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New Mount Zion Baptist elects New Senior Pastor

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

New Mount Zion Baptist Church located in Dallas embedded in the Hamilton Park and Lake Highland communities formally welcomed on November 9 their newly appointed senior pastor, Dr. Tommy L. Brown.

"Dr. Brown is a community leader that has earned the respect of many leaders of both the local and national communities. God has given Dr. Brown the ability to deliver sermons that are understood and appreciated across the age spectrum.

With the combination of the two Dr. Brown is ideally suited to lead New Mount Zion Baptist Church to a new spiritual realm," written response from Billy Heath, Deacon and member of the Pastor Search Transitional Team.

Brown and his wife, Ruth come to New Mount Zion from Ervay Cedar Baptist Church of Dallas; where he served as pastor for over 15 years.

Brown is a native of Ennis and has been married to his wife Ruth, for 31 years in which they have three adult children.

He received his doctorate of Theology from Andersonville Theological Seminary located in Camilla, Georgia and received a Bible College Diploma from Faith Bible In-



stitute in May of 2008.

Brown follows the footsteps of the late Dr. R.E. Price who passed away a little over two years ago and will serve as the fifth pastor in the 68 year history of the church's existence.

"Pastor Price was a mentor to me. Through his friendship, he introduced me to several of the members of the church. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine I would be continuing the legacy of such a great man," Brown comments in a written statement to *North Dallas Gazette*.

According to city-data.com; Hamilton Park has a population of 9, 209 and with over 90,000 living

in the Lake Highland area providing significant growth potential for the church. Dr. Brown hopes to grow the close to 2,500 current membership through implementing ministries that meet the needs of the people within the community.

Brown adds, "A good growth rate would be increasing the membership by 20 percent each year."

"There will be significant growth especially in the spiritual and numerical area. God has given Dr. Brown a powerful and dynamic personality that will draw people in to hear his sermon," predicts Heath.

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COMMENTARY

Time for Black Democrats to Switch

By George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

The midterm elections are over, the final numbers are in and they don't look pretty if you're a progressive. So, I am going to propose something our national African American leaders should have suggested a long time ago: It's time for us to switch. No, not to the Republican Party. That would be tantamount to drinking Jim Jones Kool-Aid (Young people, Google "Guyana

Massacre"). It's time to switch our emphasis from politics to economics.

I remember Al Sharp-ton, speaking at the 2004 Democratic convention, saying Blacks had decided to ride the (Democratic) donkey as far as it would take us. Well, Al, that donkey has taken us as far as we can go in politics, even into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Now, it's time to park that old, tired pack animal on a farm and try a new mode of transporta-

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Dr. Myles Munroe



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Dr. Myles Munroe

Tragically Dr. Myles Munroe, his wife and seven others perished over the weekend in a plane crash. A leader of leaders, Dr. Myles Munroe was an internationally renowned author, lecturer, teacher, life coach, government consultant, and leadership mentor. He spent the last thirty years traveling the world and training leaders in business, education, government, and religion. He delivered his message on personal and professional development to more than 500,000 people yearly and millions through



his Media program.

Dr. Munroe was also the founder of the Board of Trustees of the International Third World Leaders Association (ITWLA)—an all-professional global network of leaders, focusing on for-

mal leadership development and training primarily in developing nations. He is also the founder and president of Bahamas Faith Ministries International (BFMI), an all-encompassing network of ministries headquartered in Nassau, Bahamas. Additionally, he serves as Senior Pastor of BFM International Fellowship, one of the largest churches in his native country, the Bahamas.

Dr. Munroe is a multi-gifted, international motivational speaker, best-selling author, and business consultant to governments, Fortune 500 Companies, and corporations, addressing the critical issues that affect

every aspect of human, professional, leadership, social, and spiritual development. He wrote over 38 books; many of which have become best-selling books in the marketplace including *Becoming a Leader*, *The Spirit of Leadership*, *The Principles & Power of Vision*, *The Pursuit of Purpose*, *Rediscovering the Kingdom*, *Understanding Your Potential*, *Releasing Your Potential*, *God's Big Idea*, and *In Charge* among many others.

Dr. Munroe represented his country as the youngest recipient of the Queen's Birthday Honors of the Order of The British Empire

(OBE) Award 1998 bestowed by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of England, for his spiritual and social contributions to the national development of the Bahamas.

He was also honored by the government of the Bahamas with the Silver Jubilee Award (SJA) for providing twenty-five years of outstanding service to the Bahamas in the category of spiritual, social and religious development.

Born Myles Egbert Munroe in 1954 in Nassau, Bahamas, Munroe grew up poor in a family of eleven children. Raised in the Nas-

sau suburb of Bain Town, he was a life-long resident of the Commonwealth. Munroe became a Christian during his teenage years, later attending Oral Roberts University (ORU) where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts, Education, and Theology in 1978 and a Master's degree in administration from the University of Tulsa in 1980.

Munroe was also the recipient of honorary doctoral degrees from various schools of higher education and served as an adjunct professor of the Graduate School of Theology at ORU.

Toni Braxton

For 23 years, the NAACP Beverly Hills/Hollywood branch has produced a star-studded gala honoring thespians for their astonishing achievement in entertainment and theatre. This year, the branch will be joined by its partners Wells Fargo, The City of Los Angeles (Councilman Bernard Parks) and Rent-A-Center at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills on Monday, November 17, 2014 to honor Emmy Award winner and NAACP Image Award nominee Glynn Turman, Grammy Award winner



Toni Braxton and theatre sensation Roger Guenveur Smith.

