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Charleston Church filled with signs of good and evil

By Clemon Richardson

(Urban News Service) CHARLESTON, South Carolina - The whole world was watching as a multiracial crowd packed the re-opened church and grieved with its parishioners.

The Rev. Dr. Norvel Goff Sr., Presiding Elder of Emanuel AME Church, last Sunday discarded the program he had planned for Father's Day. Instead, he officiated from the pulpit and welcomed several ministers in attendance to join him before the congregation.

"Many of us are still trying to seek answers to what happened last Wednesday," Goff said in his sermon. "Well, I been there, done that, spent the night. And I decided to turn it over to Jesus.

"'Preacher, are you saying we should forget what has happened?'" Goff asked rhetorically. "No, don't forget. But remember the God who created us all, the God who will make a way out of no way. There are answers we are still waiting for. But we will find those answers by leaving our hands in the hands of God."

Photo: Urban News Services

Tributes continued to pour into Mother Emanuel on Monday.

Church officials said they already had received more than a thousand e-mails from around the world and as many telephone calls.

Numerous callers — men and women— cried shamelessly into their phones, according to a volunteer who spoke with these well-

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Support grows for taking down Confederate flag

By George E. Curry
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – In what is quickly and unexpectedly gaining ground as a fitting memorial to the nine African Americans killed by a White supremacist at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C., some of the most ardent defendants of the Confederate flag are reversing course and saying for the first time that the flag should no longer fly over the Capitol in South Carolina.

The most shocking news came Monday when two-term Gov. Nikki Haley said, "Fifteen years ago, after much contentious debate, South Carolina came together in a bipartisan way to move the flag from atop the Capitol dome. Today, we are here in a moment of unity in our state without ill will, to say it's time to move the flag from the Capitol grounds. A hun-

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Dr. Evelyn F. Crayton

CHICAGO – Registered dietitian nutritionist Evelyn F. Crayton, professor emeritus at Auburn University, stated her one-year term on June 1 as the president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals.

Crayton, of Montgomery, Ala., and a native of Jones, La., is the 90th president of the Academy, which was founded in 1917 as the American Dietetic Association. She has been the Academy's president-elect since June 2014 and will serve as president until May 31, 2016. Crayton is the first African-American to serve as the Academy's president.

"It is important to demonstrate to the world that we are the most qualified leaders in the field of nutrition and dietetics. We aim to maximize the optimum health of the people in our community, state, nation and in the world. Another goal is to continue to increase ethnic diversity in our membership," Crayton said.

Crayton said among her priorities as president of the 76,000-member Academy are working with the Board of Directors, Academy leaders, nutrition and dietetic educators and the Academy's Headquarters Team to increase the number of internships available for students and the number of preceptors to work with interns.

"As a part of the Academy's strategic plan, I also hope we will increase our partnerships and collaborations with like-minded organizations that are involved in addressing food insecurity and hunger issues worldwide. Through these partnerships and collaborative efforts, we will contribute to the reduction in health disparities and increase health equity," Crayton said.

Crayton is a past president of the Alabama Dietetic Association; chair of the Academy's Nutrition Education for the Public dietetic practice group; membership chair of the Hunger and Environmental Nutrition practice group; and a mentor for the Academy's National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition member interest group. She has served as a consumer representative on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Food Advisory Committee.

At Auburn University, Crayton was a professor of nutrition, dietetics and hospitality management and assistant director of extension family and consumer sciences. She collaborated, partnered or received funding from the National Cancer Institute; the March of Dimes; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health; International Society of Hypertension in Blacks; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

She is a life member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority and a founder of the Gamma Xi chapter at Auburn University, where she served as a faculty advisor. Crayton has been a member of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Services Employees Organization; a founding

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Sonja A. Brown

Sonja A. Brown, serial entrepreneur, author and community activist does something unusual to celebrate her birthday. She is giving away 43, the age she will turn, backpacks filled with toiletries for men and women on June 18, 2015 at the Farmer's Market on the outskirt of Downtown Dallas.

Brown was motivated by a close friend of hers who started giving out blankets to the homeless for her birthday in December.

"We are put on this earth for a purpose greater than ourselves. This year I decided to give to our homeless brothers and sisters to let them know they are not forgotten, they are loved and because they may not have the basic items that they need," says Brown.

Brown's concept is not far fetching as she has headed voter registration campaigns, sat on several nonprofit boards, challenges herself to run 5K and 10Ks and pushes for social equality in the Black community.

Brown is known for her compassion and has dedicated her life and time to helping raise the awareness of business ownership and women empowerment.

The Sonja A. Brown Backpack Giveaway, affectionately named OPERATION: GIVE-BACK, is just another way for her to fulfill her purpose by bringing a sense of dignity to those who are often overlooked. Each backpack is filled with essentials and toiletries such as wipes, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a towel, deodorant, facial tissue, a comb, Q-Tips, lotion, soap and three bottles of water.

Brown is considering this her birthday party and what is a birthday party without a meal and cake? So, she will also provide a small meal, complete with birthday cake to celebrate her birthday.

The initiative to fill the backpacks started over a month ago and the support has been overwhelming up to this point. She not only received the requested items to fill the backpacks, she also received cash donations that covered items not received and the small meal.

Over and above that, Sonja says that she has received an immeasurable amount of love and support from numerous family and friends.

"You know when I decided to do this birthday initiative I honestly thought that I might have go at it alone.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the outpour of generosity," Brown shares. "My goal is to do this every year and that it will grow so that I may give more."

For more information or to make donations, contact Sonja A. Brown at (972) 891-8441 or email her at sonja@thedianaprincegroup.com.

Mike Miles

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

"The vision has been drawn and the foundation has been set," former Dallas ISD Superintendent Mike Miles shared during his press conference on Tuesday morning announcing his unexpected resignation. He said the unsung heroes of his reform efforts were the members of his cabinet.

Miles stressed his belief that now is the time to rejoin his family. Having spent two of the last three years apart from his wife and son who are back in Colorado. He acknowledged the fact military and others spend time away from their families in service to their country and community, but he just felt it is time to reunite with his, including a son that just completed the 8th grade. Miles believes the summer presented a good time for transition for his family and the district.

He will continue to serve until Thursday when the Dallas ISD Board of Trustee meet again, then Deputy Superintendent Ann Smisko will assume leadership of day-to-day operations as acting superintendent.

"It has been a privilege to serve this community and the staff and students of Dallas ISD," Miles said. "I will always be grateful for the opportunity that was given to me and the common toil and struggle of a city dedicated to the education of all children and whose best days are still in front of it."

For those concerned that Destination 2020 will be derailed, he referenced the movie Camelot, discussing their vision for a better society but the vision became sidetracked. He encourages the supporters like the young idealists in Camelot to continue to move forward.

He acknowledged that over the last three years his decisions has been questioned by others and there have been repeated calls for his firing. So he deflected the suggestion that the recent skirmishes with his opponents led to the timing of his decision. Miles repeatedly stated the timing was right because the foundation for change has been set and the beginning of the summer.

He does not have any immediate career plans, but stated he will likely take two weeks off and then, "get back to doing something."

