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# Freedom Sunday October 26: From the Pews to the Polls



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(From Left to right) Pastor David Wilson, Pastor Bryan Carter, Dr. Frederick Haynes, Pastor Rickie Rush, Dr. Tony Evans, Dr. Zan Holmes, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Stephen Nash And Dr. Tommy Brown



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COMMENTARY

## Democrats bash Obama, yet want the Black vote

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Columnist

Here are a few election-time questions to think over: Why in the world do Democrats think they can bash President Obama and his policies and still win Black votes? Why should Black voters be motivated to turn out after months of watching Democrats bash the president? What exactly is the strategy for Democrats to get Black

voters out?

Many Democrats running this cycle, even in states and districts with large Black voting populations – including North Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana – have made the deduction that annoying and ignoring Black voters is less important than winning White ones. The White swing voter is supposedly a more vital target than the Black voter

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Dr. Seema Yasmin



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Dr. Renee Fowler

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## Dr. Seema Yasmin

Physician and multidisciplinary researcher Dr. Seema Yasmin recently joined the faculty of UT Dallas as a professor in practice. Yasmin teaches classes on public health topics and provides mentorship for young women who are pursuing degrees in the sciences.

"What motivates me is translating science and research into a form everyone can enjoy," Yasmin said. "People have an interest in public health, and it touches so many aspects of life."

Yasmin's teaching and re-



porting duties have recently expanded to include educating a national and worldwide audience during news coverage of Ebola in Dallas. She has provided expert commentary during interviews with CNN, MSNBC

and others, where she has discussed the spread of the disease and how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention manages such outbreaks.

Yasmin served as a disease detective in the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CDC in Atlanta. She earned her medical degree from the University of Cambridge and has worked in Botswana and Kenya as well as England.

Her interest in public health and medicine began before she embarked on her undergraduate degree. She worked as a volunteer for an HIV organization focused on the needs of

teenagers affected with the disease.

After her medical training, she worked as a physician at Homerton University Hospital outside London. Then she came to the United States to focus on epidemiology at the CDC.

During her time there, she studied disease outbreaks including the West Nile virus, whooping cough and botulism. She was deployed to Kenya as strategic advisor to the Kenya Ministry of Health and Kenya Medical Research Institute to evaluate a pediatric program aimed at reducing the incidence of HIV infection.

Yasmin's academic expe-

rience includes work at the University of Arizona School of Public Health, where she designed curriculum and taught a course in applied public health practice.

Her role at UT Dallas will include teaching undergraduate classes on public health. Yasmin said she plans to incorporate topical issues that offer concrete examples of disease outbreaks and the efforts needed to contain them.

Dr. George Fair, dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, said this is the first semester a public health course has been offered since the health care studies program began in

2012. As the program continues to grow — enrollment has topped 360 students this semester — Fair expects Yasmin's involvement to generate further interest.

"Dr. Yasmin has been highly involved in the public health arena and can speak with great knowledge about issues like Ebola, vaccinations and West Nile virus," Fair said.

He also said that Yasmin's experiences are of great interest to students who want to pursue degrees in the medical field.

Yasmin is the first medical doctor to teach in health care studies at UT Dallas.

## Nika C. Beamon

Here's what people are saying about "Misdiagnosed: The Search for Dr. House", the new medical memoir by author Nika C. Beamon:

"In this hope-filled memoir, a woman rises above the challenges of navigating the modern American medical system. Beamon, a TV journalist, lays herself bare as she frankly discusses her journey through years of suffering as she searches for a diagnosis for her illness. For those with unusual conditions, the road to diagnosis can be filled with disbe-



lieving doctors, seemingly unrelated symptoms, and increasing desperation as the sick person struggles to understand why the body is failing. The author bravely relates all of these things,

presenting her growth through long-term pain, her life with chronic illness, and her journey to becoming her own medical advocate in touching and sometimes agonizing detail." -- Publisher's Weekly

"A saga of dealing with a chronic illness that shows how health intertwines with work, love and life." -- Kirkus Reviews

"Anyone interested in a medical mystery with a real-life heroine will appreciate MISDIAGNOSED's story and Beamon's long fight to achieve good health." -- IndieReader

Other praise for Misdiag-

nosed:

"Nika's book is a well written, eye opening, call to action. An inspiring, yet alarming story that lets us know that even in our darkest and most alone moments that we are not alone." -- Wes Moore, Bestselling author, The Other Wes Moore

"Misdiagnosed is an eye-opening, fascinating account of a brave journey through the labyrinth of American medicine. Beamon draws the reader in skillfully, and gives us a close up view of the power of human persistence." -- Marya Hornbacher, Pulitzer prize nominated author of

Wasted: A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia.

"How long can my body endure all the invasions by doctors? Nika Beamon's cry is heard throughout Misdiagnosed: The Search for Dr. House. That doc does not exist, of course, but the author's journey across hazardous terrain in the medical jungle did. Her misery being mangled by modern medicine provides lessons on arming ourselves for the battles many of us face." -- Richard M. Cohen, New York Times Best Selling author of Blindsided and Strong at the Broken Places.

"This book is a must

read" for all doctors and healthcare professionals... Enigmatic to most physicians, devastating to patients, the stuff of science fiction, and limitless in presentation; autoimmune diseases are the frontier of medicine in the 21st century... Read Nika's story to understand why patients long for a diagnosis." -- Robert G. Lahita MD, PhD, FACP, MACR, FRCP

Nika C. Beamon is a veteran TV News Writer/Producer in New York. She pursued a BA in Communications and a BA in Sociol-

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## Dr. Renee Fowler

The Facing Family Violence Conference celebrates its twelfth year Oct. 23-24 with a two-day event featuring credentialed professionals and keynote speakers focusing on topics such as child abuse, elder abuse, partner abuse and sexual assault.

The conference aims to equip first responders with the latest research, best practices, and tools they need to serve our population well. The Council has been commended for its multidisciplinary approach to professional education.

Keynote speakers and include topics:



"Suffering in Silence" – Dr. Renee Fowler Hornbuckle

In 2005, Renee Hornbuckle's life took a horrible turn. A wife of a prominent pastor and a national speaker, her husband was indicted for numerous assaults and drug-related crimes. Dr. Hornbuckle will

share her story of strength, perseverance and how she survived domestic violence. After seven years of silence, Dr. Hornbuckle speaks out and breaks the stereotype of a "victim".

"Understanding the Dynamics of Sexual Abuse" – Liles Arnold, LPC, LSOTP

During this presentation information will be presented that outlines some of the differences between incest offenders and non-familial offenders. Research supports the notion that extra-familial offenders are more likely to re-offend than familial offenders. However, the research also supports the concept that people who are victimized within the family are more

likely to suffer a deeper level of trauma than those abused by non-relatives. Material will be presented that focuses on how professionals can intervene in familial abuse situations in a manner that best serves the victim.

