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We must have a new poor people's campaign and moral revival

By Bishop William J. Barber, II
President, Repairers of the Breach

(NNPA) Channeling the incisive analysis of our best historians, TaNehisi Coates cut through the talking points of political pundits last week to name Donald Trump America's "First White president." Writing for The Atlantic, the National Book Award recipient made clear how there could be no Donald Trump without President Obama. The chaos from which the whole world now suffers is a direct result of the backlash against racial progress in America.

To see this is to know that Trump is not our problem. He is only a symptom. During this time of intensifying political, economic, and moral crisis, with the lives of the most vulnerable and the spirits of all under vicious attack, people in growing numbers around the country are fighting back for their lives, communities and deepest values. As we respond to invitations from communities across America, we hear a resounding call for a Poor People's Campaign and Moral Revival in America today.

Fifty years ago, Rev. Dr. Martin



Bishop William J. Barber II says that we need a Movement rooted in the moral forces that have demonstrated a capacity to change America. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

Luther King, Jr., and others called for a "revolution of values" in America, inviting people who had been divided to stand together against the "triplets of evil"—militarism, racism, and economic injustice—to insist that people need not die from poverty in the richest nation to ever exist. He joined with people across the country like Myles Horton of the Highlander Center, Loretta Two Crow of National Welfare Rights, Cesar Chavez of United Farm Workers, Al McSurely of the Appalachian

Volunteers, Phillip Bernstein of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare, Tillie Walker of the United Indian Scholarship Fund, and John Lewis of the Southern Regional Council. Theirs was a coalition as diverse as America.

We draw on the history, vision and unfinished work of the 1968 Poor People's Campaign as we embrace the task of reigniting that campaign to unite the poor, disenfranchised, and marginalized across difference to

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Dwain Price

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Are you ready for some football?

The North Dallas Gazette is delighted to welcome Dwain Price to the team as our Sports Special Contributor – and he for one is ready for some football. Each week, Price will provide insight on the state of the 2017 Dallas Cowboys in their march to the Super Bowl in Atlanta next February.

In his first column for NDG this week, Price provided the latest news at the time on the “will he or won’t



he play” waiting game regarding the status Ezekiel Elliott in his fight with NFL league’s decision to suspend him for six games. After spending the afternoon at The Star, the home of the Dallas Cowboys in Frisco, a

late decision was announced about game one. Then on Friday, a court issued a temporary injunction prohibiting implementation of Elliot’s suspension. Most believe this means he will be able to play the entire season while the matter winds its way through the courts. You can read Price’s column here to find out how Dak Prescott feels going into his second year at the helm of America’s Team.

Price is a native Texan, born and raised in Silsbee before graduating from Texas Lutheran College. He has been blessed to be a sportswriter his entire career which began in 1975. Following an internship with

the *Beaumont Enterprise* in Beaumont, Texas, Price landed his first professional writing job there following college graduation.

He came to Dallas and worked for the *Dallas Times Herald* for nearly two years until the day Dallas’ other daily newspaper shut down in 1991. From there Price when to work for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Feb. 10, 1992 until May 15, 2017 when the paper laid off several staff members.

“In my career, I’ve covered just about every sport imaginable, including basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, golf, tennis, swimming, softball, and track and field. I also have

covered numerous Super Bowls, National Basketball Association Finals, NBA All-Star games, the National Hockey League playoffs, the Major League Baseball playoffs and several college bowl games,” Price shared.

Over the last 27 years, Price has covered the Dallas Mavericks and the NBA for 23 years. The other four years his assignments included the Dallas Cowboys and the sports programs at Baylor University and Texas Tech.

When asked about his favorite interviews over the last four decades, Price referenced the opportunity to interview NBA legends Michael Jordan, Larry Bird,

Julius “Dr. J” Erving, and Magic Johnson as well as legendary Olympian Wilma Rudolph.

In addition to covering the Dallas Cowboys for NDG, Price is also a writer for the Dallas Mavericks and the co-chair of the Dallas chapter of the Pro Basketball Writers of America.

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Everson Walls

Grambling State University (GSU) will host the 2nd Annual Eddie G. Robinson Sr. Leadership Lecture Series convocation on Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. in the T.H. Harris Auditorium. The speaker will be former Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants and Cleveland Browns NFL star Everson Walls.

Walls is a former GSU football player who played during Coach Robinson’s tenure. While at Grambling State, Walls was selected to the Kodak 1AA All-American team as well as the Black College All-American team. During his senior



year, he led the nation in interceptions. Walls credits Coach Robinson for helping him mature as a human being. After leaving Grambling State, Walls went on to play professionally as a defensive back in the NFL for

the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, and the Cleveland Browns. He was a four-time Pro Bowl selection and won a Super Bowl while with the Giants.

The Robinson Leadership Lecture Series seeks to promote and extend the legacy of Coach Robinson, whose accomplishments symbolize the true essence of leadership. Robinson spent 55 years as head football coach at Grambling State University, starting in 1941 when he was hired by college president and head baseball coach Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones.

The theme for the convocation is “The Legacy Con-

tinues: Achieving Success beyond the Football Field.”

“Coach Robinson and Mrs. (Doris) Robinson represent the essence of what it means to be a Gramblinite – commitment, devotion, and leadership,” said GSU President Rick Gallot. “We are grateful for the support of our sponsor, The Heritage Group, who had the insight and vision to continue the legacy of Coach Eddie Robinson through this leadership lecture series.”

Bob Cunningham, president of The Heritage Group, a higher education and management consulting firm in Bossier City, Louisiana, said the company is happy to ac-

knowledge Robinson and to support GSU by supporting the series. “In creating this lecture series, co-founder Dr. Raymond Hicks and I wanted to create a mechanism to extend the legacy of a man who was the ‘face’ of the university for many years and keep his legacy alive for future generations.”

The inaugural event was held last year and the speaker was James “Shack” Harris, a former GSU and NFL quarterback who also played under Coach Robinson.

Walls became a starter at Berkner High School where he played football for one

year (his senior year) and led the division in interceptions. After graduating high school in 1977, and due to his impressive record on the field, Walls was offered, and accepted, a football scholarship to Grambling State, where he excelled in all positions. Walls gives credit to Coach Eddie Robinson for helping him mature as a human being. Among Walls list of accomplishments while at Grambling State, he was selected for the Kodak 1AA All-American team; the Black College All-American team; and during his college senior year, he led the nation in interceptions.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Ed NDG Senior Columnist: Dallas Lose Your Plantation Mentality and Remove Confederate Symbols

Gray, It’s no time for half-measures. Non-PC statues of dead Confederate soldiers? Wrongly-titled street signs? New park names? These are play things – trivial matters. How about examining the man behind the city’s name.

