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# Protesters issue a call to 'charge him' at McKinney rally against police brutality

By Tezlyn Figaro  
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"Charge him!" was the chant heard throughout of the crowd of diverse attendees at the march for justice against police brutality rally held on June 8 at Comstock Elementary School.

The passionate chant was in response to a pool party that was held on Friday, June 5 at Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. During the pool party a dozen officers responded to the disturbance call when a group of about 100 teens, many of them black, were celebrating the last day of school at an admission-restricted pool in the majority-white Craig Ranch neighborhood.

Allegedly, the disturbance erupted after a fight resulted from a white resident who allegedly swore at a black resident and told her to return to public housing.

Teenager, Brandon Brooks courageously filmed the video that went viral all over America. The video has now pricked America's conscience with public debate. Several different accounts have surfaced concerning what led to Police Cpl. Eric Casebolt to pull a gun out on unarmed teenagers in addition to dragging a black teenage girl to her knees, forcing her head in the grass,



An impressive crowd turned out Monday night to protest police brutality in Texas. (Image: NDG T. Figaro)

and then placing his knees on her back.

Brandon Brooks reported to local Fox 4 TV News that while he was largely left alone, Casebolt was "just putting random black kids on the ground."

"I was like one of the few Caucasian people at the party," he says, "so I think it might have had something to do with racism."

On Friday, June 5 Officer Casebolt was placed on administrative leave. In response, the Next Generation Action Network immediately began organizing along with other

community leaders a rally that garnered support from not only McKinney but from all over Texas.

In an exclusive interview with Next Generation Action Network Founder, Dominique R. Alexander, Alexander provides a clear list of demands to the McKinney Police Department:

- Officer Casebolt should be fired from the McKinney Police Department
- Officer Casebolt should be charged with assault on a minor

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## Time for young people to stop the violence

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA Columnist

I only recently embraced my status as an "elder." Actually, I describe myself as an "episodic elder," eager enough to take one of those lovely "senior" discounts when it serves my purpose, yet reluctant to turn in my party card. Elder status hit me upside the head, though, when a young woman told me she was "tired" of my genera-

tion preaching to hers.

I'm willing to stop preaching when young leaders step up. I applaud the Black Lives Matter movement, and am excited when those who are of not African descent join this movement. Still, I am waiting for the same young leaders to demand that their peers stop killing one another. I'm not embracing the right-wing hype about Black-

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## Marcus Miller

Marcus Miller – a two-time GRAMMY Award winner and UNESCO Artist for Peace – is not only an exceptional musician – a multi-instrumentalist and world-renowned bassist – but also a highly-gifted composer and producer. Dallas music fans will have a chance to enjoy his music June 13 at the Granada Theater.

The legendary Tutu album he wrote and produced for Miles Davis sealed his international fame when Miller was only twenty-five. Since then he has continued collaborating



with artists as varied and talented as Eric Clapton, George Benson, Luther Vandross, Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Jay-Z, Wayne Shorter, Al Jarreau, Stanley Clarke, George Duke, Brian

Ferry and Herbie Hancock (to name only a few). At the same time, he has produced his own albums, among them The Sun Don't Lie, M2, Silver Rain, Free, A Night in Monte Carlo (with the Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra), and Renaissance, giving him occasion to tour internationally with young musicians whose talents he's recognized (as Miles did for him, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, and others). You can hear Miller's radio show Miller Time every Sunday night on SiriusXM's RealJazz.

His latest album, Afrodeezia, which was inspired by Miller's role as a UNESCO

Artist For Peace and spokesperson for the organization's Slave Route Project—was recorded in locations around the world including Morocco, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Los Angeles, and features a wide range of guests including rapper Chuck D., vocalist Lalah Hathaway, keyboardist Robert Glasper, trumpeters Etienne Charles and Ambrose Akinmusire, guitarists Keb' Mo' and Wah Wah Watson, bassist/producer Mocean Worker, organist Cory Henry (Snarky Puppy), and cellist Ben Hong, as well as musicians from Africa, South America and the Caribbean. Miller's core

band includes saxophonist Alex Han, trumpeter Lee Hogans, pianist Brett Williams, guitarist Adam Agati, and drummer Louis Cato.

"It was after visiting the House of Slaves on Gorée Island that I composed 'Gorée,'" explains Miller, referring to the powerful track featured on his previous album Renaissance. "Onstage I felt the need to say what I had been feeling in Senegal. I wanted people to understand that this tune spoke not only of the slave tragedy but, through the music especially, that these people who suddenly found themselves at the bottom of a ship's hold had discovered

a way to survive, and were able in time to transform their distress into joy. Shortly after my trip to Gorée, UNESCO named me an Artist for Peace, and made me the spokesperson for the Slave Route Project. That was when I started thinking about Afrodeezia."

"The power of music has no limits," states Miller. "Through spirituals, jazz and soul we were able to preserve our history, because all the rest had been erased. What I wanted most was to go back to the source of the rhythms that make our musical heritage so rich, to follow them like footprints from their beginnings in Africa all the way to the United States."

## Claudio Pellegrini

President Barack Obama recently named UCLA physicist Claudio Pellegrini as a recipient of the Enrico Fermi Award, a Presidential Award and one of the government's oldest and most prestigious awards for scientific achievement.