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Lessons of Survival: Delving deeper into McKinney's pool party

By LaRoyce Jones

It has been a few weeks since the incident involving a former McKinney police officer and African American teenagers at a community pool violently unfolded. The events of that day made national headlines, sparked days of marches and rallies, and subsequently, led the officer involved to submit his resignation.

The city's police chief, Greg Conley, stated "Our policies, our training, our practice, do not support his actions. He came into the call out of control, and as the video shows, was out of control during the incident."

We commend the McKinney police department's acceptance of accountability for its employee's wrongs. Hopefully, their actions to reprimand and stand for the moral rights of its citizens will ignite other police departments around this country to enforce these same practices.

Although, this police incident with our young people settled with no shots fired, and the charges were eventually dropped against the one young man who was arrested, it could have ended, as we all know too well, much differently. Yet, there is a lesson to be learned from this incident that will include our community accepting accountability for our wrong, and our community standing for moral rights by instilling discipline into our youth.

What are we teaching our kids?

Many of us recall our parents speaking words familiar to these, "Don't leave out of this house embarrassing us" or "what you do is a reflection on us." The point is we understood the necessity of respecting authority, whether it was our teacher, our neighbor, our church member, our coach, or a police officer. Moreover, we understood if we were disrespectful, we could expect to be disciplined.

However, if we truly delve into the meaning of our parents instilling disciplines of respecting authority, respecting our home and respecting ourselves, we will conclude that our parents were teaching us how to survive and counter some of the evils they knew we would have to face. They protected us with powerful knowledge to survive.

As we reflect on the McKinney pool incident, it's evident we must, as parents and as a community, stand up and begin protect our youth by instilling these same disciplines. Not only was the officer out of control, but as we witnessed in the same video, some of our youth were also out of control by refusing to obey authority. In light of this, it's imperative we also take accountability as parents and as a community to improve relations with our police officers.

What example are we showing our kids?

This brings us to the shameful incident of rapper mogul P Diddy's arrest this week, and with it, a valuable life lesson we need to heed. Brothers and sisters, it is impossible to teach anything you don't practice. We

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Miranda Warning

The *North Dallas Gazette* is calling on parents, fraternities, sororities and other community leaders to make sure each child in the community fully understands their rights afforded them under the Miranda Warning. Use the information shared below as a launching point for a discussion with your children or those in your community.

For more information visit NorthDallasGazette.com to read our cover story last week "Equipping Our Youth with Understanding: The Right to Remain Silent."

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 Mirada 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.

The answer to question 2 determines if suspect wishes to invoke their right to remain silent.

Researchers to explore why minorities are hit harder by heart disease and stroke

As part of the American Heart Association's Strategically Focused Research Network focusing on Disparities in Heart Disease and Stroke, researchers from four institutions are exploring the differences that exist and improvements that need to be made when it comes to treating culturally diverse patients.

The Strategically Focused Research Network on Disparities in Heart Disease and Stroke will include investigators from the Medical University of South Carolina, Morehouse School of Medicine, Northwestern University and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, to look at heart disease and stroke in minorities.

Nearly half of all African-American adults have some form of cardiovascular disease — 48 percent of women and 46 percent of men, according to the American Heart Association.

The association will support the network with an investment of $15 million over four years.

"Some Americans do not have access to high-quality health care and they often suffer disproportionally from cardiovascular disease and stroke," said Steven Houser, Ph.D., chair of the AHA's research committee and director of the Cardiovascular Research Center at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. "In this network investigators will explore the bases of the disparities and work to identify solutions that improve the health of all Americans."

The Medical University of South Carolina will investigate why recovery from stroke in African-Americans is poor compared to whites. Scientists from several disciplines will use novel approaches like mapping brain connections to find better ways to reduce the impact of stroke, a leading cause of death worldwide.

Morehouse School of Medicine will look at resilience in black populations in the United States to find ways to reduce risk, disease and death. Because not all blacks have poor cardiovascular health, researchers say studying their resilience could be instrumental in understanding what works for those who are free of heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Northwestern University will examine how high levels of the protein FGF23 contribute to cardiovascular disease and study how a change in diet could prevent this. Researchers say that higher consumption of phosphates, an additive in cheap, processed foods, boosts the risk of heart failure and advanced chronic kidney disease in underserved populations. The goal is to find new heart failure treatments as well as opportunities for policy change in the food industry.

The University of Colorado will aim to improve blood pressure control in urban American-Indians and Alaska Natives by studying how racial discrimination could lead to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

The belief that an individual has been the target of racism is linked to high blood pressure, according to investigators. This may reduce patients' ability and desire to take medications and visit the doctor as needed.

The association has funded research networks for prevention and hypertension, and has announced the intent to fund networks focused on heart failure and women's health.

Five tips to stay cool in a Garland summer

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.

Here are 5 tips on how you can keep it cool this summer!

Freeze your water bottles. You won't be able to drink them right away, but the water will stay colder for a longer period of time.

Instead of freezing water in the ice tray, try freezing juice or tea. Not only will you look cool, but you will stay cool as well!

Wear clothing made from cotton. It'll help your skin breathe easier than wearing heavy synthetic material.

Invest in a spray bottle. There's nothing like a cold, refreshing mist of water to help cool down in the hot Garland sun.

Go to a Garland Waterpark! The City of Garland offers many community swimming pools for you and your family to chill out and keep it cool during the long, hot summer days in Texas. So, be sure to take advantage of the opportunity.

Hydration is a key to a successful summer workout

By Joel Corado

Water is essential for life, and maintaining hydration is important for physical and mental performance. You lose water even faster when the weather is really hot and when you are physically active, especially in this Texas summer heat. During exercise our bodies keep cool by evaporating fluid from our skin as sweat, so we must drink more to avoid dehydration and avoid problems with our kidneys and other organs.

Dehydration can be a serious condition that can lead to problems ranging from swollen feet or a headache to life-threatening illnesses such as heat stroke. Unfortunately in recent years we have seen young athletes tragically die as a result of heat strokes and dehydration.

Taking preventive steps are important and it is also vital that you recognize the symptoms. Some symptoms of dehydration are:

- Dry mouth
- Sleepiness or fatigue
- Extreme thirst
- Headache
- Confusion
- Dizziness or light-headed feeling.

To avoid these problems a first step includes increasing the amount of water you are drinking if you are going to be outside during hot weather. This is important even you are exercising at a low or high intensity rate. Whether you are trying lose weight or not. Drinking plenty of water actually is helpful in your weightloss efforts.

Many people have been told they should drink 6 to 8 8-ounce glasses of water each day, which is a reasonable goal. However, different people need different amounts of water to stay hydrated, for some fewer than 8 glasses may be enough, for others more than 8 glasses each day. Consult with your doctor.

A few final tips:

- Drink plenty of water before, during, and after a workout.
- If you don't like the taste of plain water, try adding a slice of lemon or lime to your drink.
- Sport drinks or flavored drinks tend to be high in added sugar and calories and they can be hard in your stomach if you are dehydrated.
- Keep a bottle of water with you throughout the day. Purchasing bottled water is expensive and fills our landfills with more plastic bottle waste. Invest in a good reusable water bottle that you can refill anywhere.
- When you're feeling hungry, drink water. Thirst is often confused with hunger and some research suggests drinking water can help you feel full.
- If you have trouble remembering to drink water, drink on a schedule. Set an alarm on your smart phone or simply drink a small glass of water at the beginning of each hour.
- Eat unlimited fruits and vegetables which contain a high percentage of water.
- At restaurant tap water is free. Replace any other drink for water for your health - and your wallet!