Dallas the City is named after George Mifflin Dallas the man, 11th VP of the United States.

He supported the Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793

(after the fact, since he was only 1-yr old in 1793), and the 1850 version – when he was deep into antebellum politics.

Re. the Act of 1850 he said, “I say that this [1850] fugitive slave law, in its substance, in its details, in all its features and all its provisions is in perfect harmony with the Constitution of our country.”

He believed the US Constitution gave every state the right to decide for itself it would be free or slave, and that would only change when the Constitution was amended.

He supported the Dred Scott decision and sharply criticized the two SCOTUS Judges who wrote the dissenting opinions.

As US Minister to the Court of St. James, he was seen by some Brit statesmen (they were all men) as representing American slavery when he negotiated a treaty that meant that the British Navy would no long stop, search and seize US flagged ships that carried slaves.

In his diary entry for July 24, 1860 he wrote: “[M]y individual opinion as to the races being unequal in intellect is strong,

but the point has never been studied, and could not be handled in the slightest manner without exhibiting weakness.”

He essentially called Harriett Beecher Stowe (author of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”) a traitor worse than Burr and Arnold.

The City of Dallas is named after Dallas this man, VP under POTUS James K. Polk – according to the United States Senate (where he once served) and the April 19, 1925, edition of *The Dallas Morning News*, just to

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Militarizing Police Under a Cloak of Secrecy

By Lisa Rosenberg

In a move that will further militarize police departments across the country while decreasing accountability, the President issued an executive order that strips away limits on weapons of war that the Defense Department can hand over to state and local police forces. The President’s order expands an existing Pentagon program that authorizes the transfer of military-grade tactical weapons, surveillance equipment and vehicles to civilian police departments, eliminating restrictions on the types of weapons that can be transferred and vastly reducing oversight of the program.

The weapons program became notorious when police fitted with battle gear were photographed pointing assault weapons at protesters in the streets of Ferguson, Missouri. After the images went viral, then-President Barack Obama issued an executive order that placed re-

strictions on the program and established reporting, oversight and training requirements for law enforcement agencies requesting the military equipment. The Obama-era order prohibited weapons like bayonets and grenade-launchers from being transferred to local law enforcement. Reversing the ban, the Trump order places weapons designed to be used by soldiers on battlefields in the hands of police, opening the door to intimidation and abuse of civilians which could result in a chilling effect on public dissent and protest.

At the same time, abuses will be harder to detect. The President’s executive order will scrap minimal transparency requirements that had applied to the already secretive program, leaving the public in the dark about dangerous weaponry flowing into their communities. It took a strategic campaign by journalists and open government advocates to pry information from the Penta-

gon and local police departments to get basic figures on the amount and type of equipment that local police and sheriffs received, exposing just how prevalent the program is across the country. Now, even those minimal accountability measures have been stripped away.

Contrary to the administration’s claims that the program will make us safer, expanding the weapons transfers while reducing accountability exacerbates the threat to public safety. Just last month, a government watchdog agency released a shocking assessment of the Pentagon program, exposing how easy it is for military weapons to fall into the wrong hands. Posing as a fake law enforcement agency, investigators requested and received over a million dollars in rifles, pipe bomb equipment, and night vision goggles after the Defense Department failed to verify the identity of individuals receiving the equip-

ment. By expanding the program and decreasing safeguards to prevent abuse, the President increases the likelihood that dangerous weapons could fall into the hands of individuals who intend to do us harm.

It now falls to Congress to push back against the creeping authoritarianism evidenced by the President’s decision to further militarize law enforcement while shackling oversight. To preempt this administration’s misguided actions, Congress must, at a minimum, assert its oversight authority and put in place requirements to ensure that if any transfers are permitted, they are subject to transparency mandates and that the Pentagon and police departments remain accountable to the public.

Lisa Rosenberg is the Executive Director of Open The Government, a nonpartisan coalition advancing transparency for accountability. Editorial provided by American Forum.

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mention two sources.

And the City Council is focused on statues? Really?
-- L. D. Cary

Dallas Confederate Monument Task Force recommends renaming Lee Park
The American Civil War

began on April 12-14, 1861 with the Battle of Fort Sumter.

In the following year, 53 battles were fought in 12 different states. The most significant battle occurred on April 6-7, 1862 – the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.



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Those who state or imply that the war was fought to free the slaves have an indisputable fact of history with which to contend.

It wasn’t until April 16, 1862, after a year of soldiers dead, wounded and missing on both sides, including the bloody Battle of Shiloh, that President Abraham Lincoln signed into law legislation (passed by the House on April 3, 1862) entitled: “An Act for the release for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia.”

It freed about 3,000 women, men and children who were enslaved in 1862 until a year after the war began. (AKA: The DC Compensated Emancipation Act)

So, for the first full year of the war, for what aim were Union soldiers fighting? To end slavery?

-- L. D. Cary

Confusion over Dallas City Council vote riddles Mayor’s Confederate task force

The confusion was more than that. Full Marilla meltdown, Pizza Man Puzzle-Ment, task farce befuddle. Its D procrastination, but WHY?

-- @LarryBrautigam via Twitter

Dallas rallies behind DREAMers at Defend DACA rally

This is the only country in the world that does this with children of non citizens.

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-- Randy

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Black teens from Great Recession may have higher risk for heart disease, diabetes

African-American teens who lived through the Great Recession of 2007-2009 may have higher risk of metabolic syndrome, a common cluster of risk factors for heart disease and diabetes, according to new research in *Journal of the American Heart Association*, the Open Access Journal of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.



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Researchers studied 328 African-Americans who had experienced the Great Recession of 2007-2009 as 16- and 17-year-olds living in nine rural counties in Georgia with high poverty rates and high rates of death from cardiovascular disease.

From late 2007 to mid-2009, the United States experienced the largest economic recession since the Great Depression of 1929 that lasted through most of the 1930s. Rural African-American communities in the Southeast, already in financially precarious situations, were among the hardest hit, and many have yet to recover the lost jobs, social services and wealth.

The study determined whether these teens developed a cluster of risk factors that raise the risk of heart attack, stroke and diabetes – known as metabolic syndrome by age 25. Metabolic

syndrome includes a large waistline, high triglyceride (blood fat) levels, low HDL (the “good cholesterol”) levels, high blood pressure and high blood sugar when fasting.

