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*Equipping Our Youth with Understanding:*

# The right to remain silent

By La Royce Jones

We at the *North Dallas Gazette* believe it's time for us as a community to stand up and take responsibility for educating our own regarding our rights as citizens of the United States of America. This comes because we are in the midst of social change in our society and the growing mass of our people being incarcerated. Also, with the inevitable implosion of our youth determined to, sooner than not, reveal itself to America;

Continually we see incidents of sworn civil servants neglecting and displaying blatant disrespect of the badge they wear, and to the people they vowed to protect and serve. So, as a community, we must come together to educate our people of our rights as citizens. As community leaders, it's imperative we take action now. We've witnessed too many of our people detained or murdered. We simply cannot continue to huddle on the sidelines spewing our opinions of what we are witnessing.

It is time for us to stand up for our



*Las Vegas protesters earlier in 2015 (Image: Flickr user Beverly Yuen Thompson)*

children, our community and our future.

Never forget, we are reaping the benefits of our ancestor's labor of love. It is beyond our imagination to comprehend the torture and hate our ancestors endured. Yet, they did endure. Plus they taught their children how to endure, until an inevitable change arrived.

We need to recapture the same spirit of our ancestors to teach our people how to endure until our change comes. Yes, rallies, marches

and movements can, and we believe will, aid in bringing changes to policy and laws. However, in the meantime, it is our responsibility to move to change our community.

Education is power, and without education we can feel powerless. Therefore, it is necessary and with urgency that we instill power of knowledge in our youth. This is critical if they should find themselves alone in a situation with an officer.

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COMMENTARY

## Fox News and AP also Abused Black Youth

By George E. Curry  
NNPA Columnist

Fox News blowhards will never admit that in covering the racially-charged swimming pool incident in McKinney, Texas, they blew it. But that's exactly what they did. And rather than acknowledge that they went overboard in defending the misconduct of the police officer involved – conduct that the chief police later described as “out

of control” – some of the network's personalities are attacking those who pointed out that they messed up.

Fortunately, there was videotape of the unfortunate June 5 incident at a swimming pool in Craig Ranch, a predominantly White subdivision in McKinney, Texas, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

The video, which has received more than 11

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Joyce Ann Brown



Quinn Mason



Che Brown

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## Joyce Ann Brown

Joyce Ann Brown led a life that movies are made of. Known around the world, she was a daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, mentor, advocate and friend. In the battle of life, many took comfort in having her on their side because she was also a Warrior.

From her humble beginnings in Wills Point, Texas where her parents, Sylvester and Ruby Kelley raised their five children, to stages across the country; the story of her life is filled with intrigue, romance, violence



and drama; while also celebrating good, justice, love, faith and honor.

Joyce Ann was a spirited young child, who loved excitement and challenges so when her family moved to Dallas, Texas, the small-

town girl was very happy.

She attended Booker T. Washington High School and graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School where she was also a cheerleader. After graduation she immediately went to work and then moved to North Dallas. For a brief time she was married to a local entertainer, James Brown.

From a young age, Joyce loved to have fun. As a young adult, she was known around town at all the nightspots and for dressing stylishly as she partied with two of her "running buddies" Gwen and Eva. She also was known for the love

and care she showed to her daughter, Koquice, and sons Lee Jr., and Mygeish.

Brother and Sister actors Timothy D. Stickney and Phyllis Yvonne Stickney with Joyce Ann Brown

Brother and Sister actors Timothy D. Stickney and Phyllis Yvonne Stickney with Joyce Ann Brown

Taking seriously her role as a responsible adult she made a career change that ultimately was life-changing.

While working at Koslow's Furs, she found herself in what would become the first of thousands of headlines and news reports when

she was arrested, charged and found guilty of aggravated robbery. Joyce always maintained her innocence in the May 6, 1980 robbery and murder at another furrier, Fine Furs by Rubin.

Although there were several witnesses to say that Joyce was miles away at work; the victim's wife provided an eyewitness identification, another inmate told of a "jailhouse confession" by Joyce and there was a rush to prosecute attitude. Consequently Joyce was taken from her family to spend her life behind bars, ineligible for parole for at least 20 years.

Admittedly Joyce was angry when she entered the Texas Department of Corrections. She was a God-loving woman who felt that only the guilty went to jail. She also had a praying mother and family who along with her church family, at Bethlehem Christian Church, McKinney, TX, under the leadership of Rev. Travis Lee and Kevin E. Brown continued to lift her up in prayer.

*Learn more about the life and accomplishments of Joyce Ann Brown by visiting our Web site at [www.northdallasgazette.com](http://www.northdallasgazette.com).*

## Quinn Mason

Listening to classical sounds on music station WRR-FM 101.1 and the different types of instrumentation disseminating through the airwaves sculpted Quinn Mason, a senior at North Dallas High School, into the accomplished musician he is today.

"The variance in beats and soundscape of live instruments is what intrigued me the most from the other stations," he said.

For Mason, the realization to compose great arrangements came at age 9.



This year, he was one of six students nationwide to win the American Composers Forum (ACF) NextNotes High School Composition Award. His piece is entitled Masonian

Rondo for brass quartet. Recipients of the award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward composition lessons.

"I believe by winning this award it'll be beneficial to my career," Mason casually said. "I was able to link up with my peers in the music industry and made some great connections."

Also of note, Mason plays seven instruments.

Whether formally trained, or through self-taught videos from YouTube, Mason is a musician at his core. He found his ability in the musical hall of Onesimo Hernandez

Elementary School during a required music course. There he found his way to his first instrument, piano.

"I went in eager, and let my curiosity take me away," Mason proudly recalls of that time.

By the time he reached his senior year in high school the list grew to cello, clarinet, trombone, oboe percussion, even the recorder.

