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For centuries Black lives did not matter

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

It ought to be unnecessary for an activist movement to hinge on the principle of the equivalency of life. In the worlds of Democratic presidential candidates (don't get me started on the Republicans), there is a compelling need to point out that Black Lives Matter and White lives matter. The problem with stating the obvious is that White lives have always mattered, and institutional racism has structured a lesser value for Black lives.

Asserting that Black Lives Matter is to rebut the inherent supposition that Black lives do not matter. Black lives have been devalued since the development of our Constitution when it counted enslaved people as three-fifths of a person. To proclaim that Black Lives Matter is to rebut this constitutional flaw. We still live with the legacy of enslavement, when Black folks were other people's property. Black folks aren't property now (unless they are the much-exploited convict laborers), but unequal treatment is not just historical – it still happens. That's why the Black Lives Matter movement is so important.



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The Black Lives Matter Movement was a constructive outgrowth of the Trayvon Martin murder, furthered by the protests that happened in the wake of a Missouri grand jury's failure to bring charges against Darren Wilson, the murderer of 18-year-old Michael Brown. As multiracial crowds proclaimed, "Black Lives Matter," it seemed that, across the board, people were acknowledging the existence of institutional racism. Too bad Democratic presidential contenders can't do the same.

Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders, the two candidates whose

entries into the race may have pushed Hilary Clinton to the left, faced protestors at the progressive Netroots Nation conference earlier this month. Instead of acknowledging the legitimacy of the Black Lives Matter movement, both candidates were prickly. Sanders threatened to leave the stage because the protester's chants drowned him out. Candidate Hilary Clinton was not present, and some objected to that, but she either missed the opportunity to engage, or was spared embarrassment if she emulated O'Mal-

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Republicans use cruelty as a political weapon

By Lee A. Daniels
NNPA Columnist

Donald Trump, the blowhard mogul masquerading as presidential candidate, has once again discovered the problem with trying to be a demagogue in a democracy: It's the risk of "going too far."

Sometimes that means merely being made to look foolish – as when President Obama early in the 2012 presidential election season deftly pun-

ctured Trump's trying to play the conservatives' racist "Birther" game.

However, at other times it means being exposed as a vindictive bully whose fragile ego provokes a reflexive lashing out at any and all critics. That's the muddy road Trump's been splashing down since he punctuated announcing his candidacy last month with a vile slur against undocumented Mexican im-

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Lawrence is one of America's leading entrepreneurship and personal achievement experts. His journey has taken him from an ultra-underachiever in high school to a graduate of an Ivy League business school as well as the Owner of Great Black Speakers, Great Pro Speakers, and Co-Founder of Watkins Media Group.

Lawrence was born and raised in Louisville, KY to a police officer father and a mother who was a counselor for pregnant teenagers. Due to his lack of



self confidence, lack of interest, and pressure to fit in with his peers, Lawrence underperformed in middle school and the early part of high school. He still remembers feeling stupid and worthless when he bought

home 4 F's, a D, and an A in gym on his 8th grade report card. It wasn't until his acceptance into the Math and Science for Minority Students program at the prestigious boarding school, Phillips Academy at Andover, that his academic trajectory changed. Here he found educators who believed in his abilities, motivated him to achieve, and exposed him to new opportunities that he did not know existed.

Lawrence fell in love with his new found academic success. He began to excel in school and was awarded a full scholarship to the University of

Louisville where he majored in Electrical Engineering. Over his college career, Lawrence was very active in campus extracurricular activities. He ran for Student Government President, planned a 700 person regional conference for the National Society of Black Engineers, and was chapter Vice President for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Lawrence proactively worked to improve academically by participating in the Summer Venture in Management Program at Harvard Business School and The Public Policy & International Affairs Fellowship Program at Carnegie Mel-

lon. These experiences were the precursors that guided him away from engineering and into social entrepreneurship.