Pellegrini — a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics and Distinguished Research Professor at UCLA, as well as a visiting scientist and consulting professor in photon science at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory — shares the award with



Charles Shank, laboratory director emeritus at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and a senior fellow with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The award, which carries an

honorarium of \$50,000 that is shared equally and a medal, is administered on behalf of the White House by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Claudio Pellegrini and Chuck Shank have advanced scientific research at the Department of Energy and the national laboratories throughout their distinguished careers, which has significantly contributed to sustained leadership in research and development in the United States," said Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz. "I congratulate them for their achievements and hope that the example they

set will inspire future generations of scientists and engineers."

The Fermi Award honors the memory of Nobel Laureate Enrico Fermi, a pioneer in the field of nuclear and particle physics who was the first scientist to achieve a nuclear chain reaction. Presented to outstanding scientists since 1956, the award recognizes distinguished achievement, leadership and service related to basic and applied research, science and technology supported by the U.S. Department of Energy and its programs.

Pellegrini received the

award "for pioneering research advancing understanding of relativistic electron beams and free-electron lasers, and for transformative discoveries profoundly impacting the successful development of the first hard x-ray free-electron laser, heralding a new era for science."

The Department of Energy praised his critical role in establishing the world's first hard X-ray free electron laser — which has enabled new areas of ultrafast x-ray physics, atomic physics, plasma physics, chemistry, biology and ma-

terials science, and has transformed the nature of X-ray facilities available worldwide.

Shank was honored "for the seminal development of ultrafast lasers and their application in many areas of scientific research, for visionary leadership of national scientific and engineering research communities, and for exemplary service supporting the National Laboratory complex."

For more information, see Pellegrini's website and <http://science.energy.gov/fermi>.

## Mollie K. Brookdale

Mollie K. Brookdale of Irving has always been a very caring and adventurous individual. Ever since she was thirteen years old, Mollie has dreamed of the day where she would have the opportunity to go skydiving.

As a volunteer for the Civil Air Patrol during World War II, Mollie learned to pack parachutes and vowed that one day she would be the one jumping out of the plane. Over the years Mollie has received several tattoos of butterflies and birds, which were representations of how she wanted to "soar" through the air. Now at the age of 86, Mollie was determined to fulfill her wish to go sky-



diving.

Mollie has spent her life caring for others, especially her husband and seven kids. Her desire to skydive was placed on hold due to the fact she spent many years raising her children. After her children grew up and started having kids of their

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# White racism affects more than blacks

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.  
NNPA Columnist

In the context of the responses to the lynchings of African Americans by police and racist citizenry, greater and much needed attention has been focused on the question of race and racism in the U.S. Particular attention has been raised about the historic and current oppression and demonization of African Americans, i.e., anti-Black racism. While this awareness is critical, we must at the same time recognize that the racism which we have encountered since the origins of this country is integrally

linked to the larger system of racial capitalism.

“Race,” that is the artificial division of humanity based on manufactured inferiority and superiority, was imposed on North America and Latin America by European colonists/invasers, beginning in the 16th century. Such a division had not previously existed but became an essential means to guarantee that the settler-colonies could sustain themselves in two respects. First, there was a need for an oppressed workforce to perform all of the tasks necessary to make the colonies thrive, in the interests – of course – of the

colonial elites.

Second, given the numbers of laboring people in the colonies, compounded by the existence of Native Americans who were resisting the invasion of their lands, the colonial elite had to find a way to pit the laboring population, along with the Native Americans, against one another. In that moment, during the 1500s in Latin America and beginning in the 1600s in North America, race was born as an essential element of how capitalism came to work.

Race and racism has created a social hierarchy that has successfully pitted groups against one another.

In Latin America, this hierarchy is extremely complex: there are divisions of humanity into myriad of groups, depending on the amount and extent of European, Native American, African and mixed blood someone has. In North America, the British were not so much interested in the future of mixed blood people. They, and later the U.S., were interested in removing Native Americans (from their land and from the Earth); keeping people of African descent suppressed; annexing and ultimately suppressing the peo-

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on-Black crime, because they don't address White-on-White crime. I'm not suggesting that the movement for police reform take a back seat to anything else (after all, we can have more than one movement at a time). I am suggesting, however, that young African Americans confront their peers and say “enough.” When “elders” say it, we are accused of preaching, but someone needs to say it.

What if the young people who abhor the killing of their friends and neighbors took shooters and their associates to task? What if they got up in their faces (in safe spaces, of course) and demanded to know why some of the young people who could contribute much to our community have now been massacred in the streets?

Some of those who lost their life were victims of mistaken identity, or trapped in the wrong place at the wrong time – some were little girls playing on their porches or sitting on Grandma's lap. Some of them were simply walking home from school. Some of them were in the middle of simple misunderstandings and lost their lives because of an errant glare, a careless

word. Some, like Charnice Milton, survived childhood on to go to her grave at 27.

Charnice was a talented, ambitious young reporter determined to tell the story of Southeast Washington, the part of the nation's capital with the highest concentration of African Americans, the highest poverty rate and, more recently, the primary target of gentrification that pushes poor Black residents out of the homes in favor of young, affluent, White “urban pioneers.”