“In previous studies, heart attack and stroke rates have gone up in older adults during economic downturns, particularly when the labor market is bad,” said Gregory E. Miller, Ph.D., lead study author and professor of psychology and a faculty fellow at Northwestern University’s Institute for Policy Research in Evanston, Illinois. “But few, if any, studies have looked at how these same economic forces affect cardiovascular risk in younger people.”

Researchers categorized study participants into three different groups based on their family’s economic

path from before and after the Great Recession: those whose family incomes were low but stable (Stable Low Income), those whose low family income dropped during the recession (Downward Mobility) and those already living in poverty who became deeply impoverished (Deepening Poverty). A few families experienced upward mobility, but their numbers were too small to draw conclusions.

Then almost a decade later, when the participants were 25-26 years old, they studied rates of metabolic syndrome and found that it differed in the groups. Metabolic syndrome was diagnosed in:

- 10.4 percent of those in the Stable Low-Income group,
- 21.8 percent of those in the Downward Mobility group, and

• 27.5 percent in the Deepening Poverty group.

Researchers said although metabolic syndrome is defined somewhat differently by medical groups, study results remained consistent across three definitions.

The study was not designed to determine why metabolic syndrome was higher in some groups than others, but authors speculate that the more a family’s financial situation deteriorated, the less likely the teenagers were to eat healthy and exercise. Authors also believe stress played a role in the findings.

Researchers said they were surprised that the percentage of metabolic syndrome among the Stable Low-Income group was so low.

Nationally, they wrote, about 18 percent of 20- to 29-year-olds are estimated to have metabolic syndrome. They noted that even those in the Downward Mobility group were only slightly more likely to have metabolic syndrome than the national average.

“It may be that there were ‘protective resources’ that these teenagers drew upon that insulated them from the larger economic forces,” Miller said. “Strong family relationships, community ties through churches and

schools are a real strength that may have offset some of the risk that came with the Great Recession.”

He added that pediatricians and primary care providers may have helped. “They may have looked at the broader social situations and said to their patients, ‘You’ve had this great stressor in your life, so now’s the time to take stock of our lifestyle and make sure you’re eating well and exercising regularly.’”

Study limitations include the fact that participants were not tested for meta-

bolic syndrome before the Great Recession, and study findings may not be generalizable to teenagers living elsewhere who made the transition to adulthood during the same time.

Co-authors are Edith Chen, Ph.D.; Tianyi Yu, Ph.D.; and Gene H. Brody, Ph.D. Author disclosures are on the manuscript.

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Plano.

Open house displays will include:

- Updated alignment drawings and station layout;
- Results of Traffic/Grade Separation Analysis; and
- Identification of existing conditions along the corridor including, parks, cultural resources, land uses, etc.

This series of open house meetings will focus on existing conditions along the corridor and information learned in the data collection phase of the project. Future public meetings will focus on corri-

dor impacts and mitigation.

Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.

DeWitt Perry Middle School Cafeteria 1709 East Belt Line Road in Carrollton (Parking and entrance off Warner Street)

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.

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Confederate Monument Task Force recommends renaming Lee Park

By Joe Farkus
NDG Contributing Writer

The Dallas Mayor's Task Force on Confederate Monuments met for their second meeting at City Hall Thursday, Sept. 7 – the first of two meetings open to public comment. The meeting was sparsely attended by members of the public, with less than a dozen people speaking to the task force on the subject – both for and against removing Confederate statues and renaming streets and parks named after Confederate soldiers.

“Does moving a statue really eradicate racism?” one woman asked the members of the task force during the portion open to public comment. “I don’t think so, because I don’t think there’s a shred of evidence that Robert E. Lee was a racist,” she added.

The Office of Cultural Affairs – which presented the historical circumstances surrounding the erection of specific Confederate monuments to the task force – later appeared to rebuff the speaker’s claim, stating there was a “mythology” that emerged after the Civil War regarding Lee’s life. The Cultural Affairs spokesperson went on to dispute the claim Lee never owned slaves and that his writings never expressed his views on race, citing an Atlantic Monthly article for supporting evidence.

The speaker went on to allege that no body of government is charged with “moral authority”, questioning the basis for the task force’s mission.

“We are not here to destroy history,” Chair Frances Waters later stated in an attempt to clarify and restate the task force’s purpose. “We are deciding what historical monuments need to remain in the public square, which need to be moved someplace else, and what to do with them.”

The clarification proved to be effective, as the task force held its first two votes on its recommendations – with a vote to rename Lee Park (allowing the name of the park to revert back to its original name – Oak Lawn Park) and a vote in favor of renaming the Confederate Cemetery in South Dallas.

There was also some concern expressed over the Dallas City Council’s Sept. 6 vote to immediately remove the Robert E. Lee statue in Lee Park; a task that – as



The Dallas Confederate Monument Task Force held their second meeting on Sept. 7. (City of Dallas)

of Friday – has yet to be completed despite a judge lifting the temporary injunction which halted progress on removing the statue on Wednesday afternoon.

“That was not the right way to do business,” said task force member Bryce Weigand. “The crane was out there right after the vote was taken. That’s not a

democracy; it is not a way to do business.”

The next task force meeting on Friday, Sept. 15 will review possible options for where to store the Lee statue once it is successfully removed as well as decisions regarding the renaming of streets named after Confederate soldiers.

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Chasity Hale, Sanya Richards-Ross, Margaret "Marty" Gillis, Valeisha Butterfield-Jones, Tichina Arnold

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Texas prepares to submit ESSA plan to Washington

By Joe Farkus
NDG Contributing Writer

The State of Texas is aiming to turn over its state plan for meeting Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) standards and requirements by the Sept. 18 deadline set by the Department of Education (DOE). ESSA – a program signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2015 after Congress failed to seek reauthorization of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) – was designed to give more control over the implementation of educa-



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tion policy to states while maintaining many of the standards and requirements introduced by NCLB.

Under the program, states must submit plans to improve student performance, develop consequences for poor-performing schools,

and increase college-preparedness. Despite the Trump administration's actions in March rolling back requirements for training new teachers and other rules outlined under ESSA, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has encouraged

states to “continue their work” in developing state plans.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) released its draft ESSA plan on July 31 after more than 18 months of taking part in statewide stakeholder meetings and meeting with teachers, school board members, and parents. The draft plan is a product of those meetings.

“Since taking office last year, I have focused on developing systems within our agency that support ESSA implementation through an establish TEA Strategic

Plan,” said TEA Commissioner Mike Morath in an official statement on Aug. 9.

Morath went on to point to TEA's four strategic priorities: recruiting and retaining teachers and principals, building a foundation of reading and math, connecting high school to career and college, and improving low-performing schools. The new policy framework proposed in the draft plan focuses on restructuring the certification framework, crafting new interventions for low-performing campuses, and cre-

ating a robust network of support for vulnerable student populations.