The 19-year-old graduating senior says music is a way to tap in to his inner self. What many may not know is Mason is autistic.

The type of autism Mason says he is diagnosed with is known as Asperger

syndrome. People identified with this type of disorder may experience an imbalance in social interaction and other types of communication. Mason uses music as his voice to speak, non-verbally.

"The best thing about me is I can express myself. It's the way I can speak to others," he says with confidence.

As he scales back his conversation on his disorder, it's a stark comparison to the excitement behind his voice he once had describing some of the "greats" in classical music.

For example, when asked

about Frédéric Chopin's musical ability Mason shared his views of the composer.

"He's an essential favorite of mine," he said nearly flippant. "I even know how to play some of his pieces. But orchestra was not his thing."

He later admitted, some of Chopin's compositions were "very boring" citing his placement of whole versus half notes.

To the untrained ear, Chopin's work may be deemed as the pinnacle for composers during the Ro-

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## Che Brown

Che Brown is president of Partners in Learning, a global sales training company, which teaches sales professionals how to make sales with less effort. Brown shares winning sales strategies on how to close deals and put cash in your pocket by mastering the basics of selling, using sales scripts, and advanced sales techniques to increase sales and long-term profitability.

With over 14 years of sales and marketing experience, Brown has conducted workshops and seminars for major corporations, including Hewlett-Packard, Wachovia, Microsoft, Verizon, Chevy Chase Bank, and numerous network marketing



organizations. He continues to host highly attended sales forums and conferences around the country. Before starting his own company, Brown was a sales and marketing manager at MCI, where he was responsible for creating effective marketing strategies and promotional programs for

multi-unit products with over \$12 billion in annual sales.

Brown is a member of the Washington District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber received its biggest turnout ever for a seminar when Brown hosted "The Mindset of Great Salespeople" earlier this year. He trained under national sales trainers Eric Lofholm and Hilton Johnson. He has been featured in several national radio programs and newspapers, discussing practical ideas and strategies to increase sales.

Brown earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from Morgan State University and a Master's degree in business administration from John Hopkins Univer-

sity. He has successfully completed the Dale Carnegie course from the Dale Carnegie Centers of Excellence.

What makes Brown a guru is the sales industry is his ability to hone in on the issues entrepreneurs and small business owners have when it comes to effective sales strategies. Brown is an advocate for the "little" guy and has perfected his career helping those individuals bridge the financial gap between them and their larger competitors. For Brown sales is a way of life not an option. Brown is also one of the top neurolinguistics in the word. He is also the co-partner at Peak Performer's Institute with Trevor Otts, a marketing guru.

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## What part of democracy are Republicans afraid of?

By Lee A. Daniels  
NNPA Columnist

It's not too soon to ask a critical question of citizens of voting age who tend to vote for Democratic candidates: Do you think you'll be allowed to vote in 2016?

The Republican Party in numerous states across the country has been working hard to ensure that for many voters who fit that profile, the answer will be “no.”

A half century ago the Civil Rights Movement's ultimate legislative victory – the Voting Rights Act of 1965 – guaranteed Black Americans' right to vote. Blacks' subsequent dedica-

tion to a democracy's fundamental expression of responsible citizenship – voting – led directly to Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 electoral victories.

In the latter, Obama won 93 percent of Blacks' votes, 73 percent of Asian-Americans' votes, 71 percent of Hispanic-Americans' votes, and the majority of votes from women as a group and voters age 18 to 29. That support, along with gaining 39 percent of votes cast by Whites, gave him a 4.7 million popular-vote and 332-to-206 Electoral College margin of victory.

Since then, American voters' access to the ballot

box has once again been threatened: by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2013 striking down the key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights, and the resulting blizzard of enacted and proposed acts in Republican-dominated state legislatures intended to suppress voting by those groups whose majorities vote for Democratic candidates.

The oily Republican justifications for these bills are that they're to prevent voter fraud. But Republicans have never produced any evidence that voter fraud actually exists at any level of American politics. Indeed, during a federal court

trial last year over Texas' new restrictive voter-identification law, state officials testified that from 2002 to 2011, when a total of 20 million votes were cast in the state, just two cases of voter impersonation fraud were prosecuted to conviction. A scholar whose specialty is examining voter fraud in modern-day American elections testified that for the years 2000 to 2010 she had found fewer than 10 instances of voter fraud at polling places in the entire country.

The federal court in Texas struck down the law,

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million views on YouTube, shows a police officer identified as Cpl. Eric Casebolt attempting to throw Dajeria Becton, a slim, 15-year-old, bikini-clad African American, to the sidewalk.

“He told me to walk away and I did,” Becton told KDFW-TV. “Next thing I know I'm on the ground.”

The video, shot by a White teenager, shows Casebolt throwing Becton to the ground as she starts to walk away, yelling to her, “On your face.” He is seen grabbing her by the hair and placing his knee in her back while she was pinned to the ground under the weight of his body.

At one point, Casebolt drew his revolver and pointed it at two Black males until two of his fellow officers intervened and restrained him.

More than a half -dozen Fox commentators defended Casebolt, despite the video. One guest, Bo Dietl, was allowed to speculate about what one of the teens might have told the officer. Fox Business host Lou Dobbs asked, “what in the world” are police supposed to do when people “refuse to obey” their orders?

Fox News Host Megyn Kelly said “the girl was no saint either. He had told her

to leave, and she continued to linger. And when the cop tells you to leave, you get out.” Kelly added, “I'm not defending his actions, let me make that clear.”

After mediamatters.org, the watchdog group, reported her remarks, Kelly took to the air to charge that “some of the left-wing press continue to use this incident to dishonestly push their own agenda.” However, she neglected to note that even some conservatives had criticized her.