Her death was more than a faceless statistic – it was personal. Charnice was in my office fact-checking my most recent book for a few weeks, and she literally shimmered when she spoke of the stories she hoped to tell. She didn't want to be the story, she wanted to tell the story of the least and the left out and of the people and organizations making a difference.

Charnice's dreams of telling untold stories, along with her body, were tragically shattered when a depraved young man used her body as a human shield to protect him from a drive-by gunman.

Tears have been shed, hands have been wrung, and teddy bears and flowers have been left at the place

where Charnice was slaughtered. A few days from now, someone else will be shot and the crying and hand-wringing will begin again. So far this year, 18 people have been killed in Ward 8 – almost one each week. The tears shed for Charnice are special tears for this amazing young woman, and yet they are the all-too-regular tears for lost life, for names that don't quite make the news.

Some young leaders are quick to blame heartless police or and the right-wing obsession with crime – even while it is declining in some cities – but how many in Washington, D.C., in Baltimore (where 43 people were killed so far this year), in Harlem, in Third Ward or Fifth Ward Houston, in St. Louis, were killed not by cops, but people who look like us? At some point, we ought also be able to say, simply: Stop the killings!

According to the Pew Research Center, “While blacks are significantly more likely than whites to be gun homicide victims, blacks are only about half as likely as whites to have a firearm in their home (41% vs. 19%).”

Thanks to the National Rifle Association, there has been a proliferation of guns in our nation. According to federal figures, there were

310 million nonmilitary firearms in the United States as of 2009. That's an average of nearly a gun per person in our nation of 318.9 million people, making us the most heavily armed country in the world. There are more gun sellers in the U.S. than McDonald's or grocery stores.

Even so, the NRA opposes any legislation to reduce easy access to guns, and offer clichés such as “guns don't kill, people do.” But guns don't fire themselves. Meanwhile, young African Americans are mowed down like bowling pins, and except for the occasional reporting of an exceptional life, those who are killed are also ignored.

It is time for young leaders to take their peers on, to step up and demand that the violence stop. It is time for these leaders to demand that media outlets cover the cumulative loss of life and the individuals who have been killed, without tediously parroting the mindless and non-contextual conversation about Black-on-Black crime. I write this not as an episodic elder preaching, but as a seasoned warrior asking her esteemed young leaders to take this baton and run with it.

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# Statins unlikely to harm short-term memory

By Dory Devlin-Rutgers  
from *Futurity.org*

A study of nearly one million patients contradicts previous assertions that cholesterol-lowering statin drugs cause short-term memory loss.

Researchers examined the link between cholesterol-lowering drugs and memory impairment and determined statins likely do not cause short-term memory loss.

Limited previous studies and some statin-drug takers have anecdotally reported memory lapses after taking popular lipid-lowering drugs (LLDs) called statins, says Brian L. Strom, chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) and lead study author.

The result has been that some people have stopped taking their statins, inappropriately, Strom says.

About 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States every year—that's 1 in every 4 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control. One in four Americans over age 45 take statins, drugs that inhibit a liver enzyme that controls the synthesis of cholesterol and lowers LDL, commonly known as "bad cholesterol."

Statins have proven very effective at lowering high cholesterol, one of the major risk factors for heart disease, and preventing heart attacks and deaths. If a statin drug alone is not effectively reducing cholesterol numbers or a patient doesn't tolerate the drug, nonstatins are often prescribed, Strom says.

## Detection bias

The study, published in *The Journal of the American Medical Association-Internal Medicine*, compared new users of statins with people not taking statins. New statin users also were compared to a second control group—patients taking nonstatin LLDs—which had not been done before.

More patients taking statins indeed reported memory loss in the 30-day period after first taking the drugs, compared to non-users, the study found. The same, however, was found with the nonstatin LLDs.

"Either it means that anything that lowers cholesterol has the same effect on short-term memory, which is not scientifically credible because you're dealing with drugs with completely different structures," Strom says. Or, he says, "detection