Lifetime Achievement Award honoree Glynn Turman started his acting career in New York theatre,

working along legends such as Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee, but after his move to Los Angeles, he quickly became a staple of film and television landing notable roles on such series as "Peyton Place", "A Different World" and "The Wire".

Six-time Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter, Toni Braxton will be honored with the Spirit Award. After decades of dazzling fans with her vocals Braxton returned to Broadway to showcase her theatre acting skills with ten-time Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter, producer and life time friend Kenny

"BabyFace" Edmonds (who will present Braxton with her award during the show) in a phenomenal performance of "After Midnight".

Trailblazer Award honoree Roger Guenveur Smith transformed his Obie Award-winning solo performance of "A Huey P. Newton Story" into a Peabody Award-winning telefilm. The Los Angeles Times and LA Weekly announced Smith's recent play "Rodney King" as among the season's best. He is an actor, writer, director and now trailblazer whose work lights up the international stage and screen.

Regional President of Community Bank, John Sotodeh will receive the President's Award and Senior Vice President of Wells Fargo, Byron Reed will be honored with the Community Service Award for their continued work and support in the community and for their efforts to help keep the arts alive in Los Angeles.

Rising to fame in the beginning of the 1990s, Braxton quickly established herself as an R&B icon and became one of the best-selling female artists of the 1990s decade, garnering her honorific titles such as the "Queen of R&B" and being

recognized as one of the most outstanding voices of this generation.

Throughout her career, Braxton has sold over 66 million records. She has won six Grammy Awards, nine Billboard Music Awards, seven American Music Awards and several other awards. Aside from her success in music, Braxton has become a television personality, being involved in the 7th season of the reality show *Dancing with the Stars* and in a reality series entitled *Braxton Family Values*. On September 18, 2011, Braxton was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

James N. Patrick, Sr.

When the safety of the United States is threatened, three Americans risk their lives to uncover and expose a global conspiracy to defraud the nation of trillions of dollars in an operation funded by war profiteering and illegal drug sales. The activities are sanctioned by the CIA, controlled by organized crime and laundered by Wall Street traders.

That's the storyline of "Blood Profit\$: The Lithium Conspiracy," a political thriller written by James N. Patrick Sr. and J. Victor Tomaszek. Patrick will sell and sign copies of the novel 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 14, at Kroger, 5021 Teasley Lane, in Denton; he also will sell and



sign copies 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Barnes & Noble SMU, 3060 Mockingbird Lane, in Dallas.

"Blood Profit\$" is the first book by first-time author Patrick and five-time novelist Tomaszek. The next book in the series could be released next year, Patrick said.

"We started writing the books via email several years ago, coming at the story from different life experiences and political beliefs," said Patrick, who met Tomaszek through their shared love of alpacas. "The main characters of the first book are like many people the readers probably know, and they face ethical and moral decisions throughout the story."

"Blood Profit explores how far the United States could fall as greed, entitlements and corruption all gain greater acceptance. The book is available at www.Roundfire-Books.com and other major book sellers, including www.Amazon.com.

"The book has received excellent reviews since it was released a few months

ago," Patrick said. "Readers really like all the story's twists and turns."

Patrick is a former senior executive, research think tank founder, keynote speaker and life coach. He is a specialist in world affairs, trend analysis and business and change. Patrick owns Patrick's Pastures Alpaca Ranch in Denton. He also owns and operates Old Irish Bed & Breakfast - Wedding and Event Center in Denton.

Tomaszek resides in the Chicago area. His other books are not political thrillers.

A recent reviewer shared: "Well written, and a great read. I enjoyed watching the plot unfold, and felt like I was sitting in the meetings with the characters."

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Democrats have no consistent message

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Pundits are likely to spend the next several weeks attempting to explain the many reasons that Republicans simply kicked the Democrats square in the hind parts to dominate both houses of Congress in ways that had not been expected. With turnout at abysmal low – 33 percent – two thirds of the electorate didn't think this election important enough to vote. President Obama had it right when he said he heard them.

Many of those who cared enough didn't have the opportunity to vote since voter suppression laws may have reduced the number of people willing to vote by 2.4 percent. The reduction of early voting days, the requirement of additional ID (in Kansas proof of citizenship could be requested), the elimination of same-day registration were among the tools Republican state legislatures used to suppress the vote, especially the African

American vote. The tactic worked. Too many races were decided by minuscule margins, and laws that encouraged rather than discouraged voter participation might have made a difference.

In North Carolina, Senator Kay Hagan (D) lost by just 48,000 votes, or 1.7 percent of the vote, despite a robust Moral Monday movement that encouraged voter participation. In Florida, the governor's race was decided narrowly, and the current governor reduced the ways former felons had to restore their voting rights.

There were some cases where Republicans simply trounced Democrats – Mitch McConnell (R) handily won his race over Alison Lundergan, a refreshing female candidate who had support from the Clintons, among others. In Maryland, the one-time front-runner, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown lost to Republican Larry Hogan, a businessman who hit hard on tax increases without offer-

ing a single idea about how he might pay for the programs he supported, and cut (as he promised) taxes and spending.

Too many Democratic Senators were elected on the Obama coattails in 2008, and chose to jog away from the president this election. Instead of running away from the president, Democrats needed to embrace him. The economy has improved, and President Obama's proposal to increase the minimum wage will help millions of low-wage workers.

