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Meza sets sights on flipping Texas House District 105

While all indications are that Texas will remain a red state in the upcoming Nov. 8 election, hopes are high that Democrats will be able to make some inroads in key districts in the state legislature. One of the likeliest districts to flip is House District 105, where Democrat Terry Meza is challenging incumbent Rodney Anderson.

Meza is not exactly a newcomer to the race. She vied for the position two years ago, and faced stiff competition in the primary, including a runoff, before heading into the General Election where she was unsuccessful at claiming the seat in Austin.

House District 105 straddles Irving and Grand Prairie with a few slivers of Dallas thrown in. Anderson is well-entrenched in the district, out-raising Meza three-to-one in campaign funds. But Meza has been becoming better known in the last two years, and has attracted some key endorsements she has not had in the past. Adding to that the minority vote which some expect will only increase with the rhetoric being thrown around on the national stage, and an upset is not outside the realm of possibility.

Two key areas where Meza could gain ground on Anderson this time around are with working class fam-



Terry Meza discusses the issues with constituents during one of her recent campaign outings. Meza lost to Republican Rodney Anderson in 2014, but with better recognition and a whole host of new backers she hopes to turn District 105 Blue. (Photo: Facebook)

ilies and women.

Meza is targeting the “payday loan” industry, which she refers to as “predatory lending.” It was one of her key areas when responding to questions on why she is seeking the office. This is an area of particular interest to those working in low-wage jobs that often find themselves stuck in a never-ending cycle that begins with coming up “just short” of making bills in one tough month that ends up stretching out endlessly.

“Payday lending is a debt trap,”

Meza said in response to inquiries from the *Dallas Morning News*. “In the absence of action by the Legislature, municipalities have had to enact local ordinances to regulate the predatory operations of payday lenders who prey on low income families and on our military. The best rules are included in the Texas Municipal League’s Model Ordinance which has been enacted by dozens of local city councils throughout Texas. My opponent

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COMMENTARY

Republicans are willing to dance with the Devil to win White House

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Newswire Columnist

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) is anticipating a Trump win in November. Or, at least, he is preparing for it. He says that if Republicans hold sway in the White House, the House and the Senate, he plans to use budget reconciliation to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) and give tax cuts

to the wealthy. Ryan says he will not even attempt any bipartisanship, as he shoves his regressive agenda down the throats of our people. Instead, he says that he can make it work, especially if he has a Trump White House.

This is, perhaps, why Republicans who appear to have at least a little bit of good sense are going for Trump’s nonsense. They know that Mr.

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Sara Saldana

The Dallas Hispanic Bar Association (DHBA) will hold the first Dallas Latina Leadership Program on Saturday, Oct. 15 at SMU Dedman School of Law from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is aimed at addressing many of the issues that remain obstacles in the road for Latinas — lack of women role models in the legal field, lack of mentors, and lack of access to career information.

This full day of workshops and panels will inspire and bring together Latina attorneys, law stu-



dents, and undergraduate students interested in the law. The program will provide an attorney track and a law student/undergraduate track.

The DHBA announced

the keynote speakers for the program. Sara Saldana, the Director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, will deliver the keynote address. She is a very prominent model of hard work and ethic in the practice of law.

Regina Montoya, an author and attorney, will deliver the keynote speech for the afternoon program. Montoya has been nationally recognized as one of the top attorneys in the country. She is currently working on a book about the importance of incorporating Latinos into the economic, political, and social

fabric of America.

Attorney Track Sessions

Elsa Manzanares, Partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP will moderate the “Pearls of Wisdom” morning session. The panelists will include: Monica Lira Bravo, Principal of Lira Bravo Law; Norma Garcia, Associate General Counsel for Rent-a-Center, Inc.; and Stephanie Gonzales, Deputy Chief of the Reformative Justice Unit for the Dallas District Attorney’s Office.

Laura Benitez Geisler, Partner at Geisler Law Firm will moderate the “Expanding Opportunities – Diver-

sity in the Legal Profession” afternoon session. The panelists will include: Hilda Galvan, Managing Partner at Jones Day Dallas Office; Erica Benites Giese, Chief of the San Antonio Division U.S. Attorney’s Office; and Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, Corporate Counsel for Employment Law at Dr Pepper Snapple Group.

Law Student/Undergraduate Sessions

Rebecca Garza Greenan, Assistant Dean at UNT Law School will moderate the “Things I wish I knew then” morning session of the program. The panelists will include: Rosario (“Chachy”)

Heppe, Sr. Director Compliance for the Fluor Corporation; Giana Ortiz, Partner at The Ortiz Law Firm; and Monica Pinon, Associate General Counsel for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

Rocio Cristina Garcia, President of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, will moderate the “Life After Law School” afternoon session. The panelists will include: Brianna Hinojosa-Flores, Sr. Patent Counsel of BlackBerry; Bridget Moreno Lopez, Managing Partner at Linebarger Gogan Blair & Sampson LLP; and Rosa Orenstein, Partner at Orenstein Law Group.

Pamela Jackson

Pamela Jackson, an Army veteran and historical studies junior at The University of Texas at Dallas, says a new scholarship award from State Farm will lessen the financial burden for her tuition expenses this year.

“It helps me to stay encouraged. It’s like a load off. It’s a blessing,” said Jackson, who achieved the rank of U.S. Army Specialist 4 in her seven-plus years of military service.

Jackson, who wants to teach high school history, and three other UT Dallas students have received



\$2,500 State Farm awards for unmet tuition and fees, books, educational supplies or other expenses related to the students’ education and living expenses.

The \$10,000 total awards

were open to current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are enrolled full time toward an undergraduate degree. Two of the award winners are still serving in the Air National Guard and Army Reserve.

State Farm data architect David Iverson is a military veteran who serves on the Veteran Services Center’s Community Advisory Council, a group of corporate partners, industry professionals and community leaders that promotes the development of student-veterans at UT Dallas and provides guidance for veteran hiring initiatives.

“I’ve experienced the ef-

forts of the staff of the Veteran Services Center and have been able to interact with the student-veterans of UTD. I am extremely pleased and honored that State Farm acknowledges their service to our country and supports them as they make education a priority in the next phase of their lives,” Iverson said.

The State Farm awards will enable students to focus on academic and career goals rather than financial concerns, said Lisa Adams, director of the Veteran Services Center.

“Student-veterans have responsibilities outside of

class, including family and jobs. There are also students that currently serve in the reserves and Guard and must be adept at balancing school with their military training requirements,” Adams said.

While there are educational benefits for serving in the military, the type of benefit and eligibility for the benefit varies, Adams said. Not all veterans are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which was enacted in 2009 to provide up to 36 months of education benefits for 15 years after release from active duty.

Jackson, a native of Shreveport, La., earned an

associate degree at Brookhaven College, where she was president of the student-veteran organization on campus. She transferred to UT Dallas because of the University’s reputation for academic excellence.

“It’s awesome,” she said of UT Dallas. “I prayed and prayed to get in because I heard it was difficult to get in. The reputation of the school itself makes me proud to be here.”

Despite being a single mother of five — two sons are grown but she has three children ages 10 and younger at home — Jackson is enrolled as a full-time student.

Crystal Dunn

Despite suffering two disappointing losses in games decided by penalty kicks. U.S. soccer player Crystal Dunn has had a banner year in 2016.

To begin with, Dunn was elevated to the U.S. Women’s National Team after being the last player cut before the 2015 Women’s World Cup which raised the public profile of the sport to new heights with 27 million Americans tuning in for the final gold-winning match.