Joel Corado operates Corado Fitness located at 2929 Wycliff in Dallas. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/coradofitnessUSA.

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Losing your drive is not easy

Teens who get behind the wheel of a car are often scrutinized ,criticized and in some cases temporarily lose their driving privileges, but they get over it eventually. Older folks, however, can have a hard time when their kids decide it is time to take away their car keys, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

So, when do you know it is time for your mom or dad to find another way to get around and how do you tell them? The UMass Gerontology Institute explored the topic at a recent meeting held in Boston at which one 85-year-old described how it felt when his family got together and convinced him to give up his car. He said he experienced "a sense of loss" of his identity and independence. But, he said, "then again, you don't want to be responsible for hurting someone."

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Richland College partners with Girls inc. to provide middle school girls a glimpse into college life and access to STEM programs and careers

For the second year in a row, Richland College recently partnered with Girls Inc. of Dallas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold, to host part of a four-week summer camp for middle school girls.

Girls Inc. campers participate in lab activities at Richland College on their first day of camp Monday, June 22. Photograph by Paul Knudsen.

The camp, called "EUREKA!", empowers campers to see themselves as an important part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workforce of the future. Richland College is hosting the first week, June 22-26, which focuses on "Water: Ubiquitous and Unique." The girls are exploring various properties

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Volunteer attorney program hosts legal clinics for Dallas County residents

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Schedules and locations are as follows:

- East Dallas (Grace United Methodist Church—4105 Junius at Haskell), Thursdays, July 2; and July 16
- South Dallas (Martin Luther King, Jr. Center—2922 MLK Blvd.), Tuesdays, July 7; July 14; and July 18
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- Garland (Salvation Army—451 W. Avenue D, Garland, TX 75040), Thursday, July 16
- Friendship West Baptist Church (2020 West Wheatland Rd., Dallas, TX 75232), Wednesday, July 15

The clinics offer free legal advice and consultation in civil matters for those who qualify under Legal Aid's income eligibility guidelines.

Applicants are asked to bring proof of income, identification, legal papers, etc. with them to the clinic. For more information, log on to http://dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/get-help/.

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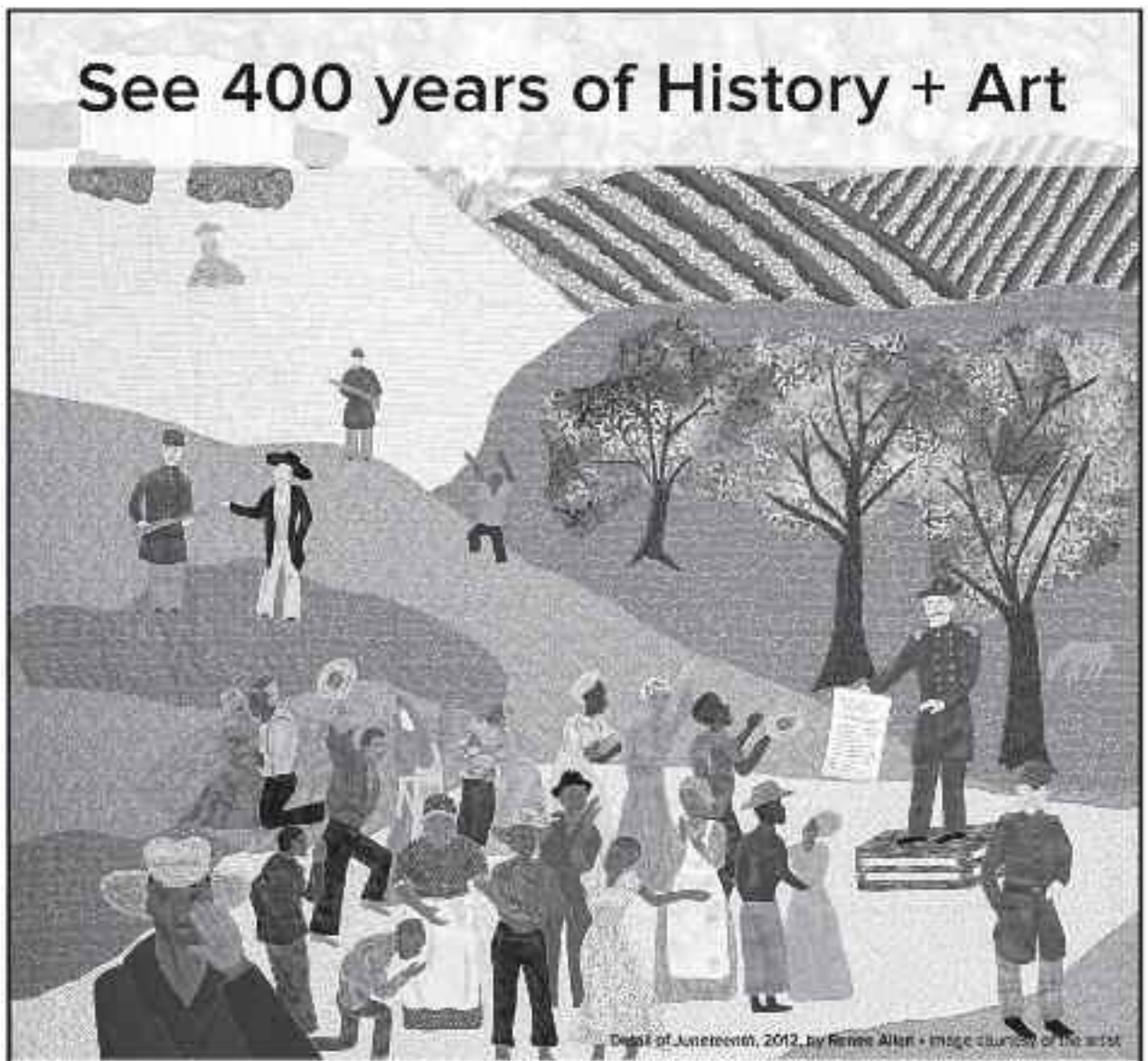

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Lissa Kapust is a founding clinician of the Center for Cognitive Neurology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She said: "We have occasionally had people threaten to hurt family members who said they were not safe to drive. You get the range of emotions, from people who say they refuse to stop driving, to those who are unhappy but swallow the bitter pill."

The great majority of American seniors live in suburbs and rural areas. Many of them have limited access to public transportation and, thus, become dependent on friends and family in order to get around, notes AMAC, adding that for the time being it is a problem with no easy solution.