For example, Reason.com stated, “Some conservatives, unfortunately, are falling over themselves to defend the police – the one kind of public employee who can do no wrong in the eyes of all-too many people on the right. Media Matters compiled a disheartening list of Fox News personalities raising baseless hypotheticals that could (maybe) justify Casebolt's rash actions.”

Meanwhile, Casebolt's behavior was so abhorrent that he has resigned and apologized for his actions.

Police Chief Greg Conley said, “Our policies, our training, our practice doesn't support his actions. He came into the call out of control, and as the video shows was out of control during the incident.”

Fox News wasn't the only offender.

A Daily Kos headline summed it up best: “Associated Press publishes hit job on Tamir Rice.”

It noted, “You are all familiar with this story. A young boy is playing in the park, a police car pulls up and in less than two seconds, 12-year old Tamir Rice is on the ground, bleeding from what would prove to be a fatal gunshot wound. For more than six months the investigation(s) into this videotaped killing has languished. Now, coincidentally, two days after a judge found probable cause that the police officer who shot Rice should face murder charges, and the Associated Press was presented with the opportunity to run a hit job on ... Tamir Rice. And, boy, oh boy, did they run with it.”

Below are some excerpts from the AP story, written by Mark Gillispie, with Daily Kos commentary in italics.

AP headline: “Boy with pellet gun warned by friend before police shooting”

*Comment: That's right! Tamir was warned! No word if Tamir was warned that he would be shot without warning for the crime of being in a public park, because the only quotes in this article come from the prosecutor, an unnamed FBI*

*agent and the shooter's lawyer.*

AP: Investigators were told that Tamir used the air-soft gun, which shoots non-lethal plastic projectiles, to shoot at car tires that day.

*Comment: Not only non-lethal, but non-able-to-shoot-out-a-freaking-tire. Not to mention, that's not why the police confronted Tamir.*

AP: The video appears to show Tamir reaching for the pellet gun, which is tucked in his waistband, after he was shot.

*Comment: It does? The only thing I see is Tamir reaching for his his stomach when he's shot.*

The reason I became a journalist was because I subscribe to a quote that has been attributed, with some variation, to both journalist Finley Peter Dunne and social activist “Mother” Mary Jones: “The job of a newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.”

In this instance, Fox News and the Associated Press got it backwards.

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## Five things men need to know about the Affordable Care Act during Men's Health Month

AUSTIN - June is Men's Health Month and Get Covered America wants the XY chromosome community to know all the ways they can take care of their health this summer. Whether you plan on coaching your kid's soccer team, joining a cycling group, playing ball with the boys, or simply staying home and reclaiming your man-cave, you should also consider making the ap-

pointment for your not-so-annual visit to the doctor.

To keep their whole health in check, Texas men should know these five things about the Affordable Care Act to keep themselves healthy and safe at any age:

**Plans provide free preventive services:** Everybody knows most men don't like going to the doctor but who doesn't like free

stuff? Now thanks to the Affordable Care Act you can get your annual checkup at no charge just to prove that you're as healthy as you always knew you were! You can also get blood pressure screenings, diet counseling, and help for quitting smoking, among other services – completely free. Even the treadmill at the gym says it – “Consult with your physi-

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## New law to curb surprise medical billing in Texas

AUSTIN – AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson today applauded Gov. Greg Abbott and members of the Legislature for making meaningful progress toward protecting consumers with the signing of Senate Bill 481, a measure that could significantly reduce surprise medical billing in Texas.

Senate Bill 481, sponsored by Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) and signed Monday by Governor Abbott, gives mediation rights to nearly all Texans who go into an in-network hospital but leave with out-of-network bills. The changes are effective Sept. 1. Today, mediation to address surprise medical bills is only available to people who get a bill that exceeds \$1,000. SB 481 makes mediation available to those who get a bill over \$500.

“The Legislature listened to Texans who are fed up with surprise medical bills after emergency room visits or when they go to hospitals in their insurance network,” said Jackson. “It's great news that the Legislature and Governor Abbott acted this session to protect more consumers from being balance billed.”

Balance billing can occur even when a patient admitted to a hospital for surgery

may have checked in advance to ensure the hospital was in-network. Often, the patient is shocked to discover that one of their treatment providers, such as an anesthesiologist, was out-of-network. In such cases, the patients' insurance plan may cover a portion of the out-of-network charges, but the remainder – which can reach thousands of dollars – falls to the patient.

“Mediation is working well to the benefit of both patients and providers,” said Jackson. “Senate Bill 481 brings mediation to more consumers and will

ease the practice of surprise medical billing in Texas.”

Besides expanding mediation rights to more consumers, SB 481 also helps guard against balance billing by specifying that assistant surgeons will be among the medical specialists whose charges will be subject to the law on balance billing.

AARP Texas was a key advocate for SB 481 with other groups, including Consumers Union, the Center for Public Policy Priorities, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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As parents, we ensure our children are equipped with their physical needs when they go out into the world. Yet, in many cases, we have failed to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge of knowing their rights. They must be equipped with the protection of full armor.

Also, we must help our youth understand the importance of countering emotion with knowledge. This will help them to remain calm and level headed during police encounters. We are emotional creatures and all too often we are respond reactively and emotionally. However, calmer heads must prevail and allow our knowledge to prevail and help guide the situation to a peaceful resolution.

So if our youth are not equipped with the power of knowledge, then all they have to depend upon is their emotion. We can do much better to protect our youth.

It has become necessary for our youth to be taught how to interact with police officers. Hopefully this will help to remove fear and possibly change a negative outcome into a more positive one.

Since this necessity has shown itself boldly in the light recent events, it cannot be ignored any longer with the shades of the blind eye which separates us.

As we know from numerous studies, Black youth are more likely to be suspected, harassed, stopped and frisked, identified as adults, detained and arrested. So, they must be educated to know what to say, and more importantly, what not to say.