Millions more Americans have health care since the Affordable Care Act was passed. The Obama administration hasn't tooted its own horn enough, and the Senators who have supported his work, even tepidly, ought to have been the ones to toot it. Some, like Kay Hagan in North Carolina, ran from Obama because he wasn't popular in their state. They lost anyway. Imagine if Democrats were as united as Republicans in putting a message

out there.

Noneconomic issues, such as ISIS and the handling of the Ebola virus presence in the United States, have been among the reasons President Obama's popularity has plummeted. The fact that Democrats have yet to promote a strong, cohesive, economic justice agenda is another. You can't sleep with Wall Street on one hand and talk about wage increases on another without showing that Wall Street and corporate America pay their fair share of taxes. When Democrats send mixed signals, the Democratic base is indifferent to a mid-term election and people stay home.

Republican dominance might not have the effect Republicans hope for it to have. President Obama still has veto power. And Republicans have the opportunity to squander their legislative dominance, setting up the opportunity for a Democratic victory in 2016. But this 2014 election ought to remind Democrats that

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Brown will lead a full-time staff of nine as well as oversee a total of 13 ministries and 38 auxiliaries that range in Youth, Women, and Small Group Ministries.

"Implementing our Social Media Ministry will be key to reaching the younger generation. Through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social networks; we will engage them one click at a time," Brown advises.

Heath expressed his confidence in Brown leading the next generation and witnessed first-hand his ability to reach the youth at the church's Annual Back-to-School Youth Revival that Brown led every year in September.

"We are all very confident that Dr. Brown will mesh well with our youth. Dr. Brown has delivered

sermons to our youth back-to-school revivals for at least the past 5 years. Each year they looked forward with great expectations to hearing him in the month of September," adds Heath.

Pastors leading churches within the African American community understand the social issues and complexities facing many of its congregants and understand the important role the church plays in creating solutions for those social issues unique to the African American community.

"Dr. Price leaves a legacy of distinction. Not only was he a great Pastor, but he was also involved in the civic arena as well as the political arena," shares Brown.

Brown wants to continue the legacy of civic and political involvement left by his predecessor, the late Dr. R.E. Price. He attended the

Freedom Sunday Clergy Luncheon held on October 20; where pastors from all over the metroplex came together to strategize on efforts to educate and increase voter registration.

Brown sees improving voter participation as one of the many critical components to addressing social issues facing the community, but also shared his vision of having social service ministers within the church.

"It is my desire to help people have a better quality of life not only from a spiritual standpoint, but from a personal one as well.

Not only would I like to see improved voting participation but, social service ministers as well," adds Brown regarding his vision on community outreach initiatives.

Serving as General Secretary of the National Missionary Baptist Convention

of America and holding other national offices within the Convention for over the past 20 years; Brown feels has helped to position him to be able to face the challenges that come with leading a church such as New Mount Zion.

"Organizing programs and overseeing presidential elections for our Convention has allowed me to meet people across the United States," he adds.

"Dr. Brown, with his educational and business accomplishments, will move New Mount Zion to a somewhat brighter spot on the national scene..."

"In my personal opinion, I believe that Dr. Brown's leadership will only serve to expand the legacy that Pastor Price left. Both will ultimately be defined as great gospel preachers who loved the Lord God and doing his work," adds Heath.

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It's worth it to take the time to review and compare, but you don't have to do it alone. Medicare is available to help.

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- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/7 days a week to find

out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

- Review the Medicare & You 2015 handbook. It's mailed to people with Medicare in September.

- If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get Extra Help paying your prescription drug coverage costs. For more information, visit socialsecurity.gov/i1020 or

call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

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North Texas Food Bank campaign hopes to raise \$7.5 million to feed hungry residents during the holidays

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) unveiled its first Holidays Without Hunger: North Texas Food Bank Holiday Giving Guide, featuring a variety of ways to donate and help put food on tables for children, families and seniors in need this season and throughout the year. Items from the online Holiday Giving Guide were brought to life at a launch event at the NTFB distribution center, featuring Santa and his elves, volunteers sorting food, and an inspiring personal story as told by a Food Pantry client. The new Holiday Giving Guide supports NTFB's \$7.5 million holiday fundraising goal needed to

sustain food distribution for Hungry North Texans.

"While some people wish for the hottest toys, the latest gadgets, or new clothes during the holidays, far too many just hope to put food on the table during this important season. So we are unveiling our first Holidays Without Hunger: North Texas Food Bank Holiday Giving Guide, as a festive way for people to give and help our neighbors in need," said Jan Pruitt, NTFB president and CEO.

"NTFB aims to raise 40 percent of our annual funds from November through December, so we especially need the community's help to reach our \$7.5 million

holiday fundraising goal and bring full plates and big smiles to our neighbors in North Texas." Supporters can browse through the online North Texas Food Bank Holiday Giving Guide to made a donation to purchase much-needed warehouse equipment or support critical programs like Food 4 Kids.

Items include:

- Food 4 Kids Backpack – Sponsor a Student (\$200 per student/per school year)
- Pallet of Produce – To Feed Families in Need (\$350)
- Electric Pallet Jack (\$5,500, NTFB needs five)
- Produce Distribution Truck (\$60,000)

- Produce Distribution Trailer (\$100,000, NTFB needs two)

- Pet Bandana benefiting Food 4 Paws (\$10 for small size & \$15 for larger size)

- NTFB Holiday Cards (10 cards for \$50)

"There's no greater gift than one that also gives to others. Consider making a corporate or personal donation to NTFB in someone's honor or memory this holiday season, and know that your generosity will help to ensure that others do not go hungry this holiday season," said Pruitt.