To be equal: Making certain every child achieves

By Marc H. Morial
NNPA Columnist

By passing this bill, we bridge the gap between helplessness and hope for more than 5 million educationally deprived children. We put into the hands of our youth more than 30 million new books, and into many of our schools their first libraries. We reduce the terrible time lag in bringing new teaching techniques into the Nation's classrooms. We strengthen State and local agencies which bear the burden and the challenge of better education. And we rekindle the revolution–the revolution of the spirit against the tyranny of ignorance." – President Lyndon B. Johnson, upon the signing of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, April 11, 1965

In a matter of weeks, our nation's senators will decide whether to improve access to this country's promise of opportunity for every child through quality education, or deny our most vulnerable children – many from historically disadvantaged groups – equity, excellence and accountability in our public school system, and along with that, a proven path to future opportunity and success in this country.

If the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 passes in its current, deficient form, children in low performance schools, children of color, children with disabilities, and those born into poverty and poor neighborhoods are sure to be left behind.

The ECAA is the U.S. Senate's bipartisan reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as No Child Left Behind. The ESEA was signed into law 50 years ago. It was a landmark piece of federal civil rights legislation that became a critical cornerstone of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" initiative designed to close the education achievement gap between lower- and higher-income children.

Fifty years later, with Congress currently considering a vote on the ESEA reauthorization bill, the gap in educational opportunity, achievement and funding has only grown wider and the promise of equity in education for all of our nation's students will be betrayed by a bill that does not provide additional support and opportunities for disadvantaged students.

For the first time in our nation's history, students of color are the majority of the U.S. student body. And according to a recent survey by the Southern Education Foundation, a majority of all public school students come from low-income homes. The continued success of our nation on the domestic front and the international playing field will be in large part determined at the intersection of civil rights and education.

A nation fully committed to the future success of all of its children and, by extension, its own future, must pass a reauthorization bill that holds schools and districts accountable in every instance and manner that leaves no vulnerable students behind. We must spend our education dollars and resources where the need is greatest. Without strong federal oversight and the ability to course correct when necessary, the practice of understaffing and underfunding schools in our most vulnerable communities will continue unchecked.

The practice of not requiring school districts to provide equitable resources, or to close the comparability loophole in all its schools, for vulnerable student subgroups like English language learners or students with disabilities, will only serve to perpetuate the very inequality the original bill sought to make the stuff of history in our modern-day schoolroom textbooks. We all know knowledge is power, therefore the reauthorization bill also needs to provide the transparency, data and reporting families and communities need to effectively advocate for their children and schools.

Without critical provisions like these, like so many families, government officials and advocacy groups, the National Urban League will stand firm in its opposition to the current incarnation of the ECAA and demands that Congress revisit and recommit to the original vision of ESEA when it was first signed into law 50 years ago.

Last week, we were joined in our opposition and fight to revise the bill by 84 members of the Congressional Tri-Caucus, a group composed of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The group sent a letter to the education committee in the Senate acknowledging the flaws in current law the bill has remedied, but they also maintained "the bill in its current form does not do enough to protect the historically disadvantaged and vulnerable students the ESEA is intended to serve."

We commend the Tri-Caucus for standing on principle and opposing the bill. We also look forward to working in partnership to craft an ESEA reauthorization bill that will prepare all children for college, work and life – no matter their family income, race or zip code – allowing every child the opportunity to realize and act on their full potential.

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

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need to take pause with some of our actions as parents and recognize our children are watching and are mirroring what they witness.

How can we expect, or even ask, our youth to remain level headed and focus on countering their emotions with the power of knowledge, when we have role models, which in many cases are parents themselves, disrespecting authority?

Granted there are several accounts of what transpired in the UCLA coaching facility between P Diddy and Coach Sal Alosi. However, the common fact reported which incited the incident, is P Diddy was asked to leave the facility, but he refused to do so. He exercised no respect for authority.

We can do much better as responsible parents and a loving community. We must begin to practice order and discipline in the midst of this chaos. Our youth need to understand; everything should be done decently and in order, and when violations occur, we then follow certain protocol to rectify them.

It is without doubt, a necessity for our society to have law enforcers for our protection and our safety. Therefore, it is necessary we communicate to our youth how critical it is for them to respect authority. The authority and commands of police officers must be obeyed, especially, with our society in its present state of uproar.

It must be stressed again that every youth in our community know and understand the Miranda Warning, the right to remain silent which we discussed in our June 18 issue. This knowledge could possibly one day save their lives.

However, when we take responsibility and accountability as parents and a community to instill and practice the disciplines of self-respect, respect for our community and respect for authority (in some cases) there would be no arrests, nor detainments. Therefore, there would not be a need for one's Mirada Rights to be read.

We must remember, it is now our responsibility, and it's our turn to make our knowledge of survival powerful by teaching it to our youth and implementing it to form change.

We have taken the blessing of our Father protecting our youth that day in McKinney. Now let's take the life giving lesson from that day to teach our youth how to survive through respect for themselves and others.

Remember, "It's a reflection on us" as a community.

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Dazzle guests with a July 4 feast

(Family Features) Celebrate warm weather, abundant outdoor activities and all the fun of July Fourth with a flavorful and festive gathering. Independence Day only comes once a year, so make it count and invite your favorite guests over for a memorable event. You'll go out with a bang when you serve up these palate-pleasing dishes at your patriotic party.

Patriotic and Perfectly Sweet

This July Fourth, serve watermelon. This yummy fruit boasts sweetness and nutrition at a great value. Loaded with vitamins A, B6 and C, as well as antioxidants and heart-healthy amino acids, it's a welcome addition to your summer spread. For more recipes, visit www.watermelon.org.

Red, White and Blue Watermelon Cake

Servings: 6–8

- 1 seedless watermelon
- 1 cup low or no fat natural vanilla flavored yogurt
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup sliced strawberries

Place watermelon on side on cutting board.

Cut 3–5 inches off each end to create large center slice between 3–5 inches in depth. Trim off outer rind.

Cut watermelon slice into 6–8 pie-shaped wedges. Blot edges with paper towels to absorb excess moisture.

Dip the back (curved) side of each slice in yogurt

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wishers.

"One lady read a nice poem she had written and wanted to send copies to the families," she said.

A woman from Sierra Leone, west Africa, called and said that she and members of her Kono tribe wanted to donate money to Mother Emanuel.

Others pledged generously: Boeing Corp, which has a local airline assembly plant, contributed $100,000.

The mailman delivered several overstuffed bags of envelopes and told staffers he had several more. Inside, volunteers found gifts including quilts, knit blankets, bracelets, and crosses in alabaster boxes for each surviving family. In Matthew 26:7, a woman washed Jesus's head with oil from an alabaster box.

A doctor, who requested anonymity, pledged to establish an educational trust fund so that slain Emanuel Pastor Rev. Clementa Pinckney's young children would "never have to worry about their education."

Nine Charleston Bar Association members volunteered to provide free estate planning for surviving families.

A Virginia security firm called to give the church a camera system to replace the one that police confiscated in their investigation. They were too late; a local firm donated and installed a state-of-the-art system earlier on Monday. It covers every door, window, and the parking lot.

Church officials said earlier that a flaw in the old security camera system could have made alleged mass murderer Dylann Storm Roof much harder to identify. There was no camera covering the Calhoun Street entrance off the meeting room.

If Roof had come and gone that way and parked down the street, the only video of him would have been the grainy image of him sitting at the table with prayer circle members that police found on the cell phone of the slain Tywanza Sanders. Instead, Roof entered through a door that was covered by a camera. Police released the image it captured, which helped speed his arrest.