Every youth should know their Miranda Rights. It has come to our community to take on this task of making sure all of our youth know and understand their rights. We need every leader, in every church, in every community organization, in every neighborhood and in every home to take on this

responsibility.

We must stand, and take action now. We have to shake off our complacent stance which only ignites in the aftermath of another tragic shooting or encounter.

Our youth are scattered and lost, in dire need of direction.

plenishing our community.

Below is the Miranda Warning, also known as the Miranda Rights. Please share throughout our community.

If you are a community leader, learn the Miranda Rights for your jurisdiction, study them. Then teach them to our youth. Have the youth memorize them. Then help our youth gain understanding of their meaning by explaining and presenting them at their level.



Information from FiveThirtyEight Data Lab, The National Police Misconduct Statistics and Reporting Project and Al Jazeera America.  
Credit: Jessie Snyder/The Foothill Dragon Press

rection, crying out for guidance and understanding. Yet, their cries seems to fall on ears too caught up in all the noise, preventing them from hearing their pleas for help.

### Take action – Now!

Fathers and mothers sit down with your children and have a blunt and direct conversation.

Make sure they understand, this information could one day save their lives. It could possibly keep them from residing behind prison walls for the remainder of their lives.

Pastors gather your flock and structure classes to teach your youth. Mentors stress this to your mentees. We all have a role to play in restoring, rebuilding and re-

standing of their meaning by explaining and presenting them at their level.

It's our responsibility, and it's our turn to teach them how to endure with dignity and the power of knowledge.

As we know knowledge is power. But knowledge only becomes powerful when it's taught to the masses and implemented to form change.

Now we want to hear from you: Share your suggestions on how we can better prepare our youth to understand their rights and properly exercise them if any situation should arise. Their lives could depend on it.

Send your suggestions to [businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com).

## Miranda Warning

This is a call to action from the *North Dallas Gazette* for parents, church leaders and community leaders to make sure our young people fully understand their rights.

Miranda Rights is a "right to silence" warning given by the police in the U.S. to criminal suspects who are in police custody before they are interrogated. Written into law after the Supreme Court's decision of the Ernesto Arturo Miranda vs. State of Arizona.

Every U.S. jurisdiction has its own regulations regarding what, precisely, must be said to a person arrested or placed in a custodial situation. The typical warning states:

- You have the right to remain silent when questioned.
- Anything you say or do may be used against you in a court of law.
- You have the right to consult an attorney before speaking to the police and to have an attorney present during questioning now or in the future.
- If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you before any questioning, if you wish.

• If you decide to answer any questions now, without an attorney present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to an attorney.

• Knowing and understanding your rights as I have explained them to you, are you willing to answer my questions without an attorney present?\*

The courts have since ruled that the warning must be "meaningful", so it is usually required that the suspect be asked if they understand their rights. Sometimes, firm answers of "yes" are required. Some departments and jurisdictions require that an officer ask "do you understand?" after every sentence in the warning.

An arrestee's silence is not a waiver, but on June 1, 2010, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that police are allowed to interrogate suspects who have invoked or waived their rights ambiguously, and any statement given during questioning prior to invocation or waiving is admissible as evidence.

Evidence has in some cases been ruled inadmissible because of an arrestee's poor knowledge of

English and the failure of arresting officers to provide the warning in the arrestee's language.

Also because of various education levels, officers must make sure the suspect understands what the officer is saying. It may be necessary to "translate" to the suspect's level of understanding. Courts have ruled this admissible as long as the original waiver is said and the "translation" is recorded either on paper or on tape.

*\*\*Please note in Texas and nine other states in lieu of "Knowing and understanding your rights as I have explained them to you are you willing to answer my questions without an attorney present?" The officer must ask the following two questions*

*1: Do you understand each of these rights I have explained to you?*

*2: Having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to us now?*

*The answer to question 1 is used to determine if suspect understands their rights to silence.*

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# Eastfield College brews up new certificate program

The craft brewing industry is growing rapidly, especially in Texas, and now aspiring beer brewers and brewers who want to refine their technical skills can get the training they need at Eastfield College.

Eastfield's new Journeyman Brewer Certificate covers 177 hours of brewing technology and practical experience with industry equipment. Students will have a working knowledge of various equipment used



within the brewing industry and develop an understanding of brewing practices used in a variety of brewery settings.

Master Brewer and Eastfield Journeyman Brewer instructor, Peter Boettcher, holds a degree in Brewing Science and is a state certi-

fied trainer of brewers from the Doemens World Brewing Academy. With 30 years of brewing experience, Peter says this high-impact, straightforward class will cover the entire brewing process.

"What is unique about the Journeyman Brewers program is that it is tailored to the brewers and operators working in the industry. It is based on the dual system where you combine theoretical knowledge with the

practical working experience.

This course is also ideal for passionate home-brewers who seek to get their foot in the door of the professional brewing industry, and at the same time it remains relevant to current brewery personnel."

With support from a growing list of local breweries such as Grapevine Craft Brewery, Rahr & Sons Brewing, Shannon Brew-

ing, Martin House Brewing, Rabbit Hole Brewing, Texas Ale Brewing and Lakewood Brewing, this certificate program provides students a sound foundation to continue on with a successful brewing career or become a highly qualified applicant in the brewing industry.

Classes begin June 22, for more info call 972-860-7102 or visit <http://bit.ly/EFC-Brewery>.

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mantic era. But for Mason, he found his interest peaked with Peter Tchaikovsky (known for composing The Nutcracker, Swan Lake and The Sleeping Beauty).

Mason explains his appreciation for composition, which ultimately led him to receive the ACF award, was in part to hearing a Tchaikovsky piece.

"When I heard Symphony No. 6, I learned exactly what orchestra was capable of," Mason said. "His arrangements were emo-

tional, as he was a romantic composer. He was autobiographical."