Other states have already submitted their plans to DOE, with states like Maine and Vermont already receiving federal approval while Delaware, Nevada, and New Mexico have been instructed by the Trump administration to make changes to their existing plans in order to be approved. If approved by DOE, all state plans for new accountability systems will be fully implemented by August 2018.

DeSoto ISD plans Female Leadership Forum, aims to empower girls through STEM

DeSoto Independent School District will host the Female Leadership Forum from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at DeSoto High School for young ladies in grades 5-12.

The event invites girls in the DeSoto and the surrounding communities to

participate in a day of encouragement and empowerment. This event will inspire young ladies to envision their potential through exposure to real women in STEM-related fields.

“In DeSoto ISD, we believe each and every student is entitled to experiences

that empower them to be their absolute best. The Female Leadership Forum engages not only our students but our community and surrounding neighbors. Any girl who wants to understand what STEM-focused careers look like, what leadership looks like from the

female perspective and what it takes to be successful, should attend this event,”

Trustee Sandre Moncriste, DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees shared.

Presenters and speakers

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Dallas Can Academy 1998 alumna 'Writes Off the Car Not the Kid'

Fifteen years after receiving her diploma from Dallas Can Academy, Latonya Smith was able to donate a car to the program that changed her life. Smith graduated from Dallas Can Academy in 1998 and made a promise to herself that one day she would give back to the school that placed her on the path to success.

Smith dropped out of the high school she had been attending in ninth grade after becoming pregnant with her son. In 1998 Texans Can Academy was offering a General Education Development (GED) program where students could enroll in classes to prepare for the GED test. Texans Can Academies now only offers a full curriculum to graduate students with a State of Texas high school diploma.

Smith never believed that she would be able to finish high school, however she finally decided she needed an education and wanted to graduate in the same year as

her previous classmates. She enrolled at Dallas Can and, with the help and encouragement of her teachers, she worked very hard to earn her GED.

“After receiving my GED, I wanted so badly to one day become the woman that was able to donate a car to Texans Can Academies,” said Latonya Smith. “The idea of being able to own a car, let alone donate one, was so far-fetched to 19 year-old me. But I wanted to give back.”

Smith went on to graduate from college in 2002 and since graduation has been employed as a respiratory therapist. She suffered from asthma, but excelled in science, which is why she became a respiratory therapist. Recently, she had a car that she wanted to donate and realized that she was going to be able to call Cars for Kids and once again experience a wish become a reality with the school by donating her car to the nonprofit organization.

“It dawned on me that I could reach my dream and donate the car to help the program that did so much to help me,” said Smith. “I finally became the woman that could donate a car. I called Cars for Kids right away to give back to Texans Can Academies and saw a second dream come true with them.”

Cars for Kids offers a turnkey program for donating cars, trucks, motorcycles and heavy equipment – running or not. The nonprofit provides free towing, your car is gone, you receive a tax write-off and you helped teenagers in our community. With the public's donations, more than 4,000 young Texans per year who needed a quality education in classrooms with very low teacher/student ratios. All donations benefit Dallas/Fort Worth/Garland Can Academies' eight tuition-free, open enrollment and public high schools of choice.

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CARROLLTON
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On Saturday, Sept. 30 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the city of Carrollton will be hosting Movie on the Square: The Lego Batman Movie at 1106 S. Broadway St. in Carrollton.

Admission to the event is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, bug spray, and lawn chairs to enhance the movie-viewing experience. For more information, go to <http://www.cityofcarrollton.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/27907/20>.

DALLAS
Get Fit with African Dance

Klyde Warren Park will host an African Dance with Fihankra Dance & Fitness Studio event on Sunday, Sep. 17 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Fihankra Dance & Fitness Studio is encouraging participants to bring the whole family to learn and enjoy this unique

style of dance. For more information, go to http://events.dfw.cbslocal.com/dallas_tx/events/african-dance-fihankra-dance-fitness-studio-/E0-001-073721606-7.

FARMERS BRANCH
Date Night in the Park

Farmers Branch is holding Date Night in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 23 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Farmers Branch Historical Park, 2540 Farmers Branch Lane in Farmers Branch. Live music, dinner, and a movie under the stars will be featured; with DFW's most popular food trucks providing food for sale. The featured movie will be The Big Sick (rated R). For more information, go to <https://discoverfarmersbranch.com/events/events-festivals/date-night/>.

GARLAND
Farmers Market at Firewheel

Firewheel Town Center is

hosting The Public Farmer's Market on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 245 Cedar Sage Dr in Garland.

Participants will experience an assortment of vendors selling a variety of vegetables, produce and other farm-fresh items for sale. For more information, go to <http://www.visitgarlandtx.com/events/2017/the-public-farmers-market-hosted-by-firewheel-town-center>.

McKINNEY
Oktoberfest

McKinney's annual Oktoberfest will be held Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 24 at 111 N. Tennessee St in Historic Downtown McKinney again this year.

The event is a family favorite, offering authentic German music, food and drink, traditional costumes, dancing, children activities and more. While admission to the event is free, some activities require coupons

(carnival, petting zoo, rock climbing, etc.). For more information, go to <https://www.mckinney-texas.org/664/Oktoberfest>.

RICHARDSON
Off-Broadway at the Eisemann

The Charles W. Eisemann Center will be showcasing Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus - Live! on Friday, Sept. 15 starting at 8 p.m.

The Off-Broadway hit comedy is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at www.esiemanncenter.com.

Richardson pitches in for Harvey recovery

As floodwaters recede from Hurricane Harvey and the process of recovery begins in Houston and the Gulf Coast, personnel from the Richardson Fire Department (RFD), Police (RPD) and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) have continued to provide assis-



City of Richardson

tance with emergency needs, security and service coordination. Six RFD first responders and two RPD officers assisted in Houston this week, and nine RPD officers each day rotated shifts at the Dallas Mega Shelter.

One OEM employee served in Dallas as an EOC

Manager/Plans Section Coordinator through Wednesday and one OEM employee served in Austin at the State Operations Center helping with public works coordination. In addition, the City shared its grant-funded dynamic message board with the City of Dallas.

UNT Dallas' Emerging Teacher Institute receives \$525,000 grant from WKKF

The University of North Texas at Dallas' Emerging Teacher Institute (ETI), has been awarded funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) to create solutions designed to alleviate the shortage of bilingual teachers in Dallas.

"Our University and our Emerging Teacher Institute are dedicated to serving the community and there is a crisis in Dallas when it comes to educating our diverse population of young people - we simply do not have enough talented bilingual teacher candidates in North Texas,"

said Dr. John Gasko, Dean of Education for UNT Dallas.