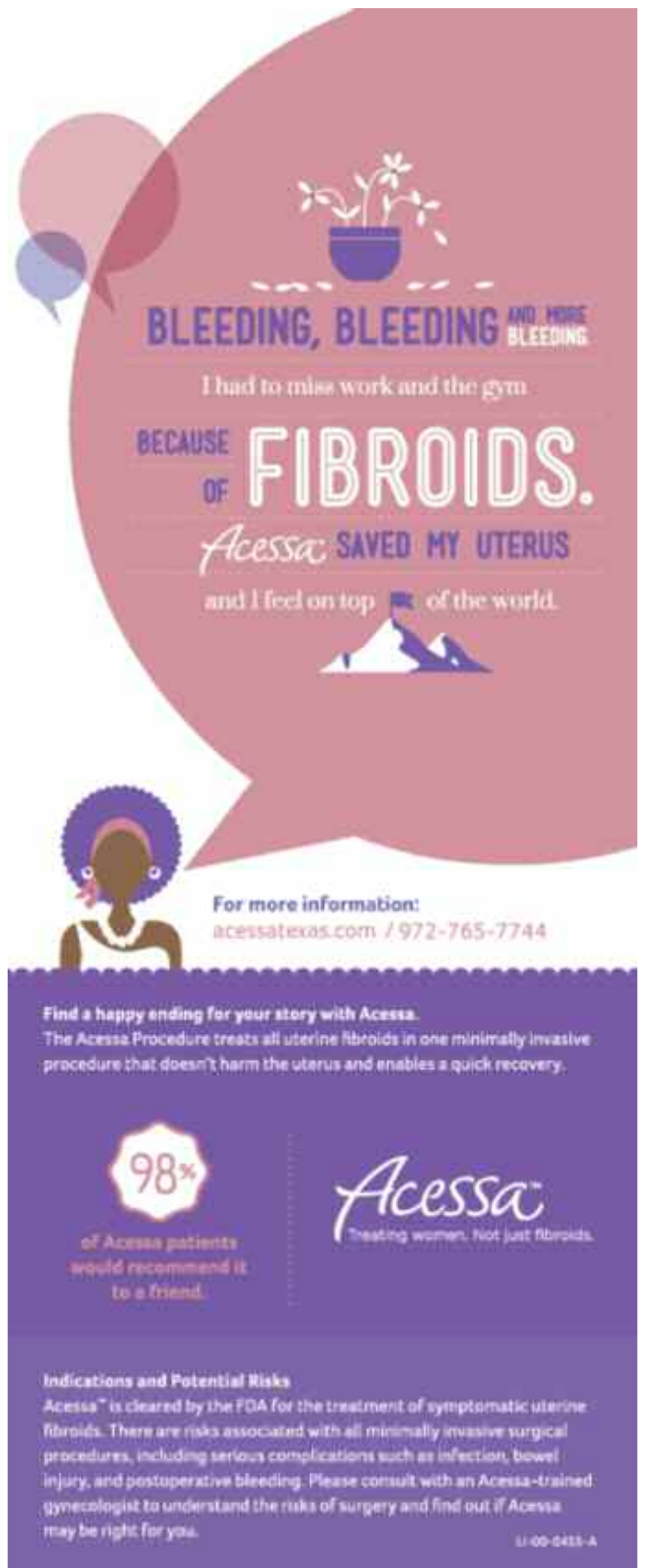
bias" is more likely the reason, meaning patients taking a new drug visit their doctors more frequently and are highly attuned to their health.

"When patients are put on statins or any new drug, they're seen more often by their doctor, or they themselves are paying attention to whether anything is wrong," Strom says. "So if they have a memory problem, they're going to notice it. Even if it has nothing to do with the drug, they're going to blame it on the drug."

Other studies have already confirmed that statins improve long-term memory, so Strom says the findings indicate short-term memory loss is not a concern either: "You shouldn't worry about short-term memory problems from any statins and, long-term, we know they improve memory."

## False fear

The upshot: "People who have high cholesterol should be on statins," Strom says. Statins include atorvastatin, cerivastatin, fluvastatin, pravastatin, and simvastatin, while nonstatin LLDs include cholestyramine, colestipol hydrochloride, colesvelam, clofibrate, and gemfibrozil.



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• The non-officer in the video who assisted Officer Casebolt should also be charged with assault to a minor

• All charges should be dropped against 18 year male Adrian Martin, who ran away due to the fact that Casebolt pulled a gun on him and he was in fear of his life; and finally

• The adult female who is seen hitting a black teenage while trying to break up a fight should also be charged with assault to a minor.

As a result of the speedy response rally from National Generation Action Network in addition to the support of various community activist, parents and concerned citizens as of June 10 two of the list of demands have been met. All charges against the 18 year old male have been dropped and Officer Casebolt has resigned. Although, Casebolt did not get fired Chief Greg Conley reported to the local media that the incident was “out of control” and “indefensible.”

In 2008, Officer Casebolt and other McKinney officers were sued in federal court for use of excessive force and racial profiling in a case that was dismissed in 2009, reportedly because the plaintiff did not have the means to pursue the case. Now in 2015 after this

alarming incident Casebolt issued a two line statement that simply said ‘I resign’ which means that Officer Casebolt will maintain his benefits and pension.

Now the question is, will organizers be satisfied with a resignation, instead of him being terminated or will they see it as just another way for the boys in blue to protect their own?

In the meantime, the remaining list of demands are still on the table and organizers have been very clear that all items on the list of demands are expected to be addressed.

### Police brutality against Black females finally gaining attention

Once again, America witnesses a video that has exposed yet another ugly picture regarding police brutality. However, this time it paints a slightly different picture that is rarely seen in the media which is ‘the black female.’

Recently in downtown San Francisco topless protesters rallied for female victims of police brutality carrying signs that read #SayHerName which referred to a title of a report released Wednesday by the African American Policy Forum highlighting the violence black women face at



Protesters of all ages stood up to make it known the on-going police brutality would not be tolerated. (Image: NDG / T. Figaro)

the hands of the police.

“Although black women are routinely killed, raped, and beaten by the police, their experiences are rarely foregrounded in popular understandings of police brutality,” said Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, co-author of the report of the African American Policy Forum highlighting the violence black women face at the hands of the police, which details the experiences of black women who have faced gender-specific violence and been killed by the police.