Dunn, a product of the University of North Carolina and a forward for the Washington Spirit in the National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL), proved



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she had international caliber talent as she led the NWSL in scoring last year with 15 goals.

Once called in to the national team, Dunn traveled to Brazil to take part in the 2016 Summer Olympics. A hands-down favorite to claim gold, te U.S. stalled and was eliminated in the quarterfinals by Sweden as

the result of penalty kicks when the game went undecided through extra time.

Dunn claimed one goal against Colombia in the 41st minute of the final group stage game.

Returning to NWSL action, Dunn helped to lead the Washington Spirit through to the Championship Final against the Western New York Flash.

No one can say Dunn came to the game unprepared as she chalked up both of the Spirit’s goals in the game. Once again Dunn found herself in a clutch game that was going into overtime to be decided. Dunn’s second goal seemed to be the icing on the cake, but the Flash responded with a goal of their own to send the decision to the PK

line and once again, the PK line was not kind to Dunn’s side.

“That is obviously the worst feeling ever,” Dunn said after the match. “Feeling like you’re about to win a game and have it go into PKs and losing in PKs is probably the worst thing that a soccer player ever wants.

“But that’s the nature of this game. We play the game for the ups and the downs, and I know for me, I’m a testament of -- you know -- this game is going to have a lot of ups and downs in your career and it’s been a long season. We’ve had a really great season, and as much as we wanted to hoist the trophy up at the end of the year, we can’t really hang our heads too low.”

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A Trump win in November could tear this country apart

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Newswire Columnist

Alright, team, we are getting close to the finish line: Election Day November 8. We have witnessed the first debate, between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, and while I would argue that Clinton won, Trump made enough arguments to reinforce some level of confidence among his supporters. After having a comfortable

lead over her Republican opponent, current poll numbers suggest that Clinton's lead has almost vanished in key states; reasons why the race has tightened are still up for debate.

There are four presidential candidates on the ballot: Hillary Clinton (Democrat), Donald Trump (Republican), Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party) and Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party). The reality is that the presidential choice

comes down to either Clinton or Trump. Johnson has about an 8 percent showing in the polls and Stein about 3 percent.

What voters have to decide is not only where will they come down, but also the importance of other races that will be decided November 8. Thus, my first plea is that everyone votes. Each vote, as we saw in Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004, can be potentially critical.

A second issue is that races, in addition to the presidential race, are critical. The United States Senate, as of this moment, is a toss-up between the Republicans and Democrats. We could find ourselves with a small Republican majority, a small Democratic majority, or a literal tie. So, even if you find yourself dissatisfied with the Presidential choices, there

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Letter to the Editor: Still concerned about MWBE'S getting their fair share

The City of Irving has an Minority and Women owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) Policy that commits to Fair treatment of MWBE's in the procurement process of doing business with the City. The City has contracted with the construction firm,

Skanska, to build the 173 Million dollar Irving Music Factory (IMF), Project that is currently under construction. By both state and federal law, Skanska has to make a Good Faith effort to comply with the City of Irving's MWBE policy and the City of Ir-

ving should see to it that they do, in all phases of their construction contract. I am hearing disturbing reports that this ain't happening. I have tried to contact the MWBE contact for Skanska given to me by the City to ascertain where we are in this project in meet-

ing our MWBE goals with no response back. And, I have been told that even though Skanska has a main office here in Irving that their MWBE office is out of state somewhere. All of this concerns me a great

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Trump, with his head in the cloud and his rhetoric in the gutter, will let them get away with anything they want. He will agree to their tax cuts, because they coincide with his agenda to reward the wealthy. Trump will go along with cuts to Obamacare, because he wasn't loving it in the first place. He will let conservative Republicans hold sway, especially if they reward him with their votes in November.

Paul Ryan calls his plan a “Better Way” policy agenda. It is an aggressive move that assumes that Republicans will control both the House and the Senate. They might not – if people vote, and vote down ballot, there is a real chance that Democrats can control the Senate. The House is a much bigger challenge, and it is likely that Republicans will continue to hold sway in the house. But there are too many folks who say they won't vote, and their votes could make a real difference. In Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida

(among other states), those who choose to refrain from voting are really voting for a Trump-Ryan agenda.

The attack on Obamacare is especially problematic. While the President's Affordable Care Act is clearly flawed, it expanded health insurance for more than 20 million people. It isn't the desired single payer care, but it provides opportunity and takes the first step in expanding the social contract since the Roosevelt years. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) can be used as a foundation to expand health insurance coverage and, in my mind, get us closer to the ultimate goal of a single-payer system.

But legislators rejected the single-payer plan that Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Ma) proposed for decades. The Affordable Care Act is a compromise. We need to move forward in improving the ACA, not backward in repealing it. Trump and Ryan would restrict access to health care instead of expanding it.

According to Politico,

Paul Ryan thinks that a divided government contributes to gridlock. He'd be happy if the presidency, the House of Representatives, and the United States Senate were all controlled by Republicans. What about the rest of us? Does he see our voice in this? Not according to Ryan. He tells Politico “I'm tired of divided government. It doesn't work very well.” He seems to ignore the fact that there are legitimate differences among legislators and that these differences need to be worked out. He is uninterested in compromise. Instead, he wants to shove his position down the throats of other people.

Paul Ryan has explicitly called Donald Trump a racist. He has eschewed many of his policies. Other Republicans have been openly repulsed by their bellicose standard bearer and disturbed by his racist bluster and his wacky rhetoric, but they have thrown their discernment to the wind, embracing the man they have described as a rabid racist, because they prefer him to an embrace of integrity.

As we count down to the

Nov. 8 election, people are coming forward to say they are either undecided, conflicted, or would rather vote for a third party candidate, because they can't tolerate Clinton Trump. The bottom line is that either Clinton or Trump will win the Presidency.

Really. Those Republicans who support Trump are openly supporting evil. They will dance with the devil to their detriment.

African Americans, especially, need to look at what Trump has promised. He has promised discrimination. He has described our lives as hell. He has been a bully and a documented discriminator. He has been too much. He should be enough to repel us. Paul Ryan has called Trump a racist, but he is willing to dance with the devil because it serves his purposes. What about you?

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Intimate partner violence affects millions

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans. Although most people think of violence as a physical act, the term “intimate partner violence” describes physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 29 percent of women and nearly 10 percent of men in the United States have experienced intimate partner violence.

For “Emma” (name changed to protect her identity), the emotional abuse began almost immediately after she made her wedding vows. While courting, her future husband was tender. “I felt loved and valued,” she said.

But as soon as they mar-

ried, everything changed in their relationship. “I felt like I was caged in a cell. Everything I needed was out there, but I couldn’t reach it.”

For five years, Emma’s husband controlled her with threats, manipulation and coercion. Without a car or access to her own money, Emma felt trapped and isolated, ashamed to reveal the reality of her situation to anyone.

“I was deeply in love when I married,” she said. “But soon after, I felt betrayed. Of course, all relationships have ups and downs, but this was very different.”

With the help of trusted friends, Emma sought to escape the abusive relationship. Soon after, she visited a Parkland Community Oriented Primary Care health center for medical help.

Like all Parkland patients, she was given an abuse/violence screening to determine if she experienced any abuse or violence in her lifetime. She was immediately referred to Parkland’s Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/Rape Crisis Center for help.