"Team Up Against Violence" – Detective Timothy Wasden and Niccole Frazier, Crime Victim Advocate

This workshop will help attendees understand how crucial it is to have a good, respectful rapport between law enforcement and social services. Working together we can ensure that victims receive the best services and support along with effective investigations and case.

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# The rise and fall of voter ID laws

By Marc H. Morial  
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*“The Court holds that SB 14 creates an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote, has an impermissible discriminatory effect against Hispanics and African-Americans, and was imposed with an unconstitutional discriminatory purpose. The Court further holds that SB 14 constitutes an unconstitutional poll tax.”*

— U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos in striking down the Texas voter ID law

Two weeks ago, voter ID laws that could have disenfranchised nearly a million voters in the November 4 midterm elections in two states — Texas and Wisconsin — were ruled unconstitutional. These voting rights victories were critical because of the traditional challenges and unprecedented high stakes associated with this year's midterms.

Then, on Tuesday, in a low blow to

voting rights across the nation, a federal appeals court blocked the lower court's decision and cleared the way for Texas to enforce its suppressive voter ID requirements in the upcoming November elections. This Texas law changes existing procedures and requires all voters to present a photo ID before being allowed into the voting booth. In the past, voters could demonstrate their identities in various ways. Now, only a small number of documents are permissible — shockingly, gun permits, but not student IDs, will be acceptable.

Voter participation typically drops off in non-presidential election years, with many analysts noting that recent midterm turnout has been about 40 percent compared to 56 percent in presidential years. The non-partisan Voter Participation Center (VPC) predicts an even steeper decline in 2014 among what they have termed “The Rising American Electorate or RAE” (people of color, unmarried women and youth voters ages 18-29).

They predict that “more than one-in-three RAE voters who turned out in 2012 will not turn out in 2014 (34.5% of those who voted in 2012, or 21.8 million RAE voters, will stay home). The predicted drop-off among all other voters is only 17.5% or 12.2 million voters.” With so much at stake — everything from police shootings of unarmed Black men to equitable implementation of Common Core State Standards to rising income inequality — we simply cannot afford to sit this one out.

Despite many attempts to keep certain groups from the polls, champions for democracy and civil rights — such as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, led by Sherrilyn Ifill, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, led by Barbara Arnwine — continue to fight to protect our voting rights. We must also continue to build on the momentum of 2012 when, for the first time in history, African Americans voted at a

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who is a 95 percent sure bet to vote for a Democrat. It's a fascinating strategy featuring Democrats running in fear of their own record while ignoring what's happened over the last six years.

Thanks to the president, Osama Bin Laden is dead. The unemployment rate is now 5.9 percent. Even the Black unemployment rate dropped from 16.5 percent in 2011 to its current 11.4 percent. More than 8 million Americans have signed up for health care. The Republican contribution? Gridlock, more than 50 votes on Obamacare repeals and shutting down the government. The approval numbers for Republicans in Congress is lower than the president's yet Democrats shun his policies?

Yes, Obama has a 40 percent approval rating. But Congress' approval sits at 14 percent — the lowest since 1974. You wonder what the numbers would be if Democrats actually stopped apologizing for their record and instead put the GOP on defensive. Who among the GOP leadership in Washington can claim legislative achievement in a party whose number one ideology is gridlock? This is the least productive Congress in history.

If Democrats lose the Senate, it will be because of self-inflicted wounds.

When asked what the Democrats' strategy was for getting out the Black vote, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Steve Israel referenced a voter turnout strategy

focused on getting voters out based on “what's at stake for the African American community.”

Apparently Democrats have forgotten — or don't care — that Black voters are the party's most loyal voting bloc. In 2012, Black voters turned out at a higher percentage than Whites. Black women are the highest turnout group among all women. But this enthusiasm will likely lessen, not just because the first Black president will no longer be on the ballot, but because Democrats fail to support the policies enacted while he was there.

In a midterm election it will take more than a pre-election day Sunday swing-by to get Black voters and others out. Yet many Democrats make no specific references or pledges on specific policy that might motivate that turnout. Few Democrats dare discuss racial profiling, mandatory minimums or justice reform or — God forbid — health care reform.

Alison Lundergan Grimes, a Democrat running for Senate in Kentucky against gridlock king, Sen. Mitch McConnell, won't even admit she voted for President Obama. Instead of running a campaign that puts McConnell on the defensive by bringing up how little he's done for Kentucky, Grimes is frantically telling voters how much she disagrees with President Obama.

Likewise, in Arkansas, Sen. Mark Pryor's race has become about Pryor dodging questions on whether he agrees with President Obama — ex-

actly what the GOP wants. In Colorado, Democrat Mark Udall was asked “which of the president's proposed policies are you prepared to vote against” by a moderator. Even some journalists have bought in to the GOP's narrative.

If a voter's big concern is whether a candidate agreed with the president in their party, you can pretty much bet that's a Republican voter. For some reason, Democrats are trying to win the voter who hates the president and get out the base simultaneously. Good luck with that one.

Even after 8 million Americans have signed up, Democrats run from the idea of bringing up the Affordable Care Act as a success. The number of Americans without health care has dropped to the lowest rate since the 1990s — from 18 percent to 13 percent. The uninsured rate for African-Americans is now 15.1 percent, from 18.9 percent. But Democrats fail to mention how dead wrong Republicans were in 2010 and beyond after health care reform was signed into law. Instead they continue to run from their own shadow.

It seems Democrats are on the brink of getting the result they deserve. Does running away from your own record work? The Democratic party is likely to find out the answer to that question the hard way on November 4.

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## Breast Cancer Awareness event offers free mammograms, education

She was only 36 when she felt something in her breast.

"It was hard and slightly painful, like a bruise," recalled Jennifer Arzola, mother of four and an employee of Parkland Health & Hospital System. "My first thought was, 'could this be breast cancer?' but then I thought, 'no way, breast cancer doesn't run in my family.' Then it dawned on me — my mother-in-law was the only person in her family to have breast cancer. I knew I had to get it checked out."

Many women, like Arzola, believe they are too young to get breast cancer, or are immune to the disease because they have no family history. Those are misconceptions that Arzola wants to help correct so other women will get the life-saving care they need before it's too late. "I know there's something I'm supposed to do with my experience and I think it's to reach out and educate others about the disease."



Arzola volunteered to be on the planning committee of Parkland's annual "Come Together for the Cure" breast cancer awareness event scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25 at Light of the World Church of Christ, 7408 S. Hampton Road in Dallas.

Workshops on five breast cancer topics and free mammogram screenings begin at 8 a.m. The luncheon program hosted by KRN radio personality Lynne Haze begins at noon and will feature a panel discussion by breast cancer survivor Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Dallas pastor, author

and breast cancer awareness advocate.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), not counting some kinds of skin cancer, breast cancer in the U.S. is the most common cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity. It is the most common cause of death from cancer among Hispanic women.