Stephanie White added, "As a single parent of four

children and disabled veteran currently searching for a job, I needed help to provide for my family," said White, a client at NTFB partner agency Our Community Pantry. "We had been living off of noodle soup for weeks when my four-year-old stopped eating, begging for something else. That's when I went to North Texas Food Bank and Our Community Pantry for help-- they provided nourishing food and I finally saw the light at the end of the tunnel! Thanks to generous supporters, I am able to make dinner for my children during this difficult

time."

The community can give back in numerous ways whether through the Holidays Without Hunger: North Texas Food Bank Holiday Giving Guide, volunteering at the NTFB distribution center, or making a donation of any amount.

Hunger by the Numbers:

- Every \$1 donated provides 3 meals for hungry North Texans
- 1 in every 4 children in North Texas are at risk of hunger
- NTFB provides access to 170,000 nutritious meals a day BUT the need is 250,000

Upbeat walking style might lift your mood

(HealthDay News) -- The way you walk can affect your mood, according to a new study.

Previous research has shown that depressed people move differently from happy people, according to study co-author Nikolaus Troje, a senior fellow at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

"It is not surprising that our mood, the way we feel, affects how we walk, but we want to see whether the way we move also affects how we feel," he said in an institute news release.

For this study, partici-

pants were shown a list of positive and negative words -- words like "pretty" and "afraid." They were then asked to walk on a treadmill in either a depressed style - with their shoulders rolled forward and limited arm movement -- or in a bouncier, happier way.

After they got off the treadmill, the volunteers were asked to recall the words they were shown before they began walking. Those who walked in a depressed way remembered many more negative words than those who walked in a happy way.

The study, published online, will appear in the March 2015 issue of the Journal of Behavior Therapy and Experimental Psychiatry. While researchers found a link between gait and mood, the study did not prove cause and effect.

Troje said this study increases understanding of how mood can affect memory. Depressed people are much more likely to remember negative events rather than positive ones, he said.

SOURCE: Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, news release, Oct. 15, 2014.

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nation's heroes, Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday has served more than 4 million complimentary meals to military personnel and generated more than \$8.8 million dollars in guest contributions to support community-based service initiatives for veterans.

"This is the 10th year I've had the pleasure to partner with Golden Corral in supporting our troops, past and present, through Military Appreciation Monday," said Gary Sinise, actor and partner. "The number of meals given away and amount of money donated in the past 13 years really distinguishes

Golden Corral's commitment to the military. I'm proud and happy to help raise awareness for Golden Corral Military Appreciation Monday."

Golden Corral will serve free dinner buffets with beverage from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 17 to any person who is or has served in

a United States Military branch, including the National Guard and Reserves – identification is not required.

State and local DAV representatives will be on-site at all Golden Corral locations coordinating the collection of donations from customers.

While only current and former military qualify for the free meal, everyone is encouraged to come out and show support for our veterans.

For more information on Military Appreciation Monday, please visit <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>.

DFW residents can provide input on proposed express rail service

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will host three meetings to receive comments from the public on the proposed DFW Core Express Service, the proposed 32-mile, high-speed/express rail line between Dallas and Fort Worth. TxDOT and the FRA are gathering public comments to include in the

rail line's official Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The public is invited to share input on potential track routes, station locations and any potential impacts such a line could have on the environment. The public scoping meetings are part of the public comment period that is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

"Receiving feedback from the public will provide TxDOT and the FRA with the information needed to conduct a thorough environmental and economic assessment of the project," said Bill Meadows, chairman of the Commission for High-Speed Rail in the Dallas/Fort Worth region. "The transparency of the public comment period will also ensure all federal and state

guidelines are met for this proposal."

All meetings will cover the same topics and follow the same format: a public information open house followed by a brief presentation and opportunity for comment. Those unable to attend the meetings in person can still submit comments to official EIS online. The public comment period

will remain open until Dec. 15, 2014.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (12:30 p.m. presentation, 1 p.m. public comments)

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Thursday, Nov. 20

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. presentation, 6:30 public comments)

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Destination College hosts 'The Princeton Review: Testing Strategies'

The Destination College department at Collin College will help students improve their testing ability with "The Princeton Review™: Testing Strategies" workshop from 6:30 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center in Plano, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

This seminar will be led by a Princeton Review instructor who will speak about taking the SAT™ and ACT™ tests.

While the workshop is free, registration is required. To register, visit www.collin.edu/destinationcollege. For questions, call 972.377.1772.

The Arts Gallery presents 'Advanced Students Art Show'

Nov. 5, 2014 – The ARTS Gallery will present an exhibition of students' artworks in the "Advanced Students Art Show."

The exhibition runs from Thursday, Nov. 13 through Wednesday, Dec. 10, with a closing reception from 4 – 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Spring Creek Campus. Artwork will feature media from metals, ceramics, communication design, drawing, figure drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and watercolor.

Gallery hours are Monday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For more information about THEARTS Gallery or this exhibit, visit www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery or call 972.881.5873.

Richland College hosting 'Fall Recycling Round-up' event

Spring cleaning may be a few months away, but Richland College and the City of Dallas Sanitation Services are encouraging community members to start that cleaning a little early and participate in the "Fall Recycling Round-up" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15.

Residents can drop off recyclable items, big or small,

including but not limited to electronic items, small appliances, used cooking oil, toys, light bulbs, batteries, textiles, medical equipment and tires.

People may also drop off up to five legal boxes of documents for destruction, though boxes must be no larger than 15 inches by 20 inches, and binders will not

be accepted. Other items not accepted include household hazardous chemicals or paint, building supplies, pharmaceuticals, furniture or mattresses.