Similar to Tchaikovsky, Mason's submission was telling of who he is. The Masonian Rondo can be described as a fun, abstract piece that pulls out portions

of Mason's personality.

In April, Mason premiered his composition for the Vancroft Family Conference at the Dallas Museum of Art.

This fall Mason will begin a new story to compose: college. He will attend Richmond College before he plans to transfer to the University of North

Texas. But he won't stop his efforts there. Ultimately, Mason has his sights set on The Julliard School for graduate studies.

As he stretches toward his future as a professional composer and musician, Quinn is to tackle "lots of writing, making connections and giving composition life."

## Irving ISD inducts 2015 Athletic Hall of Famers

Irving ISD Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Class of 2015, which includes a beloved football coach, a professional baseball player, a storied football player and a track star. The inductees are (in alphabetical order):

- Jim Bennett;
- Mike Phillips;
- Bill Rutherford; and
- Kenny Walters.

The 2015 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at a banquet on Saturday, June 20, at the Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For sponsorship and/or ticket information, please contact the Irving ISD Athletic Department at 972-600-5215.

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# Garland homeowners can apply for federal flood assistance

Homeowners, renters and business owners in the City of Garland affected by the recent flooding event on May 29 may now apply for state and federal disaster assistance.

After a review of damage assessments by the Texas Division of Emergency

Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Individual Assistance was extended to Dallas County.

Disaster assistance for qualified applicants may include:

Grants for rental assis-

tance or temporary housing;

Grants for home repairs not covered by insurance;

Grants for serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance-such as medical, dental, personal property, vehicles and moving and storage; and

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from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may be available to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, and homeowners and renters for losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agen-

cies or organizations.

Homeowners, renters and business owners in Dallas County who sustained losses or damage from the flooding event may register anytime. There are three ways to do so:

Online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov);

Via smartphone or web-enabled device by using the FEMA app;

Or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 800-462-7585 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information on Texas disaster recovery, go to [www.fema.gov/disaster/4223](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4223) or visit the TDEM site at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

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the Irving ISD Hall of Fame is designed to honor those who have contributed to athletic excellence throughout the history of Irving ISD. Read more about this year's honorees below.

Jim Bennett served as the

head football coach at Irving High School for 28 years – from January 1984 to June 2012. His 1990 team won the district title and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs, becoming the school's first

team in 20 years to qualify for the postseason. His 2003 team stomped notable powerhouses including Flower Mound Marcus, Keller and Abilene en route to the state quarterfinals.

Standout baseball and football player at MacArthur High School, Mike Phillips

took his baseball talents to the professional level as a first-round draft pick – 18th overall – by the San Francisco Giants in 1989. After his playing career, Mike coached at Texas Christian University and worked in the front office of the Texas Rangers baseball team before retiring to Irving.

Bill Rutherford was a

three-year letterman for the Irving High Tigers and was named to the All-State football team in 1968. At the collegiate level, he was a two-year starter at the University of Texas at Austin.

Two-time state champion

in the high hurdles, Kenny Walters also played football. He was named to the All-District football team in 1962, when the team won the district title with a 6-0 record. In 1963. He earned a track scholarship to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA).

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but that decision was reversed by the conservative-dominated U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, an action which, to no one's surprise, the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority backed.

Those facts exposing the GOP chimera of voter fraud recall the response Jesse Jackson always had during the 1970s to Whites' resistance to the use of busing as a tool of school integration. He would say: "It's not the bus. It's us."

That point effectively answers the rhetorical question Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton posed during her June 4 speech about voting rights at Texas Southern University. Referring to the Republicans, she asked, "What part of democracy are they afraid of?"

As Clinton well knows, part of the answer lies in considering the voting statistics of the recent past, such as those cited above, on the one hand, and, on the other, America's demographic makeup. For example, census data show that in Texas from 2000 to 2010 Hispanic Americans comprised 65 percent of its 4 million new legal residents, Blacks accounted for 13.7 percent, and other people of color another 11 percent.

True, many of the new Texans are still children, or are adults not registered to vote, and Texas' population growth significantly outstrips most other states. But, given the GOP's just-us hostility to inclusiveness and its continuing extremist positions on numerous issues, its only hope of again gaining the presidency depends on decreasing the potential votes the Democrats can count on.

That's why the Clinton campaign and the Democrats' separate political operation are challenging restrictive voter laws in such Republican-dominated battleground states as Ohio, Wisconsin and Virginia. And that's why Clinton in her Texas Southern speech proposed several specific ways to both register new voters and ensure that all registered voters will be able to vote next year.

Those include: universal automatic voter registration in order to register every American citizen at 18; legislation approving at least 20 days of early voting, including evenings and weekends, in order to make voting more convenient for all; and repeal of punitive state laws that bar ex-offenders no longer on probation or parole from voting.

This new battle for expanding the number of

Americans who are registered to vote and ensuring that they can vote isn't a small matter. It's estimated that as many as one-third of all eligible voters – more than 50 million Americans – aren't registered to vote.

Predictably, GOP presi-

dential candidates and partisans slammed the speech as "divisive" – as if registering new voters and trying to convince them to vote for your party isn't the essence of democratic-with-a-small-d politics. But then, it's long been apparent that demo-

cratic-with-a-small-d politics is something today's Republican Party has very little interest in.