The stories that make the news have been mostly about black men. Now America has witnessed this type of police brutality to even a young black girl. Perhaps, this video is needed to spark the conversation that has been long overdue. Perhaps America will take a second look at cases such as the Oklahoma City Officer Daniel Holtzclaw who was charged with raping black women while on duty.

slaves were raped, thrown to the ground and beaten until their backbones were exposed.

Black women as slaves used their backbones to physically to build America, while their babies were taken. Black women as slaves helped build this country as their men were hung while being forced to do as Officer Casebolt expected the teenager to do which was shut up, get down to the ground, be humiliated and say nothing at all including a plea to call her mother.

The young girl did not even have the right to say her mother’s name, so now the question is will you

#SayHerName by seeking justice for her or remain silent?

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## Cedar Valley College awarded nearly \$200,000 to address job demand

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The three-year grant will take effect on September 1, 2015. The mission is to provide a high quality education that furthers regional economic development, enhances the quality of life in the region, and supports students' marketability in the global economy. The Mentor-Connect project, formed out of Florence-Darlington Technical College's South Carolina Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence, supported

CVC's grant application.

The Logistics, Supply Chain Management and Manufacturing Technology program is a Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) licensed career program designed to develop marketable logistics, supply chain management, and manufacturing skills to be used in operations, warehousing, production, inventory control, distribution, and, transportation. This program will provide di-

verse career pathways into cross-functional occupational fields (logistics and manufacturing). Texas is second only to California in meeting the supply and demand needs for Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

CVC will address the short-term supply/demand by:

- Offering industry certification courses for CLA, CLT, and CPT (40 hours) certificates through Contin-

uing Education in 2 weeks or 4 weeks hybrid (fast track) format.

- Developing three Level I certificates (Logistics Distribution, Inventory Control, and Production Process Technician).

- Enabling high school students and other individuals to matriculate through three Level I certificates toward an AAS degree, and later acquire a BAAS degree.

Due to the creation of the International Inland Port in Southern Dallas County, there is an increased number of job opportunities in the growing fields of logistics, manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, purchasing, and production: Supply Chain Management (418), Logistics (558), Warehousing (151), Manufacturing Technician (613), Production Technician (373), and Production Supervisor (979).

## DMA's Arts of Africa Gallery will feature 200 more objects

This month the Dallas Museum of Art began construction on the first redesign of the Museum's Arts of Africa Gallery in nearly twenty years.

The galleries will remain closed throughout the summer, with the unveiling of the redesigned gallery and a new installation opening in September 2015, featuring

more than 200 works from the Museum's acclaimed African art collection.

Research for the reinstallation project, which was sponsored by the Texas Fund for Curatorial Research and overseen by Roslyn Adele Walker, Ph.D., Senior Curator of the Arts of Africa, the Americas, and the Pacific and The

Margaret McDermott Curator of African Art, began in 2011 and included visits to national and international museums.

The reconfigured gallery will enable the Museum to display a larger number of works from the collection, including well-known works such as Olowe of

Ise's Kneeling Female Figure with Bowl, alongside recent acquisitions and works that have previously never been on view, including a State Sword by the Asante people of Ghana; a large-scale Yoruba arugba Shango, a caryatid figure holding a container for Shango ritual objects, from

Nigeria; and a pair of Fulani six-inch hammered gold earrings.

The DMA was an early advocate for the inclusion of African art in American art museums, and the Museum's dedication to the

field has set precedents since the 1950s. The collection is particularly strong in art from the Kongo and Luba cultures in Central Africa and the Yoruba and Edo (Benin kingdom) in West Africa.

## Kids invited to participate in the world's largest swim lesson to take place in Garland on June 18

Swimming is one of life's great pleasures. It offers many health and fitness benefits, cools you off in the summer, and provides a great opportunity to socialize with family and friends. The nation's top water safety and training organizations are joining forces in an effort to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning.

Cool-off this summer at Bradfield Pool with the World's Largest Swimming Lesson! Registration for this FREE event ends June 16. Pre-registration is required. All participants must be accompanied by an adult and will receive a free admission to Surf and Swim.

The event will be held on Thursday, June 18, from 10-10:30 a.m. at Bradfield Pool. All students ages 5-14 are welcome, however free - pre-registration is re-

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To register visit PLAY Online, select "Kids" and

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# Volunteers, students work to beautify Roosevelt High School

On Friday, May 29, City Year Dallas, 56 volunteers from the Celanese Corporation, and a group of students worked together on a campus beautification project at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School.

Projects included painting murals on walls, planting beds for the interior courtyard, painting the Dallas skyline on the gym wall, and building picnic tables and benches. Additionally,

volunteers and students will work to build an outdoor classroom in August.

"This is a great example of bringing businesses in to the school and developing a partnership," Roosevelt

High School Principal Brian De Veaux said.

Roosevelt High School is part of Division 2, which is led by Assistant Superintendent Stephanie Elizalde and Executive Director Jennifer Span.

nifer Span.

City Year Dallas has partnered with a number of Dallas ISD campuses and plans to expand their partnership for the 2015-2016 school year.