"Richland College is looking forward once again to partnering with the City of Dallas Sanitation Services," said Lisa Eades,

Richland College assistant director of facilities support services.

"This is an all-day, fun event that allows the community to safely and conveniently recycle items they no longer need."

The "Fall Recycling Round-up" will take place on the Richland College

campus, 12800 Abrams Road, in parking lot E located on the west side of campus off Abrams Road and Walnut Street.

The event will occur rain or shine, and the first 50 cars in line to drop off recyclables will receive a pair of tickets to the Studio Movie Grill.

Dallas Police confirm investigation of child abuse at Dade M.S.

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

The Dallas Police Department issued a statement via e-mail late on Wednesday regarding inquiries on an accusation of child abuse by an employee at Dallas ISD's Dade Middle School.

According to the email, "This incident had been previously investigated by DISD Police, but additional allegations were brought

forward today. DPD Child Abuse Detectives were called to the school to investigate the new allegation against an employee."

The report states more info would be provided as "'reliable' information becomes available." (text in bold by Dallas Police, not editor).

Dade MS is also the campus involved in an on-going dispute between the Dallas

Superintendent Mike Miles and Dallas ISD Trustee Bernadette Nutall who was removed from the campus at Miles request on Oct. 13.

Miles also recently wrote an editorial discussing why he is concerned about the state of affairs at Dade MS. He explained why he requested recent changes at the school, promising it was to improve instruction for the students.



Dallas Police have confirmed that there is an ongoing investigation into alleged child abuse at Dade Middle School.

Garland ISD Dorsey ES students enjoy tipi-enhanced history lesson

Dorsey Elementary School got a head start on November's Native American Heritage Month celebrations with a special visit from the Tipi Tellers Oct. 20. The North Texas-based group fascinated students with ancient tales, tribal music and two majestic tipis.

"I have been waiting

eight years to set this up," said librarian Rhonda Simpson. "Storytellers are amazing. They bring history and folklore to life. As a librarian, nothing is more important than stories. For the kids to get the experience of being inside a tipi like Native Americans, I think that is something memorable. That is why I wanted to do

this. I wanted the kids to experience something they would never forget."

During the visit, students learned about Native American culture and heard narratives from three Tellers while inside a tipi. The storytellers covered American, Native American and Texas history, as well as folktales. Tipi architecture was also

discussed, revealing the fact that the structures at Dorsey were not made of buffalo skin, but sailboat canvas. They took 17 trees to construct and housed up to 55 kids as well as four adults.

In the works for nearly a decade, this entertaining, scholastic event came with a daunting cost of \$1,800. But Simpson's determina-

tion coupled with the work of Dorsey's PTA made the six-hour event a reality.

"I raised money with the book fair and Principal [Debra] Chisholm donated a portion, but that still was not enough," Simpson said. "Our current PTA has been so supportive with the li-

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the development of a progressive agenda, with fair pay, health care, quality education, and social and economic justice at its base, will result in an energized base in 2016. It ought to remind Democrats that reliable allies aren't so reliable anymore. Dems lost traction among unmarried women and people under 30, so they have to have a plan to win them back.

Republicans tend to be consistent with their message, even if their message is devoid of real programmatic meaning. They connected their Democratic op-

ponents to President Obama so that those ambivalent about the president either stayed home or voted for Republican candidates.

What Democrats failed to understand is that they couldn't run away from the president and mobilize the base that supported him, and that part of their message had to be their support of successful economic programs?

No message, no votes, no victory. That's the lesson for 2016.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist in Washington, D.C.

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NDG Book Review: Get ready for a future of *Unretirement*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

For much of your employed life, you dreamed about not having to work. Retirement would be great. It would stretch out for years, a horizon with no alarm clock and no deadlines. What will you do with it?

Chances are, says author Chris Farrell, believe it or not, you'll go to work. And in his new book "Unretirement," he says you'll do it because you want to, not because you have to.

It's a statistic that has some politicians very worried: within the next fifteen years, say demographers, the sixty-five-plus population of America will be nearly equivalent to the current population of New York, California, and Texas



combined. That's a lot of retirees, and a fortune paid out in benefits.

For quite some time, though, economists and pessimists have expressed doubts that Social Security will even be around then. Others bemoan the amount of retirement savings that many Baby Boomers (the age group retired or soon re-

tiring) don't have. According to Farrell, however, these fears ignore the fact that most Boomers are rethinking the way retirement will work for them.

He says that Boomers' "last third of life is being reimagined and reinvented into 'unretirement.'" They are, for instance, looking at Social Security as a supplement, rather than a sole income – and even then, they're putting off collecting it. That's the way it should be, says Farrell: Social Security is sound – it only needs "some tweaks to shore up its finances for the long haul" – but because of longer lifespans and better health, retirees should be encouraged to file later, unless they absolutely can't wait.

And those late filers?

They're seeing work in a whole different way: the rate of senior entrepreneur-

ship is up, and so is gradual retirement. They're staying on the job longer, are find-

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The holidays begin at Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) on Friday, Nov 21 as two holiday productions open on both DCT stages. Festive pre-show activities will take place in the Rosewood Center lobby Nov. 21 through Nov. 30 for **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** and **FROSTY & FRIENDS**, with opening night featuring a special appearance with musical guest Sonny Franks.