Police remained close-mouthed about the details of Roof's attack. But in the days since the shootings that killed nine people during Wednesday night's Bible study, survivors have shared chilling details with their families and friends about Roof's murderous rampage. While their recollections could not be verified independently, many of these memories are disturbing.

After sitting with the prayer group for more than an hour, witnesses say, Roof stood up, put his gun to a woman's head and declared that he would "kill some niggers tonight," but the woman would be spared to explain what happened.

Rev. Clementa Pinckney was shot first, felled by a single bullet as he lunged at the gunman. Sanders was the next to die.

Pinckney's wife, Mother Emanuel First Lady Jennifer Pinckney, was in her husband's office, just feet from the table where the prayer circle was meeting, when the first shots rang out.

Hearing the gun fire, she and her child hid under a four-seat, circular table in Pinckney's office. They were saved because Roof kicked the door so hard that it jammed against the door frame and blocked his deadly path.

One woman survived by falling on the floor and pushing her nearby toddler nephew beneath her body. She told him to play dead.

The oldest man in the room proved to be Roof's most elusive prey.

The Rev. Daniel L. Simmons, 74, was found, still alive, near the back door, some 20 feet from where the shooting started and through which Roof exited to the church parking lot. The Vietnam War veteran, Purple Heart winner, and retired pastor died in surgery at the nearby Medical University of South Carolina, one of the Palmetto State's premier hospitals.

As part of their probe, police cut small squares in the meeting room's old fashioned, brown, wood-paneled walls to extract the bullets to be used later as evidence.

Judging from the pattern of these squares and where Rev. Simmons was found, Roof fired several shots at Simmons as he fled, finally catching up with him at the back door.

The numerous cut-outs around the room and depressions in the floor confirm the ferocity of Roof's attack. One pillar featured three unevenly spaced square cut-outs. And the white tile floor was pitted with dark depressions that long supported the legs of the table where the killer and his victims had gathered to pray.

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SUMMER PATIO MUSIC SERIES featuring DIONNE, Vocalist
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J.B. KUSTOMS CAR SHOW
7–9 PM - FREE
Court of Honor

June 11

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: "BIG HERO 6"
8:30 PM - FREE
Exposition Plaza

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
Exposition Plaza

June 18

CULTURAL CELEBRATION
5–7 PM - FREE
Women's Museum

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: "THE LEGO MOVIE"
8:30 PM - FREE
Exposition Plaza

June 19

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY
11 AM–2 PM
Exposition Plaza

June 23

ART IN THE PARK
6–9 PM - FREE
Exposition Plaza

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
Exposition Plaza

June 29

PROJECT SEW
10 AM–8 PM - FREE
Women's Museum

June 30

CABARET MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERIES featuring DAMON K. CLARK & VICTOR CAGER, Vocalists
7:30–9 PM - FREE
Women's Museum

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

June 19 – Darius Rucker/Brett Eldredge, Brothers Osbourne & A Thousand Horses
June 20 – Julion Alvarez
June 26 – Kings of the Mic: LL Cool J, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony & Doug E. Fresh!

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dred and fifty years after the end of the Civil War, the time has come."

Both pro- and anti-flag advocates reached a compromise in 2000, hoping to defuse a growing public debate over the Confederate flag. Under the agreement, state lawmakers voted to allow the U.S. and state flags to fly on the Statehouse dome in Columbia and move the Confederate battle flag to the top a nearby memorial to Confederate soldiers.

They agreed that any future changes to the positioning of the flag, which is the first thing a visitor sees when approaching the Statehouse from the north on Main Street, would require a two-thirds vote of the legislature, a decision that is expected to be challenged in coming weeks.

In South Carolina, the Confederate flag has had a divisive history, especially for Republican politicians interested in growing their share of the Black vote while holding on to their staunchly conservative base.

Former Gov. David Beasley learned that the hard way. In 1996, he called for removing the Confederate battle flag from the Capitol to a Statehouse monument. But seeking re-election two years later, he vowed to never try to do that again. By then, it was too late and he lost to Jim Hodges, the Democratic challenger who embraced the support of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

On July 15, the NAACP launched a boycott of the state over the Confederate flag issue. Five days later, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) voted to withdraw its 2000 national convention from Charleston.

Though unpopular in many quarters, some White politicians in the state have taken a bold stand against the flag.

Joseph P. Riley, the mayor of Charleston, told the *New York Times*: "When it is so often used as a symbol of hate, of defiance to civil rights, to equal rights, equality among the races, a symbol used by the Klan, a symbol you saw at every protest during the times of integration and racial progress, then in front of the state Capitol, for those who harbor any of those kind of feelings – and I hope they are few – it nonetheless sends the wrong kind of message."

Haley, an Indian-American frequently touted as a possible GOP vice presidential candidate, reversed the stand she had taken throughout her political career in reaching that same conclusion. When she first ran for governor in 2010, she declared the Confederate flag issue had been "resolved to the best of its ability" with the compromise on the placement of the flag on Capitol grounds.

In seeking re-election in 2014, she said the flag was a non-issue for businesses considering whether to locate to South Carolina.

But the killing of nine Blacks in Emanuel A.M.E. Church changed all of that. Dylann Roof, an avowed White supremacist, has admitted crashing Bible study at the church and killing victims, ages 26 to 87, in hopes of starting a race war. In an online site, Roof, 21, is seen in numerous poses holding the Confederate flag.

At a news conference following the shooting, Gov. Haley fought back tears and she tried to unite a shattered community.

On Monday, she acknowledged that her new position would not please all voters.

"There will be some in our state who see this as a sad moment. I respect that. But know this: For good and for bad, whether it is on the statehouse grounds or in a museum, the flag will always be a part of the soil of South Carolina," she said.

"But this is a moment in which we can say that that flag, while an integral part of our past, does not represent the future of our great state. The murderer now locked up in Charleston said he hoped his actions would start a race war. We have an opportunity to show that not only was he wrong, but that just the opposite is happening."

She added, "My hope is that by removing a symbol that divides us, we can move forward as a state in harmony and we can honor the nine blessed souls who are now in heaven."

Within hours of the governor's announcement, Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, disclosed that it is removing all Confederate flag-related items from its shelves.

"We have taken steps to remove all items promoting the Confederate flag from our assortment – whether in our stores or on our website," Brian Nick, a spokesman, said in a statement.

Sears, which operates stores under its own brand as well Kmart, announced Monday that although it does not sell Confederate battle flags in its stores, it is moving to remove sale of such merchandise online by third parties.

Target, another large retailer, said it does not sell such items. A check of Target's website earlier this week did not show any Confederate merchandise being sold. It was not immediately clear whether Amazon will follow Walmart's lead.

As of early this week, Confederate flags and other Civil War memorabilia designed by independent merchants were being shipped by Amazon, the online giant.

Leland Summers, the South Carolina division commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, issued a strongly worded statement seeking to distance supporters of the flag from the murderer.

"Not knowing your heritage is ignorance," he said. "It is shameful and disgraceful that other organizations chose to use this heinous act to promote their political agenda. Do not associate the cowardly actions of a racist to our Confederate Banner; for it is a Banner of honorable men, both Black and White. There is absolutely no link between The Charleston Massacre and The Confederate Memorial Banner. Don't try to create one.