Students and volunteers worked together during a recent campus beautification project at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School. (Photo: Dallas ISD)

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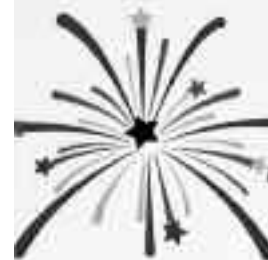
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## 2015 marks 150 years of Juneteenth

According to Juneteenth.com, this is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, which was official Jan. 1, 1863.

Later attempts to explain this delay have yielded several versions. Often told is the story of a messenger murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another theory is the slave owners were trying to maintain the labor force on the plantations, some speculate the federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits



of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

Throughout the metroplex several events are planned in celebration of Juneteenth this weekend. Please visit [www.NorthDallasGazette.com](http://www.NorthDallasGazette.com) for more listings. In fact, if you know of any events not listed, please post a comment.

We remember and celebrate Juneteenth, June 19th for freedom and much

more.

Events in DFW includes: **MetroPCS Presents Juneteenth Celebration and Festival** – June 20 from Noon to 6 p.m. at Dallas City Hall with an all-afternoon festival to featuring non-stop live entertainment at Dallas' City Hall Plaza

**Irving Juneteenth celebration** on June 20 includes 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – March from Shady Oaks Cemetery to Jackie

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Let's get ready to RUMBLE!

*She's taking over Tuesday nights as the dynamic Veronica on Tyler Perry's The Ringer and the Ringer Note – it's*  
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## Still time to win tickets to *Just Like Yo' Daddy*

North Dallas Gazette readers can still win tickets to see the new stage play "Just Like Yo' Daddy" Recording Artists Terry "COMMON FOLK" Williams and Dana Hemphill star as Zeke and Teresa - a married couple with some serious issues.

Zeke never met his father, so he has no intentions on ever being one. Teresa's biological clock is ticking so loudly that it drowns out all good sense. Out of desperation, Teresa commits an unthinkable betrayal that threatens to destroy their happy home.

Lakeicha Thomas plays

Arshanay, Zeke's sister who doesn't care about a man's love, only the size of his wallet.

Will Devon (BET's *Let's Stay Together* star Christian Keyes) make her reconsider her relationship rules? At the center of the turmoil is the family's matriarch, needy Mama Annie (CeCe Godbolt). Also featuring Ray Lavender from Donald Trump's *The Ultimate Merger*, Gospel Comedienne Mrs. Cotton White, Christian Hip Hop Artist Norris J, Contessah Irene, Cory Espie, Raison Thompson, Santosha Faulkner, and Tasha Harden.

## Best Southwest Juneteenth Arts & Music Festival will feature the Dazz Band

The City of Cedar Hill and the Best Southwest cities of Duncanville, Desoto and Lancaster are celebrating the 12th annual Juneteenth Arts & Music Festival: "Celebrating Freedom through Diversity" on June 20 at Valley Ridge Park in Cedar Hill.

This free, family event is the largest Juneteenth celebration in the metroplex and honors the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery by bringing together our communities through live music, art and rich historical presentations.

The main stage amphitheater highlights performances by Blue Monarch Line Dancers,



OneVoice Community Outreach Choir, Rattletree Marimba from Austin, TX, Memphis Soul of Dallas, and the infamous, nationally known Dazz Band, who's biggest hit songs include the Grammy Award-winning "Let It Whip".

New this year is the Kids On the Hill Creative Arts Zone brought to you by the Zula B. Wylie Library in Cedar Hill. On the kids

stage enjoy performances by Oba William King, poetic storyteller from Chicago and Ballet Folklórico Dancers. Kids on the Hill Creative Arts Zone will include arts and crafts, bounce houses, inflatable dodge ball, and more!

Juneteenth in Cedar Hill will feature a variety of local artists and small businesses sharing their custom creations, as well as a clas-

sic car show by the Cruisers Car Club. A variety of local cuisine will also be available. The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Drive in Cedar Hill. Admission is free.

For additional information visit the official Juneteenth Arts & Music Festival website at [cedarhill-pard.wix.com/Juneteenth](http://cedarhill-pard.wix.com/Juneteenth) or call 972-291-5130.

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# NDG Book Review: *Spelled* is a good read for teens, and you

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

When you were small, thanks to fairy tales, you were quite afraid of giants.

You simply knew they were just waiting to crush your house or grind your bones to make their bread. With hands the size of small cars, they'd pick you up and fling you aside. And if a giant didn't do it, an ogre could unless, of course, you're a princess and, as in the new book by Betsy Schow, you're "Spelled."

Crown Princess Dorthea was really "pixied."

It was bad enough that she was confined inside the Emerald Palace, courtesy of some ancient fire-making curse that nobody was sure even worked anymore, but her parents kept trying to marry her off to some dumb prince from another stupid kingdom - the latest of which, Prince Kato of Somewhere-Somewhere, was a big jerk. For Grimm's sake, Dorthea was still only a teenager!

But okay, well, maybe it was infantile to throw a hissy-fit during the Muse Day ball. It was childish to pix off her parents. And it was definitely wrong to wish upon a star that a Fairy Godmother-wanna-be gave her; a star that Verde, the Kingdom's head sorceress, would've warned Dorthea not to take.

