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Two black men per week killed by police

By George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

Occasionally, police officers behave in such a dastardly manner that it captures international attention. There was the 1997 famous video of four White LAPD officers taking turns clubbing and kicking Rodney King nearly beyond recognition after a high-speed automobile chase. In 1999, on the opposite coast, an unarmed, 23-year-old Amadou Diallo was killed after four policemen fired 41 times into his Bronx, N.Y. apartment, striking him 19 times.

In New Orleans, Robert Davis, a retired elementary school teacher, was returning to his hometown after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to inspect the damaged family home. He went to the French Quarters to purchase some cigarettes. Four White officers, who suspected him of public drunkenness, accused Davis of resisting arrest and began beating him. An Associated Press producer filmed a video that showed no indication of resistance.

Timothy Thomas, 19, was shot to death in Cincinnati in 2001 by Patrolman Stephen Roach. The officer said he thought Thomas was armed — he wasn't. The shooting touched off the largest urban unrest in the



Howard University students join the Hands Up Don't Shoot movement in memory of Michael Brown (Debra Sweet via Flickr)

U.S. since the L.A. uprising a decade earlier.

And the list doesn't stop there: Sean Bell, Oscar Grant, Frank Jude, Jonathan Ferrell, Kathryn Johnson, Kendrec McDade, Timothy Standbury, Jr., Kenneth Chamberlain and so many more.

Three more names were added to the list in the past month: Eric Garner of Staten Island, N.Y.; Ezell Ford of Los Angeles, and now Michael Brown, the 18-year-old unarmed victim in Ferguson, Mo.

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COMMENTARY

Dogs get more respect than Michael Brown

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

It doesn't matter if you are state legislator or an alderman, a journalist or a local leader. If you are in Ferguson, Mo., you won't get any respect. You can be the uncle of a victim whose body was left to lie on the street for several hours and you will not be allowed to cover your young nephew. Not many would let dog lay uncov-

ered for several hours. Young Black Michael Brown apparently got less consideration than a dog.

The streets burst into flames, but Gov. Jay Nixon couldn't make a statement until five days after Michael Brown was massacred. We know Michael Brown's name; we know how he was treated, but Chief Thomas Jackson refused to release the shooting officer's

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Dr. Emike Aliu



Ki Sun Sung



Ocelia Gibson

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Dr. Emike Aliu

BOWIE, MD — Do you have crooked teeth, buck teeth or gaps in between your teeth? Are you afraid to smile? A recent study revealed that people who smile and have straight white teeth are perceived to be smarter, wealthier and healthier than those who don't smile or who smile but need orthodontic care.

While people with straight white teeth and a great smile may not be smarter, the study did reveal that on average people with great smile did make more money. This could be be-



cause they were perceived by their employer to be more outgoing and friendly during the job interview process.

Leading orthodontist and author of the forthcoming

book, *Smile With Confidence*, Dr. Emike Aliu says she sees the emotional roller coaster ride her patients go through.

She comments, "I've seen it all! From parents coming in distraught about their child being teased or bullied relentlessly because they have buck teeth to adults crying in my office because they are ashamed and embarrassed of their smile and feel they are ugly or missing out on job or dating opportunities."

Dr. Aliu goes on to say that as an orthodontist, she can't help but look at people's smiles (or lack there

of) as she is out and about just running errands. "I see so many people I could help improve their smile. I think many people still have these archaic beliefs about getting braces and that may be holding them back, but the truth is, technology has advanced to the point where even the most severe condition can be corrected in a fraction of the time it used to take, just 5 years ago," she adds.

Dr. Aliu has had extensive training in "behind the teeth braces," invisalign (removable clear braces), and many other types of braces and techniques.

"We are making wearing braces fashionable for kids and adults," she says.

Dr. Aliu says her biggest joy is when her patients call her ecstatic because their teeth are straightening or the gap is closing. "You can just see the patient's confidence go through the roof!"

Through her book, *Smile With Confidence*, seminars and speaking engagements, Dr. Aliu is changing people's lives one smile at a time. She has a booming practice in Bowie, Maryland called "Elite Orthodontics" (www.EliteOrthoGroup.com) and her pa-

tients range from children to adults to CEOs to celebrities.

She and her business partner J.R. Fenwick also have a new company being launched in 2015 called "SmileGEAR" which will offer a line of fashionable clothing and jewelry for people with braces. SmileGEAR will take away the stigma of having braces and make it cool for kids and adults. In today's world of "in your face social media", a great smile is a necessity.

"I have the best job in the world. I get to help people smile all day, everyday!" she says.

Ki Sun Sung

By Sister Tarpley

Ki Sun Sung is a veteran of the Korean War of 1950 to 1953. He and other veterans were honored on August 15 by the Korean Society of Dallas with a luncheon.

The Korean War or Korean Conflict was a war fought between the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and United Nations forces on the one hand and the Communist-dominated Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North



Korea) and Communist China on the other.

The war began June 25, 1950, with a North Korean invasion of South Korea. It ended with an armistice

signed July 27, 1953, with neither side having achieved a decisive military victory.

Sung remembers vividly, as a young man of 18, joining the armed forces and fighting for his life and the belief of South Korea.

He stated that the North Koreans would hide in the mountains around their village in the day light hours and come out at night to pilfer (steal) from the inhabitants of the village.

The United States of America (U.S.) and the United Nations (U.N.) came to the aid of the Republic of Korea or South Korea on

June 27, 1950 and demanded that North Korea halt the action.

When fighting in Seoul, the South Korean capital city, General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U.N. forces (who, on April 11, 1951 was replaced by General Matthew Ridgway) and the United States' air and naval forces advanced cautiously through South Korea's capital city in the 1950 campaign that routed the North Koreans as the U.S. and U.N. helped South Korea in their fight against North Korea.

In a broad sense, the Korean War resulted in a U.S.

and U.N. victory because the aim of forcing back the aggressors was achieved.

However, the war ended, as it began, with Korea divided, and the issues behind the war were not resolved.

The Korean War was the first war in which troops of an international body, the United Nations fought. Most of the U.N. forces were provided by the United States, but 20 other U.N. countries also supplied troops, naval forces, air support, or medical aid.

At the time the war was being fought it was officially referred to in the

United States as a conflict because there was no declaration of war by Congress. President Harry S. Truman referred to it as a police action.

The war was fought largely with the weapons of World War II; however, no nuclear weapons were used. Its tactics, after the initial stages, were somewhat like those of World War I.

New weapons were tested only in the air, where jet fighters fought each other. The Communist charges that the United States used germ warfare were false.

Ocelia Gibson

Featured in outlets such as EBONY, Heart & Soul, and Black America Web, Speaker, Writer and Confidence Catalyst Ocelia Gibson boldly empowers this generation of young women to live out real social and spiritual beauty.