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET features an all-star local cast including Frances Fuselier as the charming Kris Kringle who will remind us that Santa is alive and well. Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppety Arts' **FROSTY & FRIENDS** creates magic for the littlest theater-goers as three bustling elves, Barry, Surly and Zoe prep for Christmas while Frosty is making

Common performing in Dallas on Dec. 1

Common, born Lonnie Rashid Lynn Jr. in Chicago, has won two Grammy Awards and appeared in the films "American Gangster" and "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," as well as the recently released "Now You See Me." He currently stars in the acclaimed AMC television series "Hell on Wheels."

Common rose to prominence as one of hip-hop's most poetic and respected lyricists, having recorded 11 albums. He's also the author of the children's book *I Like You but I Love Me*, which was nominated for an NAACP Image Award. The grammy-award winner will be performing at the House of Blues Dallas with Jay Electronica Monday Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. at the House of Blues.



some new friends in the snow.

Pre-show activities include:

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The fun continues even after opening night with the following pre-show opportunities available to patrons for holiday fun through November 30!

- Holiday surprises and photos with Santa's elf Mistletoe from Amazing Attractions

- Snowman craft suitable for all ages

- Great giveaways

Of course photos and autographs with Kris Kringle and the casts are available after every performance of both shows! The music, spectacle and warmth of the holidays are available now

at DCT for the whole family. Affordable ticket packages are available. Call 214-740-0051 or visit dct.org.

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Young Jeezy on stage at South Side Ballroom

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Lauryn Hill reschedules South Side Ballroom show for Dec. 10

The Ms. Lauryn Hill concert, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4 at South Side Ballroom, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 10. All tickets for the original date will be honored.

If you can't attend on the new date, refunds will be issued at points of purchase. Tickets for Hill's Dec. 10 Dallas show are still available to purchase at Ticketmaster.

Darlene Love slated for Dallas show on Dec. 2

Through the years, Darlene Love has continued to captivate audiences worldwide with her warm stage presence and sensational performances.

In 2011, Love received her industry's highest award when inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Her Christmas show is a

mixture of 1960s hits and Christmas songs including her #1 holiday classic Christmas (Baby Please Come Home). An Eisemann Center Presents MainStage Show on Dec. 2.

North Dallas Gazette readers can win tickets! See the website for more info.

Gospel Jazz Concert featuring the Jazz sax of Tom Braxton scheduled for Nov. 22

The Oasis Center is bringing back its gospel jazz concert series featuring an evening with Jazz Saxophonist Tom Braxton and friends. Tom is a highly accomplished composer, producer, and musician who is fresh off producing his 9th album, *The Next Chapter*. This year Tom will share the stage with the #1 Billboard Chart-Topping Saxophonist Vandell Andrew,

vocalist Damon K. Clark, named the most gifted male vocalist in DFW – Dallas Observer, and gospel artist, Pervis Evans, sharing songs from his new debut album *Forever Worship*.

The Mistress of Ceremony for the evening is the celebrity radio personality, Lynne Haze. The concert will be held at Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

in Garland on Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Oasis Center is a 501 (c)(3) faith based nonprofit organization that assists first time juvenile offenders and formerly incarcerated individuals transitioning back to society with life changing programs.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.oasisctr.org>.



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brary and reading, so I approached them last year.

I asked if it was possible to help make this dream come true. Our wonderfully

active PTA pulled in almost \$800 of the cost. That is why we were able to host this event."

Although the parent-teacher organization footed

a large portion of the bill, PTA President Laura Watkins believes it is the Wildcat community that is responsible for this one-of-a-kind event.

"We could not have programs like the Tipi Tellers if

we did not have family support and fundraisers," said Watkins of the enthusiasm for the program.

"We really appreciate our school's support so we can have wonderful programs like this."

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How is a Woman's Retirement Plan Like a Smartphone?

Financial Expert Offers 3 Tips for Getting Smart about Retirement Planning

Financial strategist Donna M. Phelan, author of "Women, Money and Prosperity: A Sister's Perspective on How to Retire Well," (www.donnamphelelan.com) relates the story of Wanda Strong – one of four sisters – one married, one widowed, one divorced and one who never married.

Finding herself suddenly single with two kids to support and less than 15 years to retirement, Wanda had to make a choice: she could either succumb to the numbing fear about her financial future, or she could embrace new strategies for prosperity. She chose the latter.

"Many women feel an unspoken fear about money and retirement because they sense they are not prepared and don't know what to do

about it," says Phelan. "What's worse – they don't talk about it!"

Women may indeed be behind, due to a lifetime of lower earnings, leaving the workforce for childcare and eldercare, working in jobs that don't offer retirement plans, and their own longevity, according to the US Census and Social Security Administration.

Phelan provides "ahs" – awareness, hope and strategies: awareness of women's own financial situation, hope that it's never too late (or too early) to start planning, and real life strategies that are easy and practical for women of any age or current financial situation.

Create Stackable Income Streams to Empower Retirement Security (SISTERS).

Women need to stack several income streams to cover their retirement spending needs because one, such as Social Security, may not be enough. And others, such as alimony, child support or a primary earner's income, may disappear.

Get as inspired to learn about money as you are about your new smartphone!

"Women often say that they can't understand money concepts because they are too complex to learn," Phelan says. "But they want to learn about their smartphone -- by far, a much more complex, highly advanced piece of technology that is constantly changing -- because they want to stay in touch with their kids."

"But think of the similarities between your smartphone and money:

- Both have their own language.
- Both give you tremendous options for freedom.
- Both have a broad range of applications.
- Both take time and willingness to learn.
- Both can, at times, feel frustrating and overwhelming.
- Both are within your intelligence and offer great potential rewards for mastering them.
- Only one requires that you ask the advice of someone embarrassingly younger than you how to use it!"