After graduating from college in 2006, Lawrence stepped out on a limb and turned down job offers from two Fortune 50 companies to help grow the speaking career of his older brother, Dr. Boyce Watkins. This turned out to be one of the best decisions of his life as he was able to follow his passion for entrepreneurship. Immediately,

Lawrence experienced success booking Dr. Watkins for speaking engagements. Building on this

success, Great Black Speakers was born in January of 2007 and has grown from a roster of 12 speakers to one that includes over 200 of the best and well known speakers in the nation.

Starting the company was not easy as Lawrence experienced entrepreneurial growing pains and almost bankrupted the company within the first six months of starting it.

After learning from this experience, his pain soon turned into pleasure as Lawrence continued to successfully grow his company and book speakers for over 200 organizations around the world.

George Cooper

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Senior Washington
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NAAPA) – Funeral services for George Cooper, the 10th president of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg and executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), were held Monday, July 27 at The Peoples Community Baptist Church in Silver Spring Md. He died on Sunday, July 19.



In a statement on the death of Cooper, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that Cooper made tremendous contributions that benefited countless students in a full and

extraordinary career.

"Throughout his life, Dr. Cooper was committed to promoting excellence, innovation and sustainability across our nation's HBCUs," said Duncan. "Dr. Cooper provided the wisdom and direction needed to form important partnerships between HBCUs and the federal government."

Duncan continued: "This Administration has truly benefited from Dr. Cooper's leadership and will continue our service and advocacy for HBCUs in a manner that follows his passion, persistence and humility. Although he will be sorely missed, his

legacy will live beyond him."

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G. K. Butterfield called Cooper "a lifelong supporter of higher education" and HBCUs, in a statement from the group.

"As a former president of South Carolina State University and the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, George Cooper understood well the role that HBCUs continue to play in providing access to higher education for many African American and minority students," said Butterfield.

In a separate statement, President Barack Obama said that Cooper spent the majority of his life ensuring that students at HBCU's were receiving a quality education and had what they needed to succeed and improve their communities and the nation.

Obama continued: "George's passing is a great loss for my Administration, the HBCU and higher education communities and for everyone that knew him."

Cooper's tenure at South Carolina State University, that lasted less than four years, was buoyed by success and controversy. State

lawmakers had already decided to slash funding to the school when Cooper took the reins of the embattled HBCU in July 2008. Enrollment declined sharply and Cooper narrowly survived a trustee vote for his termination in 2010.

In the midst of an investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct, Cooper fired eight high-ranking school officials in February 2012, The Times and Democrat reported, even though those an official connected to the investigation said that those "who were fired weren't

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Jo Ann Jenkins

The Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, will commemorate its 30th Anniversary with a Civic Luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas on Friday, Aug. 14. The Links proudly welcome as keynote speaker Jo Ann Jenkins, chief executive officer of AARP. AARP is the world's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to social change and helping people 50 and over to improve the quality of their lives.

The luncheon provides an opportunity to publically recognize and reward key organizations in the community. From its inception,



The Links, Incorporated has addressed community service through educational, civic and intercultural commitment. As the Mid-Cities (TX) chapter celebrates its 30th anniversary that same commitment comes to the forefront.

They recently announced the following awardees:

AARP, Attitudes and Attire-Boots to Heels, Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington, and Habitat for Humanity International, Irving Black Arts Council, Irving Cares and Wounded Warriors.

In alignment with the focus areas of The Links, Incorporated, and these organizations were strategically selected based on the impact of their work in the arts, health and human services, services to youth, national and international trends.

Chapter president, Veronica Spencer-Austin, shares her thoughts on the collective impact by saying "In celebration of this 30-year milestone, we recognize these charitable organizations, all of which are com-

mitted to eliminating disparities within our communities, and we award them a total of \$30,000 to further advance their work."

The Friday afternoon 30th Anniversary Civic Luncheon kicks off a weekend of giving back. The chapter's signature 23rd annual fund-raiser ROUND XXIII: A Knock Out Affair takes place on Saturday evening Aug. 15 also hosted at the Fairmont Hotel. This fundraising event largely supports the year round community impact of the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter.