A Former Miss Black USA, she is Founder of More Than a Pretty Face International, a life-enrichment company that initially started as an outreach to inner city girls. Now with global reach, More Than a Pretty Face has impacted thousands of young women throughout the US and Kenya. Receiving numerous awards for her empowerment initiatives with



young women, she has been recognized with Pine-Sol's Women Making a Powerful Difference Award and was the youngest woman recognized as an Unsung Hero for her programming in the state of Texas by EBONY Magazine.

As a certified etiquette coach, she has been named

one of '10 Most Influential Women in Etiquette' by the National Association of Urban Etiquette Professionals. A first-generation college graduate and classical pianist, she earned her Bachelor's in Music at Texas Woman's University, while there earning the distinction of performing in New York's Carnegie Hall. She is currently completing her graduate studies in ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 2011, Ocelia became the first woman from the state of Texas to be crowned Miss Black USA. As Miss Black USA, she utilized her platform to bring awareness to causes disproportionately affecting the African-American community, serving as Celebrity Advocate for The

Heart Truth Campaign, as well as Spokesperson for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

An unapologetic virgin, Ocelia is an advocate of celibacy and sexual health, recently contributing to the True Love Project (produced by LifeWay Christian Resources) and currently serves as a Spokesperson for National Black AIDS Awareness Day.

She currently resides in Dallas, Texas, where she coordinates school and community support initiatives with The Turn Around Agenda (Dr. Tony Evans, Pastor), and travels the country as a conference speaker, girls' minister, host, and trainer.

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Black Americans' threat from Whites wearing badges

By Lee A. Daniels
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The disjointed, gap-laden manner in which Ferguson, Mo. Police Chief Thomas Jackson revealed the name of the police officer who shot 18-year-old Michael Brown to death – all the while alleging that Brown had robbed a convenience store a short time before their encounter – should convince any thinking person that that community's White power structure is engaged in a cover-up.

Jackson's behavior only increased the already-voluminous questions about the actions of the officer, Darren Wilson, in his confrontation with Brown on August 9, and about the rough-house, violent conduct of the police under Jackson's command during the following week.

Indeed, one could start by asking why Jackson would release those two pieces of highly sensitive information,

which, of course, he had in his possession all week, without first consulting with Gov. Jay Nixon and Capt. Ron Johnson, the state Highway Patrol leader whom Nixon had brought in to end the violence — from freelance looters and police. Why not do that and then, release the information at a news conference with Gov. Nixon and Capt. Johnson at his side?

Here's one answer: Because Jackson and city officials are still “crafting” the “right” story of what happened that ended with Wilson shooting Michael Brown “multiple times.” So, he's branded Michael Brown a criminal – “red meat” to those who'll grasp at anything to exonerate Wilson and the police of wrongdoing.

Michael Brown's death is joined with the recent police killings of Eric Garner, of New York City; and Ezell Ford, of Los Angeles, and a long, tragic list because it exemplifies a particular societal phenomenon: unarmed

Black civilians who were not apparently engaged in any wrongdoing killed during a sudden confrontation with White police officers.

Ironically, one perspective on why these tragedies recur again and again can be gained from considering what happened to Raymond Wilford, a Black Seattle resident, on the same day of Michael Brown's death, Saturday, August 9, as he walked to meet a friend at Seattle's Westlake Mall.

According to news reports, as Wilford approached the mall where a peaceful pro-Palestinian rally was underway, he was suddenly accosted by a White man who was shirtless, and, witnesses later said, had been harassing the demonstrators with racist slurs. Much of the brief confrontation between Wilford and the man was captured in pictures and a video taken by a photographer who had been cover-

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name until he was forced to by an enterprising Internet hacking group. The officer was supposedly entitled to privacy, however briefly, but Michael did not deserve enough privacy to have his bloody body covered after he was massacred.

The police, armed with stun guns, pepper spray, SWAT teams and plastic bullets, were heavily armed to “contain” the protesting crowd. Who will contain the out-of-control so-called officers of the law? When is it all right to call a McDonald's a site of trespassing, or to knock reporters around, fail to offer identification, and then get flippant about it?

Charles Dooley, the St. Louis County Executive, gave a facetious news conference where he suggested, “We sit down and talk about it.” Let's talk about the shooter's police file. Let's talk about the fully armed and unreasonable police officers. The St. Louis mayor spoke of “protecting the innocent.” Who is innocent? Certainly not the police officer who shot Michael Brown. The unarmed folks chanting “no justice, no peace,” are certainly innocent.

With police officers clad in military gear and armed as fully as those who are fighting abroad, the governor said “Yesterday was yesterday.” He added, “I'm not looking backward, I'm looking forward.” In other words, he refuses to hold the officers accountable.

“We want to get trust built,” says the governor. He seems to be totally clueless. How do you build trust when so-called officers of the law callously and lawlessly fire into peaceful crowds because they could? The governor needs to hold officers accountable before he calls for a “Kumbaya” moment.

What do we tell our young men? Michael Brown had his hands up and he was still shot multiple times. Many of us who have Black teens and young men in our lives. We counsel them to be non-combative, non-confrontational, even humble, so they won't be shot. But police officers should be punished or even fired if they can't share their badge information. What do they have to hide? There is absolutely no accountability, with police officers being afforded more protection than a murder victim.

During his August 14 press conference, the governor worked very hard to walk a tightrope as he maneuvered his way thorough a set of pointed questions. He talked about “healing,” about “conversation.” Here's the conversation: A police officer killed Michael Brown while he had his hands up, in surrender mode. Witnesses say that even after Brown held his hands up, the police officers continued to shoot.

What do we tell our young men? Whether you are compliant or complaining, an elected official or a re-

porter, you can be harassed without consequence. There is little safety when you are confronted with out-of-control “police.” Son, you can be killed anyway!

The federal government gave Ferguson, Mo. a grant to purchase dash cams to be installed in police cars. They purchased the cams but they haven't installed them. Perhaps if they had, we would have more data about the massacre of Michael Brown.

African American communities have walked down this path many times before. We walked past it when Bull Connor used attack dogs to reinforce racial segregation. We walked this path for Medgar Evers, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We can call the civil rights roll and the massacres we have experienced. James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Shewerner. Emmett Till, Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis and Michael Brown. All these folks killed in different circumstances but apparently for the same reason— for being Black and male in America.

The outpouring of rage in Ferguson streets is not a riot, but an uprising. People are rising up against police brutality, rising up against the massacre of another young man. Rising up, so that hopefully another mother will not have to suffer again.

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Fourth annual Fit 4 The King Day successful despite heat

Foremost Family Health Centers sponsored the fourth annual Fit 4 The King Day at the MLK, Jr. location on Saturday, August 9, 2014. A variety of health and wellness vendors, attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, along with dedicated community partners, made up the hundreds that were in attendance. Free health screenings, Ask the Doctor sessions and wellness information was provided. Follow up calls with attendees have already taken

place this week.