Join the conversation, start a SISTERS Club.

Wanda calls her 3 sisters and a few friends together

to brainstorm new retirement strategies for stackable income streams. They could:

- Meet with a financial advisor and develop a written plan.
- Learn how to create income from investments.
- Embrace non-traditional living arrangements, such as renting out empty bedrooms, or getting a roommate.
- Consider working a little longer, or part-time in retirement.
- Start a business.
- Pool their talents, ideas and resources.

A SISTERS Club, like a book club, is a safe environment where women can come together to share knowledge and experiences, generate ideas, and create investments and business ventures that will provide

on-going retirement income. It is a community of women helping women, and helping themselves to improve their retirement planning success. So join the conversation!

Donna M. Phelan has spent more than 18 years at some of Wall Street's largest and most prestigious investment firms. She holds an MBA in finance from the University of Connecticut, and provides personal financial advice to clients coast to coast. The author of "Women, Money and Prosperity: A Sister's Perspective on How to Retire Well," (www.donnamphelelan.com), she has lectured at conferences nationwide on a broad range of financial topics and has published numerous articles on investments, retirement and financial planning.

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tion. Even when we have given it our best, politics have never delivered the expected results. I am old enough to remember how exuberant we were with the election of the first wave of Black big city mayors: Carl Stokes in Cleveland, Richard Hatcher in Gary, Ind., Ken Gibson in Newark and later, Tom Bradley in Los Angeles, Andrew Young in Atlanta and David Dinkins in New York. We saw Doug Wilder elected governor of Virginia, the cradle of the Confederacy. The outgoing governor of Massachusetts is another African American, Deval Patrick. In January, we will have not one, but two Blacks in the U.S. Senate (Cory Booker and Tim Scott), the largest African American contingent ever in the upper chamber.

And the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), which bills itself as the conscience of Congress, has behaved as though it was unconscious the last six years,

too afraid to even critique President Obama for fear of facing a backlash back in their home districts. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri, stated: "Well, I'm supposed to say he [Obama] doesn't get a pass, but I'm not going to say that. Look, as the chair of the Black Caucus I've got to tell you, we are always hesitant to criticize the president. With 14 percent [black] unemployment, if we had a white president we'd be marching around the White House."

The undisputable truth is that Obama needed pressure from Blacks and progressives to make him a better president. When he offered his version of Ronald Reagan's trickle down economic theory – if you take care of America as a whole, it will trickle down to what Jesse Jackson calls boats stuck at the bottom. How has that worked out for Black America?

And instead of being grateful for the silence of the lambs, Obama has an inexplicable need to criticize

his supporters even more than his opponents. Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) can shout "you lie" during a State of the Union speech and ice cool Obama could essentially ignore the public slight. But appearing at a 2011 CBC dinner, the president urged his audience to "Take off your bedroom slippers, put on your marching shoes. Shake it off. Stop complaining, stop grumbling, stop crying. We are going to press on. We've got work to do."

Even before his party's butt kicking last week, President Obama was doing what he always does – blame his most ardent supporters. On April 10, less than seven months before the midterm elections, the Washington Post gave this account:

"President Obama said at a fundraiser Wednesday night that Democrats suffer in midterm elections in large part because black and Latino voters – among other groups – don't turn out to vote.

"Our voters are younger, more unmarried women, more African-American and

Latino voters,' Obama said at an event in Houston. 'They get excited about general elections; they don't get as excited about midterm elections.'

"Obama added: '...we have this congenital disease, which is in midterm elections we don't vote at the same rates.'"

Obama is correct in saying African American and Latino voters don't turn out for midterm elections at the rate they do for general elections. But that's true of all voters, not just people of color. Yet, Obama chose to place the blame on the shoulders of people most loyal to him and his party.

While there have been some meager improvements since the economic meltdown Obama inherited, Blacks still face staggering unemployment and severe income and wealth inequality.

As the National Urban League stated in its 2012 State of Black America report, "... almost all the economic gains that blacks have made in the last 30 years have been lost in the Great Recession that started

in December 2007 and in the anemic recovery that has followed since June, 2009."

Blacks are on the verge of spending \$1.3 trillion a year, according to a Nielsen's study. It's time to shift our attention to economic development and empowerment. I am not saying we should abandon politics – we shouldn't – but

it should no longer be our primary focus. Let's get off of that donkey.

George E. Curry, former editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine, is editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service (NNPA.) You can also follow him at www.twitter.com/currygeorge and George E. Curry Fan Page on Facebook.

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Retirees can create new businesses too

Some say that retirement can be a form of job creation because an idle husband often becomes his wife's full-time job.

But the fact is that retirees create so many new real jobs that it has an ex-

ceptionally positive impact on the economy.

More than half of new home grown businesses are owned by Americans over 50 years of age, an important statistic considering the fact that these companies

create more than 60 percent of net new jobs each and every year.

So, it is only appropriate that one of the nation's leading senior citizen groups, the Association of Mature American Citizens, has

started up a new business of its own, AMAC Small Business Solutions.

Its aim is to help elderly entrepreneurs from start-up to success and to offer advice, counsel and taxation and regulatory issues.

Websites such as NextAvenue.org and Seniorentrepreneurshipworks.org point out that the wealth of work experience and expertise that people age 55 and up usually have can serve their new ventures

well – whether they're taking over an existing business, beginning from scratch or even embarking on a different career path.

Retirement doesn't mean an end to economic contributions or opportunity.