ETI's efforts to address the bilingual teacher shortage will focus on building one of Dallas' highest-quality teacher pipelines—or super-highways—over the next two-years, focusing on service to DISD and other high-need North Texas school districts.

ETI will recruit the very best bilingual education teacher candidates in order to eventually serve two-thirds of Dallas' ongoing shortage of bilingual teachers.

Funding provided by

WKKF will allow ETI to develop and implement a targeted recruitment and outreach strategy to begin enrolling exceptional teacher candidates immediately. ETI will partner with local public schools, community colleges, and community-based organizations, in order to pair its marketing efforts with top-rate, on-the-ground, bilingual parent, student, and community liaisons - all focused on creating a "call to teach" among Dallas communities and neighborhoods with dense Hispanic populations.

"When we have teachers in the classroom who reflect the communities they teach, children have a better opportunity to succeed in school and in life," said Jon-Paul Bianchi, program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

ETI equips its students with the teaching and leadership competencies they need to be effective educators and provides substantial real-world practice opportunities to ensure its graduates are ready to create uncommon achievement for the students they serve.

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include doctors, engineers, scientists and tech-focused career women who will impart leadership, insight and motivation to encourage female leadership and participation in traditionally male-dominated STEM disciplines.

The mission of the DeSoto ISD Female Leadership Forum is to give girls a forum where they can engage with like-minded peers and role-models to create opportunities for inspiration, growth and personal development.

"As a mother of two daughters, I find great value in the opportunity to expose my daughters to events such as this, to introduce them to opportunities and forums where they can develop their personal selves, to become a little stronger in understanding who they desire to become as adults and pro-

fessional women," Trustee Moncrieffe added.

The event will also feature a surprise special guest.

Those interested in attending the Oct. 21 DeSoto ISD Female Leadership Forum event, can register at www.desotoisd.org/FemaleLeadershipForum.

DeMarcus Lawrence starts season off with a strong performance

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports Special Contributor

ARLINGTON – After a tumultuous season last year for the Dallas Cowboys, defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence started the 2017 campaign as if he had a huge chip on his shoulders.

As the Cowboys opened the season Sunday night at AT&T Stadium with a workmanlike 19-3 triumph over the highly-touted New York Giants, Lawrence was the key figure on defense who paved the way for the defending NFC East champions. Nicknamed “Tank,”



DeMarcus Lawrence's 2017 Cowboys season is off to a strong start. (Courtesy image)

Lawrence was a destructive force all night, finishing with five tackles, a pair of sacks, two quarterback hits and three tackles for losses.

It was a complete annihila-

tion of the Giants by the Cowboys' defense, thanks in large part to the show-stopping performance turned in by Lawrence.

“You’ve got to be happy for DeMarcus,” Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. “His road has not been easy.”

“There is no question that he is the player that we hoped for when we drafted him (in 2014). We hoped he’d get it together and be what he is on the field now – I’m talking about on the field with his technique and those types of things and not anything else.”

Lawrence recorded a sack of New York quarterback Eli

Manning on the Giants’ first possession of the game, forcing a punt and setting the game’s tone. The 6-3, 265-pounder added another sack, thus doubling his entire sack total (of one) from a season ago in just one game.

Despite his solid performance, which helped hold the Giants to just 13 first downs and only 233 yards, Lawrence characterized his play as “average” against the team many critics picked to win the NFC East.

“I felt like I missed a lot out there and didn’t capitalize on the opportunities that I had all night,” Lawrence said.

“I’ve just got to go back in the film room and learn from my mistakes and get better.”

While Lawrence – like most players – was very critical of himself, his teammates stepped forth and showered him with praise for the way he handcuffed the Giants’ offense.

“He knows he’s a little brother to me and I’m super proud of him,” defensive lineman Tyrone Crawford said. “He came out there with a lot of energy and he did his thing.”

“This is his year, he knows what he’s got to get done, and he got off to a good start.”

Cornerback Anthony Brown, who picked up a critical fourth-quarter interception against the Giants, credits Lawrence for the full blown pressure he applied to Manning all night long.

“Demarcus was awesome,” Brown said. “When we get pressure everything works together.”

“The pressure improves the secondary, improves the linebackers. So that was great (Sunday) from him and the whole D-line.”

Catch more action from Dwain Price’s Cowboys coverage at www.northdallasgazette.com.

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NDG Book Review: *Cuz*: an emotional read worth the effort

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

It was a youthful indiscretion.

A mistake made due to immaturity or naïveté. Something you did to look bigger, older, or bolder. You knew better but it shouldn't cost you everything, should it? As in the new book "Cuz" by Danielle Allen, it shouldn't cost you your life.

He was her baby cousin.

Although Danielle Allen was only eight years older than Michael, that's how she always thought of him. He was a mega-watt-smiling, introspective child with an easy-going way, a beloved mischief-maker in a huge family. She remembers when he was born.

She remembers when he died. It began when he was fifteen.

Allen says that her sprawl-

ing family always watched out for one another but Michael's mother had been raising three kids alone and she ran into some trouble. She learned that her oldest son, Nicholas, was gang-banging when she spotted him on the street. She thought she'd saved Michael from all that but when he was just fourteen, he was arrested for attempted carjacking.

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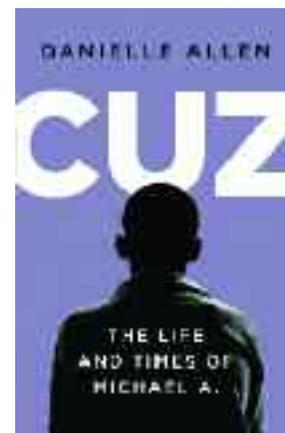
put him in juvenile hold, then in adult prison until he was twenty-six years old. While there, he fell in love with an imprisoned transgender woman; Allen noted the relationship, but she figured that the woman was out of the picture when Michael was released. Being the cousin with the proper resources, Allen began helping Michael put his life together: she paid for an apartment, enrolled him in

college, helped him get a job, but he couldn't yet handle any of those things.

He became depressed. He floundered. He moved in with Bree, the transgender woman. Later, Allen learned that Bree came from a world of violence that Michael couldn't properly deal with, and that was how he died.

So who did it? Allen says

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Skills training is essential to expand the economy

During a recent conference that addressed the growing skills gap in Texas and across the United States in general, Dr. Joe May, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, and Robert Kaplan, president and CEO of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, both said prospects for economic and job growth are high in Texas. However, they added that the skills gap in the labor force is creating worker shortages that will require joint efforts among higher education institutions, governments and private industry to correct.