Offering support to children, teens, adults and families who have experienced violence or abuse, Parkland’s VIP/Rape Crisis Center provides free counseling, 24-hour response for victims seen at Parkland facilities, help finding emergency shelters, legal assistance and other services. Spanish-speaking staff is available and services in other languages are offered through interpreters.

“Many victims referred to the VIP/Rape Crisis Center have never told anyone about the abuse or were not

aware of the services offered at Parkland,” said Melissa Reilly, LCSW, Director of the VIP/Rape Crisis Center. “Along with counseling, our support services include legal advocacy, court accompaniment and assistance with specific victim resources including Crime Victims Compensation and community resources. In case of emergency, Dallas County Hospital District police officers respond to provide protection for victims and staff.”

In 2015, the VIP/Rape Crisis client advocates served 2,490 Parkland patients who reported experiencing abuse/violence. Approximately 314 new VIP/Rape Crisis Center clients received counseling services and 3,410 counseling hours were provided to victims. Client advocates provide crisis intervention

and licensed counselors along with graduate and post-master’s interns help provide therapy for victims.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time for increased education and awareness about the scope of the problem, assistance for victims and prevention strategies.

“Our overall goal is to help prevent abuse and violence and help victims heal,” said Reilly. “Many of our patients have little or no income, few resources, job skills or social support. We are here to help them especially in this time of crisis.”

Although the memories are still painful, Emma can speak about what happened to her “as an experience that has helped with my personal growth,” she said. “The therapy provided by Parkland has helped me release so many things. I feel

I have opened a new chapter in my life. I am moving up and forward.”

Her divorce finalized, Emma now attends school, is active in her community and has reconnected with family and friends. Importantly, she has found the courage to speak to others who may need help.

“I want them to know they can get better, like me. There are ways you can leave that abusive relationship. See your value as a person. Love yourself. Know there’s help. Sometimes we don’t want to get help out of fear. I hope what I say here reaches many women and they are able to make changes.”

For more information about the VIP/Rape Crisis Center at Parkland, please visit www.parklandhospital.com.

Several common blood pressure meds may impact depression

Four commonly prescribed blood pressure medications may impact mood disorders such as depression or bipolar disorder, according to new research in the American Heart Association’s journal *Hypertension*.

In this first study, that compared four common classes of antihypertensive drugs and risk of mood disorders, two drugs were associated with an increased risk for mood disorders, while one appears to decrease mood disorder risk, according to Sandosh Padmanabhan, M.D., Ph.D., study author and Professor at the Institute of Cardiovascular and Medical Sciences, University of Glasgow in Glasgow, United



Illustration: American Heart Assn.

Kingdom.

“Mental health is under-recognized in hypertension clinical practice, and the

possible impact of antihypertensive drugs on mental health is an area that physicians should be aware of

and consider if the treatment of high blood pressure is having a negative impact on their patient’s mental health,” Padmanabhan said.

Researchers collected data on 525,046 patients (ages 40-80) from two large secondary care Scottish hospitals. They selected 144,066 patients being treated for hypertension with either angiotensin antagonists, beta blocker, calcium channel blockers or thiazide diuretics. They were compared to a group of 111,936 patients not taking any of those drugs. Researchers followed the patients for five years documenting hospitalization for mood disorders, such as depression or bipolar disorder. After more than 90 days on

the antihypertensive medications.

They found patients on beta-blockers and calcium antagonists were at two-fold increased risk of hospital admission for mood disorder, compared to patients on angiotensin antagonists (angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin-receptor blockers).

Patients on angiotensin antagonists had the lowest risk for hospitalization with mood disorders compared to patients on other blood pressure meds and patients on no antihypertensive therapy.

Patients taking thiazide diuretics showed the same risk for mood disorders compared to patients taking

no antihypertensive meds.

These findings suggest that angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors and angiotensin-receptor blockers that are used to treat hypertension may be useful as new or “repurposed” treatments for mood disorders, according to Padmanabhan.

“It is important that these results are validated in independent studies. This is a single center study, which looked at the risk of the more severe forms of mood disorders requiring hospitalization. It would be important to study the effect of these drugs on minor to modest changes in mood, as these will have an impact on the quality of life among hypertensive patients,” he said.

Simple steps women can take to reduce the odds of developing breast cancer

When it comes to breast-cancer prevention, most women are probably aware of the need for self-examinations and mammograms, as well as awareness of a family history for breast cancer.

But other factors that can

help women avoid breast cancer may not be as well known, or at least not as often discussed. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this might be the right time to discuss them.

“Although breast cancer is, rightfully, a significant concern, every woman should keep in mind that there are things in her control that can help reduce her odds of developing it,” says Dr. Pawan Grover ([\[ovospine.net\]\(http://ovospine.net\)\), who has treated cancer patients and has served as a medical correspondent for CNN and other news organizations.](http://www.in-</p>
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For example, he says, it’s important to understand the effect estrogen has in in-

creasing your risk of breast cancer – and how you might encounter estrogen more than you realize.

“What many women may not be aware of is that, because of the pesticides and hormones in our food, we

are bombarded with estrogen,” Grover says.

That’s why diet, nutrition and exercise can be so important in breast-cancer prevention, he says. That may

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Dallas Debt Boot Camp registration deadline is Oct. 27

Capital One Bank and Alliance for Greater Works are now accepting applications for the first Dallas session of Debt Boot Camp: How to Get Out, Stay Out and Become Financially Fit!

The Debt Boot Camp is a free program designed to walk participants through the process of becoming debt-free and financially



sound. This innovative, collaborative program is centered on a successful course

study proven to help individuals and families eliminate debt long-term. Participants learn the importance of establishing savings while improving their credit through this seven-month program.

In addition to obtaining access to premium personal financial education at no cost provided by Transfor-

mance, those who register for the program will receive free one-on-one confidential financial counseling, have an opportunity to open a no-fee personal savings account with Capital One Bank, have the initial set up fee waived for people interested in participating in a Debt Management Program and eligible participants

may also qualify to participate in an Individual Development Account matched savings program.

In addition to Transfor- mance, a local non-profit committed to moving families towards financial stability, other partners include WINS, Working in Neighborhoods Strategically; Dallas Park & Recreation;

and University of Dallas College of Law.

“The Debt Boot Camp aligns with Capital One Bank’s commitment to make a real and positive difference for the citizens and businesses of our region,” said Kent Eastman, Texas State President, Capital One

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Winston students work on their car.

Winston School accepts Solar Car Challenge

The Winston School will participate in the High School Solar Car Challenge at the world famous Texas Motor Speedway in July 2017. A team of ten students has already begun building a solar car to continue the legacy of Winston Solar through their innovations

and ideas.

Through the application of science, engineering and alternative energy, the students are learning how to design, engineer, build and race roadworthy solar cars. The end product is the Solar Car Challenge, a closed-track event at the Texas

Motor Speedway.

“I’m involved in solar because I feel that it provides me with skills for the future and a step up in an emerging field,” said Boone Munson, senior team captain for Winston Solar.

With her extensive background in science education

and experience from First Robotics, Charlene Olson will head the Winston team, along with Mr. Emmanuel Gillespie, who brings additional experience in welding and metal shop. The combine expertise of both

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sound simple enough, but some people could be surprised at a few of the common things people routinely consume that may put women at greater risk for breast cancer.

No need to panic, though, Grover says. These items don’t need to be eliminated entirely from your diet, but a little moderation may be in order.