In 2011, the most recent year that data is available, nearly a quarter of a million women and more than 2,000 men were diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. More than 40,000 women and 440 men died

from the disease in America that year.

Phil Evans, MD, Parkland's Interim Medical Director, Breast Imaging and Radiology, stated that most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 or older, but about 11 percent of new breast cancers in the U.S. are found in women under age 45. "At Parkland, we have consistently recommended that women of average risk for breast cancer start getting mammograms at age 40 and continue annually thereafter. And it's important for women of all ages to know how to do a monthly breast self-examination and to see a physician if they notice any change in their breasts," he said.

Arzola found the lump in her breast in July 2012 and had a bilateral mastectomy soon after, followed by reconstructive breast surgery in January 2013. Fortunately, she required no chemotherapy or radiation treatment and is doing well. But despite a loving support

group led by her husband, children, mother, church friends and an "amazing group of co-workers at Parkland," Arzola said the experience was life-altering.

"It may sound very strange, but now I'm glad that I got breast cancer because it opened my eyes to a lot of things more important in life than most of us realize. I didn't have any idea how many people have been touched by breast cancer. I saw another side of people that I wouldn't have seen if I hadn't gone through this," she said.

Meantime, Arzola and health care providers at Parkland hope that more women will attend events like "Come Together for the Cure" to learn how to protect themselves from the disease and get a screening mammogram, because breast cancer can be cured if detected early.

"There are a lot of myths and fears about breast cancer," Dr. Evans said. "Many women believe that if they

don't have a family history of breast cancer, they don't need to be screened, but in fact about 80 percent of breast cancers occur in women with no family history, so screening is very important for all women. Many women also think that if they find a lump, it must be cancerous, but that is not the case. The vast majority of lumps turn out to be benign, but they must be evaluated by their medical provider either through imaging or biopsy to determine if they are malignant or not. It's extremely important for women to have an annual mammogram after age 40 and talk to their doctor about any changes in breast tissue, regardless of their age. Early detection of breast cancer saves lives."

To register for the free breast cancer luncheon and workshops on Oct. 25, please contact Vickie Henry at 214.-266-4398 or Vickie.Henry@phhs.org. To register for a free mammogram at the event, call 214.266.3499.

## How to find the right cancer doctor for your treatment

Being diagnosed with breast cancer can be a scary and unfamiliar path. Fortunately, patients at Methodist Charlton Medical Center in Dallas have Nurse Navigator Vicki Hallum, RN, CBCN

to help guide them through the challenges. Vicki says it's her job as nurse navigator to walk through the experience with the patient, providing education and emotional support along the way.

Vicki suggests that a cancer patient asks the following questions of the doctor they are considering choosing.

*Are you a specialist in my type of cancer? How many cases like*

*mine have you treated in the last year?* Some oncologists specialize in specific carcinomas such as breast, sarcomas, and blood cancers such as lymphoma and leukemia. Doctors generally have

better success treating a condition if they have a lot of experience with it. You'll need to know if the physician is a specialist in your specific type of cancer.

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## Richland College partners with Scottish University for innovative Bachelor's Degree completion program

Richland College recently signed a four-year agreement with Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, allowing business students the opportunity to achieve a bachelor's degree in Scotland upon completion of their associate degree at Richland College.

"Our partnership with Robert Gordon University provides our students with the ability to get a truly global degree," said Chip Izard, program administrator of international business and trade programs at Richland Col-

lege. "Once students complete their AAS in International Business and Trade at Richland, they can finish their bachelor's degree in Scotland."

Currently the program is open to students who meet minimum GPA requirements and graduate from Richland College with an associate degree in international business and trade. However, other degree programs are currently being reviewed for possible inclusion, including accounting and

travel and tourism. Students who successfully apply and are accepted into the program then travel to Robert Gordon University in Scotland, where they can complete their bachelor's degree in approximately one year.

Richland College students interested in this program should visit their career technical advisors. For more information on Richland College's International Business and Trade program, visit [richlandcollege.edu/ibt](http://richlandcollege.edu/ibt).



Richland College president Dr. Kathryn K. Eggleston, right, signs an agreement with Richard Barnes, the head of global engagement for the Aberdeen Business School at Robert Gordon University.

## North Texas Book Festival slated for April 11 in Denton

North Texas Book Festival's annual event will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Patterson-Appleton Center for Visual Arts in Denton. For author information or to enter this year's book contest, go to [www.ntbf.org](http://www.ntbf.org).

In preparation for its annual event in April, North Texas Book Festival recently elected the following officers: Crystal Wood,

President; Fred Funk, Vice President; Jan Sikes, Secretary/Parliamentarian; Katherine Boyer, Treasurer.

NTBF officers and volunteers host the nonprofit's annual book festival, which is slated for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Patterson-Appleton Center for the Visual Arts in Denton. Authors from all throughout Dallas-Fort Worth and other parts of Texas will sell

and sign books for the public, and authors of all genres are encouraged to participate.

"The festival is a wonderful opportunity for authors to showcase their work," Wood said. "It's also a great place for booklovers to discover new writers or meet their old favorites."

There is no admission charge. Many authors will present lectures at the event.

Authors who want to participate should go to [www.ntbf.org](http://www.ntbf.org) and click on For Authors; then, go to NTBF Application. Authors also may email [ntbf10@verizon.net](mailto:ntbf10@verizon.net) or call 940-387-5605. Registration ends

March 10, and table fees range from \$30 to \$70.

In addition, NTBF will host its annual book awards 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Patterson-Appleton Center for the Visual Arts. Authors of self-published books and

those with books published by small, independent publishers are welcome to enter the eighth annual awards program.

Categories include:

- Children, ages 1 to 6

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## Community College hosting a food drive until Nov. 14

Students in Visiting Scholar Mary Wood's Honors English class at Richland College will make real-world connections between their coursework and the local community when they host a food drive Oct. 21-Nov. 14.

The food drive will kick off with a screening of "A Place at the Table," a documentary film that investigates hunger in America and proposed solutions to the problem. The screening will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 in room SH118 in Sabine Hall and is free and open to the public.

"In class, I want to focus on how we can use writing to address and remedy social issues in America," said Wood. "I am using the film to highlight the national issue of food insecurity while also opening a discussion of how this insecurity affects the Dallas area. Students will also look into other local issues to gain a better understanding of our local community and how they can use their writing to enter a dialogue about these issues."

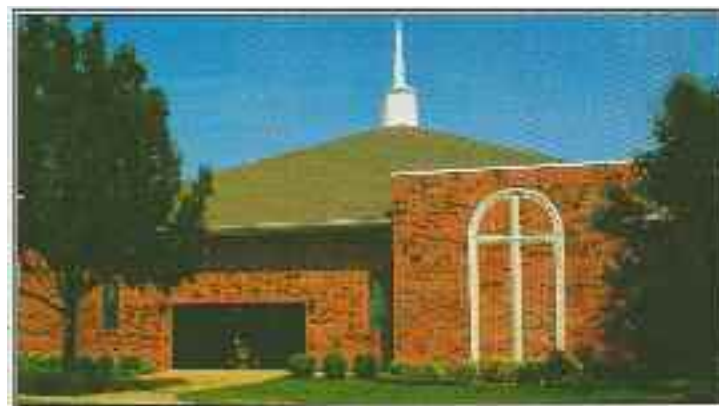
Richland College's Honors Academy and the Office of Student Life will be assisting the students in the food drive that will benefit the North Texas Food Bank.