Lee A. Daniels is a long-time journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur,"

appears in *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014)*, published by Zed Books. His new collection of columns, *Race Forward: Facing America's Racial Divide in 2014*, is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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### June 11

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### June 17

**HISTORIC WALKING TOUR**  
12-1 PM - FREE  
Meet at Parry Ave. Gates

**SUMMER PATIO MUSIC SERIES featuring DAVID CARR JR, Saxophonist**  
7-10 PM - FREE  
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### June 18

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION**  
5-7 PM - FREE  
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**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: "THE LEGO MOVIE"**  
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### June 19

**FOOD TRUCK FRENZY**  
11 AM-2 PM  
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### June 23

**ART IN THE PARK**  
6-9 PM - FREE  
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### June 24

**SUMMER PATIO MUSIC SERIES featuring OPEN CLASSICAL/CLASSICALLY JAZZ**  
7-10 PM - FREE  
Exposition Plaza

### HISTORIC SPOTLIGHT

6-7:30 PM - FREE  
Meet at Parry Ave. Gates

### June 25

**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: "HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART 1"**  
8:30 PM - FREE  
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### June 29

**PROJECT SEW**  
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### June 30

**CABARET MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERIES featuring DAMON K. CLARK & VICTOR CAGER, Vocalists**  
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### DAILY ACTIVITIES

Esplanade Fountain Shows / Discovery Garden Butterfly House / African American Museum / Hall of State / Dallas Children's Aquarium

### EVENING ACTIVITIES

#### DALLAS SUMMER MUSICALS

June 9-21 – "Cinderella"  
June 23-July 5 – "Dirty Dancing"

#### GEXA ENERGY PAVILION

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June 20 – Julion Alvarez  
June 26 – Kings of the Mic: LL Cool J, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony & Doug E. Fresh!





# New documentary focuses on racism in America

(BlackNews.com) -- A U.S. based company, New Generation Media Group, announced the launch of its new documentary titled, *Hazy Shades of America*. The documentary revolves around a Brazilian woman, newly arrived to the United States, exploring the plague of racism that is affecting the 'Greatest Country in the World'.

In the film, Sofia Helena, traverses the streets of New York while asking people from different ethnicities about their experiences with racism. According to the experts, 'Hazy Shades of America' is a must watch for people of every race and religion. This documentary contains powerful testimonials from people about the prevalence of racism.

When asked, the director of the documentary, Troy Gentles said, "I'm glad to announce that my film



'Hazy Shades of America' is now available free for viewing at [www.newgenerationmediagroup.com](http://www.newgenerationmediagroup.com). This film is about a Brazilian woman, newly arrived to the United States, exploring controversial racial issues. I met Sofia Helena and told her about my project. She was eager to participate as she was in America less than two years and saw the racism in the U.S. from a fresh perspective. The film was enlightening to her."

He further added, "I believe that people would also find my film enlightening as we are in a time of surging race related incidents in

the U.S. I feel it is important for people to know the strong opinions that Americans have on racism. The subject matter alone will deem this film controversial to some but if things are to change, we have to honestly address these issues without political correctness stifling the conversation."

The director has released this film to show differing opinions, from all ethnicities, on this controversial subject matter.

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## Enjoying the summer at Fair Park

We all know that when the fall rolls around Fair Park is the place to be with the State Fair of Texas. However, families can enjoy this unique city treasure during the summer as well. Whether it is a visit to the African American Museum of Dallas, The Children's Aquarium, or the Texas Discovery Gardens.

But in Dallas, one of the most anticipated events is the Dallas Summer Musicals. Through this weekend fans can enjoy Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA from the creators of The Sound of Music and South Pacific that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This

lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists!

For more info visit <http://www.dallassummer-musicals.org/>.

Also, this Father's Day weekend take Dad to the 27th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo Saturday June 20 at 7 p.m. and for only \$10 for a reserved seat or box seats for \$35 it is an family affordable outing. For more info visit <http://www.aamdallas.org>.

To find out about the other events this month at Fair Park visit [fairpark.org](http://fairpark.org).

## Flat Stanley musical hits DCT stage this week

Dallas Children's Theater's (DCT) National Touring production of *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* based on the book by Timothy Allen McDonald is back from a whirlwind musical travelogue

across the United States and Canada and will run at DCT's Rosewood Center June 19 - July 12.

Stanley is a normal 10-year-old boy — too normal, if you ask him. His wish for adventure is granted when a

bulletin board flattens Stanley, enabling him to mail himself all around the world! Stanley scours the globe, visiting the Louvre art museum Paris; going to Los Angeles to visit a friend; and making a surf-

ing movie in Hawaii. In this heartwarming musical adventure, Stanley learns that there is no place like home. Johnny Lee, who plays Stanley says, "At the end of

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## Juneteenth Celebration at Dallas City Hall

MetroPCS is hosting a free event to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

The family friendly festi-

val will include live music, a DJ mix off, comedy acts, bounce houses, face painting and more. Free tickets are available at DFW MetroPCS locations; limited to two tickets per person while supplies last.

Tickets are needed for entry for all ages.

Entertainers will include DeDe in the Morning's own Michael Shawn along with funny men Tex and Q, Throwdown Sam and DJ Hollywood, Ace Hood,

Fetty Wap and several more.

The event will kick off at Dallas City Hall Plaza at 500 Marilla Street in Downtown Dallas at Noon and run until 6 p.m.

## Con Funk Shun appearing at July 4th celebration

Music lovers are invited to Meadow Creek Park, located at 1400 Uhl Road in DeSoto for the annual Fireworks to Music show sponsored by the Cities of DeSoto and Lancaster. This is a

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# Tyson thrills Dallas audience at ATPAC

By David Wilfong  
NDG Contributor

The AT&T Performing Arts Center in Dallas was packed with a sold out crowd on Monday night. In what is perhaps a bit of an unusual occurrence, the crowd was not there for a world famous musical or theatrical performance, but rather, just there to hear a teacher give a talk.

"You all do know you are here for a lecture?" Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson asked as he came onto the stage armed with nothing more than a laptop and overhead projector.