Sponsors Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Ron Springs Gift for Life Foundation, City of Dallas M.L. King, Jr. Recreational Center and Merritt Hawkins made this event possible and all were there from beginning to end, not letting the 103 degree temperature deter them.

"The health care we provide to this community, and at our location in Balch Springs, is in many cases the

only medical and dental care some individuals and families have received in a very long time," stated Joyce Tapley, CEO, Foremost Family Health Centers. "Without the assistance of our sponsors and supporters, we would have to limit this type of outreach. Partnerships with organizations that are truly committed to improving the health and wellness of families and

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Kids enjoyed the Fit 4 The King event hosted by Foremost Family Health Centers.

Mental illness and violence are no laughing matter

By Pastor E.A. Deckard
Special to the NNPA from
The Houston Forward-Times

"For too long we have swept the problems of mental illness under the carpet... and hoped that they would go away." — Richard J. Codey

1 Chronicles 12:32 "of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do"

Forward Thinkers, I understand the times we live in, I understand what we must do, others may be satisfied doing church and en-

tertaining people but I'm committed to being the church with a mission and vision of navigating people through these times of doubt and unbelief.

Forward Thinkers, have you noticed the alarming number of suicides in America over the past ten years? We can't continue to ignore the fact we are not prepared as a nation to handle the large number of people in our society suffering with mental illness. Forward Thinkers, sadly not only are we unprepared but often our attitude appears to be uncaring toward those

suffering with any form of mental illness.

Forward Thinkers, mental illness is no longer a laughing matter; it has become a deadly issue for people screaming for help. Pastors who spend their lives encouraging others fall into deep depression with no one or nowhere to turn to because, the face of mental illness has been rejected so long that suicide becomes their only option. Forward Thinkers, remember many great men in the bible experienced periods of great depression. Being depressed does not disqualify you

from being anointed.

Forward Thinkers, we are still taking mental illness as a joke when there is now a smart phone alert to keep you up to date on famous people who commit suicide.

Forward Thinkers, by the release of this weekly FORWARD THINKING article I'm sure you have heard about the suicide of actor comedian Robin Williams. Many are asking how can someone who makes so

many people laugh suffer with deep rooted depression. Forward Thinkers, mental illness is not just for poor unsuccessful people. Forward Thinkers, I have noticed people suffering the most in the church from mental illness and have a great ability to cover it up with laughter and foolery. Forward Thinkers the bible says iron sharpens iron and we must as a people create a support system to strength-

en one another and stop putting on another down.

Robin Williams, the versatile actor whose madcap comic style made him one of television and film's biggest stars, was found dead on Monday from an apparent suicide at his home in Northern California. He was 63. Williams' appeal stretched across generations and genres, from

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Work with the school to help manage your child's diabetes

A person with diabetes must manage this chronic illness all the time, including during the school day. Staff such as nurses, teachers, and coaches can work with you and your child on managing diabetes. This assistance may include helping your child take medications, check blood sugar levels, choose healthy foods in the cafeteria, and be physically active.

These key tips can help your child get ready for the first day of school and for the rest of the school year.

Create a diabetes management plan with the school

Meet with staff early in the school year to learn more about how the school helps students care for diabetes and handles any dia-



betes-related emergencies. Public schools and schools that receive federal funding are prohibited from discriminating against people with diabetes by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Work with your child's

doctor and school staff to create a Diabetes Medical Management Plan. Having a plan helps your child and school workers manage diabetes in school and during extracurricular activities such as field trips or sports. Include information on services the school will provide and how to recognize high and low blood sugar levels. Your child may need assistance with giving insulin and checking blood sugar levels, and also may need to eat snacks in the classroom. For more information, visit Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel.

Give the school staff a list of contacts for your child, including physicians and emergency contacts.



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Garland NAACP hosting 12th Annual Health Fair and Back-To-School Rally

On Saturday, Aug. 23 the NAACP Garland Branch will host the 12th Annual Health Fair and Back-To-School Rally at Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, 1233 Highway 66, Garland.

Each year in excess of 1100 Garland area residents; children and adults have attended this event and received a variety of services. This year we anticipate an increase in attendance and the following services will be provided.

- Free school supplies for GISD and Garland area students (Courtesy of Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church and Garland NAACP)
- Childhood Immunizations
- Free health screenings (cholesterol, glucose, diabetes, blood pressure, vision and more)
- Health and Wellness Information

- Community Resource Booths
- Education Seminars for Students and Parents
- Voter Registration and Education

Partnering with the NAACP Garland Branch for this community outreach event is: Baylor Hospital at Garland, City of Garland, Garland ISD, Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, Faith Community Seven Day Adventist Church, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Garland Area-wide Brotherhood, KKVI FM Radio, NANBPWC Inc, Garland Club and Buttons Restaurant.

The Chairperson for this event and the NAACP Garland Branch Health Committee is Mrs. Carol Blakes. For additional information please contact her at c_blakes@hotmail.com or (972) 381-5044, #4.

Minority blood donors needed Sept. 17

Remington College is urging people in the Dallas area to donate blood at its upcoming 3 Lives blood drive, a national effort to recruit minority blood donors and help supply local hospitals with much-needed blood.

3 Lives is held in partnership with America's Blood Centers and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

The effort has resulted in more than 10,200 pints of blood collected since the program began - that's enough blood to save more than 30,000 lives.

The drive is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Remington College Dallas Campus located at 1800 Eastgate Drive in Garland.



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Back-To-School food safety tips

Children are at high risk of contracting foodborne illness because their immune systems are still developing. In fact, children under the age of five have the highest incidence of Campylobacter, E. coli, and Salmonella infection among any other age group in the United States. This highlights the importance of following the USDA's four food safety steps whenever preparing meals: *Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill*.

To help families teach the importance of the four steps to young children, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has developed a food safety "science experiment" that parents and children can carry out together to make sure school lunches are safe to eat come lunchtime.

To start, parents should pack their

child's lunch and have their child store it as they would at school. After the normal time between lunch packing and consumption has passed, parents should help their child take the temperature of the lunch contents. Cold items should still be below 40 °F and hot items should be above 140°F. If food is in the Danger Zone, between 40 °F and 140 °F, parents can use the following tips to ensure their child's lunch remains safely outside the Danger Zone for future preparations:

- If the lunch contains perishable food items like luncheon meats, eggs, or yogurt, make sure to pack it with at least two freezer packs. Harmful bacteria multiply rapidly in the Danger Zone, so perishable food transported without an ice source

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Pat & Emmitt Smith Charities along with Team 22 help students get ready for Back-to-School

Pat & Emmitt Smith Charities is committed to making the Dallas community stronger in a number of ways, including providing educational assistance to students. This back-to-school season, Pat & Emmitt Smith Charities teamed up with one of their Dallas community partners, Belk, to provide free school uniforms to hundreds of Dallas ISD (DISD) students. Each year, many Dallas students are required to wear uniforms, but their families may not have the funds for this purchase. More than 400 students from Onesimo Hernandez Elementary School received these uniforms during the giveaway event on August 7.