The discussion between the two leaders was part of the conference titled "Inspiring the North American Workforce," which was presented in partnership between DCCCD and the North American Strategy for Competitiveness, a network of businesses, governmental and educational institutions that seek to enhance North America's economic prospects in today's global economy.

May said one the biggest problems with the skills gap is that educational institutions are not doing a good job of preventing young people from falling through the cracks in two ways: first, during transitions between organizations and institutions; and through a misalignment that exists between workers and the skills that are needed for today's industries.

"We lose people between eighth and ninth grades," May said. "We lose people between high school and college. We lose people who graduate and want to enter the workforce."

The disruptions during these handoffs and the misalignment in the needs of the economy means that jobs are going unfilled, according to May. "Communities that do the best job of handoffs are going to be the most successful," he added.



Skills gap panel participants who shared their views during the DCCCD/NASCO workforce forum in Dallas are (left to right): Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission; Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor; and Robert Kaplan, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

A skilled workforce means higher economic growth

Kaplan said the labor shortage exists in Texas, and it includes skilled workers. However, some businesses also are having difficulty finding unskilled workers, and that (situation) is affecting the economy.

"Every job that goes unfilled means lower gross domestic product and slower growth – and we can't afford that," Kaplan said. "There are a number of things we can do to improve GDP and productivity, and one of them is getting people into the workforce. The higher the skilled jobs, the higher GDP is going to be."

Kaplan pointed out that a connection exists between educational levels and employment. "If you have a college education, you're probably more able to adapt and get retrained," Kaplan asserted. "Lower education attainment levels make you less and less and less adaptable."

May pointed out that recent surveys showed that a majority of people are questioning the value of higher education. He added that some people say "college is not for everyone," which he called a dangerous proposition that is misunderstood.

"What we mean is that a four-year degree or an advanced degree is not necessary," May said. "What we

need is to have a conversation about what it's going to take to grow the workforce and the economy. Simply getting more people into the workforce is a game changer, and if we set that as a goal, we can make a difference."

Kaplan said a big challenge in the country is how to get people with a high school degree or less into the workforce and into the middle class. He added that "skills training is essential" to accomplishing that (goal).

"This has to be done locally. It has to be a partnership with local businesses, local education institutions and local governments," Kaplan said.

May said DCCCD "dives deep" into industries' busi-

ness models to figure out the skills challenges they face and how to align the college programs to address them. Getting students involved at an early stage is helpful, too, he said.

"What we're seeing is that the sooner we can get students engaged with employers, the more likely we are to meet those needs, and the more likely the student is going to be successful," May stated.

Kaplan said there is great opportunity in Texas, but changes are needed.

"Texas is going to continue to grow, based on everything we see, but the skills gap is likely to get bigger," Kaplan said. "And if we don't improve not only skills training, but also early childhood literacy and the education system, inequality is going to get bigger over the next 10 to 20 years. Leaders in the state know that, and we have to make a number of changes to address it."

Other observers chime in

The conference was held at Brookhaven College, and the program included voices from North American industry and education leaders.

"There really is a skills gap," said Leo Reddy,

chairman of the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council, during one of the panel discussions. Citing a study from the Manufacturing Institute, Reddy said the institute projected that the industry will need to fill two million jobs over the next eight years.

"We don't know where we're going to find 1.5 million of those two million jobs. I don't know where we're going to find them," Reddy said.

Perrin Beatty, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, lauded institutions like Brookhaven because they are "the

lifeblood of a trained, technically-minded workforce."

Beatty added that trade makes many people anxious, but he said North American trade has been a "boon to innovation" which has made the three countries into a \$20 trillion market.

"If people have skills, are hard-working, and are entrepreneurial, then they will be better off with more trade," Beatty said. "Each country will need to make sure education system continues to change along with economy. If education systems properly equip them, they'll be able to find jobs."

Paid Internship opportunity for writers, college students in the Dallas Area

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Even with advanced degrees, Black women earn less than white men

By Bria Nicole Stone
NNPA Contributor

Black women have to work seven extra months to earn what White men were paid in 2016. On average, Black women make 67 cents on the dollar compared to White men.

In a recent blog post to mark Black Women's Equal Pay Day, researchers at the Economic Policy Institute analyzed and debunked myths concerning the reasons why Black women earn less than White men.

Some people mistakenly believe that if Black women simply worked harder, they would earn higher wages.

However, according to EPI, the truth is that, "Black women work more hours than White women. They

have increased work hours 18.4 percent since 1979, yet the wage gap relative to White men has grown."

The EPI blog post said that the growth in annual hours is "larger for Black women than for White women and men" who work in low-paying jobs and that, "both Black and White workers have increased their number of annual hours in response to slow wage growth" and "working moms are significant contributors to this trend."

Half of Black women who have jobs are working moms compared to 44.5 percent of White women.

Another common myth associated with the pay gap between Black women and White men is that Black

women would earn higher wages, if they were more educated.

"Two-thirds of Black women in the workforce have some postsecondary education, 29.4 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher," the blog post said. "Black women are paid less than White men at every level of education."

According to EPI, Black women with less than a high school diploma make \$10.62 on average compared to White men who make \$15.16. Black women with advanced degrees earn \$31.57 compared to White men, who make \$48.27.

The racial wage gap persists in jobs dominated by Black women and jobs dominated by White men, according to EPI, dispelling

the myth that Black women earn less due to their career choices.

"While White male physicians and surgeons earn, on average, \$18 per hour more than Black women doing the same job, the gap for retail salespersons is also shocking, at more than \$9 an hour," according to EPI researchers.

Valerie Wilson, the director of race, ethnicity, and the economy at EPI said that career choice and education have little to do with the pay gap between Black women and White men.

"Black women, whether they make the same career choice [as White men] or not, will still earn less than White men," said Wilson. "This can be in any career choice whether it is a male-

dominated or a female-dominated career. We have seen that even in fields that are more common for women, men still make more than Black women in that career field."

Wilson said that even though wages are growing faster for women than men, Black women still don't see much benefit.

"While White women do make less than White men, they still earn quite a bit more than Black women," said Wilson. "Women's Equal Pay Day was held sometime in April while Black Women's Equal Pay day is held in July."

While the wage gap for Black women is caused by both gender and racial disparities, there are still ways to help minimize and close

the pay gap between Black women and their counterparts.

Wilson said that economic policy in the U.S. can play a much larger role in minimizing the pay gap.

"We have anti-discrimination laws, but we must enforce those laws and ensure they are effective. There also has to be greater pay transparency," said Wilson. "Other things that can help raise wages is collective bargaining. Also, Black women are known to be in lower-paying occupations, so raising the minimum wage would be very helpful."