"It's important to keep in mind that many people in our community are struggling to feed themselves and their children," said

Honors Academy Coordinator Kathleen Stephens. "The food drive is one way to help reduce food insecurity in our area and be mindful of those who need help. The Honors Academy and the Office of Student Life are delighted to partner with Mary Wood on this important project. Richland College students and the surrounding community can really help make a difference."

Food drive organizers are hoping to meet a goal of collecting at least 250 non-perishable, nutritional food items during the drive. Acceptable donation items include granola bars, low-sodium vegetables and soups, canned tuna or chicken, peanut or almond butter, fruit rolls, whole grain crackers, brown rice and more. Glass containers will not be accepted.

Anyone interested in donating items may drop them off at one of the following locations on the Richland College campus: Honors Academy offices (El Paso Hall, room E056); Access Office (Alamito Hall, room A110); World Languages, Cultures and Communications office (Lavaca Hall, room L208); Multicultural Center (Thunderduck Hall, room T150); Richland Collegiate High School office (Crockett Hall, room C179); LEAD office (Crockett Hall, room C243) or the Office of Student Life (El Paso Hall, room E040).



### Dr. Tommy L. Brown Appointed as New Pastor and Spiritual Leader at New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Inc. located in the Hamilton Park and Lake Highlands communities in North Dallas announces the election of a new Pastor, Dr. Tommy L. Brown. New Mount Zion, which was led by Dr. R.E. Price until his passing on July 14, 2012, welcomes Dr. Brown as its fifth pastor in the church's 68 years of existence.

Dr. Brown, a proud native son of Ennis, Texas, has an esteemed career of 26 years of pastoral experience and has served in several leadership capacities at the local and state levels. He currently serves as the General Secretary of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America.

The membership of New Mount Zion invites the public to the official installation of Dr. Brown to be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at 9550 Shepherd Road, Dallas, TX 75243. Details regarding the inaugural celebratory events are located at [www.nmzb.org](http://www.nmzb.org).



Dr. Tommy L. Brown



# Pastors gather to prep for Freedom Sunday

By Andrea Haynes  
NDG Contributing Writer

On Monday Oct. 20, pastors, worship leaders, and men of faith from Dallas, Smith and Jefferson Counties all gathered for the Freedom Sunday Clergy Luncheon. The event was held at the Inspiring Body of Christ Church in Dallas. Their goal was to strategize how to increase voter turnout from their churches and communities this weekend for Freedom Sunday.

The attendees included: Rev. Bryan Carter, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Rev. Rickie Rush, Rev. Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr., Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, and a host of other supporters and pastors.

Freedom Sunday is an effort to recall the spirit of Freedom Summer fifty years ago. In 1964, Mississippi had the lowest percentage of eligible black voters who were actually registered to vote. This led to a coalition being formed that included CORE, SNCC, NAACP, COFO, and other Civil Rights organizations. Their ranks also included almost 1,000 white college students, northern volunteers and citizens all joining together to register as many eligible black citizens as possible.

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was signed and was a direct result of non-profit organizations, civic-minded organizations, clergy, and churches bann- ing together to make the African-American community heard.

Now, fifty years later, several of the same organizations have come together with the same purpose in mind: to increase the amount of registered voters across the country. Freedom Sunday is a non-partisan coordinated statewide initiative with the goal to increase the African-American voter turnout in and throughout the local faith communities.

In Dallas County less than 6 percent of registered



Black voters actually stand up and make their voice heard through their vote. That is why the African-American Pastors' Coalition, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Baptist Ministerial Alliance, New Hope Baptist Church, the Potters House, Inspiring Body of Christ, Antioch Fellowship and many others have joined the Freedom Sunday movement.

During the Freedom Sunday Clergy Luncheon, Rev. Bryan Carter, President of the African American Pastor's Coalition, explained how important it is for the clergymen to be engaged on the inside of the church, as well as, outside their four walls within the community.

"I am reminded of Matthew Chapter 5:13-16 where Jesus calls us both the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We know that the salt works by permeating, salt is rubbed into the meat and that salt which is rubbed into the meat then preserves that meat from the inside out. At the same time light works on the outside, it illuminates and shows the way," Rev. Carter shared.

He encouraged the attendees to galvanize other churches and communities and drive their fellow citizens to the polls. He recom-

mended strategies such as taking people with you; using available buses, go with their congregations to the polls to make sure their voices are heard throughout the political halls.

In closing Rev. Carter added, "This 50th Anniversary that marks the freedom movement years ago. We get to capture that energy and excitement again to remember how important it is particularly in our community to make sure we exercise our right to vote."

The 2013 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the need for historically discriminatory states to get approval from the U.S. Justice Department prior to making changes to voting laws. Here, in Texas, many feel voters are now experiencing suppression through the Voter ID Law.

Bishop T. D. Jakes of The Potter's House explained the need of the faith community to join forces. He believes when people see them coming together, they will become increasingly relevant in the voting community. During oppression, he reminded the audience, it is important for people to galvanize for just causes.

"What we saw back in the 60s was a result of the oppression that was placed on black people and I think the church became a com-



Above, Dr. Zan Holmes, Jr., Rev. Rickie Rush, Bishop T.D. Jakes and Dr. Tony Evans. At left, Rev. Bryan Carter, Rev. Dr. Zan Holmes Jr., and State Sen. Royce West

mand center. We have not seen that kind of graphic oppression since then, but I do not doubt that should it arise and as it arises the church will galvanize again," according to Bishop Jakes.

He challenged the listeners to turn their plans into action. And any plan to create change, must include reaching the younger generation. Then the community will begin to see change happen.

"I am committed to that, fully vested, fully charged into it and that's why we have supported Freedom Sunday not only at our three campuses but throughout our social media: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and all

of the things that this age represents and all of the people it is able to touch," Bishop Jakes declared.

He challenged the ministers to reach out to as many registered voters, even those outside of their congregations. Bishop Jakes believes the church still has a strong influence over the communities. He encourages the worship leaders to use their influence to stress the importance of this election.

As the Black community watches what is going on at City Hall, the state capitol and Washington, D.C. they are increasingly asking questions such as:

What about our commu-

nity?

What about our children?

What about our future?

It is critical to remind DFW residents the importance of voting on Nov. 4 to ensure their voice is heard locally, in Austin and in Washington, D.C.

"Every time we make any moves forward, we change things," Rev. Rickie Rush discussing the importance of the upcoming midterm elections.