With the donation of uniforms from Pat & Emmitt Smith Charities and Belk, children in need will begin a new school year on a positive note.

"A child's self-esteem can be challenged if they don't fit in and



making sure that all kids at Hernandez Elementary start on an even playing field the first day of school was important to us. This particular elementary school is home to a community of transient families, including a homeless shelter around the corner. It was a natural choice for our charity to serve these children and make sure that they feel good about

themselves the minute they start school this year," said Pat Smith. "Our new community partner, Belk, was in it from the beginning and rolled out the red carpet so the kids could have a true back to school shopping experience."

The evening was full of buzz and excitement as the school's gym was transformed into a back-to-school pop-up shop where stu-



At left, Volunteers help students select their new uniforms. Above, Senator Royce West, Pat and Emmitt Smith and Jan Clevenger (Belk) applaud Principal Torey Willis-Calhoun of Onesimo Hernandez Elementary School. (Photos by James Edwards)

dents were able to receive shirts, blouses, pants, skirts, belts and socks needed for their school uniforms at no cost to their families.

Pat and Emmitt Smith spoke to students and parents about the importance of education and staying in school. Belk associates and event volunteers assisted the students in selecting their new uni-

forms. Snacks were provided and a live DJ made it a high-energy night to get ready for the new school year.

Special guests included Senator Royce West (Texas Senator, District 23), Dr. Liliana Valadez (DISD Executive Director, Division 3) and Miguel Solis (DISD Board of Trustees President).

Perot Museum offers after-hours fun for 21-and-up crowd with *Social Science: Identity*

Discover your ego – and your alter ego – while exploring the science of superheroes, genetics, psyche and DNA at the adults-only *Social Science: Identity* on Friday, Aug. 22, from 7 - 11 p.m. at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

Participate in a social experiment, learn more about your genes, dress as your favorite alter ego for a fashion challenge, and enjoy cocktails and bites from Wolfgang Puck, music and more at this after-hours affair.

In an unusual twist for programs held at this premiere Dallas facility known for educational opportunities, guests for this event must be 21 years of age with valid ID.

Show off your alter ego in an interactive photo booth, extract DNA from various foods, check out identity-themed indie games from a pop-up arcade, and

go back in time with an Elvis tribute by Trigger Mortis.

And don't miss The Cure cover band, Le Cure, performing at 10 p.m. in the Lobby.

Tickets are \$18 for non-members and \$13 for Museum members. For Social Science and The World's Largest Dinosaurs exhibition, tickets are \$24 for non-members and \$17 for Mu-

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Last Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Inc. hosted their 22nd Annual fund-raiser "A Knock-Out Affair": Black-Tie Boxing Event. The Who's Who of Black Dallas were in attendance to the chapter's scholarship fund and community events throughout the year. Above, Charda Greene, Sherel Riley, Sandra Stewart, Karla Fuller, Carolyn Roberson, Alice Davis take a pause during the festivities (Courtesy photo)

To see more photos visit NorthDallasGazette.com!

Museum of the American Railroad in Frisco is now offering fall tours

Visitors are now able to walk through a portion of the Museum of the American Railroad and get an inside look at these six cars - 1937 Missouri-Kansas-Texas Dining Car, the 1949 Santa Fe all steel caboose, the 1925 Pullman first-class sleeping car - Glen Nevis, the 1914 Santa Fe Parlor-Club Car, the 1923 Dallas Union Terminal Steam Locomotive Switcher #7 or the Seven Spot and the 1941 Union Pacific Steam Locomotive Big Boy #4018.

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guides will give a history of the trains and their tangible role in shaping our heritage. Forty-Five minute fall walking tours will take place each Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from September 13 through November 22, weather permitting, for individuals and groups of up to 30 people. Guests pay admission (\$7 Adults / \$3 Children ages 3-12) at the Frisco Heritage Museum.

For more info or to reserve a spot for your group, call 214-428-0101 or visit the website.



Above, a dining car interior awaits visitors at the Museum of the American Railroad in Frisco. At left, a parlor club car was a fashionable way to travel when trains were the preferred method of moving long distances around the country. (Photos courtesy of the American Railroad Museum)

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communities are critical to a successful event that continues each year."

From seniors to young parents with small children, the screenings proved to be valued by all in attendance. A pickup basketball game had to yield to the line dance that extended the full length of the basketball court.

The Game Truck offered a digital alternative to fitness as the teens and tweens actively engaged with PlayStation Just Dance videos.

The total value of the dental and medical health screenings ranged from \$650.00 – \$770.00 per person, a signifi-

cant savings for the families in attendance.

Fitness information, healthy snacks and simple, fun ways to stay active and healthy were shared throughout the day. Supporters and volunteers remained until the last family departed.

Foremost will be in the community again on August 28 in Balch Springs, supporting the Mayor's Multicultural & End of Summer CommUNITY Fair. For more information about Fit 4 The King Day or any of the health services provided by Foremost Family Health Centers, visit www.foremostfhc.org.



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Garland ISD presents \$455.5 million bond proposal

The Nov. 4 ballot will include an additional item for voters in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. Garland ISD's Board of Trustees approved calling a bond election at a special meeting Aug. 18.

Voters will decide whether to approve the \$455.5-million bond proposal. The district currently intends to use the bond, if approved, to address aging facilities, student safety and 21st-century education. Under the currently proposed use, all 85 GISD facilities would receive building or technology upgrades.

Specific proposed uses currently include:

- Remodeling front entrances to make campuses more secure
- New fire alarms, fire sprinklers, security cameras and access control systems
- Americans with Disabilities Act renovations
- Improvements to current technology infrastructure, upgraded wireless connectivity and additional devices for students
- Replacing windows, air conditioning units and heating systems
- New lights, bathrooms and concessions at high school baseball and softball fields to meet federal law requirements
- More than 70 percent of GISD buildings are 24-77 years old, and a recent assessment by independent school facilities experts



identified more than \$1.7 billion in renovation and construction needs throughout the district.

This list does not reflect the routine maintenance GISD regularly performs on district buildings. It is a result of mechanical, electrical, heating and cooling systems reaching the end of their life cycles, as well as changing state and federal standards and regulation. The \$455.5-million bond proposal represents those needs deemed most critical—approximately one-third of the overall total. A diverse citizen's committee of more than 50 people helped determine priorities and made recommendations to GISD Trustees.