NAACP President Cornell William Brooks disagrees.

"We cannot have the Confederate flag waving in the state capital," he said at a press conference in Charleston. "Some will assert that the Confederate flag is merely a symbol of years gone by, a symbol of heritage and not hate. But when we see that symbol lifted up as an emblem of hate, as a tool of hate, as an inspiration for hate, as an inspiration for violence, that symbol has to come down."

Gov. Haley and the state's two Republican Senators – Lindsey Graham, who is White, and Tim Scott, who is Black – have concluded that it is time for the flag to come down.

"We know that bringing down the Confederate flag will not bring back the nine kind souls that were taken from us, nor rid us of the hate and bigotry that drove a monster through the doors of Mother Emanuel that night," Haley said. "Some divisions are bigger than a flag. The evil we saw last Wednesday comes from a place much deeper, much darker. But we are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer. The fact that people are choosing to use it as a sign of hate is something we cannot stand. The fact that it causes pain to so many is enough to move it from the Capitol grounds. It is, after all, a Capitol that belongs to all of us."

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member of the Auburn Black Caucus; and a past member of the Montgomery County Board of Education's Bi-Racial Committee. She was a member of the ninth class of the "Leadership Montgomery" professional development program, now in its 32nd year.

A published author in refereed journals, Crayton has developed curricula, videos, slide presentations, leaflets and other teaching materials and is a national and international speaker. Crayton is the author of Food Preservation in Alabama (Alabama Cooperative Extension System 2012).

A graduate of Grambling State University, Crayton earned a master's degree from Saint Louis University and a doctorate from Auburn University.

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'Moonshine: That Hee Haw Musical' names cast for September premiere in Dallas

Moonshine hee haw musicalProducers Opry Entertainment (Steve Buchanan, Sally Williams) and Fox Theatricals (Kristin Caskey, Mike Isaacson), in conjunction with Dallas Theater Center, have announced complete casting for the Dallas Theater Center's World Premiere engagement of Moonshine: That Hee Haw Musical. It begins performances on Sept. 2 and runs through Oct. 11.

The musical features a score by multi-award winning artists Brandy Clark and Shane McAnally.

The world premiere cast will feature Justin Guarini, Rose Hemingway, Ken Clark, Ryah Nixon, Rob Morrison, Kevin Cahoon, and PJ Benjamin, with an ensemble that includes Mackenzie Bell, John Campione, Travis Coombs, Leslie Flesner, Julie Johnson, Kate McMillian, Harris Milgrim, and Adam Perry.

With a book by Robert Horn, direction by Gary Griffin and choreography by Denis Jones, the creative team also includes Tony Award-winner John Lee Beatty (set design), Mara Blumenfeld (costume design), Philip Rosenberg (lighting design), Tony Award-winner John Shivers (sound design), Tara Rubin (casting), with musical supervision, arrangements and orchestrations by Tony and Grammy Award-winner Stephen Oremus. Nina Lannan serves as Executive Producer.

Tickets went on sale earlier this week. Ticket prices start at $18 and are available online at www.DallasTheaterCenter.org or by phone at (214) 880-0202.

Hilarious and downright irreverent, Moonshine: That Hee Haw Musical distills the spirit of an iconic television series and bottles it into an original musical comedy. Set in present day Kornfield Kounty, this highly anticipated show introduces a new generation of irresistible characters as it tells the story of Misty Mae, the ultimate hometown girl, who heads out to follow her dreams in the big city of… Tampa. When she returns home to introduce her slick city-boy beau to her friends and family, everything goes haywire!

LL Cool J performing at 'Kings of the Mic'

Classic Hip Hop Legends Ready to Rock Gexa Energy Pavilion

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Radio One Inc., BOOM 94.5 (KSOC-FM), in conjunction with Live Nation, present "Kings of the Mic" on Friday, June 26 at Gexa Energy Pavilion. Guests will enjoy a musical experience by some of Hip Hop's legendary pioneers dating back from the 1980's.

The "Kings of the Mic" line-up includes: LL COOL J featuring DJ Z-Trip, Bone Thugs-NHarmony, Doug E. Fresh, Big Daddy Kane, Whodini, The Magnificent DJ Jazzy Jeff, Sugar Hill Gang and The Furious 5.

Tickets start at $25 and are available at http://boom945.com, www.livenation.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or at the Gexa Energy Pavilion Box Office Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annie on stage now at AT&T Performing Arts Center

The AT&T Performing Arts Center is hosting the new U.S. National Tour of Annie through Sunday, July 5 at the Winspear Opera House in the Dallas Arts District. Directed by original lyricist and director Martin Charnin for the 19th time, this production of Annie will be a brand new physical incarnation of the iconic Tony Award-winning original.

ANNIE includes such unforgettable songs as "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything But You," plus the eternal anthem of optimism, "Tomorrow."

Tickets start at $30, with prime orchestra seats for most performances priced at $85. Tickets can be purchased online at www.attpac.org, by phone at 214-880-0202 or in person at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Information Center at 2353 Flora Street (Monday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

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Donald and Nichelle Wright (below left) were also NDG Entertainment winners to the same show.

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and then almonds, re-assembling pieces on serving platter as each piece is completed.

When finished, it will look like piecrust of almonds around watermelon slices. Frost top of reassembled watermelon with remaining yogurt and decorate top with berries. Serve cold.

Fresh Off the Grill

"For a red-white-and-blue burger that tastes as good as it looks, I use ground bison on a brioche bun, topped with Castello Burger Blue Cheese," says celebrity chef Michael Symon. For more recipes, visit castellocheeseusa.com.

Bison Burger with Blue Cheese

Recipe courtesy of Michael Symon

Servings: 4

- Kosher Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound ground bison, loosely packed into burger patties
- 4 slices Castello Burger Blue cheese
- 4 brioche-style soft hamburger buns, toasted
- 1 small red onion, very thinly sliced into rings
- 1 cup arugula

Heat your grill to medium-high heat.

Season burgers with salt and freshly ground black pepper on both sides. Drizzle with olive oil, then place on grill.

Cook 3 minutes, then flip.

Add slices of blue cheese (1 slice per burger), and let cook another 1–2 minutes.

Remove burgers from grill and place patties on toasted buns.

Top each burger with slice of red onion and 1/4 of arugula.

Serve.

Star-Spangled Dessert

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Melt candy in microwave safe bowl. Dip cones about 1 inch deep around opening of cone. Cut small hole in tip of bag and drizzle melted candy 1 inch deep around opening of cone. Tap cone lightly to smooth, and sprinkle with jimmies. Position cone in cone rack. Let chill, about 10–15 minutes.

Add ice cream scoops at party and serve in cone rack.

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Texas dentist says 'Success is a Side Effect'

Austin, TX — Almost everyone wants to be successful, but most people are not sure exactly what that means. Monica "Dr. Moe" Anderson has written a prescription for achievement and long term happiness in her new book, Success Is A Side Effect: Leadership, Relationships and Selective Amnesia.