Rev. Rush is the senior pastor of Inspiring Body of Christ Church and was also the host pastor of the Freedom Sunday Clergy Luncheon. He is looking for the citizens of Texas to get out and vote if they hope to see change in their community, for our children and the future of Texas and America.

"Voting is letting people know what side we are on and that we do make a difference. We are the ones that control us moving forward in the quality of life."

Rev. Rush closed by reminding the guests, "We as believers, realistically prayer changes things and when we pray we make a difference!"

Early voting kicked off on Monday and closes on Friday, Oct. 31. The Freedom Sunday Oct. 26 push is this weekend.

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# Plano International Festival's 10th anniversary draws record crowds, represents 100 cultures

Downtown Plano was transformed into a mini United Nations this Saturday as the Plano International Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary with a multisensory celebration of cultures. Over 100 cultures were represented at this free, family-friendly event through food, music and dance performances, displays, children's activities and more. Over 18,000 people attended, more than in any previous year.

The festival's new Fitness and Wellness Fair was an exciting and successful addition to the event.

"We had people lining up outside the door to get into the fair," stated festival board member

Donna Hartman, who chaired the wellness fair. Over 20 participants offered a wide range of screenings and services, including free blood pressure checks, vision and hearing tests, dental and oral health screenings, HIV testing, and free flu shots from the fair's sponsor, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano. A mobile Carter Blood Care unit was on hand for blood donations, sponsored by the Plano West Rotary Club. Local trainers and fitness groups demonstrated yoga, kickboxing, Pilates, hula hooping and gymnastics and encouraged visitors to follow along.

"Every participant in the Fitness and Wellness Fair said that the

event was very well attended and they definitely want to come back next year," stated Ms. Hartman. The fair was held in partnership with the Plano Independent School District and the Plano ISD Education Foundation.

The cultural side of the festival was also a huge success, with over 150 booths from local cultural groups, businesses, community organizations, and City of Plano departments. The festival's main stage featured performances from Scotland, Spain, Brazil, Turkey, Korea, India, Poland, China, and the US. Two of the most colorful and dynamic performers,

Sa'diyya's Art of Belly Dance and the Ollin Tonalzin Aztec Dance group, made their 10th appearance at the event. And 50 people were sworn in as new citizens in the festival's naturalization ceremony.

The festival's Zero Waste practices again had attendees sort their trash for recycling and composting. To make this easier, the festival provided biodegradable plates, bowls and utensils to all food court vendors in order to minimize landfill waste. Volunteer Green Ambassadors help attendees sort their trash. This and other green efforts have helped the festival divert over 80 percent of

waste from landfill. The festival's comprehensive Zero Waste program has won numerous awards, including the 2009, 2011, 2012, and 2014 City of Plano Environmental Star of Excellence Award; second place in the Keep Texas Beautiful 2012 Civic Organization Award; and finalist in the 2012 Green Source DFW Environmental Leadership Awards.

The festival's variety of offerings for attendees and strong community partnerships has also helped it win the Plano ISD Diversity Advisory Committee's 2014 Community Diversity Leadership Award.

## Ribbon cutting and open house for grand opening of Texas Ford aquatics pool facility in Frisco

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Texas Ford Aquatics, formerly Frisco Aquatics, is scheduled for Friday, Oct 24 at 11:30am.

The ceremony will include a light lunch for attendees and a guided tour of the aquatic facility, located at 8353 Legacy Drive, near Frisco Fire Station #4.

In addition, Texas Ford

Aquatics (TFA) invites the public to its open house event on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house event will include kids' activities – cake walk, face painting, cornhole, and a coloring contest – in addition to raffle prizes, demonstrations of TFA community programming and a guest appearance and

autograph session with Camille Adams, 2012 U.S. Olympian and former Texas A&M swimmer, specializing in 200-meter fly and 400-meter individual medley. Adams, sponsored by Arena Swimwear, will be at the event from noon to 2 p.m.

The Texas Ford Aquatics facility features an Olympic

size competition pool, a warm-water training pool which will be used for a variety of community programs, included which will swim lessons and aquatics therapy.

"We are beyond excited to be able to serve North Texas in this way," says Marketing Director, Katy Motsinger. "Aquatics is unique because it encompasses all ages and abilities. If you're 4 or 104, we have a program to help you meet your goals and help you

grow."

Texas Ford Aquatics began as Frisco Aquatics, USA Swimming club in Frisco started in 2001, and was run by a parent-volunteer board. The club transitioned to a partnership-owned team in 2009, growing to over 600 swimmers in 2014. In the summer of 2014, the naming rights to both the team and the facility changed as a result of the club's naming rights sponsorship with the North Texas Ford Dealers.

In the last few years, the team has produced Olympic Trial qualifiers, USA Junior National Team members, USA Swimming Top 10 athletes and NCAA scholarship athletes. Dan McDonough, head coach for TFA, has produced world-ranked swimmers, national champions and is ranked at the highest level of coaching excellence with the American Swim Coaches Association, throughout his coaching career.

### More happy winners...



Jane Zamudio, (at left) was thrilled to win tickets to the Ben Vereen concert on Nov. 8th at the Eisemann Center.

Debora Lusk, (bottom left) accepted tickets to the ballet at the Dallas Bach Society. Sheree Salter (below) winner of the Driving Miss Daisy performance at Dallas Theater Center.

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For more information, visit [www.methodisthealthsystem.org/mayo](http://www.methodisthealthsystem.org/mayo).



# The Jubilee Theatre's magnificent season opener *The Brothers Size* is not to miss

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

*The Brothers Size* is one of those rare plays that features a story and performances so well told that it receives almost nothing but universal approval from local critics and those around the country. More importantly it is being very well received by the audience. A rather nice size crowd enjoyed the matinee on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

The story is filled with familiar themes told in a way unfamiliar to some in the audience. The unexpected elements include the tradition of Yoruba storytelling and religion which is primarily from Nigeria. Also, the cast members announce stage direction. For example Ogun, the oldest brother and owner of a mechanic shop, might actually say, "Ogun exits to the right." It is a little distracting at first, but as you are pulled into the story, you will likely notice it less and less.

The story features only



*The Brothers Size* features two brothers trying to figure out where they go in their journey together.

three characters – Ogun (Rico Parker), his younger brother Oshoosi (Seun Soyemi) who was recently released from jail; and Elegba (Adam Anderson) a friend from the community who also just got out of jail with Oshoosi. Set in Louisiana the three men try to sort out the boundaries of their relationships, especially as Elegba and Ogun battle for the affection – and influence over – Oshoosi.

One of my favorite moments in the play is actually a flashback scene toward

the end, when the two brothers look back and rediscover the joy of their former good times. Soyemi offers a pretty good ode to Sam Cooke. But soon after the two brothers must make a key decision about their future and it is the crowning moment of the play.