The board currently plans to use approximately \$367.7 million for building and technology upgrades, with the remaining approximately \$87.8 million to fund educational opportunities for district students.

A proposed Career and

Technical Education (CTE) facility would give high schoolers equal access to CTE courses regardless of their campus. It would also allow GISD to implement new programs or expand existing ones

A proposed natatorium would provide a practice facility for the district's swimming program and allow participation from all seven high schools. It would also allow GISD to train every third-grader in water safety and offer open swim times to the public

Expanding band and choir accommodations at the secondary level would allow for program growth and increased Fine Arts enrollment

In 2013-14, more than 2,000 students, staff, parents and community members helped GISD create its Strategic Plan, which will guide district decision-making through 2018. The group set a goal of providing a secure learning environment that allows active student participation and opportunities to collaborate through relevant content and instruction. A second group then worked throughout the summer to design a bond referendum, which was presented to the board Aug. 12.

Voters will decide Nov. 4 whether to approve GISD's \$455.5-million proposal. The last day of voter registration is Oct. 6, and early

voting begins Oct. 20. Polling locations include Richland College in Garland, the Rowlett City Hall Annex and Sachse High School.

If voters approve the bond package, GISD would adopt a property tax rate increase in the future. This tax rate increase would have no impact on the homesteads of district residents aged 65 and older, because their tax rates can be capped once senior citizen

exemptions are filed with the appropriate county appraisal district.

GISD estimates that its Interest & Sinking tax rate increase would be phased in over a six-year period, beginning with an estimated \$0.06 increase in the 2015-16 fiscal year. This would result in an additional \$60 in yearly taxes for the owner of a home valued at \$100,000. By 2020, the district estimates that the total Interest & Sinking tax rate

resulting from the bond's passage would reach \$0.42, raising the tax bill on a \$100,000 home by \$200 a year, or \$17 per month. Because of the district's strong fiscal management practices, GISD has been able to maintain the second-lowest property tax rate of the 16 school districts in Dallas County.

Visit the district website at www.garlandisd.net/-bond2014 for more information.



Fact:

1.2 million registered dogs in DFW produce an estimated 900,000 pounds

of waste. Pet waste can daily pollute the storm drainage system, including area creeks, lakes, and the Trinity River, potentially harming plants and aquatic wildlife.

Tips:

+Pick up after your pet during walks.

+Choose at least one day a week to collect pet waste in your yard.

+Dispose the waste by flushing it down a toilet or double bagging it as trash.

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won't stay safe long.

• Frozen juice boxes or water can also be used as freezer packs. Freeze these items overnight and use with at least one other freezer pack. By lunchtime, the liquids should be thawed and ready to drink.

• Pack lunches containing perishable food in an insulated lunchbox or soft-sided lunch bag. Perishable food can be unsafe to eat by lunchtime if packed in a paper bag.

• If possible, a child's lunch should be stored in a refrigerator upon arrival. But leave the lid of the lunchbox or bag open in the fridge so that cold air can better circulate and keep the food cold.

• If packing a hot lunch, like soup, chili or

stew, use an insulated container to keep it hot.

• Fill the container with boiling water, let stand for a few minutes, empty, and then put in the piping hot food. Tell children to keep the insulated container closed until lunchtime to keep the food hot - 140 °F (73.9 °C) or above.

• After lunch, discard all leftover food, used food packaging, and paper bags. Do not reuse packaging because it could contaminate other food and cause foodborne illness.

• If packing a child's lunch the night before, parents should leave it in the refrigerator overnight.

Services for Gerry Gilliam, longtime DFW business and community leader will be held Saturday, Aug. 22

The family has announced the homegoing celebration for Gerry Gilliam, a longtime leader in the business and community is Saturday, Aug. 22.

Gerry was born in Joanna, South Carolina, and lived in Texas for over thirty years. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina where he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Tony Grimes of the Irving-Carrollton NAACP shared to supporters via email,

“Gerry first joined the Irving-Carrollton NAACP Branch in 2009 and became a Silver Life Member in 2013. In 2012 Gerry was elected as the branch’s 1st Vice-President. He also served effectively as the Membership Chair. He was an outspoken and a faithful member of this branch whose presence will surely be missed.” He also served as a voting delegate in his neighborhood precinct for the Presidential election.

Gerry was the owner of G&G Protection, a security

guard company that provides protection for private and public entities throughout DFW. G&G Protection has provided security at the XLV Super Bowl, the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, “Taste of Dallas,” and the Omni Hotel.

Recently, he was honored by WFAA Channel 8 and the Black Chamber of Commerce as a “Quest for Success Award” Recipient. The Quest for Success Award has represented the highest form of recognition for African American entrepre-

neurship and community service.

Gerry loved the Lord and was a hard worker not only for his business but also for his church. He was a member of Christian Chapel, C.M.E. Church, and affiliated with Greater Allen A.M.E and Carter Temple C.M.E. He supported and contributed to all of the church organizations.

Some would even refer to him as a big brother and/or father figure in the church



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more frequently than you may realize.

According to stats compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, an unarmed African American died at the hands of an armed White police officer at the rate of nearly two per week from 2005 to 2012. Over that 8-year-period, 400 police killings were reported per year. White officers killed a Black person, on average, 96 times per year.

Of those, 18 percent of the African Americans killed were under the age of 21, compared to 8.7 percent of Whites.

As bad as those figures are, they grossly understate the problem. The FBI statistics are based on the voluntary reporting of local law enforcement jurisdictions. Currently, approximately 750 of 17,000 law enforcement agencies regularly report their figures to the FBI. That means if the ratio holds true for all 17,000 agencies, the annual 96 Black deaths at the hands of White cops could be as high 2,170 a year or almost 42 (41.73) per week – nearly six per day (5.94).

To be conservative, let’s presume that the death rate for the non-reporting law enforcement agencies is only half of those now reporting. That would still be approximately three Blacks killed by a White police officer every day.

According to Officer

Down Memorial Page, which catalogues the deaths of all law enforcement officials, 416 cops were deliberately killed in the line of duty from 2005 to 2012, an average of 52 a year from 2005 to 2012.

Using the most conservative data, Blacks are almost twice as likely to be killed by police as cops are likely to be murdered in the line of duty.

In most of the high-profile cases of police killing unarmed Blacks, there was no justification for the use of deadly force.

One case, *Tennessee v. Garner*, grew out of an incident in Memphis where a Black 8th grader was shot fleeing from a home burglary after stealing a purse. The judges said cops couldn’t shoot someone simply because they were escaping.

In another case, *Graham vs Connor*, the judges said police have the duty to protect the public. Therefore, it’s okay to use force in apprehending violent offenders. But in the Memphis case, police would not be allowed to shoot at a non-violent offender even following the commission of a crime.

Of course, personal prejudice enters the picture long before an officer pulls his or her gun.