The luncheon begins at noon with limited seating. Tickets are available at \$75 each. Please contact Marilyn Evans at midcitieslinks@yahoo.com.

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The change we've been waiting for...

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In light of the conversations about police abuse, unwarranted stops and arrests, and homicide cases involving Black people and police officers, many Black people get angry, maybe have a march, and then go home to await the next incident. Some of our organizations do their usual thing by making loud threatening statements and then get back in line until the next crisis hits. Amos Wilson said, “Until our behavior changes, the behavior of those who oppress and abuse us will not change.”

In other words, the onus for change is on us.

Many of you may not know about the Uniform Reporting Law Enforcement Improvement Act (URLEIA), which is proposed legislation that calls for the creation of a National Office of Civilian Oversight that hosts meetings across the nation to garner citizen input. Law enforcement agents, their spouses, and unions are not permitted to attend or participate in the Civilian Oversight Conferences.

These conferences are essentially designed to create policy that governs policing. Police unions and asso-

ciations are largely responsible for developing the policing approaches we see in effect today; URLEIA will change that practice.

This legislative proposal is provided by ONUS, Inc., and Black Communities United for Progress (BCUP) for presentation to members of the United States Congress and the president of the United States. Now that's what I call proactive work that will have a direct and positive effect on Black people. This is not just rhetorical bombast; this is attacking the problem of police brutality from a practical, logical, and legal perspective.

Immediately after a White woman was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant in San Francisco, Bill O'Reilly called for what he titled “Kate's Law” to be passed by Congress. Within days 600,000 signatures were collected and members of Congress went to work to get the proposed law passed. They held hearings and brought the family of Kathryn Steinle to Washington to testify. They got swift action.

So where is the Tamir Rice law against cops shooting 12-year-olds in less than two seconds?

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migrants, Hispanic-Americans and citizens of Mexico alike, and followed it this month by attacking in personal terms two GOP veteran Senators, John McCain, of Arizona, and Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, who had sharply criticized his antics.

Trump's astonishing behavior – in declaring that McCain, who endured years of brutality in a North Vietnamese prison during the 1960s' war in Southeast Asia, was “not a war hero,” and then days later publicly revealing Graham's mobile phone number and urging his supporters to call him – wasn't just “unpresidential.” It wasn't even “adult.” Nor was it smart politically – one reason being his juvenile antics revived questions about the five deferments he got to avoid military service during the Vietnam War years. (Graham also is a military veteran.)

Moreover, Republican officials couldn't have been happy that numerous analysts quickly noted the strong whiff of hypocrisy pervading their outrage at Trump's insulting McCain – given the concerted “not-a-war-hero” “swift-boating” campaign the GOP launched against John Kerry during the Massachusetts Democrat's 2004 pres-

idential run.

But Trump's bully-boy behavior also revealed something far more worrisome than just his boundless ego and inability to counter in a sophisticated fashion the criticism, whether warranted or not, any presidential contender gets. That is that it perfectly reflects what's become the foundation of Republican Party politics at the local, state and national levels: the use of cruelty as a political weapon.

Consider some of the landmarks of Republican Party politics during the Obama years:

From shutdowns of the federal government that deprived government workers of wages and citizens of needed services; to the imposition of unnecessary and draconian rules on economically-distressed citizens needing food stamps and other forms of government assistance; to a continuing pathological obsession with controlling women that's only partially obscured by sanctimonious anti-abortion rhetoric; to their denigration of public-sector workers and their unions, the GOP's domestic program has grounded itself in stoking a cruelty-over-compassion attitude about government's relationship toward those

not included in its “tent” of “Real Americans.”

Of course, the use of cruelty as a political weapon has been the GOP's stock-in-trade since the late 1960s when President Richard Nixon replaced the overtly racist lexicon of the defeated Southern segregationist wing of the Democratic Party with a Southern Strategy based on racially-coded appeals to Whites. In the 1980s the Reagan political machine re-christened that approach as “wedge politics” and used it to over time largely erase any allegiance within the Party to responsible bipartisan cooperation with Democrats. Instead, they stoked in its increasingly Whites-only base the demand for a rigid adherence to reactionary politics that Obama's electoral and policy successes have intensified even more.