Anderson does a wonderful job of keeping the audience off guard about Elegba throughout the play. Is he truly Oshoosi's friend or is he trying to drag him back to world where he can control the inexperienced

young man. Parker stands out for his ability to help the audience to see how much he loves his brother but is worn down from the burden of the responsibility of taking care and leading him in the absence of parental guidance.

During an after the performance chat with the cast led by local critic, Buster Spiller, Tre Garrett, the Jubilee Theatre's artistic director and director of this production shared how he fought to bring this play here. In this age of Tyler Perry African American theater productions, that is not surprising. This is 360 degrees different from the style of plays which have dominated African American theater the last 10 years.

The *Brothers Size* comes from one of the newest and brightest voices in Ameri-

can theater, Tarell Alvin McCraney. Awarded a 2013 MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" which is considered "an investment in a person's originality, insight, and potential." This play is the middle in a trilogy from McCraney and it alone would appear to live up to the genius moniker.

The play is less than 75 minutes long so it is tight with no fluff to speak of. However, parents should really only bring older mature children because of the language and themes in this production. Keeping in mind the intimacy of the Jubilee theater, the reaction to all of this is only intensified. Children under the age of six are not even allowed.

Honestly, I did not know anything about the play or the writer, and was not necessarily excited to see the

play. Today, I'd drive the hour over to Fort Worth to see it again in a heartbeat. Don't miss this groundbreaking and breathtaking play which launches the 34th season for the esteemed Jubilee Theatre.

*From the Jubilee website:*

In the Louisiana bayou, big brother Ogun Size is a wall of tough love. Younger brother Oshoosi still struggles to find his footing in the world complicated by his mysterious past. What begins as a ritual, evolves into a tough yet tender drama about the bonds of brotherhood.

*The Brothers Size* is on stage until Sunday, Oct. 26. Tickets are \$22 or \$26 depending on the selected performance. You can purchase them at JubileeTheatre.org or 817-338-4411.

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## Tony DeSare takes the stage with Dallas Symphony this weekend

Tony DeSare with three top ten Billboard jazz albums under his belt was named a "Rising Star" Male Vocalist in Downbeat magazine's Critics Poll. He will perform Oct. 24 and 25 with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

DeSare has lived up to the distinction by winning critical and popular acclaim for his concert performances throughout the United States, as well as in Australia, Japan and Hong Kong. From jazz clubs to Carnegie Hall to Las Vegas headlining with Don Rickles, DeSare has brought his fresh take on old school class around the globe.

The critics declared: "He is two parts Sinatra to one



part Billy Joel, meshed seamlessly.... A Sinatra acolyte in his early 30s who sings Prince as well as Johnny Mercer," raved the New York Times. The Wall

Street Journal adds its own flattering comparisons, stating, "He is one third Bobby Darin, one third Bobby Short and one third Bobby Kennedy."

## Lauryn Hill to perform at South Side Ballroom at Gilley's on Nov. 4

Longtime fans can enjoy the acclaimed Lauryn Hill in a performance on stage at the South Side Ballroom at Gilley's on Nov. 4.

Hill rose to international fame when the Fugees' seminal 1996 album *The Score* topped charts around the world, earning a Grammy for her spellbinding cover of Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly." The group's dissolution in 1997 did nothing to hinder her success – 1998's *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, her only solo studio album to date, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, landed a No. 1 single with "Doo Wop (That Thing)", and took home five Grammys, including Album of the Year.

A seasoned performer, Hill continued to impress fans in 2013 with her substance-over-style approach,

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## Jazz Guitarist Nick Colionne opens 2014-15 Speaker Series

TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. announces an exciting line up of artists, and authors as part of its acclaimed speaker series this winter, beginning with renowned Jazz guitarist Nick Colionne on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m.

Nick Colionne learned to play the guitar at the age of 9 and by 15 he was touring with some of the country's most talented jazz musicians. He's been in a number of successful groups but decided to become a solo musician and has been a dynamic and exceptional performer since. Though he has traveled the world, Nick's real passion is to mentor children.

Some of his awards include: Wayman Tisdale Humanitarian Award for his

commitment and dedication to children, International Instrumental Artist of the Year (2007), Artist of the Year at the 2011 Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival and Performer of the Year for JazzTrax jazz festivals in 2010 and 2011.

Well into his third decade of making the strings sing with his very own sweet

Chicago soul, it's no surprise Nick Colionne has sustained chart-topping radio history. His incredible live performances, infused with his unique and soulful styling of jazz, funk, R&B, and blues, along with his rich vocals and engaging stage personality, has made him a force to be reckoned with.



## Dallas Black Dance Theater opens season under new director

Dallas Black Dance Theatre opens its Wyly Performance Series, Friday, Oct. 31 with world premieres and audience favorites.

The Director's Choice Series marks a return to the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre for a full season. The first series under the reigns of Artistic Director April Berry features a world premiere from Garfield Lemonius, former Dallas Black Dance Theatre dancer and current Point Park University faculty. Titled Memoirs, Lemonius capitalizes on the strong tech-

nique, musicality and physical strength of the Company. The presentation of his new work is made possible through the generous funding of NorthPark Center and the Jean Baptiste (Tad) Adou III Fund of The Dallas Foundation.

Performances are Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 with Friday and Saturday evening performances that begin at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the AT&T Performing Arts Center Box Office at 214-880-0202.

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## Red Cross offers tips for a having a safe Halloween

Halloween is just ahead and the American Red Cross offers the top ten steps people should take to stay safe as they don their costumes for Trick-or-Treat fun.

Halloween's greatest hazards aren't ghouls and goblins, but falls, costume mishaps and traffic accidents, so the Red Cross is offering the following tips to help make this Halloween safe:

- Look for flame-resistant costumes.
- Plan the Trick-or-Treat route

and make sure adults know where children are going. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children as they make their way around the neighborhood.

- Make sure the Trick-or-Treaters have a flashlight. Add reflective tape to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags. Have everyone wear light-colored clothing to be seen.
- Visit only the homes that have a porch light on. Accept treats at

the door – never go inside.

- Masks that cover the eyes can make it hard to see; use face paint instead.
- Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic. Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner. Don't cut across yards or use alleys. Don't cross between parked cars.
- Be cautious around strange animals, especially dogs. Home-

owners should restrain their pets as they welcome trick-or-treaters.

- If someone is welcoming trick-or-treaters at their home, they should make sure the outdoor lights are on and sweep leaves from the sidewalks and steps.
- Clear the porch or front yard of any obstacles that a child could trip over.
- Use a glow stick instead of a candle in the jack-o-lantern to avoid a fire hazard.



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higher rate than Whites. The repeal of the Texas voter ID law, considered to be the most restrictive in the nation, could have added to that momentum – if it had been upheld.

In striking down the law, U.S. District Judge Nelva Ramos ruled that the difficult and expensive effort to obtain photo IDs from more than 600,000 Texas citizens, many of whom are poor, amounted to an unconstitutional poll tax. She also debunked the law's bogus claim of preventing voter fraud by pointing out that "In the 10 years preceding pas-

sage of SB 14 in Texas, only two cases of in-person voter impersonation fraud were prosecuted to conviction – a period of time in which 20 million votes were cast."