Tyson, perhaps the most famous astrophysicist walking the Earth right now, is



Photo: NASA Goddard Space Center

the director of the Hayden Planetarium. It's the same facility that stoked his interest in the stars as a young child. He is more well-known for his many media appearances where he has become the most outspoken cheerleader for the field of science in the American cultural land-

scape.

On Monday he was giving a talk based on random observations of science facts presented in popular movies.

As expected, there were plenty of references to space thrillers like *Interstellar*, but his observations went as far as *West Side*

*Story*, where he pointed out that the laws of thermodynamics makes it impossible for two people to each perceive that the other's hands "feel cold."

He even gave props to the unlikely stuffed-bear thriller *Ted* for getting the starscape correct.

Tyson's standing ovation at the end of the night reflects an

American hunger for intelligent entertainment, and Tyson continually hopes that this hunger he helps expose will translate into policy and educational advances.

## Take Dad to A Father's Table this Sunday

A Father's Table is about giving families time to spend together in a congenial and comfortable environment to celebrate the men in their lives and the community. Families are invited to Gilley's Southside

at 1135 Lamar in Downtown Dallas from 3 - 6 p.m.

Father's Day is a great day to promote family values and the spirit of A Father's Table would not be complete if we did not give

back to the community. Proceeds from ticket pre-sales benefit these local charities and schools in the different cities around the country, including the American Heart Association.

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the show, he really decides that all this stuff is really cool, but he'd really rather be with his family, sharing great experiences with them."

Johnny Lee, 19, plays Stanley. Lee, who was homeschooled, didn't do a Flat Stanley mailing project as a kid, but he did receive one in the mail from a friend. Lee shares, "First of all, being flat is not something you would normally see in children's books. At first, (Stanley) thinks it's something bad, and that nobody's going to like him, and he won't have any friends.

But people begin to understand that there's something very special

about him. I think a lot of kids can relate to that."

*The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* will run at DCT June 19 - July 12 in-

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# Good and bad news in latest job numbers

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA Columnist

The unemployment rate rose just a bit in May, an indicator that Wall Street and Main Street are celebrating because that means more people are looking for work and that more people are optimistic. Some polling data says something quite different – two major media polls show widespread dissatisfaction with the status quo, with majority support for an increased minimum wage, for paid parental leave and paid sick leave. Further, more than 60 percent said there was room for advancement in our economy.

An analysis of the New York Times/CBS poll concludes, “inequality looms large” in the minds of most Democrats and independents, and nearly half of all Republicans. These are the folks who are reading the

headlines that say things are getting better, and living a life that say things are too slow and too stagnant for them.

The disconnect partly reflects the difference between productivity increases and GDP increases. In other words, people are working harder, and national productivity is growing faster, than wages are. Last month, the average hourly worker earned about 8 cents more than they did the month before. Those eight cents represent a 2.3 percent increase this year. This sounds like good news this year, but what about stuck wages for the past several years? Those who are reading about good news are asking, “What about me?”

The latest unemployment report sends a similar mixed message. While the unemployment rate ticked up from 5.4 percent to 5.5 per-

cent, the good news is that 280,000 new jobs were created in May 2015. That’s great news and on target for the number of jobs that need to be created to bring us back to the employment levels we enjoyed eight years ago. Not so good news: Many of these jobs aren’t “good jobs.” Nearly half of the jobs in “business services” are part-time or consulting jobs. These are jobs that offer no health insurance, no sick days, no paid vacation. These are folks who, even when highly compensated, are on their own.

Perhaps the increase in leisure and hospitality employment reflects optimism about the economy, because it suggests that employers think more people will be traveling and enjoying hospitality services this summer. Still, most of the jobs in this industry are part-time, with the average

worker getting 22 hours a week — too few to qualify for benefits.

In hospitality, including food and drinking places, young people are working for low wages, often depending on tips, always earning less than they might if the labor market would absorb them at their skill level. Meanwhile, many of us who enjoy the services of the coffee barista, the waitress, or the theme park guide don’t ever wonder how well they are paid.

Still, it makes sense to revel in the good news — the unemployment rate is lower than it was a year ago. Always, though, there are the footnotes. The 5.5 percent unemployment rate is 10.8 percent when indices of labor utilization are considered. The African American unemployment rate, at 10.2 percent, is nearly 20 percent when underutilization measures are considered.

The 20 percent rate lower than a year ago, but it is still too high.

The percentage of the population that is employed also reflects significant

racial gaps. While nearly 70 percent of White men are working, just 62 percent of Black men have jobs. And

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## Beauty Supply Institute paves way for Black-owned business

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mately 13,000 retail outlets across America.

According to *Beauty Business* magazine in 2012, the industry saw a 12 percent growth during the toughest recession years for retailers between 2007 and 2009. A study conducted by Alberto Culver showed, the beauty customer visits an

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OTC (over-the-counter) store on average, 22 times per year. These statistics are what contribute to the beauty retail business being such a strong sector.

The business of beauty has produced wealth for some and conversation for others as exposed in Chris Rock's Good Hair movie and Jewish filmmaker, Aron Ranen's The Korean Takeover: Black Hair, Korean Cash documentary. This has prompted sensa-

tion and interest around the business, however, there are many obstacles that an aspiring owner encounters on their journey to opening a store.

Beauty Supply Institute has risen to become the #1 agency that puts store ownership in the hands of minorities through their academy, conferences, and classes. They even produce business plans and other assistance that have successful gotten start-up capital

for budding entrepreneurs.

Its company founder, Professor Devin Robinson, is a seasoned store owner who opened his first store 10 years ago and 2 additional ones within 18 months of the first one opening. Since then he has written the book, Taking it Back: How to Become a Successful Black Beauty Supply Store Owner appeared in Ebony magazine, the New York Times, News One with Roland Martin and many more outlets.

Robinson has generated almost \$15 million in store revenues since the company started in 2007. The 2-day conference, which will be held on July 25-26, 2015 in Atlanta at the Atlanta Airport Marriott, will consist of classes on the first day and visits to distributors on the second day.