• Sugar. Many people already avoid sugar for other

health reasons, but breast cancer could be added to the list of reasons, so it might be worthwhile to avoid or at least limit sugar intake, Grover says. Too much sugar leads to excess weight gain, and being overweight can increase the risk of breast cancer because fat cells make estrogen.

• Alcohol. Numerous studies have shown a connection between drinking alcohol and breast cancer. The

more a woman drinks, the more the risk of breast cancer increases, according to the National Cancer Institute. For example, a woman who drinks more than three drinks a day is 1.5 more times likely to develop breast cancer than a woman who doesn’t drink.

• Soy. Studies have shown that soy could increase the risk of breast cancer because it can stimulate the genes that cause cancer to grow. But soy is likely not a problem if consumed in modera-

tion. Although it’s unclear from research just how much of a concern soy should be, Grover suggests it doesn’t hurt to be cautious.

Dr. Pawan Grover (www.invospine.net), who has more than 20 years of experience as a medical

ical correspondent for CNN, NBC, CBS and PBS. He is a graduate of the Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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are other races that will make a real-world difference.

The third issue, however, is one that hit me, yet again, in watching the debate. Trump and his supporters are dangerous. It is frightening that a presidential candidate can continue to deliver out-right lies and has not been run out of town on a rail. But it is actually more than that. Leading the birther movement against Obama, threatening to put Muslims under surveillance, proposing a wall along the border with Mexico and an escalation of deportations, allegedly, as a means of cutting crime, tells us that Trump understands nothing about the experiences of those of us of color. Worse, he is quite prepared,

in the face of the history of the U.S., to play with matches in a field of unstable dynamite. Trump isn’t stupid; he knows precisely what he is doing and he knows how he is motivating racists and xenophobes to come out of the closet. Yet, he keeps doing it.

So, it really comes down to this: No matter who is elected, people of conscience will need to put and keep pressure on the next administration. At the same time, don’t deceive yourself. Ultra-right-wing forces will play on Trump’s victory in order to push us further over the edge into a racial dystopia.

Black America went through a racial dystopia after the defeat of Recon-

struction and found itself in the hell of Jim Crow. Asian America went through the persecution of the Chinese and Japanese, the annexation of Hawaii, and a genocidal war against the Filipinos. Latino America went through the seizure of the northern third of Mexico and the later seizure of Puerto Rico, along with the constant demonization of their people and their heritage. Native Americans have faced constant efforts aimed at the violation of their sovereignty, and, indeed, their extermination. We do not need a President who takes us anywhere close to that world again.

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Sunset High School hosts discussion on police, grant with Attorney General Janet Lynch

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch visited Dallas ISD's Sunset High School on Monday, Oct. 3, to talk about the type of community policing that outgoing Dallas Police Chief David Brown implemented during his tenure.

Lynch also announced

the kickoff of a new \$119 million grant program for police departments across the country.

The Dallas department will receive \$3.1 million in grant funds to hire 25 additional officers. This week is National Community Policing Week, with many com-

munities conducting National Night Out events on Wednesday.

Joining Lynch was John R. Parker, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas; Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten and strong safety Barry Church; four Dallas Police Acad-

emy cadets; Dallas ISD Trustee Audrey Pinkerton; Principal Cynthia Vega; and students in the Sunset criminal justice program, among others. After a brief media briefing, the group discussed their experiences with police in a private discussion.



U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch opens the discussion at Sunset High School on community policing. Photo Courtesy: Dallas ISD

Eastfield documentary spotlights challenges facing Black male students

Eastfield College has produced a documentary film that aims to motivate and challenge minority male students to reach their potential.

"Direct Your Future," a film co-produced by Eastfield videographer Angelica Peterson and Men's Empowerment Club advisor Courtney Brazile.

It premiered on Oct. 11 in the college's Performance Hall.

The documentary profiles



Jarvin Lockett is a M.A.L.E.S Student spotlighted in Eastfield's documentary. (Photo: Eastfield College)

three recent Eastfield graduates – Rameez Sohail, Jarvin Lockett and Telvin

Coumpy – and also includes interviews with Dallas community leaders including

Senator Royce West, Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa, Paul Quinn College President Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, Miles of Freedom CEO Richard Miles and Dallas Mavericks beat writer Earl K. Sneed.

"It's important that we continue to mentor and support minority male students and to better understand road blocks that hinder them from graduating," said Brazile, who is also a member of Eastfield College's speech

faculty. "Our campus' documentary is a film that will spark discussion at schools, churches, and community organizations to help young men direct their future."

The Men's Empowerment Club, also known as M.A.L.E.S. (Men's Achievement, Leadership, Empowerment and Service), aims to provide mentoring and support to male students while helping them develop personally and professionally as they pursue their col-

lege degrees. The club's mission is to engage male students by involving them academically, socially, culturally, and professionally in their campus and in their community. Many of the community leaders interviewed in the documentary have served as guest speakers for club events.

For more information on the documentary, visit www.eastfieldcollege.edu/os/er/males/direct-your-future-documentary.



Miss Blue Revue 2016 participants. photo: Cerone Lacey Photography

Miss Blue Revue Scholarship Program Informational planned at SMU

Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas in conjunction with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Kappa Zeta Chapter is hosting its annual Miss Blue Revue Informational. High school junior and senior females in the Dallas area are invited to the scholarship informational on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3-5 p.m. on the campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU) at the Hughes – Trigg Student Center Ballroom at 3400 Dyer St.

Miss Blue Revue originated in Dallas with the Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated in 1933. Chapter founder, Dr. Helen Wilson

Johnson and charter member Mildred Davis started the first Blue Revue program and then introduced the idea at the Sorority's 1933 national convention.

Blue Revue is a comprehensive scholarship program for female high school juniors and seniors. The program is a journey into womanhood that focuses on etiquette, college preparation, and community service. The young ladies who participate in the Miss Blue Revue Program experiences will include:

- Mentoring and Guidance
- Building Social Skills and Developing New Bonds
- Organizational/Time

- Management Workshop
- Social Media Workshop
- College Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop
- Community Service Opportunities
- Fine Dining and Etiquette Workshop
- Scrapbook Workshop
- Special Events
- Dance and Presentation Instruction

The purpose of the Blue Revue's is twofold. Primarily, Blue Revue is a conduit to promote higher education through scholarship and other financial resources. Secondly, but just as important, Blue Revue was established

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Plano recognizes environmental leaders with annual awards

Each year the City of Plano recognizes outstanding environmental leadership and achievement by honoring businesses, non-profits, schools and individuals with the Environmental Star of Excellence award. This year's winners were honored at the Sept. 14 celebration at Collin College Conference Center. Learn more about these inspiring winners and see photos at plano.gov/eca. Sign up for the Environmental Community Awards mailing list to receive email updates about upcoming nomination dead-

lines and application availability.

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Environmental Star of Excellence Business Awards

- Educational School Awards - Shepard Elementary Earth-savers



Michael McDowell was the winner of the Individual Adult award for environmental contributions from the City of Plano

BLUE, continued from Page 6 to encourage and inspire young ladies to uphold the admirable ideals of finer womanhood as well as cultivate and put into practice acceptable ways of social behavior.

At the culmination of each Blue Revue season, Kappa Zeta and the Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas sponsor the Miss Blue Revue Ball to spotlight the accomplishments of the participants and to award academic scholarships. Over the past decade, more than \$40,000 in scholarships have been awarded through the Miss Blue Revue Scholarship Program.