Wilson continued: "We need to make sure that Black women are fighting and being paid what they're worth."

Legacy Hall hosts job fair for Plano's new food hall

Legacy Hall is one of the nation's largest and most-anticipated new food halls, featuring the freshest local ingredients and best-of food trends, prepared by local chefs and artisans, to enjoy in a one-of-a-kind space.

With its grand opening rapidly approaching, the three-story, 55,000-square-foot European-style food

hall, brewery and live music entertainment venue is seeking service-oriented individuals to fill multiple positions including bartenders, bar-backs, line cooks, cashiers, bussers, hosts, dishwashers and maintenance teams.

"We're looking for more than 250 enthusiastic, hard-working men and women

who will passionately stand behind our mission of creating an unforgettable experience for every guest that walks through our doors," said Legacy Hall Vice President Pat Garza. "Legacy Hall will be the first of its kind in Texas, and one of the most extraordinary food halls on the planet. Team members will have the op-

portunity to work in a vibrant, fun atmosphere while serving guests from across the area, the region and the world. You'll help our guests discover and learn about the extraordinary local culinary scene, Texas craft beers, natural wines and so much more. So don't miss this rare opportunity to be a part of one of the most

exciting new food and entertainment destinations in America."

The Legacy Hall Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, Thursday, Sept. 21 and Friday, Sept. 22. It will be on the second floor of the Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel, located at 6007 Legacy Drive in

Plano. There is a parking garage located on the left side of the hotel.

Interested candidates can speed up the process by visiting legacyfood-hall.com/hiring/ and filling out an application online ahead of time. The application will be printed out when the candidate arrives at the job fair.

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take action together. In the aftermath of 2016's rejection election, we are building a Movement from the states up, to unleash what Dr. King called "a new and unsettling force in our complacent national life."

This Campaign has emerged from more than a decade of work by grassroots community and religious leaders, organizations and movements fighting to end systemic racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction & related injustices and to build a just, sustainable and participatory society. We would need to do this work even if Trump had not been elected. But the blatant extremism of this ad-

ministration only serves to amplify the need.

The twin forces of White supremacy and unchecked corporate greed continue to gain more power and influence, both in statehouses across this nation and at the highest levels of our federal government. Today, one in every two Americans are poor or low-income, while millions of children and adults continue to live without access to healthcare, housing, clean water, or good jobs.

At the same time, the issues of poverty and racism have been forced to the margins of our moral narrative and claims that a limited focus on personal morality

should overshadow and supplant a commitment to public morality rooted in a critique of greed, racism, and injustice.

Our campaign aims to build a broad and deep national moral movement—rooted in the leadership of poor people and reflecting the great moral teachings—to unite our country from the bottom up.

For years, we have seen a kind of attention violence towards issues of systemic racism, poverty, and militarism. There was a time when our nation was fighting a war against poverty; now, it seems, we are waging a war on the poor. Our social fabric is stretched thin by widening income inequality, while politicians

criminalize the poor, fan the flames of racism and xenophobia to divide the poor, and steal from the poor to give tax breaks to our richest neighbors and budget increases to a bloated military.

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will strategically connect and grow different struggles and lift up and deepen the leadership of those most affected to transform the political, economic and moral structures of our society. The Campaign will push forward concrete demands, build unity across lines of division, and draw on art, music, and religious traditions to challenge the dominant narrative that blames poor people for poverty.

This will necessarily be a multi-year undertaking. This fall and winter we are touring the country to publicly launch the campaign with partners who have been working across race and class lines in their own communities. Next spring, we plan to begin engaging in highly publicized civil disobedience and direct action over a six-week period in at least 25 states and the District of Columbia. Our goal is to force a serious, national examination of the enmeshed evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism and environmental devastation during a key election year, while strengthening and connecting informed and committed grassroots leadership in every state. We

are building power to continue this fight long after June 2018.

A precise diagnosis is key, but naming the problem is never enough. We need a Movement rooted in the moral forces that have demonstrated a capacity to change America. At such a time as this, we need a Poor People's Campaign and Moral Revival to help us become the nation we've not yet been.

Bishop William J. Barber, II, is President of Repairers of the Breach, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, and author of The Third Reconstruction. Follow Bishop Barber on Twitter @RevDrBarber. Follow Repairers of the Breach on Twitter @BRepairers.

Upcoming DFW area job fairs

Sept. 21

Choice Career Fairs – Dallas Career Fair

Meet with hiring managers from some of the best companies in Dallas. Bring plenty of resumes, as you'll be giving them directly to hiring managers at each company. If you have a multi-page resume, make sure your name and contact information are on each page. Be organized and bring supplies you might need i.e. pens, paper, business cards, etc. You can spend as little or as long as you want at the show. Plan to spend one hour at the event. You should be able to speak with at least 10 company representatives or more in this time. The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at 2015 Market Center Blvd, Dallas, TX 75207.

Sept. 28

Dallas Career Fair

Ready for a new career? National Career Fairs is under new ownership and we are driving employers and future employees together faster than ever before.

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Oct. 11

Dallas Job Fair

Come meet with hiring managers from local, national, and Fortune 500 companies for free at our Dallas Job Fair. You will be meeting with decision makers face to face, so wear a suit and dress for success.

Update your resume and bring 15+ copies to be able to offer a resume to every manager you speak with. There might be companies and industries you are not familiar with, but take the time to speak with them.

It might be your dream job. The fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel by the Galleria at 4801 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75251.

Oct. 12

Best Hire Career Fairs – Dallas Job Fair

Open the doors of opportunity when you meet and interview with the top hiring companies in Dallas. This career fair will allow you to learn about the businesses that are hiring and what their hiring needs are. Tired of sending your resume over the web to get no responses back? Put a face with a name and make a great first impression. Register today, and you could get hired live at our next career fair in Dallas. Be prepared to interview with hiring managers and recruiters from the top hiring companies in Dallas. Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes. The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at 2015 Market Center Blvd, Dallas, TX 75207.

Oct. 19

Dallas Career Fair by Choice Career Fairs

Do you have a resume, but aren't getting called for interviews? If so, it means your resume needs improvement to catch the attention of hiring managers. Bring a copy of your resume and receive a 10-minute resume consultation. Find out about small changes that can make a big difference in getting your resume noticed. You'll meet face-to-face with hiring decision-makers from some of the areas top employers. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes, because they're here to hire. Walk in and start interview-

ing, it's that simple. Save time, money and effort interviewing with multiple companies in one day at one location. Many of these companies have several openings and are eager to meet with you. You're no longer just a piece of paper. Attend the career fair and get in front of decision makers. The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hilton Arlington at 2401 E Lamar Blvd, Arlington, TX 76006.