Because that star - that pocket-sized white-rock star - ruined everything.

As soon as Dorthea wished aloud that she didn't have to attend the ball or dance with Kato or follow any rules - boom! - everything went white. Chandeliers shattered. People Dorthea'd known her whole life were changed; even Kato was suddenly a tiny, furry creature the size of a puppy. And there, standing in the middle of the chaos was a silvery-pale woman who said her name was



Queen Griz - and though she hated to do it, she was going to kill Dorthea.

As the Emerald Palace collapsed in a heap, Dorthea fled on a vacuum cleaner with furry Kato and a snarky kitchen girl. She wasn't sure where to go; before Verde disappeared, she'd shouted something about Dorthea's sparkly red shoes and a rainbow.

Whatever that meant, with Griz's cackle resounding in her head, Dorthea knew she had to get there, fast.

There are, overall, two words to describe "Spelled": Clev. Er.

With a starting point of a basic Princess Story, author Betsy Schow moves with lightning speed through just about every fairy tale and fantasy story you can remember, taking her main character on an original adventure with an Oz flair and

a flirt with classic Grimm. There are cameo appearances in this story from Cinderella, Rapunzel, and a magical dragon; plus big roles for chimeras, a some-

time-fairy godmother and a head-swapping hag, giants and a caterpillar army, an Ice Queen, leprechauns, flying puppies, and a "Mimic-man" who can copycat any-

one. That all adds up to a fast-paced, magical story with quick-witted dialogue and a spoiled royal who learns that there's gnome place like home.

Not too hard and not too soft, this book is just right for 12-to-17-year-old readers, but be sure to borrow it back for yourself. Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, "Spelled" smells

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# Hair braiding by pros deregulated in Texas

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 2717 into law on June 9 deregulating hair braiding for the Texas barbering and cosmetology professions.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Executive Director, William Kuntz, states, “We consistently review programs and licenses under our management to determine if continued licensure is needed. In alignment with Governor Ab-



bott's vision of limited government and less regulation the agency identified hair

braiding as one of its strategic initiatives to downsize government for 2015. This

an example of the Department's focus on Smaller, Smarter Government.”

Individuals and instructors who only provide or teach hair braiding and specialty shops that solely provide hair braiding services are no longer required to hold a license.

But, individuals and specialty shops offering other cosmetology or barbering services, such as hair weaving, will be required to hold a current license for that specialty service.

TDLR will pro-rate the fees and return the unused portion to individuals holding a barber or cosmetology hair braiding specialty certificate, hair braiding instructor license, or hair

braiding specialty shop license. Information concerning the refund will be posted on the Department's webpage soon.

House Bill 2717 takes effect immediately.

## WHITE, continued from Page 3

ple of northern Mexico; and turning vast numbers of Asians into quasi-indentured servants.

Migrants from Europe, over time, became “White,” that is, they were admitted into the club that gave them advantages over anyone of color, advantages such as gun ownership, a different relationship with law en-

forcement, a better chance at housing, jobs, etc., though no guarantee of either success or wealth.

None of this is to minimize what African Americans have experienced. Rather, we need to put this all into a larger context. Police violence against African Americans, for instance, has been mirrored

by the police violence experienced by Chicanos and Native Americans since the 19th century. East Asians were, for years, locked into “Chinatowns,” “Japan-towns,” and “Manila-towns,” where criminal activity was encouraged by White society and economic opportunities for advancement were limited, at best.

As we build movements such as #BlackLivesMatter

we need to recognize that we do not stand alone in the face of racism and White supremacy. The racial hierarchy ironically helps us to identify potential allies against injustice.

*Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the host of The Global African on Telesur-English. He is a racial justice, labor and global justice activist and writer. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.billfletcherjr.com.*

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With Summer 2015 almost here and lives are being changed each day because of graduation (a milestone in someone's life; with decisions to make: Do I go to college, trade school or go directly into the work-

force.)

Some people may move into a new house, move to a new city, or a new state. Some are getting married, etc. I thought I would leave you with a few things to ponder.

Drink from the "everlasting cup" every day. Steal a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are. Swear that you will be a better person today than yesterday. And last, but

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#### June 14

You are invited to join us for Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. and don't forget to come back at 5 p.m. for our Iglesia de Cristo Services (the Word of God in Spanish.)

#### June 17, 7 p.m.

Join us for Bible study as we worship and praise God for His blessings. Prepare to be

encouraged by God's plan to grow.

Brother Ramon Hodridge,  
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You're invited to our Sunday Morning "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. See what God is doing through and with us; you will be blessed. Don't forget to come back at 5 p.m. for the Word of God in Spanish at our Iglesia de Cristo Services.

#### June 17, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Dr. Woodson and/or Associate Pastor Brenda Patterson teaching on the subject of Spiritual Warfare. These are cool Topics in Summer months. Learn what God says about critical issues and topics through the study of His word.

Please pray for and support our Mission Team fundraiser at <http://www.gofundme.com/bethelmission>. Share this link with everyone you know.