Early registration ends June 15 at 5pm. There are also multi person discounts. For registration information, go to [www.Beauty-SupplyConference.com](http://www.Beauty-SupplyConference.com).

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while the same percentage of White women and Black women hold jobs, given data on men, it is clear that African American women are responsible for much more of the family income than Caucasian women are.

No wonder people who hear about 'good news' don't feel it. No wonder they are responding to polls with a concern that does not reflect the so-called good news. No wonder too many are concerned about poor

working conditions, about feeling that they have no opportunity to improve their situation, about being frightened by the income inequality that will determine the futures of their children.

Are we excited about the news that the economy is

recovering?

Of course. Some of us would be much more excited if the recovery trickled down.

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## HEALTH, continued from Page 6

cian before using this machine." Well, this is your opportunity!

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masterpiece was complete, so, He called it . . . Dad. -- Author Unknown.

It is recorded that the idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of it while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora's father raised her after her mother died and she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man.

The month of June was picked because Sonora's father was born in June. The first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington was on the 19th of June (Juneteenth) 1910.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a per-

manent national observation of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

There is a story of a veteran ranch foreman who said, "The secret of leading cattle is to never let your

herd know they are being lead. Let them do everything voluntarily but always keep them moving in the right direction toward their destination."

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while enjoying the freedom of the open range. God is this way to Christians just as a natural father is to his children.

God allows room for Christians to grow and the Holy Spirit leads and guides them. A natural father will also allow room for his children to grow, mature and be independent.

A caring father is one that is: "Tough yet Tender." He must be strong, tough, bold and determined. He must stand up, speak out and tell it like it is, give positive directions and feedback to his

children.

A caring father should lead by example and tell his children that the only way to succeed, be happy and content in this life is to follow our perfect example, Jesus Christ.

Jesus said that instead of holding on to our lives, we should give them to Him to gain eternal life. Instead of hating an individual for doing us wrong, we should love and pray for them.

A caring father motivates and encourages the family.

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Three great fathers, two nephews Bert Fielding, Greg Demus and Sister Tarpley's son Jarrell Tarpley



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# NDG Book Report: *The Breaking Point* by Jefferson Bass

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

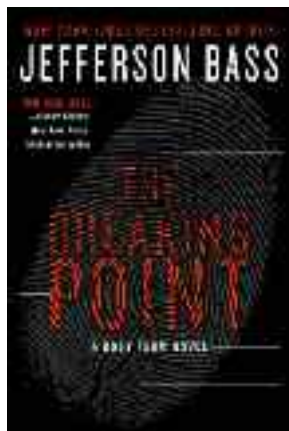
When it comes to your job, you're a crackerjack.

You have quite the reputation for doing your best, in fact, which is why colleagues come to you for help. Nobody busts a move like you: smooth, efficient and done right. Yep, when it comes to your job, you can't be beat.

Except when you can. Except when everything points somewhere else and you're ripped off-track, as in the new novel "The Breaking Point" by Jefferson Bass.

Within the philanthropic world, Richard Janus was known for his speed.

When tragedy occurred anywhere in the world, before most governmental entities could even get organized, Janus was on the scene aboard his private jet filled



with water, first aid, and other supplies. Earthquake, tornado, hurricane, flood, it didn't matter; Janus' humanitarian efforts helped save lives.

It was therefore a shock to his supporters and donors when Janus lost his.

The fireball was, by all accounts, huge: that's what happens when a Citation jet slams into the side of a mountain near San Diego at four hundred miles an hour.

There wasn't much of Richard Janus left to identify, but the FBI needed the best forensic expert they could hire to try. They contacted Dr. Bill Brockton.

As a leader in forensic anthropology and the founder of the U of Tennessee's Body Farm, Brockton was well-known for his expertise in identifying bodies and determining time of death. The Janus case, however – and Brockton hesitated to call it a "case," since it seemed to have been an accident – would almost bust his chops.

Judging by a nearly full set of teeth found at the site, Janus had been killed by the crash; a second set of teeth momentarily sidelined the investigation, but were explained by a bizarre coincidence. Janus, during his nighttime flight, had apparently missed a mountain and died for his mistake.

But then reports surfaced that Brockton had missed an important dental clue, and the media howled...

Brockton was used to that. Media loved their scandals, after all, but the onslaught in California and new allegations back home were almost unbearable – especially when another, more deadly bombshell entered his life.

Having read quite a number of the Body Farm novels, I have to say that I was surprised by "The Breaking Point."

Authors Jon Jefferson and Dr. Bill Bass (who write together under this collective pseudonym) step back in time here to give fans a bit of history for their hero, Brockton, in a twist that takes a little getting used to but turns out to be rich in story. Not only is that a bonus for anyone who's

familiar with this smart, authentic (Bass was the creator of the real-life Body Farm) investigator, but it also makes this book a great place for new fans to start the series.

Bursting with red her-

rings and creepy bad guys (and a hint of the next book, perhaps?), this mystery-thriller is a whodunit lover's dream. Be warned though: start a novel like "The Breaking Point," and it could crack your schedule.



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He delegates and rewards, he is objective and takes actions; and with God's help he has courage, he is decisive, dependable, has good judgment and shows enthu-

siasm. He also has endurance and shows initiative.

My two remaining sisters and I agree, our father, the late Lloyd David Demus,

our deceased grandfathers, Deacon David N. Demus and James Baker were great role models, God-fearing and caring fathers.

My uncle, Charlie Baker is a wonderful father and great role model; he shares

his wisdom and love with everybody.

And seeing my son, Jarrell with his son, Deven, and my son-in-law, Bill with my Tyanna, David and Philip, I know that they are God-fearing fathers.

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