Oct. 26

Dallas Career Fair by Choice Career Fairs

You'll meet face-to-face with hiring decision-makers from some of the areas top employers. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes, because they're here to hire. Walk in and start interviewing, it's that simple. Save time, money and effort interviewing with multiple companies in one day at one location. Many of these companies have several openings and are eager to meet with you. You're no longer just a piece of paper. Attend the career fair and get in front of decision makers. The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn & Suites Plano at 700 East Central Parkway,

Plano, TX 75074.

Nov. 1

Arlington Career Fair by National Career Fairs

Ready for a new career? National Career Fairs is under new ownership and we are driving employers and future employees together faster than ever before. WE ARE HELPING AMERICA GET BACK TO WORK! The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn & Suites – Arlington at 825 N. Watson Rd, Arlington, TX 76011.

Nov. 16

Plano Career Fair by National Career Fairs

Are you looking for a job? Are you tired of sending resumes left and right and never getting an answer? If you are, dress in your best professional clothes, bring resumes and visit our Plano Career Fairs. You will have the opportunity to meet top employers and to interview for several positions during the course of the day, meeting the people who make the hiring decisions. You will save a lot of time since there will be no need to craft a customized personal statement for each company you visit:



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Discover Hope and Help for daily living; and, you don't have to be a member to come. The Connect-2-Reflect (C2R) meetings are held in comfortable and relaxed homes, one in Carrollton and one in Plano, refreshments are served. Call the church for details.

September 17, 9:45 a.m.
You're invited to our Sunday "Prayer and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this! And, join us in our one hour only Sunday's Bible Study at 12 Noon, continuing on the book of Ephesians with other supporting chapters and verses.

September 20, 7 p.m.
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Pastor Brenda Patterson, Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette and others conducting a new study on the book of Ephesians with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "THE SHIP"

September 17, 8 a.m.
Join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we

praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall; followed by our Sunday Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed.

September 20
Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

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September 22, 7 p.m.
All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 7 p.m., (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

September 17, 10 a.m.
You're invited this Sunday as we praise, worship, honor and magnify God's Holy name in songs and the spoken word.

September 19, 7 p.m.
Join us in Monday School as we grow in God's Word and learn what God has to say to us.

Pastor Rickie Rush
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MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP) (Uniting the Body of Christ Among Nations)

September 17, 10 a.m.
Join us for Morning Worship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory; and

don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

September 20, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

Pastor Sam Fenceroy Senior Pastor and Pastor Gloria Fenceroy
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Come and connect to God through Shiloh; grow in Christ through the study of God's Word; and Serve God through service to each other and to the world. John 12:26.

September 17, 8 a.m. And 11 a.m.
Join us for our morning services; you will enjoy the fellowship during our 8 a.m. and in the 11 a.m. Worship Services.

September 20, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; it's all for His glory and His honor. We are, "Growing in Christ through the study of His Word."

Our church ministries offer opportunities for motivation and growth; join us and see. Be blessed of the Lord.

September 30, 9 a.m.
Join us for our Women's Fall Conference at the church. This year's theme is "How Godly Women Persevere". Call the church for details.

Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr. Senior Pastor
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Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church, Ft. Worth

September 16-17
The Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church is inviting all to come celebrate its 80th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration this weekend. Saturday, Sept. 16 there will be a Praise Under the Stars service beginning at 7 p.m.

with Cedric Bailey serving as Master of Ceremony. Sunday, Sept. 17 will feature two services – a morning service beginning at 10:30 a.m. with special guest preacher Rev. Marcus R. McDonald and an afternoon service beginning at 4:00 p.m. with special guest preacher Rev. William T. Glynn.

September 18-20
There will also be a Fall Revival Sept. 18 – 20 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. All services and celebrations will take place at 3208 Wilbarger St, Ft. Worth. For more information, go to www.bethedenchurch.org/.

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"All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader..."

— 1 Samuel 22:2

God uses broken things to accomplish His greatest work. When David was anointed to be the next king,

he was just a boy, the youngest among all his brothers.

Little did he know that the next several years would be years of fleeing from Saul whose successes turned into obsessions as a leader who had fallen from God's anointing.

Perhaps David thought, "Why am I living a life as a fugitive?" I am the next king of Israel.

Yet, his life was filled with adversity after adversity before he ever fulfilled the ultimate calling God had for him.

Others began to hear of

David's successes and identify with his plight. But, it wasn't the successful and polished who came to join him.

It was "those who were in distress or in debt or discontented" who would be part of his army -- and an army it was!

His army would become known throughout the world as the greatest ever assembled, not because of their skill, but because of the God behind the army.

God turned David's men into "mighty men of valor" (see 1 Chronicle 11:10).

God often uses failure to make us useful. When Jesus

called the disciples, He did not go out and find the most qualified and successful people.

He found the most willing, and He found them in the workplace.

He found a fisherman, a tax collector, and a farmer. The Hebrews knew that failure was a part of maturing in God.

The Greeks used failure as a reason for disqualification. Sadly, in the Church, we often treat one another in this way.

This is not God's way. We need to understand that failing does not make us failures.

It makes us experienced.

It makes us more prepared to be useful in God's Kingdom -- if we have learned from it.

And that is the most important ingredient for what God wants in His children.

Thank God for all of the special people that He has placed in your life to complete you.

Thank Him for your friends who are truly friends and for your Christian brothers and sisters.

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that she and Michael grew up with a Do-the-Crime-Do-the-Time attitude, but she only partially lays blame on Michael's choices. Outside forces, cultures of violence, and the system, she believes, were just as much at fault...

While "Cuz" is very good and a thought-provoker, it has its problems.

As a professor at Harvard University, author Danielle Allen cannot deny the effect of her job on her writing -- which is something she admits. That lends an aura of authority to her story, but it can also feel lecture-like. Allen also includes Michael's writings within her book; some were lengthy and could have benefitted from editing.

And while there are a lot of grief-rav questions left hanging in-story, readers are also left with a sense of grace and compassion from "Cuz." Allen never points fingers, but we're skillfully led to see what's what. She's rightfully angry at what happened to her cousin, but it doesn't hide her empathy for families who endure hardship to visit their imprisoned loved ones, and it doesn't lessen her humanity toward the people whose imprisonment doesn't make sense.

That, mixed with an aching, soaring joy are what you'll find in "Cuz," and it's going to make you think - hard. Can you afford to miss that? No, make no mistake.



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