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### CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH IN RICHARDSON

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You're invited to our Morning Services as we worship,

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own, Mollie did everything she could to help raise her grandchildren as well. She was able to fund dental school for one of her granddaughters. After her granddaughter graduated at the top of her class, she gave her golden rope to Mollie to show that she truly appreciated the help that her grandmother gave her.

Wish of a Lifetime, Brookdale, and SCA-Tena were honored to give Mollie the chance to go skydiving. Decades after she made the promise that she would one day go skydiving, Mollie was finally able to make the "leap" out of the airplane. She said it was the most incredible feeling she has ever experienced, and that she was very thankful that she had the opportunity to fulfill her wish.

Wish of a Lifetime is a U.S.-based non-profit started in 2008 by two-time Olympic skier Jeremy Bloom that honors and celebrates the seniors within our community by renewing their passions and fulfilling lifelong dreams.

To fulfill Mollie's wish, Wish of a Lifetime partnered with hygiene company SCA and Brookdale Senior Living, the assisted living community that Mollie is a resident of. In the United States, SCA's TENA branded incontinence products are purchased mostly by women. The Sweden-based company recently launched an initiative to recognize amazing women around the world, and Mollie's wish fulfillment is part of that initiative.



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## June 17

Join us at 12 Noon with Rev. Viveca Potter teaching on the Word of God; come back at 6:45 p.m. for Corporate Prayer and stay for Senior Pastor Autry at 7:30 p.m. teaching the Word of God. Our youth will come for Food and Fellowship at 7 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Terrence Autry, Senior Pastor  
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## FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "The Ship"

## June 14

Join us as we praise and worship God at 8 a.m. in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen; followed by Morning Services at 9:30 a.m. at Bolin Elementary School, 5705 Cheyenne Drive in Allen and bring someone with you; you will be blessed.

**June 15th-August 23rd**  
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lenge begins and you don't

want to miss it; "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." - Ephesians 2:10.

## June 17

You're invited to our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all, be prepared to grow.

## June 21, 8 a.m.

All youth are invited to join us for our "Hype Sunday Worship Service" at our main campus, 200 West Belmont Drive, Allen, TX 75013; followed by our Father's Day Worship Services at Bolin Elementary School in Allen, Texas 75002.

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## June 11

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## June 14, 7:35 a.m.

Join us this Sunday for our praise and worship services and receive a blessing from God.

## June 17, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Bible Study to learn more about God's word and how it can lead and guide you.

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## June 14, 10 a.m.

Join us for our Sunday Wor-  
ship Service as we praise  
and worship God.

## June 17, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come

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## June 14

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day School at 9 a.m. and  
Morning Worship at 10:30  
a.m.

## June 17

Join us in Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us for our growth.

Dr. Tommy L. Brown  
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## SHILOH MBC IN PLANO

**June 14  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Come and worship with us this Sunday, God will greet us and bless us with words of wisdom as He leads and guide us in all truth and righteousness.

## June 17, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encour-  
aged by God's plan for your  
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You're invited this Sunday as we praise, worship, honor and magnify God's Holy name.

## June 15, 7 p.m.

Join us in Monday School as we learn what God has to say to us.

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not least, when you lie down at night thank God that He loves and care about you.

Another version of: Test of Fire (Action and Reaction.) Take a piece of wax, a morsel of meat, a handful of sand, a pinch of clay and some wood shavings and put them on a fire.

The wax melts; the meat fries; the sand dries up; the clay hardens; the shavings blaze. Although they are subjected to the small fire, each of the objects reacts in a different way.

This is a dramatic reminder of how individuals also react differently to the same circumstances. Subjected to hardship and despair, one person grows stronger, while others weaken or wither away.

One person hears the Word of God and is made better. Others hear the same message and grow

angry and rebellious. Let us take heed how we respond to the action of God in our lives.

Help Wanted, Inquire Above: God is hanging out the "Help Wanted" sign. He is not looking for more people to serve as critics; there are already too many people who have taken that job.

God does not need any self-inflated people who waste their time trying to establish the order of importance of everybody.

The job openings that God has available are for stewards. The people who apply for this position do not need to be highly skilled; neither do they have to have a history of great success.

What they need is a commitment to be faithful. God will place certain job responsibilities in the hands of His stewards, with each

job suited to the worker. God will work side by side with His stewards.

There always will be an opening for the person who is sincerely interested. The

reward for stewards is great; it may not be immediate, but the reward will have lasting significance. Put your trust in God, believing that God will re-

ward you.

Know Your Limitations: We can easily become discouraged in the face of our limitations. Often we feel that we could be happier and more effective if God only would resolve certain persistent problems for us.

These thorns can threaten our faith if we allow them to raise questions of God's care for us. At the same time, however, the fact that we are able to keep pressing forward despite these obstacles reveals God's power and sufficient grace working through our inadequacies.

Viewed from this angle,

we can embrace hardship with the confidence that everything that happens to us can serve a long-term benefit within God's larger plan for our lives.

This is part of what it means to live by faith, not by sight.

As we face new challenges in life it is good to remember the Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr. "God, give us the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other."



Sister Tarpley and her grandson, Philip Lott, at his "Celebration" from elementary to middle school in 2015-2016



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