10 Tips to Control Holiday Spending

It's just over two weeks until Black Friday and the official kickoff of the holiday shopping season. Last year, Americans spent a whopping \$57 billion during Thanksgiving weekend shopping. And for many of them, it led to more debt, higher monthly credit card payments and financial ruin.

Steve Siebold, author of *How Rich People Think*, and a self-made multi-millionaire who has interviewed more than 1,200 of the world's wealthiest people, offers this advice on not breaking the bank this year:

- Don't fall for marketing

campaigns that make you feel as if you're getting a great deal when you're really not (i.e. buy it today – pay for it tomorrow)

- Allocate a certain amount of money for each person you plan on buying gifts for and don't overspend by even a dollar.

- Don't even think of using a credit card unless you are 100% sure you can comfortably pay it off at the end of the month.

- Don't get caught up in the moment. If your shopping cart is overflowing, step back, regroup and make sure you can really afford everything you plan to

purchase.

- Kids learn by example. Even parents who have failed to reach their financial dreams can still teach their kids important lessons about money during the holiday season.

- There's no shame in telling people that this year will be a lean holiday season when it comes to exchanging gifts.

- Ask yourself if you would rather have the short-term satisfaction of expensive material possessions, or the long-term results of financial freedom and abundance.

- There are good deals to

be had on Black Friday, but be mentally tough to know when enough is enough.

- When it comes to spending this holiday season, leave your emotions on the shelf and let reason be your guide.

- Limit charitable giving. Helping others is a nice gesture and certainly in the spirit of the holidays, but until you're financially comfortable yourself, you can't give what you don't have. A little leftover change is one thing, but those who try and support every cause known to man but can't afford to are doing more harm than good.

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careers, or are volunteering. And despite that age discrimination can be a real issue, many workplaces have finally recognized the experience and reliability of older workers who are, in many cases, perfectly happy with part-time jobs. In short, Boomers have been "behind many changes in the workplace over the past four decades," and they're definitely not done.

Your IRA is fat and you like it that way. But how, when the time comes, will you use it? Read "Unretirement," and you might have a different answer to that question.

With intriguing statistics and a thoughtful tone, author Chris Farrell pooh-poohs pundits who decry the viability of Social Security and avow the belief that retirement-resistant seniors take jobs from younger workers by showing that doom-and-gloom prophecies and myths aren't warranted or true. Along the

way, he examines health-care and the ACA, aging, home ownership, mentorship with (and from) younger workers, the history of retirement itself, and how other countries perceive their "gray revolution."

While I'd say that this book is absolutely for Boomers, it's also, surprisingly, something that Gen X'ers should check out, too. If you've already retired, are about to, or have worked all your life so you don't have to work someday, "Unretirement" is unmissable.



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Live Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall at our 200 W. Belmont Drive location.

November 22, 10 a.m.
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Things to retain on life's journey



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Work on your weaknesses until they become your strong points. Bear in mind that a great effort is usually the result of a great attitude. Learn to accept your winning battles with humility, and your losing battles with grace.

Ignore those who discourage you, they don't know "your story." Mark Twain once said, "Keep away from People who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that ..."

Remember that talent is God-given; learn to be humble and thankful. Fame in life is man-given; and conceit is self-given, therefore be very careful; and understand the difference.

Do what has to be done, when it has to be done, and as well as it can be done. Always give your best; a successful life is built one day at a time. Tough decisions that you make will test your courage,

improve your strengths and reveal your weaknesses.

The importance of a lesson learned is not what you get from it, but what you become because of it. Do not allow yourself to get like concrete—all mixed up and permanently set.

In real life, people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Henry Ford once said, "Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement." Some life changing inventions are often the result of an error.

You may not be able to change the world you see around you, but you can change the way you see the world; you will be measured by your reactions to life's inequities.

Never accept the negative until you have thoroughly explored the positive. People that never do any more than they get paid for, will never get paid for any more than they do.

My maternal grandfather, Mr. James Baker once said, "You can't pay a man enough money to do a good job, the good job that he will do comes from within."

Make happiness a habit. Enjoy life even when trou-

bles spring up. Take one day at a time. Learn to accept large and small victories. It has been said that no one is born happy. Everyone makes his own happiness.

Accept change. Realize that change and problems will come whether we want them or not. Learn from the problems in their life. At

times what looks like a disaster may turn out to be the best thing that happened to you. Don't give up. Survivors do what has to be done, no matter how overwhelming the odds are.

Reach out to others. Cherish involvement with others. Be a giver. Duke University researchers found that one of the best

predictors of health, happiness and long life is the tendency to reach out to people.

Live in the present. "Life lies in letting go, in giving up your grievances," writes Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz in *How To Be Your Own Best Friend*. They warn that if we spend our energies being angry with the people who once disappointed us, we won't have any left over for what we need now.

"Not one of us can bring back yesterday or shape tomorrow," adds Fredrick Buechner in *The Hungering Dark*. "Only today is ours and it will not be ours for long; and once it is gone, it will never in all time be ours again."

Do not afraid to dream. People go about their tasks without weariness if they have a goal and a belief in what they are doing. They

have a purpose, a dream.

There are people that continue to live in spite of their disappointments and trials. When they find themselves in tough circumstances, they bravely overcome them.

They not only survive, they confront their stresses and sorrows in ways that deepen their lives. They go on with grace, distinction and courage.

It has been said that the trials of life are far less important than how one deal with them. By adopting a special outlook on life, many others can learn to be a survivor.

It is always worth the effort to be a survivor. This longing to beat the odds, to conquer our own weakness, has carried humanity through its long history. It is the cry of the heroic in all of us.



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