Visit the official Miss Blue Revue website at www.missblurevue.org to RSVP and learn more about the Miss Blue Revue program and the upcoming Informational event.

Family Advocacy Center plans Illuminate Irving event Oct. 18 to shed light on the issue of domestic violence

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Irving Family Advocacy Center will host Illuminate Irving, a free event designed for the entire community that will offer a night of hope and healing for victims of domestic violence.

Illuminate Irving will honor those who have been victimized, 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 vic-

tims. The event will take place on Tuesday Oct. 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at 200 E. Las Colinas Blvd., along Irving's Mandalay Canal. Victims and their families will launch lanterns on the canal's waters each bearing the

name of a person whose life has been impacted by domestic violence. "We are asking the entire Irving community to attend this event to learn more about the dynamic behind domestic violence," said Chief of Police Larry Boyd. "We want vic-

tims, their friends and families, and our entire community to know there is help available and that help leads to hope." For more information call (972) 721-6563 or visit www.cityofirving.org/illuminate.



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Community Briefs

FRISCO

Community parade slated for Nov. 12

It's a favorite Frisco tradition, showcasing our community pride and patriotism! This year, the Frisco Community Parade will march down Main Street celebrating a theme of "Red, White and Blue Proud". The family friendly event features floats, school marching bands, high school football teams, cheerleaders, scouts, civic organizations, local businesses and honors our local veterans.

There's still time to "step up" and register a parade float or entry at FriscoParade.com.

There is no charge for veterans, active military service groups or school groups (including Frisco ISD, Lewisville ISD or Legacy Christian Academy).

IRVING

Teen Driver Safety Fair planned

Teens and their families will receive practical tips

and tools to develop safe driving habits at this free, educational event held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Lively Pointe Youth Center.

Visitors to this event will enjoy interactive exhibits and games, vehicle simulators, vendor booths, informational videos and free goodie bags. Guest speakers, including Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen 2016, will present personal stories on the impact of DWI, distracted driving, and the power of words. Light refreshments will be served.

Awarded the 2014 Lone Star Programming Award by the Texas Recreation and Park Society, this event is presented through a partnership between AAA-Texas and the City of Irving.

McKINNEY

Free outdoor movie nights

McKinney families can enjoy a free film under the stars at the popular Outdoor

Movie Nights at 7 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 27 at the McKinney Community Center, 2001 S. Central Expy.

Families are invited to attend a screening of 'Captain America: Civil War' on Oct. 27, rated PG-13 and are shown on an inflatable movie screen.

On Oct. 20, families with special needs can view 'Zootopia' in a safe and accepting environment. Sound will be reduced, subtitles displayed, and audience members are welcome to get up and dance, sing, walk, shout, hop.

Free drinks and popcorn will be provided, but lawn chairs, blankets and picnics to accompany the show are encouraged. Pre-registration for each movie is preferred and parents must attend with minors. Visit www.mckinneytexas.org/parksevents for registration or contact the McKinney Community Center at 972-547-2690 for more informa-

tion. In case of inclement weather, the movie night will be cancelled.

Blount Fine Foods plans expansion

The McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) welcomed Blount Fine Foods, a manufacturer of hand-crafted soups, entrées, sauces and side dishes for retail and food service, to McKinney. Earlier this year, Blount Fine Foods acquired the former Food Source LP building and has now announced expansion plans that will create an estimated 85 new jobs in McKinney during the next three years.

The project will involve expansion of the existing building by up to 20,000 sq. ft. in the first phase of construction and up to an additional 50,000 sq. ft. in the second phase of their expansion project. Blount is currently adding new equipment to the existing building to become Texas' first large fresh soup producer.

LEWISVILLE Call for artists for MCL Christmas show

Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater is now accepting applications for its Christmas art show. "Pretty Paper" is a holiday art sale exhibit intended to encourage shoppers to purchase works by local artists.

Artists wanting to exhibit and sell art during the "Pretty Paper" show can submit up to five pieces for consideration. Number of

pieces actually permitted per artist will be determined by total number of submission and available space.

Although this is a holiday art sale, the subject does not have to be holiday themed.

Interested artists can pick up an application at MCL Grand, 100 N. Charles Street, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artists also can email Aaron Kays at akays@cityoflewisville.com. Applications are due by Oct. 21.



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Kevin Hart kills in new stand-up 'What Now?'

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Newswire Film Critic

Has success spoiled Kevin Hart? *Forbes* Magazine lists him as 2016's highest paid comedian with an annual income of \$87.5 million, from June 1, 2015, to June 1, 2016. Unlike many of his cohorts (Jerry Seinfeld, etc.) Hart makes lots of his income from live performances in large stadiums where he can earn \$1 million a pop. So, it's fitting that his latest live concert film was shot outdoors at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field, in Hart's hometown. Fifty thousand



people ate up his bawdy, personal humor like they were famished.

Director Leslie Small ("Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain") guides the concert

footage with little fanfare and lots of close-ups of folks in hysterics. Peter S. Elliot and Guy Harding cut the footage down to a tight hour and a half. It's just enough time for

Hart to do his thing and not wear out his welcome.

Be prepared to laugh. Be prepared to sit through some routines that are not as funny as others. What gets you over the rough spots is this diminutive comedian's uncanny ability to welcome you into his life, like he's invited you over for a poker game and he's just telling you what happened to him the past week—no holds barred.

Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. Read more movie reviews by Dwight Brown here and at DwightBrownInk.com.

SMU Jazz Orchestra hosts swing dance night

The SMU Meadows Jazz Orchestra will host its second annual swing dance concert on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. The event takes place in the Martha Proctor Mack Ballroom of the Umphrey Lee Center, 3300 Dyer St. on the SMU campus.

An introductory/brush-up swing dance lesson will be held in the ballroom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., led by local swing dance expert Emily Spraggins.

Meadows Jazz Orchestra Director Dylan Smith inaugurated the event last year, and so many people attended that this year it has moved to a larger venue on campus.

"We were thrilled by the turnout and success of last year's event," said Smith. "We had people of all ages, from college students to seniors, dancing barefoot, in sneakers or in heels, and the dance floor was packed. We look forward to bringing together musicians, dancers, folks from throughout campus and community members for another entertaining 'blast from the past!'"

Admission to the swing dance event is \$10; \$5 with an SMU I.D. Light refreshments are included. A cash bar will also be available with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; cash and credit cards will be accepted at the bar. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Meadows ticket office, lo-

cated next to the Greer Garson Theatre in the Owen Arts Center, or at the door of the ballroom the evening of the event. Advance purchase is strongly recommended – fewer than 100 tickets remain. Attendees may park in Lot M behind McFarlin Auditorium or Lot Q behind Dallas Hall (see

parking map). For more information, contact the ticket office at 214-768-2787.

The Meadows Jazz Orchestra is a 25-member ensemble composed of SMU students selected by audition each fall. With director Dylan Smith, the orchestra is dedicated to preserving the heritage of big band jazz

while continuing to expand the genre.

For more information about either concert, contact the Meadows ticket office at 214-768-2787.

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Mavericks' new DJ is a life-long fan

Born Ivy Awino in Nairobi, Kenya, and raised in Dallas, Texas, Ivy attended The Hockaday School and worked as a Mavs BallKid on game-nights for over 6 years.

"I grew-up with the Mavs and I'm a huge fan," Ivy says. "Somehow I always knew I'd be back and I'm honored to start working for this organization again."