Also, recently, over the objections of Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the United States Supreme Court blocked implementation of Wisconsin's voter ID law. Previously ruled unconstitutional because of its disproportionate impact on African American and Hispanic voters, the Wisconsin law could have disenfranchised 300,000 residents who do

not have acceptable photo IDs, including a high number of people of color.

Commenting on both initial rulings, Attorney General Eric Holder said, "We are extremely heartened by the court's decision, which affirms our position that the Texas voter identification law unfairly and unnecessarily restricts access to the franchise...We are also pleased that the Supreme Court has refused to allow Wisconsin to implement its own restrictive voter identification law."

Unfortunately, the latest Texas ruling could not be more disheartening. The three-judge panel in the federal appeals court did not find the lower court's ruling

wrong or unlawful. Instead, they chose to delay consideration of whether the ruling should permanently stand. In a concurring opinion on the appeal, citing concerns about potential confusion from last-minute changes in the voting rules as reason enough to allow Texas to enforce its restrictive voting laws, Judge Gregg Costa also admitted that "we should be extremely reluctant to have an election take place under a law that a district court has found, and that our court may find, is discriminatory."

We agree.

In 1964, the Supreme Court said, "No right is more precious in a free country than that of having

a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined."

That basic principle stands today. Voter suppression and disenfranchisement far outweigh any trumped up and spurious claims of election day confusion. The first step in ensuring our voices are heard is ensuring our votes are cast. Don't let anything keep you from the polls on November 4 – even in Texas.

*Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.*



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# Doing well ... by doing good

(Family Features) Beyond their bottom lines, a growing number of companies and brands are harnessing their products, services and resources to help make the world a better place.

One way this is happening is through companies using their products as vehicles to address social problems. For instance, a shoe company matches each purchase with a shoe donation to a child in need. In another, an eyewear company provides eye exam training to men and women living in developing countries. These companies understand incorporating social good into business is increasingly becoming the coin of the realm for companies that want to succeed.

## Social Responsibility Is Increasingly Essential

Doing well by doing good is not a new concept for business. Historically, social responsibility has been a fundamental key for many



President Obama joins in with volunteers doing landscaping during a recent project.

brands' successes in the marketplace. Some of the largest global brands include good citizenship as part of their mission. Larger organizations have more opportunities to globalize these efforts, integrating them into core business functions.

A prime example is MetLife, a nearly 150 year-old company that was recently named by Chronicle of Philanthropy as the No. 1 phil-

anthropic organization among U.S. life insurers. The insurance provider's goal is to drive long-term financial stability for people and families around the world so they can pursue more from life.

They educate and provide access to products in nearly 50 countries for almost 100 million people and support a broad range of programs that help make a positive impact on communities.

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## A History of Helping

MetLife's efforts to make a positive impact on society are quite diverse.

For example, in the 1930s MetLife Visiting Nurse Services provided treatment for 35 out of every 1,000 policyholders for illnesses such as diphtheria, influenza, smallpox and tuberculosis.

The company also launched a program to aid thousands of out-of-work farmers during the depression, eventually putting them back in business and helping them pay off their debts.

Today, MetLife has expanded its corporate responsibility efforts to make a positive difference. Around the world the company is focused on providing financial knowledge and access to people, including those who have never had insurance before. Employees are in on the mission as well. The company has installed dozens of free electric car charging stations

at all 14 of its U.S. owned and operated facilities, which has encouraged MetLife employees to drive electric and hybrid cars to reduce carbon emissions.

## What the Future Holds

According to Nielsen Media Research, one-third of Millennials (33 percent) prefer to work for a sustainable company. Once these Millennials enter the work force, they can help infuse their mindsets into a company's ethos.

As this immersion intensifies, corporate America will advance socially, making a positive difference in people's lives and the planet's future.

Companies looking to secure top talent will need to be even more innovative and far-reaching in these efforts, and the return on investment will impact several generations to come.

For more information, please visit: [www.metlifeglobalimpact.com](http://www.metlifeglobalimpact.com).

## Fronting as a Black business

By Harry C. Alford  
NNPA

Minority business programs came to life as a compliance requirement for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. States and corporations were given the word beginning in 1982, 18 years after the law passed. Some came willingly but most of time reluctantly, especially in the private sector.

From the start White-owned businesses began to pose as a minority-owned company. To offset this abuse and corruption, the government required a formal certification process. Those claiming to have minority status had to fill out an application from an authorized source. This, too, became a faulty process.

Many companies that have been certified as a minority are not minorities at all but simple "fronts." There will be a Black, Hispanic or Asian person posing as the owner/operator of the company. The company is really owned by Whites operating behind the scene. Thus, they can get set aside contracts without competing head to head with majority firms. That nasty business started 32 years ago and it is still as bad as it has ever been. Legally, this is fraud and we must stop tolerating the abuse.

Let me give you examples of how this works.

A major telecom company has a great need for more and more cell phone towers.

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## BOOKS, continued from Page 6

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# SBA and NWBC partner to expand opportunities for females

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the National Women's Business Council have joined forces in an effort to in-

crease the flow of capital by and into small businesses run by women. The overriding goal is to encourage greater participation by

women on the financial and investing side of high-growth entrepreneurship.

"Developing a deeper pool of women investors

and financiers is key toward expanding the marketplace of women-owned businesses," said SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-

Sweet.

"These roundtables, which will continue through

2015, are the first big steps we need to take together to

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## Hey Irving, Pick Us Up!

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make it possible for more women to invest in each other's companies, while exponentially increasing the growth potential of these businesses. This initiative complements our goals of providing counseling, capital and contracting to small businesses."

"Today's roundtable focused on the pipeline to women to careers in finance. An intimate conversation was facilitated between successful women in finance and academics. We have a responsibility to support young women in the pipeline – earlier and strategically. Today, we heard about the importance of thoughtful management, mentorship, and sharing women's stories. It was clear that scholarships, sponsorship, scorecards, and also entrepreneurship and leadership institutes are important, and you can trust that the Council will be taking these suggestions into consideration," said Carla Harris, Chair of the NWBC and Vice Chairman, Wealth Management, Senior Client Advisor, Managing Director.

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Cell phone towers cost around \$250 million each. The company finds a slick Black operator and hooks him up with a legitimate cell phone tower manufacturer. They set him up as a business doing the paperwork for the production of a tower. When the tower is built, they run the paperwork through him so that the telecom company can declare \$250 million worth of business with a "Black owned firm." They do this at least four times per year and declare that they are doing more than \$1 billion with minority business. It is a bold lie!

Automobile manufacturers can be even bolder. One such firm declares that they buy all of their steel from a Black-owned company. That would be billions of dollars for a company supplying all of the steel for an automobile manufacturer. Actually, they get a Black guy and have him operate a big warehouse. The actual

steel company sends their product to him and he relays it directly to the automobile company that declares they bought the steel from this sleazy front.