Monica Frazier Anderson has been a Doctor of Dental Surgery, serial entrepreneur, and motivational speaker for almost three decades. Dr. Anderson has written an every-woman's guide to achieving more fulfilling relationships at work, home and in the community. She says the book is for the 96% of women who are not CEO's of global companies.

"This book is for all the unheralded leaders who must survive, and even thrive, in a world where Cinderella's feet hurt and

Dr. Monica Anderson

Sleeping Beauty gets fired for frequent tardiness. What I know for sure is that women whom the world admires for their inner beauty, confidence and competence were not born that way; they were forged." Anderson believes success is not a person, place, or material thing as so many of us are socialized to believe. The 51-year old grandmother asserts "We all have the potential, the duty, and the power to lead in our chosen fields. And, ultimately the choices we make at each intersection of our personal journey–rather than the title on a business card, the neighborhood we reside in, or the person we marry–will determine whether or not we are successful.

Anderson's unique approach to personal growth is illustrated with real-world situations, surprising statistics, and laugh-out loud anecdotes. The multi-published author and former Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist also reveals the positive side effects of pursuing one's passions with practical lessons in personal development and career growth such as: the importance of avoiding emotional miscarriages, using your professional skills to improve your personal relationships, and achieving life balance with the multiple streams of happiness. Anderson started writing the book 5 years ago and put it aside for other projects until she was diagnosed with Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor, a rare, malignant form of cancer, in 2012. "After my diagnosis, I felt a sense of urgency to share these tips and tools with other women facing challenges in order to help them understand the power of their choices," she says.

Success Is A Side Effect is garnering positive reviews from readers and critics. Veteran book review magazine Kirkus Reviews, a highly respected American book review magazine, said, "If you can't get ahead at work, have a man who won't commit, are drowning in debt, or struggling with a health crisis, the author offers words of wisdom….The book is a practical guide for women on how to find happiness and boost self-worth."

Women who are ready to fill their prescription with no co-pay or negative side effects can purchase Anderson's book as as an ebook or paperback on Amazon.com and also at local book sellers. Read an excerpt at www.drmoeanderson.com.

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Among the featured exhibitors are Drive Time, Conn's Home Plus, Liberty Mutual, Xerox, ARS Air Conditioning and Heating, Silverleaf Resorts, Catapult, and many more.

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of Earth's most important resource in the contexts of sustainability and ecology. The curriculum includes experiential learning activities in the sciences, 3-D art, learning strategies, college readiness and communications skills. Each afternoon, the girls also learn about the physics and fun behind the hula-hoop.

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Upon completing their first week of camp at Richland College, the girls will go to the University of North Texas at Dallas, followed by the University of Texas at Dallas. The camp concludes at Cedar Valley College on July 24 with a closing ceremony featuring a rocket launch.

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Summer jobs pay future dividends

By Marc H. Morial
NNPA Columnist

"Your first job brings you more than just a steady paycheck – the experience teaches young people life and work skills that serve them long after the job is done.

But as our nation continues to recover [from] the deepest recession since the Great Depression, American youth are struggling to get the work experience they need for jobs of the future." – White House, "We Can't Wait Initiative" Statement Release, January 2012

I can still remember my very first job – and the valuable lessons I learned from it that continue to inform my career to this day. I got my first taste of entrepreneurship as one-third of a three-man janitorial company I started with two childhood friends.

We mowed lawns, washed cars and cleaned windows. If it needed fixing or cleaning, we were the ones to call.

At the age of 15, I earned my first steady paycheck as a copy boy for a local newspaper.

Like so many millions of teens before and after me, I had the chance to be exposed to the world of work at an early age. And I earned more than money from the experience. With work came important lessons about responsibility, effective communication, time management, interpersonal skills and more. Today, as our nation continues to recover from the crippling impact of the Great Recession on our economy and job market, the ability of teens to jump-start their future careers, as they were once able to, remains in jeopardy.

Not only did jobs disappear during our nation's economic downturn, summer jobs – widely acknowledged as the traditional means of entry into our nation's workforce for teens and young adults – became scarce.

Competition from older workers for those entry-level jobs once reserved for teens increased as the labor market weakened, and with states slashing budgets to make ends meet, state and federally-funded summer jobs placement programs were either underfunded or cut.

But teen employment matters for their future and for our nation's. It not only gives young people something productive to do during the summer months, that job in the retail store, library or the local newspaper is money in their pocket and money being spent within the community.

Studies have also shown that those who work when they are young are more likely to be employed in the future and will earn higher salaries.

After a high of 27.2 percent teen unemployment in 2010, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment for workers ages 16-19 is now down to 17.9 percent.

As is the case with adult workers, teens are beginning to find jobs as the market recovers, but unemployment remains high for

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Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, or Emancipation Day, is a holiday in the United States that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas in 1865.

More generally it is the emancipation (liberation or setting free) of Black citizens throughout the United States in 1965; apparently Texas was the only state to get the information two years later than the other states.

There are numerous versions as to why Texas was the last state to get the information to its slaves. Texas slaves were generally profitable as a business investment for individual slaveholders.

Slaves in Texas generally had the legal status of personal property. They could be bought and sold, mortgaged, and hired out. They had no legally prescribed way to gain freedom.

They had no property rights themselves and no legal rights of marriage and family. These are just a few of the reasons; take your pick,

The celebration is on June 19 or the weekend closest to the 19th, the term Juneteenth is a portmanteau (combination of two or more words or morphemes, and their definitions, into one new word) of June and nineteenth, and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in most states. Only Federal holidays are celebrated on a Monday giving a three day holiday.

The holiday is observed primarily in local celebrations. The significance is that it was the Emancipation of the last remaining slaves in the United States.

On June 19, 1865 General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and told the people there that the Civil War was over, and the slaves were now free.

He read them General Order Number 3, which begins by saying, "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.

This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets. Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas the following year 1866.

Across many parts of Texas, freed people pooled their funds to purchase land specifically for their communities and increasingly large Juneteenth gatherings — including Houston's Emancipation Park, Mexia's Booker T. Washington Park, and Emancipation Park in Austin.

As the news spread, those who were previously enslaved were shocked and excited. Some took the declaration at face value, and declared that they would now work for their former masters as free men.

Others left immediately - either to go north or to find family members in neighboring states - as soon as they heard the news.

