powerful new museum finally open in the heart of the nation's capital, many of those connections that help complete the true and full American narrative are on full display. Acknowledging our shared American past and all of the ways it echoes in the present is the only way to keep moving forward together. Only the truth can make us free.

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person, who was looking for a way out and knowing that we could provide that opportunity is special. I am really thrilled to have Cameo with me."

Hurt said that Faust manages about 55 employees, managers report to her, and that he's pleased with the progress that she's made over the years.

"The success story of Cameo Faust in Georgia serves as an inspiring national example that millions of young single mothers should view as proof that social challenges can be overcome," said Chavis. "Cameo's career

journey personifies self-empowerment with grace and elegance."

Faust said that she aspires to become an entrepreneur and a motivational speaker.

Three of Faust children have graduated high school

and one of her daughters attends Clark University, a historically Black college in Atlanta.

"I love McDonald's and all that they've done for me," said Faust. "I still want to let God take me higher."