While attending Marquette University where she pledged Zeta Phi Beta, she found her place at WMUR, the student-run radio station and became "DJ Poison Ivy." Since then, she's shared the stage with the likes of Nas, Wiz Khalifa, Lupe Fiasco, B.o.B, J. Cole, Juicy J and more, always striving to learn and work with the best in the industry.

Now back in Dallas, Ivy



DJ Poison Ivy

has become the official DJ of the Dallas Wings (WNBA) and Skylar Diggins' Shoot 4 the Sky Basketball Camp Tour.

"We were looking for someone who knows and lives for basketball, but also

has an ear for what's happening in the music world. We believe she is going to elevate our in-game experience and we're excited to have her on board," said Jonathan Kornblith, Creative and Game-Day Director.

LegnA Entertainment was born while you were sleeping: Meet Shamar Willis

By April Nicole

Scorching heat in the dead of summer swept me into the Dallas Entrepreneur Center to cover a story. I was eager to see the panel line-up for the event Moguls in the Making which consisted of several duly noted heavy hitters in the game. The event was informative and unique. It was just quaint enough to network, yet occupied enough to be considered a success.

Only a few months later I found myself traveling 30 miles in what seemed to be a monsoon to attend Ludafrisco-a concert held at the Dr. Pepper Arena in Frisco that featured rapper Ludacris but most importantly shed the spotlight on a recently featured artist on *Good Morning America* Shy Speaks. All of the artists had their arrangements and styles which

kept the multi-cultural crowd engaged. A very different scene for the city and its surrounding areas. I had to know who was behind this mastery.

An Oak Cliff native born with a love for music and a creative spirit took a leap of faith and ignited the company-LegnA Entertainment. Shamar Willis, who is trailblazing the Dallas scene is striving to take the opportunity to meet a need for unity among the communities.

His love for God and people overrides his drive for monetary gain. His message is portrayed through his efforts to bring entertainment and connect people on levels from different walks of life.

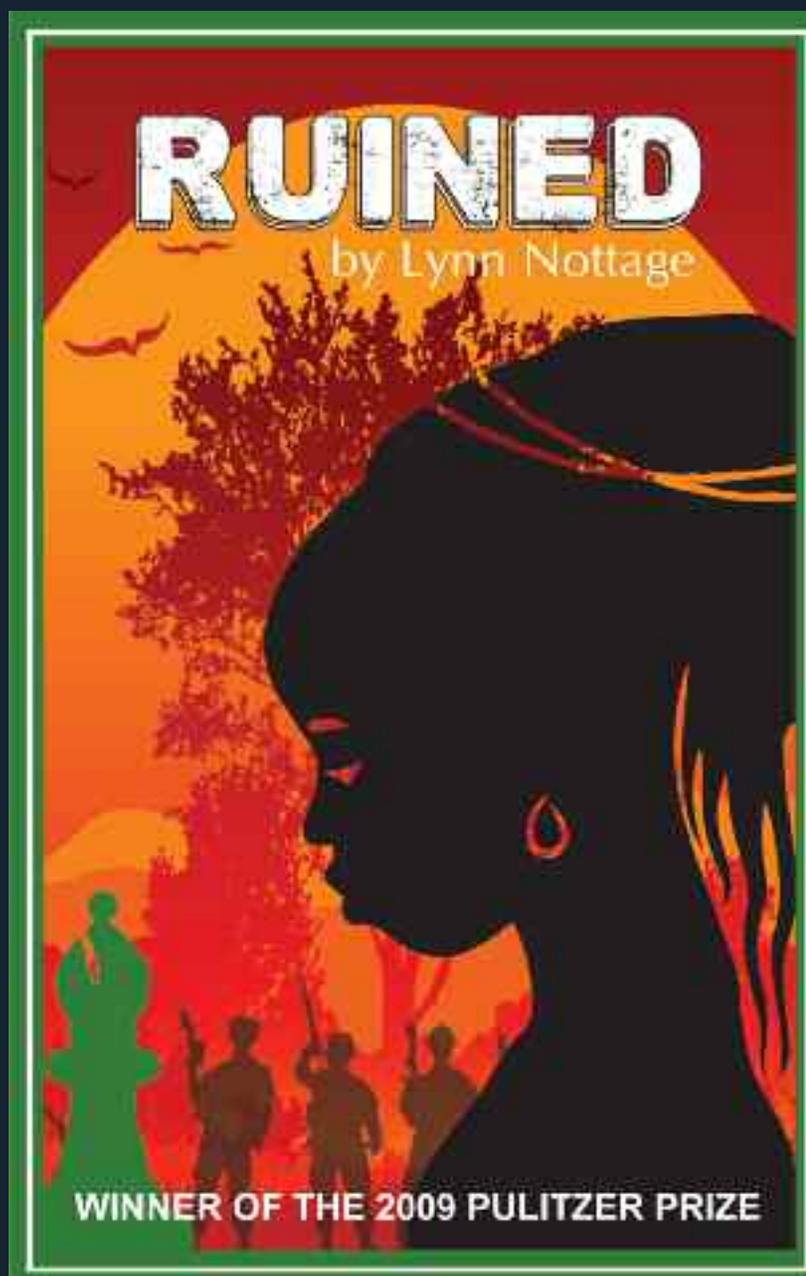
His dreams are coming into fruition more rapidly than he imagined. Leading Willis to rely on his hand-picked team to grab hold of his vision, together they are

striving for previously un-attained dimensions.

What's next for Willis and LegnA Entertainment? Join the party Oct. 23 as they bring T.I. and 2Chainz to town to perform live at The Bomb Factory for the ATL Invasion, hosted by K104 FM's own Hollywood Bay Bay. The following two major concerts at Gas Monkey Live will feature headliners Rapper Young Jeezy and SPRINGFEST that headlined International sensation Torey Lanez and several opening acts.

AngeL spelled backward: what a befitting name for a movement that was birthed by a man who is not far from angelic himself.

For more information about LegnA Entertainment, Shamar Willis or any events visit their website: www.legnaentertainment.com.



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Two kid entrepreneurs invent new way to place light on your sneakers

East Stroudsburg, PA (BlackNews.com) -- At the age where many kids decide to cut grass, rake leaves or shovel snow to make a few dollars, 10-year old Micaiah Brown along with his 12-year old brother Josiah Brown decided to start their own company. The idea to start came when other kids started offering them money for their new invention. The two kid entrepreneurs are now looking to raise the needed capital to cover the cost of manufacturing and marketing their new product.



It all started when they were playing in their basement and broke one of their toys. They figured out a new

way to attach light to any sneaker to give it a cool illuminated look. When they went to their dad with this idea, he simply told them to register SneakerLights.com. To their surprise the name was available. Dad said "I figured a name like sneakerlights.com would have al-

ready been used by someone else". He also shared that putting detachable lights on sneakers was so much of a simple idea that maybe someone would have used the domain name already. The kids then used their own money to set up their new website, SneakerLights.com

Over the years, many sneaker companies have released sneakers that came with lights built within the sneaker. What these two kids have done is given the consumer the option to put LED lights on any sneaker of choice, in a new fashionable way.

The brothers are currently looking to raise funds for their new sneaker light business.

They set up a crowdfunding campaign on IndieGoGo at www.igg.me/at/sneakerlights/x/3903652 to help raise the needed funds. They plan to use money to manufacture and distribute the sneaker lights before Christ-

mas 2016.

Josiah and Micaiah attend school in Pennsylvania and are both honor roll students in the Stroudsburg school district.