Freedom meant more

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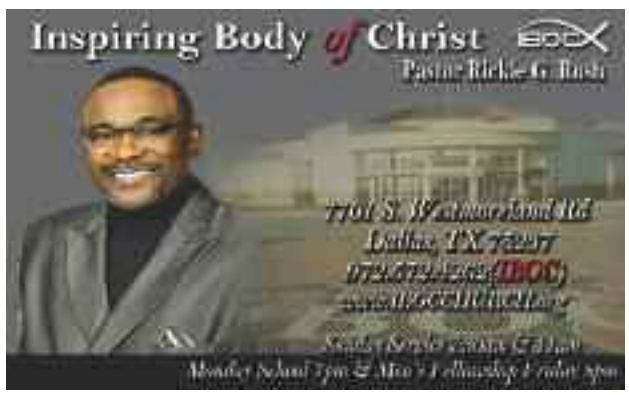
Sister Tarpley pictured with the original copy of Union General, Gordon Granger's Federal Order #3 that was on loan from the State of Texas to the State Hall in Fair of Texas in 2014



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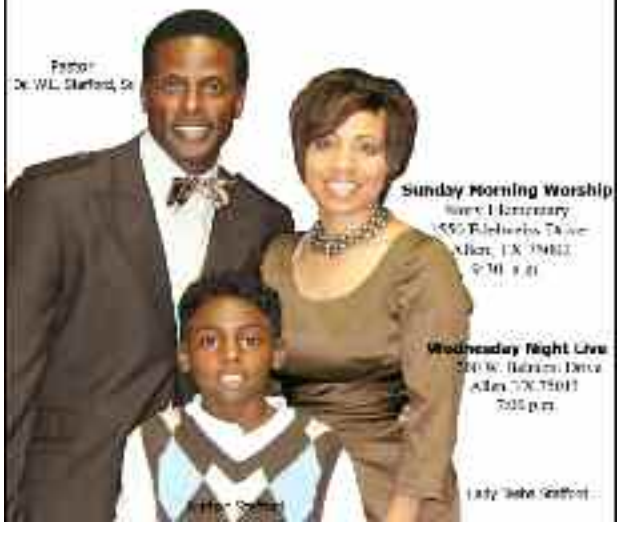

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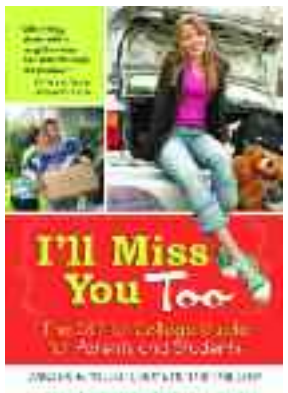
NDG Book Review: *I Miss You Too* is not a book to miss

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Thirteen long, interesting years.

Imagine: more than 115 months of your life spent with your hiney under a school desk. That's a lot, but now you've graduated (or will soon be graduating) from high school and (you can barely believe you're saying this) you can't wait to get to college. Leaving home won't be easy, but you'll be ready once you've read "I'll Miss You Too" by Margo Ewing Woodacre & Steffany Bane Carey.

And your parents? Ah, that may be a different matter….



On one hand, you're very excited about the idea of college: the independence, new friends, new experiences, being an adult. It's what you've been working towards for at least a year, maybe more.

On the other hand, you hate to think of leaving behind your room, your possessions, your siblings and everything familiar. College is going to be different, especially if you plan on moving more than a few hours from home. Will you fit in? What if there's an emergency? Will your friends still be your friends? You'll have fears, and you might have tears.

That's all normal, say the authors. Remember that "all of the freshmen [are] in the same boat." The first and perhaps most useful thing to do is to attend freshman orientation, which plunges you into campus life and helps diminish self-consciousness. It sounds silly, the authors admit, but it helps.

Try to meet up with your roommate, or at least talk on the phone or online before you have to live together. Remember that nobody's going to remind you to study when you're at college. Get to know your professors.

Use extra caution when posting on social media while you're at college; party posts can haunt you for a good long time.

Finally, stay in touch with your parents. They'll miss you, possibly more than you'll miss them (and your Mom will probably cry). Call, Skype, or text them often – not just when there's an emergency. Talk to them when you're in a bad spot, if you think you made a big mistake, or you just need a shoulder and you're homesick. Remember that you're an adult now but you'll always be their kid.

If you're a parent and you've read this far, fear not: "I'll Miss You Too" has plenty for you as well. Half the book, in fact, is for parents of future college freshmen.

Starting with the fall semester of high school, mother-daughter authors Margo Ewing Woodacre & Steffany Bane Carey walk readers through everything from choosing a college, studying for SATs, and packing for the big move, all the way through secondary education and for a year or two beyond. They helpfully touch upon issues both happy and thorny, and their words are soothing for parents, teens, RAs, and advisors.

Previously published more than a decade ago, this book is fresh and updated and can surely help parents and future freshman with this transition. If the fat envelope has landed on your doorstep recently, "I'll Miss You Too" is one book to get.

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young people—disproportionately affecting low-income youth and Blacks and Hispanics. The national unemployment rate stands at a staggering 30.1 percent for Black teens and 19.2 percent for Hispanic teens. The groups of teens who need the work most in order to help themselves, and very often make a significant contribution to their family's budget, are not finding the jobs.

Our nation's answer to this dilemma has been a fractured portrait of private and public initiatives and success. Cities and states have cobbled together money – when it's in the budget – and have funneled it to local groups or agencies that connect youths to jobs or job training. In 2012, the White House launched Summer Jobs+ as part of the "We Can't Wait" initiative.

The project brought together the federal government and the private sector to create 180,000 employment opportunities for low-income youth.

At the National Urban League, we work with at-risk youth to introduce them into the workforce through a comprehensive set of services through the Urban Youth Empowerment Program. While all of these efforts are laudable and have changed many lives and communities for the better, it is not enough.

Our nation needs to expand summer job programs and create year-round employment for our young people. We need a commitment that says yes to teens and to their future. Our nation needs a comprehensive jobs solution for young people, because piecemeal solutions will only deliver far-flung pockets of success.

Investing in our young people is an investment in the continued strength of this great nation and its workforce.

Young people need the formative workplace skills they can get in those entry-level jobs to move on to greater career success and higher salaries in the future. Our nation, and its local economies, benefit when teens spend their disposable income.

Surely there are tax loopholes, corporate or otherwise, that can be closed, bringing additional dollars to the table to invest in our young people.

The financial cost of not investing in teens, not creating opportunities for future success, is what will cost this country, and our future in the fast-paced global economy, the most.

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than the right to travel freely. It meant the right to name one's self and many freedmen gave themselves new names. County courthouses were overcrowded as Blacks applied for licenses to legalize their marriages.

Each year, those who had been enslaved celebrated Juneteenth as a day for celebration over their freedom. On that day, families would gather together, pray together, and remember the excitement of hearing the declaration for the first time.

Some of them even made a pilgrimage back to Galveston each year to be together for Juneteenth.

But why that date? After all, President Lincoln had made the Emancipation Proclamation over two years beforehand, on January 1, 1863. The Thirteenth Amendment, which abolished slavery, was passed by Congress on January 31, 1865. So what was so special about June 19?

In truth, the Emancipation Proclamation did theoretically free all slaves in the South (although not in the northern states), but the southern states were not yet under Union control. Therefore, the Emancipation Proclamation did not successfully abolish slavery.

In April of 1865, General Lee finally surrendered and the South was forced to accept Lincoln's proclamation, as well as the Thirteenth Amendment.

There are several theories about the extra two months (or the full two and a half years) that it took for the message to get to Texas - everything from a killed messenger to deliberate stifling of the news.

So when General Granger finally announced that slavery had been abolished, it came as quite a surprise and a reason for celebration.

During the US Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, with an effective date of January 1, 1863. Although it declared that slaves were to be freed in the Confederate States of America in rebellion against the federal government, it had minimal actual effect.

Even after the ending of military hostilities, as a part of the former Confederacy, Texas did not act to comply with the Emancipation Proclamation.

The freedmen were advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They were informed that they would not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they would not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.