“When we ask police officers directly, ‘Who looks criminal?’, they choose more Black faces than

White faces. The more stereotypically Black a face appears, the more likely officers are to report that the face looks criminal,” according to a study in Stanford’s Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

In addition, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found that, “most white officers (95 percent) do not believe police are more likely to use physical force against blacks and other minorities than against whites in similar situations. The majority of black and other minority officers (69.5 percent) believe persons who look like them are more likely to receive physical force from police.”

As Attorney General Eric Holder recounted before the NAACP last year, “I was stopped by a police officer while simply running to catch a movie, at night in Georgetown, in Washington, D.C. I was at the time of that last incident a federal prosecutor.”

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Get On Up is like a long-winded memorial service

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

This much-awaited bio-film tells you some things you already knew: James Brown could sing the funk out of a song. It also shows you some things you might not have grasped: troubled boys grow up to be troubled men. Warts and all, in fits and starts, finally the Hardest Working Man in Show Business gets his story told.

This project had been in development for years. It took on new momentum when Browns' family approached Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones about shepherding the production, which he did with producer Brian Grazer (American Gangster, Frost/Nixon); the Stones and James Brown once toured together. The producers hired director Tate Taylor, who made the politically incorrect and historically inept, *The Help* but also the strong drama *Winter's Bone*. Taylor reassembled his tech crew from *The Help*, which included: the ingenious costume designer Sharen Davis (*Dreamgirls*), director of photography Stephen Goldblatt (*Angels in America*), production designer Mark Ricker (*Julie & Julia*), with the new addition of editor Michael McCusker (*The Amazing Spider Man*). The technical credits for the movie are solid, with the costumes and set design standing out.



As the film unfolds, a young James Brown (Jordan and Jamarion Scott) lives with his mother Susie (Viola Davis) and his father Joe (Lennie James, *Snatch*) in a shack in backwoods South Carolina. Mom and dad have a torrid and abusive relationship. At a tender age, she abandons James. One day dad drops him off at his Aunt Honey's (Octavia Spencer) whorehouse. James becomes a barker, driving customers to Honey's house of prostitution. James can't stay out of a trouble as a kid and as a teen (Chadwick Boseman, 42) his law-breaking ways get him a prison sentence. Behind bars he meets a gospel group headed by Bobby Byrd (Nelsan Ellis, *True Blood*). Before you can count, a-one-and-a-two, Brown is paroled into Byrd's home and he becomes the lead singer of gospel-turned-soul

group called "The Flames." That chance meeting turns Brown's life around.

Screenwriters Jez and John-Henry Butterworth (*Edge of Tomorrow*) with the help of a story by Steven Baigelman (*Feeling Minnesota*) infuse a lot of facts, events, tragedy, family drama and music group dynamics into the storyline. You learn a lot about the psyche of a world-renown musician, who, even after so much success, got arrested and imprisoned in 1988 for leading South Carolina police on a PCP-induced car-chase.

Between director Tate Taylor, the writers and the editor Michael McCusker, someone made the misguided decision to tell this story not as a straightforward bio film but as a disconcerting series of flashbacks, that feel more random than rhythmic. Long after

Brown is a full-grown man, there are clips of him interspersed as a kid, as if his childhood haunted him into his later years. Once you see young James pulling the shoes of a lynched man and saving them for himself, you know he has a tortured soul. You don't have to be beaten over the head, for 133 minutes, with flashbacks.

No good deed goes unpunished. Bobby Byrd should not have been surprised the day James Brown and his manager Ben Bart (Dan Aykroyd) told the group that their name was changing from the Famous Flames to James Brown and the Famous Flames. Disenchanted, the guys left him. But Brown found and assembled another back-up group as he pushed his career forward with hits like; *It's a Man's World*, *Payback*, *Sex Machine*, *I Got You*, and *Get Up Offa That Thing*. And, he had his share of women, wives (Jill Scott, Jacinte Blankenship) and children, too.

The over-complicated storytelling wreaks havoc on the momentum. The heavy-handed imagery will make you yawn. The films girth may have you checking your watch. What saves this movie from itself is a tour-de-force by Chadwick Boseman that figuratively pulls Brown out of the grave to do one more performance. With the aide of key hair stylist Shannon Bakeman and top-

notch make-up artists, Boseman becomes Brown as much as Meryl Streep became Margaret Thatcher. The gestures, voice, inflections, movement, dancing and bravado are so James Brown: "You might not have bought my record, but every record you got has a piece of me in it."

Boseman's efforts are helped greatly by strong, emotional supporting performances by Davis, Aykroyd, Spencer, Ellis, James, Scott and Craig Robinson as sax player Maceo Parker.

The costumes, set design and acting would be empty gestures without the music. James Brown died December 25, 2006. But his music, spirit, black power consciousness and a six-decade career with powerful songs and unforgettable concerts (from the Apollo Theater to the riot-soothing 1968 concert at the Boston Garden) remain imbedded in music history and American culture.

Seeing *Get On Up* is like attending a long-winded memorial service. You know you need to go. You know you need to be respectful. Even if the deacons of the church didn't assemble the best program, it's not about the incidents. It's about sharing and reclaiming the memory of the Godfather of Soul — the man whose music put a smile on your face and a kick in your step.

Visit NNPA Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownInk.com.

The Valder Beebe Show's new season features interview with the Braxtons

The new cable TV season for the Valder Beebe Show will feature celebrities from network TV for summer debut shows and cable's new season.

The Braxton Sisters are Back is touted as "Guilty Pleasure Gold" by Entertainment Weekly, Braxton Family Values begins its fourth season on WE tv beginning August. However, the sisters' lifelong dream of recording a family album is threatened due to hurt feelings and broken bonds. In the premiere episode, bad feelings quickly resurface leading to an all-out explosion that threatens not only their album plans, but the entire Braxton family unit.

Traci, Trina and Towanda



Braxton discuss what viewers can expect from this emotional new season, why tensions have been running high between them, and their efforts to repair their relationship in the hopes of making their dream of a family album a reality. Tune in Trina also sings a signature song direct to Valder Beebe on camera.

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Americans in Debt: Report declares 77 million U.S. citizens in debt

By Ashley Montgomery
Special to the NNPA from
The Miami Times

It is no secret that Americans have some serious issues when it comes to debt. A recent report released by the Urban Institute titled, "Delinquent Debt in America," examined non-mortgage debt with help from the Consumer Credit Research Institute. What is that you may ask? "It is any debt in collections that involves a non-mortgage bill — such as a credit card balance, medical or utility

bill, child support payments and even parking tickets — that are more than 180 days past due and have been placed in collections," according to the report.

And it doesn't stop there, 35 percent of adults with a credit file are reported to be behind in some sort and it is hurting the nation as a whole. Geographically, there's no location in the nation that is unscathed.