They are both on their school football teams and

love to play sports. They are looking forward to growing their new sneaker light business to be successful young entrepreneurs.

To learn more about the young brothers, you can visit www.sneakerlights.com

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deal because many of us have fought for and supported the IMF for nearly 10 years now. We have no desire to fight against Skanska or the City of Irving on this issue. However, the question becomes; if the MWBE policy is not being adhered to in this multimillion dollar project what can and should be done about it? I know that lawsuits are one answer to force the City of Irving to finally do an Availability and Disparity Study. Many cities and other governmental entities have had to be sued and ordered to do such a study when there has been a history of non inclusion of MWBE firms in the procurement process. I have plenty of proof that there has been non inclusion of MWBE's in the procurement process historically here in the City of Irving. I hope that is not necessary to go the lawsuit route.

Look at these numbered steps below that I got off a US government website, that all cities and governmental entities must take when trying to adhere to their MWBE Policy. Here it speaks of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises or DBE's but you can just interchange MWBE where you see DBE and they are the same in this regard. I hope we can have all contractors, who apply on the

IMF project and are qualified, get their Fair Share in all phases of this project. If this does not happen other remedies must be sought.

Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian tribal, state and local government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they're potential sources.

Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian tribal, state and local government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by

DBEs in the competitive process.

Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

Use the services and assistance of the federal Small Business Administration,

Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the state Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business.

If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take steps 1 through 5 above.



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Capital One research shows DFW residents optimistic about future

Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) residents agree the Metroplex is thriving with innovation, technology opportunities and growing tech skill sets according to a Capital One study released today – and they think it will only get better.

In addition, an overwhelming majority of residents (87 percent) say they have a high quality of life, with over half (56 percent) citing access to quality education and skills training as some of the area's greatest assets. The findings are the result of the Capital One Future Edge DFW opinion survey, which asked residents to share their views on the future of technological innovation in their community and the evolution of the area's workforce.

Portions of the poll were



fielded nationally, with respondents asked to answer for the area where they live. The results reveal a tech and workforce snapshot of today and the next 10 years, from the perspective of both DFW residents and Americans in general.

DFW residents are positive about the Metroplex's potential to become a thriving technology and innovation hub.

Local residents expect the tech sector to continue to

grow, providing more jobs that will increase earning potential for area residents:

- At a 10 percent increase over the national figure, 87 percent expect the earning potential for tech jobs in the area will improve five years from now.

- Almost 9 out of 10 residents (88 percent) are confident the area's workforce will have the skills necessary for tech-related jobs in 10 years.

- Technology is seen as a

growth factor in DFW at a much higher rate than other cities. 50 percent of DFW residents believe major technology companies will continue to grow and increase 10 years from now in their area – compared to 39 percent of Americans answering for the area where they live.

- Seventy-eight percent of DFW respondents are likely to recommend someone move to their area for a tech job – compared to 67 per-

cent of Americans answering for the area where they live.

“These findings show optimism in what's to come,” said Sanjiv Yajnik, President, Financial Services, Capital One. “We're in a state of transformation and the future is ours to shape. Through our Future Edge DFW initiative, we're working with a variety of partners to grow the area's innovation and technology ecosystem that will fuel our economy and help communities succeed in this rapidly-changing world.”

These survey findings are part of the larger Future Edge DFW effort, focused on helping DFW get ready for tomorrow, today. In addition to the new opinion survey, Capital One has collaborated with an independ-

ent, not-for-profit research group, Institute for the Future (ITF) to explore the trends shaping the future of DFW on three dimensions – technology innovations, financial innovations and expectations, and the workforce of tomorrow. A comprehensive study, combining both the public and ITF research, will be published in early 2017.

Nationally, the company has made a \$150 million commitment over five years to help prepare more Americans with the skills, tools and resources they need to succeed in an ever-changing digitally-driven economy. For more information on what Capital One is doing across the country, join the conversation on Twitter and Facebook. #InvestedInTech.

JCPenney to host hiring event at multiple DFW locations

JCPenney stores across DFW will be hosting a local hiring day on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 2-8 p.m., seeking 1,400 seasonal, permanent and salon stylist associates.

Approximately 1,000 local associates are needed throughout the metroplex for a variety of customer service and support positions, including cashier, replenishment specialist, merchandise support specialist and more.

JCPenney associates enjoy competitive pay, an associate discount up to 25%, flexible scheduling and opportunities for advancement.

Additionally, DFW JCPenney salons seek 375 local stylists to be part of a unique salon program. An all-new premier commission plan enables incoming stylists with robust client books to set their own prices. Highly experienced stylists

can also take advantage of flexible scheduling, simulating a booth rental environment, but with no overhead costs. As always, JCPenney salon stylists enjoy perks such as paid professional training, health benefits for full-time stylists, paid time off and 401K eligibility.

Interested locals are encouraged to visit their nearby JCPenney store on Oct. 18 from 2-8 p.m., where man-

agement will be holding in-person interviews and hiring candidates on-the-spot. All

skill levels are welcome, and candidates with previous retail experience are preferred.

Those unable to attend can also apply by visiting jcpencers.com.

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voted against a bill requiring payday lenders to comply with federal debt collection laws and protections regarding military borrowers. He sees their practices as “providing a needed service.” He has not worked in the best interests of our residents in Grand Prairie and Irving.”

In their endorsement of Meza, Annie's List, which advocates for women's issues in politics, chastised Anderson for supporting the payday loan industry along with other Republicans in Austin as well as a host of other issues.

“In contrast, Terry's Tea Party opponent has focused on fringe issues: he's sided with predatory lenders, he

voted against expanding healthcare, he voted to slash education funding resulting in 10,000 teachers losing their jobs, and he even voted down equal pay and funding to care for rape victims,” said Patsy Woods Martin, executive director of Annie's List. “Who does that?”

Annie's List is not alone in endorsing the Democrat to unseat Anderson in the General Election. The Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Organizing Project, the National Association of Social Workers, the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund, Texas Democratic Women, the Texas Latina List, the Texas AFL-CIO,

the Texas State Employees Union/Communications Workers of America as well as a growing list of elected officials at the state and local level have all given their support to the challenger.

While this will be a tough struggle going into the final stretch of the election, and 2016 has been a divisive and abrasive season politically, Meza emphasizes that one of her highest hopes is being able to work across the aisle, and help to unite one of the most diverse districts in the country. “Building bridges to all communities instead of pitting one group against another,” is the first priority on the platform Meza intends to bring to Austin.



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AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), in partnership with 28 local workforce development boards and the Texas Veterans Commission, will host veterans hiring fairs in 30 cities throughout Texas on Thursday, Nov. 10. TWC's fifth annual Hiring Red, White & You! statewide hiring fair is a joint initiative supported by the Office of the Governor, the Texas Medical Center and the Texas Veterans Commission to connect veterans and their spouses in Texas with employers who are seeking veterans' exceptional skills.

"This event represents the importance of Texas employers working together to help our veterans who have served our country as they

begin the next chapter of their lives," said Governor Greg Abbott. "The Hiring Red, White & You! events are excellent opportunities for veterans to gain employment and for Texas employers to find experienced individuals to fill available job opportunities."

The multi-city event is designed to assist veterans, service members and their spouses as they seek their next career opportunity. Employers participate at no cost and are encouraged to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for more information. Over the past four years, Hiring Red, White & You! has connected more than 42,000 veterans with over 6,500 employers.