Probably the most abused

industry is construction/engineering. There are so many of them I have stopped counting. You can find some Blacks claiming to be a construction company with no equipment or Black employees. They are just fronts.

The next time you hear about a Black firm doing billions of dollars in business with major corporations please verify.

*Harry C. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.*



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**October 29**  
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**October 31, 6:30 p.m.**  
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**October 26, 7:35 a.m.**  
Join us in Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.; stay for our Sunday prayer at 9:30 a.m. and our Worship Service at 10 a.m.

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"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

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-- Tommy Lasorda

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-- Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

-- Thomas Edison.

"The most important things are the hardest to say, because words diminish them."

-- Stephen King.

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things."

-- Peter F. Drucker.

"The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."

-- Winston Churchill.

"Winning is not everything, but making the effort

to win is."

-- Vince Lombardi.

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."

-- Abraham Lincoln.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

-- Frederick Douglass.

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

-- Voltaire.

"If a man hasn't discovered something that he would die for, he isn't fit to live."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach."

-- Benjamin Mays.

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

-- Dr. Seuss.

"Learn to see things as they really are, not as we imagine they are."

-- Vernon Howard.

"Opportunity dances with those who are already on the dance floor."

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"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

-- Thomas Edison.

"The greatest thing in the world is not as much where we are, but in what direction we are going."

-- Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."

-- Michael Jordan.

"Our imagination is the only limit to what we can

hope to have in the future."

-- Charles Kettering.

"Every time you stand up for an idea, you send forth a tiny ripple of hope."

-- Robert Kennedy.

"There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same."

-- Chinese Proverb.



Sis. Carla Barnes, Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Carrollton, Texas, getting ready for their 25th Church Anniversary with Pastor Bobby Dale Hamilton, Friendship Community Bible Church and Choir from Sugar Land, Texas

"To get the full value of joy you must have people to divide it with."

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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

-- M.K. Gandhi.

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."

-- Jesse Jackson.

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

-- Robert Frost.

"If you want your life to be more rewarding, you have to change the way you think."

-- Oprah Winfrey.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

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# NDG Book Review: Oprah's *What I Know for Sure*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Death and taxes. That's what your father used to say were the only things in life that you could count on. Neither one was escapable; both were consistent.

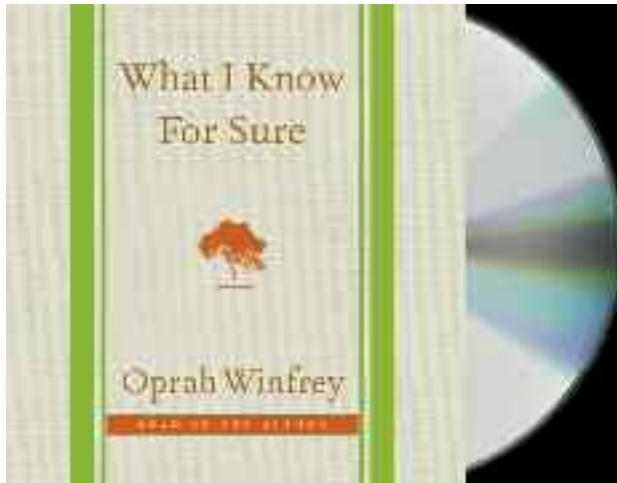
You can also bet that night will follow day and that there's good in the world somewhere. You know rules were meant to be broken and hearts can mend. And after listening to "What I Know for Sure" by Oprah Winfrey, you'll learn a few other things you can pretty well rely on.

Years ago, during an interview, the great Gene Siskel asked Oprah Winfrey what she knew for sure. Winfrey was "at a complete loss for words..."

"At the end of the day," she says, "what exactly do I know for sure?"

The answer was in fourteen years' worth of her magazine columns – and in this book.

When she had Tina Turner on her show, for instance, Winfrey was nervous and self-conscious about being Turner's backup dancer – until, "in an instant," she realized the joy of seizing the moment.



Enjoy yourself, she says, "because this moment is about to be over."

Or take the word "delicious." Winfrey says it applies to experiences and to foods – and "I know for sure that a meal that brings... real joy will do you more good" than just grazing through the refrigerator. And, for sure, there's no law that says you have to clean your plate.

Treasure your neighbors and friends, she says, and take time to play. Read books. Look for connections with others, but remember that you control your own life. Know that who you are supposed to be has a lot to do with who you are now. Communicate, but know when to be quiet. Un-

derstand that love doesn't have to be in the romantic sense.

Learn the power of "thank you" – and that includes gratitude for yourself and the body you've got. Take care of that body. Embrace growing older. Look for miracles. Be ready to give, but learn to say "no." And remember: "If you're holding anyone else accountable for your happiness, you're wasting your time." Be fearless. Be compassionate. "Keep moving."

I'm always of the mind that an audiobook is better when read by its author. In this case, "What I Know for Sure" is a double delight because... well, it's Oprah.

Indeed, I couldn't imagine anyone other than au-

thor Oprah Winfrey presenting this book – in part, because only Winfrey can relay the excitement we know well from her TV shows; and in part, because she adds so much emotion to this audiobook. We feel

the joy, the heartbreak, and the fun about which she talks – but don't think for a minute that this book is just fluffy. No, there's solid advice inside here, ideas that are useful for anyone, and stories that are perfectly en-

tertaining.

This is an easy audiobook to listen to because it's filled with positivity and... well, it's Oprah. And if you're a fan, then "What I Know For Sure" is one I think you'll love to death.

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ogy at Boston College in Massachusetts. Beamon published her first memoir, *Misdiagnosed: The Search for Dr. House* in 2014. In 2009, Chicago Review Press published her well-received non-fiction book: *I Didn't Work This Hard Just to Get Married: Successful, Single Black Women Speak Out*. In 2000, she published her first mystery novel,

*Dark Recesses*. In 2002, her second mystery novel, *Eyewitness* was released.

Her book, *Misdiagnosed: The Search for Dr. House* (ISBN: 978-1500436674), is available now as an ebook and paperback on Amazon.com, Smashwords.com, BarnesandNoble.com. For more information go to [www.nikabeamon.com](http://www.nikabeamon.com).

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made a mistake has never tried anything new."

-- Albert Einstein.

"A part of control is learning to correct your weakness."

-- Babe Ruth.

"Pennies do not come from Heaven; they have to be earned here on earth."

-- Margaret Thatcher.

"Failure is success if we learn from it."

-- Mario Andretti.

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

-- John Wooden.

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

-- George S. Patton, Jr.

"We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse."

-- Rudyard Kipling.

"Life is what happens when you are buy making

other plans."

-- John Lennon.

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

-- Tom Brokaw.

"The freedom to be your best means nothing unless you are willing to do your best."

-- Colin Powell.

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