Both debt in collections and debt past due are concentrated in the South. The South was reported to have the highest percentage of

people in debt.

Of all, Nevada had the highest percentage of residents with debt in collection with 47 percent. The "Battle Born" state also has accrued the highest average amount owed — \$7,198.

In Florida, debt collection rates exceeded 41 percent. According to the institute's report, the average Floridian in debt owes \$47,000.

Blacks in Debt

As it relates to Blacks, many financial progressions have been made but there still seems to be

some challenges that must be overcome.

According to Prudential, Blacks are significantly more likely to have some type of debt (94 percent) compared with the general population (82 percent). Credit card debt, student loan debt and personal loans are all significantly higher in the Black community.

College-educated Blacks report student loan debt at a ratio of nearly 2 to 1 side-by-side with all college-educated Americans. In turn, it has been reported that one in four Blacks has felt anxiety or

depression due to debt.

Debt has a serious hold on our community and it requires more than just a simple fix.

It can impact a person's ability to be approved for loans, secure housing in decent neighborhoods or even land a job.

"[Debt] can harm credit scores, which can tip employers' hiring decisions, restrict access to mortgages, and even increase insurance costs," said Caroline Ratcliffe, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute.

The Dallas Entrepreneur Center receives regional innovation award

The Dallas Entrepreneur Center (DEC), a partner organization of the Dallas Regional Chamber (DRC), was awarded the 2014 Regional Innovation Award by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) on Aug. 13 at the ACCE annual convention in Cincinnati. The DRC accepted the award for its role in assisting the DEC's launch and supporting its growth over the past

15 months.

"The Dallas Regional Chamber is proud to support the Dallas Entrepreneur Center, and we were excited to accept the Regional Innovation Award from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives," said Dale Petroskey, President and CEO of the DRC. "This award lets the world know that our region is a hub of entrepreneurial activity and recognizes

the DEC for its commitment to economic prosperity in our region."

DEC was created in June of 2013 to support North Texas startups as they build and grow their businesses. To date, the DEC has engaged over 100 startups, leveraged 1,000 mentor hours, launched nearly 20 education courses, and recruited numerous national entrepreneurial organiza-

tions to the North Texas region.

"We are excited about the continued growth in North Texas' Innovation Ecosystem. The DEC is key to the overall success of the entrepreneurial community, and we look forward to new growth each year," said Jeremy Vickers, DRC's Vice President of Innovation and a Co-Founder of the DEC. "By providing resources, education, and guidance, the DEC

supports a broad range of startups as they reach their business goals."

The Regional Innovation Award is presented to organizations that are committed to building strong and vibrant communities through groundbreaking collaboration and program development.

This recognition program was established by the Alliance for Regional Stewardship.

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and's the community. Gerry believed in helping people and has employed church members and others in the community to work in his company. Gerry had a heart of compassion and was committed to service.

Gerry was a financial Lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Many of his Fraternity brothers called him "Heavy Low." He was affiliated with Theta Alpha Chapter where he has served as assistant keeper of records, Seals, Achievement Week and Retention Chair.

Throughout his career, Gerry received several awards for community service and business achievements. These awards include the Black Contractors small business award, 2014 Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce Quest for Success Award, 2010 NAACP Presidential Award, Theta Alpha Omega Psi Phi 2009 Founders award, 2012 Omega man of the year and Minority Enterprise Development Week 2009.

Gerry is a man who loved his family so much and truly believed "Family is everything," and "With God anything is possible." Everyone knew that Gerry's daughters were "daddy's girls."

The funeral service is Saturday at Christian Chapel C.M.E at 11 a.m. and the viewing of the body begins at 10 a.m. The address to the church is 14120 Noel Rd. in Dallas. The Wake is scheduled for Friday at Black & Clark Funeral Home located at 2517 E Illinois Ave. in Dallas from 7 – 8 p.m.

He is preceded in death by his parents George and Mattie Gilliam; a sister, Dr. Liz Bell; and a brother, George Gilliam Jr. He is survived by his beautiful wife, Joan Gilliam; two daughter Reniqua and Gerreka Gilliam and granddaughter Trinitie.

Compassion amongst people, committed to service, and a dutiful Christian, Gerry Gilliam was truly a remarkable man.

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family fare as the voice of Disney's blue Genie in "Aladdin" to his portrayal of a fatherly therapist in the 1997 drama "Good Will Hunting," for which he earned his sole Oscar.

Marilyn Monroe - The actress who became the symbol glamour around the world was found dead at the age of 36 in her Los Angeles home early on the morning of August 5, 1962. Like many famous celebrities, 'overdose of pills' was claimed as the reason for her sudden death. It has been stated that Marilyn would write things like, "I think I'm going crazy, and I don't want to live." Monroe's "acute barbiturate poisoning" was listed as a "probable suicide".

Lee Thompson Young - Hollywood lost another young talented actor to suicide. Lee Thompson Young, 29, starred as The Famous Jett Jackson from 1998 to 2001 on The Disney Channel and most recently played the role of Detective Barry Frost on TNT's Rizzoli & Isles. Many friends and fans are having a hard time understanding how and why such a thing could happen to a person who was always smiling and positive, often giving advice and words of encouragement when others were down.

Forward Thinkers I included the pictures of three famous people who committed suicide because I wanted to show you depression and mental illness has no race, gender, or classification. Robin Williams had a gift to make others laugh yet he cried in the dark. Marilyn Monroe stood out in a

crowd yet feared being alone, and young Lee Young smiled in front of the camera while hiding behind a mask of sadness. Mental Illness can strike anyone at any time.

Forward Thinkers, let's look at a story in the bible about a man suffering with mental illness.

Mark 5:2-20 (NIV)- 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" 8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!" 9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. 11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed

down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. 14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis[a] how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Forward Thinkers, there was a time in the African American community we would make statements that Blacks were too mentally strong to suffer with mental depression. I pray by now we realize that was a great thinking error proving once again that people perish for a lack of knowledge.

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ing the demonstration.

Wilford, taken aback, raised his fists as if prepared to defend himself against the man whom he said was saying “a bunch of racial stuff” to him and had also raised his hands as if to fight. But neither man threw any punches.

That’s when the White mall security guard appeared and, according to Wilford and several witnesses, completely ignored the shirtless White man who was yelling and actually walking toward him, and sprayed Wilford with pepper spray. In the video, witnesses can be heard yelling to the security cop, “You maced the wrong guy!”

The video also shows the security guard grabbing Wilford, now disabled by the pepper spray, by the arm and pulling him into the mall, the both of them followed by witnesses shouting that Wilford had done nothing wrong.

A Seattle police officer, who had arrived late to the confrontation, told the witnesses not to interfere. Meanwhile, the shirtless White man just walked away. He still hasn’t been identified.