"Texas veterans are well-

educated, dedicated and highly-trained individuals who have the technical and professional skills needed by Texas employers," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "The Hiring Red, White & You! statewide hiring fairs are a great opportunity for Texas employers to connect with these highly skilled veterans."

The national unemployment rate in 2015 for all veterans is 4.6 percent. In contrast, for those veterans who served in the military since September 2001, the unemployment rate is higher at 5.8 percent. There are 1.7 million total veterans throughout Texas, which is the 2nd highest state population of veterans in the country.

Employers who hire veterans may be eligible for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which allows employers to receive up to \$9,600 on federal business income or payroll tax benefits when they hire from certain qualified groups of veterans.

Information on how employers and job seekers can participate in Hiring Red, White & You! hiring fairs may be found at www.texasworkforce.org/hrwy. Please note that some job fair locations may have changed since last year. For information on all veteran workforce services available in Texas, visit www.texasworkforce.org/veterans.



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Bank. "We're pleased to bring this program to North Texas."

Sherrye Willis, Founder and CEO of Alliance for Greater Works, added "The Debt Boot Camp helps us fulfill our vision of bringing together diverse sectors of community, including faith, philanthropy, neighborhood leaders, business and government, to transform under-resourced communities. The program provides the necessary tools to qualified families to build financially secure foundations, which in turns adds to Dallas' economic viability."

The Debt Boot Camp Program has seen great success in other cities with many graduates increasing their credit scores, reducing their debt and building an emergency savings fund.

"We are thrilled to bring this program to Dallas and look forward to working with our partners to provide a program that will help participants meet their financial goals," said Laurie Vignaud, Senior Vice President/Community Development Banking for Capital One Bank. "Participants enter the program with the intention of becoming fiscally responsible and economically self-reliant, and they leave with the tools and education to make their goals of debt-free living a reality."

The Debt Boot Camp session will begin Nov. 12 and will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Center, Senior Center located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dal-

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That portion is the gospel of salvation. However, Jesus came that we might have more than just salvation. He came to give us a whole new life that was accompanied by signs, wonders, and His Spirit living in us and revealing Himself to us daily.

He came so that we might walk on this earth as He did. If our lives are not reflecting the same things as Jesus'

did, we must ask why?

I have noticed three distinct types of believers walking with Christ. First, many of us come to Christ out of a need for salvation. Our hearts have been touched by His call on our lives.

We reason and analyze the claims of Christ and make a decision for Him. It is the convenient time to accept Him in our lives.

This first stage is often characterized by a "Bless me, Lord" attitude toward God. It is the first stage that primarily brings salvation into our lives. Some never really go past this first stage.

The second stage is the crisis stage. A crisis takes place in our lives, and we are motivated to seek Christ with a whole heart.

However, this motivation is not out of pure love for Christ; rather, it is motivated by the desire to get out of the pain of living.

The motivation is to solve "the what" versus "the why" in my life at the time. This

stage is best characterized as "Help me, Lord."

In the third stage we begin to experience the gospel of the Kingdom. It is the place where Jesus resided in His walk with His heavenly Father. It is the place of conviction.

The numbers of people who live at this level are quite few, but these people

are experiencing the reality of a walk with God that is foreign to all others.

They are seeing daily occurrences of His involvement in their lives. They are motivated by a deep love for Him. They know Him.

These people have an attitude characterized by these thoughts, "Have me,

Lord; though He slay me, still will I trust Him."

Where are you today? Have you merely accepted His salvation to simply float along? Or do you seek Him with a whole heart only when a crisis occurs?

God's desire is for Christians to live a life of conviction, motivated by our love for Him and His love for us.

This is where we will experience the gospel of the Kingdom. Thank God today for standing on the solid Rock of Jesus. Thank Him that your life can be built upon a strong foundation.

Trust God to live, to take every breath based upon the foundation that you can have in Him. Ask Him to help you to weather life's storms, to help you keep looking to Him, and to be a thankful child...never a complaining Christian.

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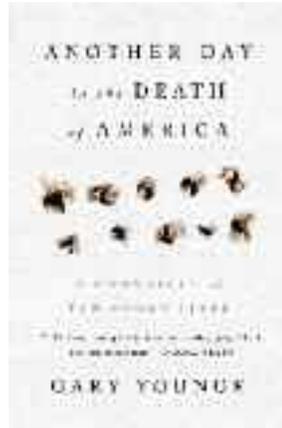
NDG Book Review: *Another Day in the Death of America*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Today was an ordinary day.

It had its ups and downs; pleasant surprises came between the mundane and the irritating and you'll look back at it tomorrow with clarity, perhaps, but its details will be sketchy in a decade. It was an ordinary day which, says Gary Younge, also means an average of seven kids in the U.S. lost their lives to a bullet. In "Another Day in the Death of America," he explains.

On November 23, 2013, most Americans were preparing for Thanksgiving. We were marking the anniversary of JFK's assassi-



nation and watching the weather, the news on Iraq, or the Baylor / Oklahoma State game. We were enjoying our weekend. And on that Saturday, ten random children died of gunshot wounds in this country.

That, says Younge, has be-

come too normal. It barely even registers anymore. For awhile, there were websites that tracked this kind of thing but for the most part, the deaths of these "kids" – coincidentally, all boys on this day; seven African Americans, one white, two Hispanic – are unmarked, except to families and locals.

The youngest, nine-year-old Jaiden Dixon, was a "giving soul" with a "valentine" he thought he might marry someday. Preparing for school on a Friday morning, he opened the door for his mother's ex-boyfriend, who shot Dixon in the face.

Dixon died the next day.

The girlfriend of Kenneth Miller, who was "just three

days shy of his twentieth birthday," learned of his death through Twitter. Seventeen-year-old Stanley Taylor was killed over "spontaneous drama." Legally blind, eighteen-year-old Pedro Dado Cortez worked for his father and dreamed of learning to drive.

Eleven-year-old Tyler Dunn was shot by a playmate, while sixteen-year-old Edwin Rajo was accidentally shot in the chest by his best friend. Samuel Brightmon was "conflict averse," Tyshon Anderson had been shot several times before, Gustin Hinnant was an honor-roll student, and Gary Anderson was killed because he wore a red hoodie.

One bullet tore apart a small town. All devastated families and friendships. Some were in areas where "Nobody knows where the next shot is coming from.... But everybody knows it's coming."

Before we get any further, there's this: British-born author Gary Younge doesn't overtly advocate, nor does he denigrate, gun control but astute readers can catch a clue. He also writes about parenting, particularly within the Black community; about gangs; prisons; and about the NRA and its influence.

And these are interesting subjects but the real power

comes in the stories he uncovers in "Another Day in the Death of America." Younge doesn't just write about the demises of the ten "kids" he found; he also helps readers understand the men they might've become and what we truly lost in losing them. That kind of unflinching journalism packs gut-punching, timely meaning, and you won't forget it.

"Pick a different day, you get a different book," says Younge on the randomness of his research, which is perhaps the most poignant sentence you'll ever read. So pick "Another Day in the Death of America." It's no ordinary story.

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Charlene and Emmanuel in the program will help guide the students.

"What I hope to accomplish is simple, to help build a solar car that will be one

of many inspirations for an eco-friendly solar car of the future," said student Connor Homan.

The Winston Solar team

has just launched their new website, www.winston-solar.com, which provides details about the solar car construction process, an inside

look at the team and its members, and instructions for how to donate and get involved.

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