Wilford told the *Seattle Times* that in the mall, he was given baby shampoo to wash his face, then after 25 minutes, released at the order of a Seattle police officer. Wilford, a father of two, said the security guard apologized to him before he was released, but that he’s considering filing a complaint.

The injury Raymond Wilford suffered was “minor.” That’s precisely why it underscores the potential threat from White men wearing badges of some sort of “authority” Black Americans – especially Black males – face every day.

If that Seattle mall security guard had had a gun, would Raymond Wil-

ford’s name now be on the long list of unarmed Black men, women and children killed by “Whites with badges” in questionable circumstances?

Broadening the focus of our questioning, does the desire to “control” Black people – or the fear of Black people – that drove the security guard to such rash and wrong action also infect some number of police officers in localities all across America? Is that fundamentally why Michael Brown, and Eric Garner, and Ezell Ford were killed?

For me, the answers to those questions and a series of other questions they provoke are on tragic display in the video of Raymond Wilford’s unjustified arrest, which he survived, and in the video of Eric Garner’s unjustified arrest, which he did not.

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"Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about'" **Genesis 22:2.**

Have you ever wanted something so bad that you would do almost anything to get it? Have you ever gotten so close to fulfilling a dream only to have it disappear right before your eyes? Such was the case for Abraham.

God promised Abraham that he would have a son and be the father of many nations. But, Abraham panicked when Sarah aged beyond child bearing years and tried to help God by birthing Ishmael through Sarah's servant.

Ishmael was not the son that God promised to bless Abraham through. Eventually, Isaac was born, who was the promised son. Later on God tells Abraham

to sacrifice his promised son on an altar to demonstrate his obedience to God.

Truly, this is one of the hardest instructions given to one of God's people in all of scripture. It compares only to the Heavenly Father sacrificing His own Son. However, God intervenes and allows a ram to get caught in the bushes nearby, symbolizing the Lamb of God as a prophetic sign of what is to take place in the future.

God often births a vision in our lives only to allow it to die first before the purest version of the vision is man-

ifested. Oswald Chambers observes, "God's method always seems to be vision first, and then reality, but in between the vision and the reality there is often a deep valley of humiliation.

How often has a faithful soul been plunged into a like darkness when after the vision comes the test. When God gives a vision and darkness follows, waiting on God will bring you into accordance with the vision He has given if you await His timing.

Otherwise, you try to do away with the supernatural

in God's undertakings. Never try to help God fulfill His word." When God's vision is finally birthed, nothing will stop it. Our job is to allow God to birth His vision through us in His way and in His timing.

When you allow God to birth His vision through you, in His way and in His timing, then your ways are pleasing to the Lord. "Prepare it with oil on a griddle; bring it well-mixed and present the grain offering broken in pieces as an aroma pleasing to the Lord." **Leviticus 6:21**

There is a requirement to be blessed at a deeper spiritual level by God. Christ requires it of each of His servants. He required it of Paul when He struck him down on the Damascus Road. He required it of Joseph when he was left in the pit and then sold into slavery.

He required it of Jacob when he left his homeland penniless and needy. He required it of most every major leader that He used significantly – brokenness, which cannot be achieved on your own.

It is something God does Himself. We cannot determine that we are going to be broken, but we can refuse to become broken. When God begins this deeper work in our lives, we can kick and scream and refuse the process, God gave you a will to make choices; he will not interfere with your choice and your adversary

doesn't have permission to interfere.

As individuals, we can manipulate and strive to stay on top, but this only delays God's work. Pride and mammon are ruling strongholds of the community and the workplace.

Brokenness is considered a weak position. However, God says until we are broken we cannot be an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

God wants you to be an aroma in the community and workplace. In order for this to happen, you and all mankind must be a broken vessel in His hand. Pray that God would allow you to become a pleasing aroma to Him no matter the cost.

Ask God's help to prioritize your daily activities to align with His will, His plan, His purpose, and to do what is most important as well as the little mundane tasks that must be done.



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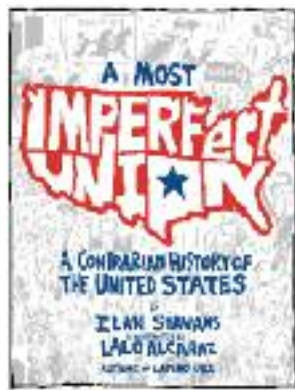
For most of your life, you've eaten what's put in front of you.

Breakfast, gone. Lunch, poof. Dinner, yep. You've also swallowed most everything you've been taught in school, particularly in History Class.

But did you ever think that there are two sides to it all – what you've learned and what others perceive? Maybe there's more to history than what your textbooks have said, so read "A Most Imperfect Union" by Ilan Stavans, illustrated by Lalo Alcaraz, and have a bit more to chew on.

History, says Ilan Stavans, is "plastic." One person sees things one way, someone else notices something different; we remember the big events, but not the everyday. Stavans, a "contrarian," likes to poke around the hidden recesses of history, to see what might be missed, almost-wrong, or just interesting.

We already know, for instance, that Columbus didn't "discover" America. Not only did the Vikings get here long before he did, but



there were people here even before that. Native Americans – a continental population now estimated at up to 100 million – had culture, religion, trade, even organized government.

But "clashes... are how the nation took shape." Indians fought the Pilgrims, Pueblo Indians revolted against the Spanish, British colonies fought amongst themselves, and the colonists fought against the British in the Revolutionary War. Indians, by the way, were mostly on the British side...

The Colonists didn't get much land when the War was over, but through the decades, the United States grew: the Louisiana Territory was purchased in 1803, Texas was annexed in 1845, and the southwest was

ceded by treaty in 1848. As America grew, "slavery expanded with it." That led to another war.

But war isn't all that's affected our nation.

Immigrants, who "know what it means not to have something they cherish," contributed literature, food, and more, all of which has had "a powerful effect on American culture." Americans invented new transportation methods, movies, new music, photography, and all kinds of science. We've taken good, worked through bad, and made an "amazing patchwork landscape... that's always striving for perfection."

Want a book with a chunk of controversy between its pages? Of course you do, which is why you want "A Most Imperfect Union."

In his introduction, author Ilan Stavans explains why he enjoys "contrarianism": he's an immigrant himself, which gives him an individual perspective on American history and an inclination to question things that he believes need questioning.

And you'll find plenty of thought-provoking here in a fascinating everything-old-

is-new-again way, since similar events from decades ago are again in the news. Because of those fresh outlooks on old-new issues, Stavans' POV and illustrator Lalo Alcaraz's drawings

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Join us in prayer early in the morning at 5 a.m. on Mondays – Thursdays at 1-661-673-8600, Code # 142219 and please put your phone on mute.

God will meet you and prayer does change people, things and situations.

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