Ironically, the GOP's surrender to extremist politics quickly provoked an ongoing internal power struggle between its establishment politicians and insurgents that has resulted in a string of successful and unsuccessful primary challenges to several GOP Senators and Representatives the radical right deemed not conservative – that is, cruel – enough. Those challenges, which taken together have no parallel within the Democratic

Party, underscore the fierce authoritarian attitudes of the GOP Base – its need to feel it's dominating others. No one currently better expresses that mentality than Trump.

One might be tempted to just enjoy the disruption Trump has brought to the GOP's presidential primary doorstep for the second consecutive time. Except it suggests the continuation of a particularly egregious reality:

Just when the economic and social viability of much of “the 99 percent” of ordinary Americans – from the very poor to a significant portion of those who earn middle-income wages – threatened by the combination of numerous technological developments and global economic forces, one of the nation's two major parties remains committed to cruelty as a foundation for governing.

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HEALTH ALERT:**Kroger recalling four spices for possible salmonella contamination**

CINCINNATI – The Kroger Co. is recalling Kroger Ground Cinnamon, Kroger Garlic Powder, Kroger Coarse Ground Black Pepper and Kroger Bac'n Buds sold in its retail stores due to possible contamination from Salmonella.

A sample of Kroger Garlic Powder from a store in North Augusta, South Carolina was tested by the FDA and found to be contaminated with Salmonella. To date, no illnesses have been reported in connection with these products. Out of an abundance of caution, the company has recalled all four seasonings produced on the same equipment in the same facility.

Stores under the following names in the 31 states where Kroger operates are included in this recall: Kroger, Ralphs, Food 4 Less, Foods Co., Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, City Market, Smith's, Dillons, Baker's, Gerbes, Jay C, Ruler Foods, Pay

Less, Owen's, and Scott's.

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Customers who have purchased the above products should not consume them and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement.

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**Americans consume 1,000 milligrams more salt daily than recommended**

People who gradually increase the amount of salt in their diet and people who habitually eat a higher salt diet both face an increased risk of developing high blood pressure, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association.

In a Japanese study of more than 4,000 people who had normal blood pressure, almost 23 percent developed high blood pressure over a three year period. Those who ate the most salt were the most likely to have high blood pressure by the end of the study. Participants who gradually increased their sodium intake also showed gradually higher blood pressure.

The researchers estimated the amount of salt an individual was consuming by analyzing the amount of sodium in the urine of people who were visiting their healthcare provider for a routine check-up, and conducted follow-up urine analysis for approximately three years.

At the conclusion of the study, the people consuming the least amount of sodium were consuming 2,925 mg per day and those consuming the most sodium were consuming 5,644 mg per day.

"In our study, it did not matter whether their sodium

levels were high at the beginning of the study or if they were low to begin with, then gradually increased over the years — both groups were at greater risk of developing high blood pressure," said Tomonori Sugiura, M.D., Ph.D. the study's lead author and an assistant professor in the Department of Cardio-Renal Medicine and Hypertension at the Nagoya City University Graduate School of Medical Sciences in, Nagoya, Japan.

This study highlights the importance of maintaining a lower-salt diet over a lifetime, and confirms the findings of other studies that show strong associations between salt in the diet and high blood pressure.

Sugiura said that although the research focused on Japanese participants, the findings apply to Americans as well.

"Americans consume an average of nearly 3,500 mil-

ligrams of sodium a day, which is about 1,000 milligrams more than any public health group recommends," Sugiura said. "Reducing sodium intake can save lives, save money and improve heart health — no matter what background or nationality a person is."

In some people, sodium increases blood pressure because it holds excess fluid in the body, creating an added burden to your heart. High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attacks, stroke and heart failure.

More than 75 percent of sodium in the U.S. diet is found in the salt added to processed food. In the United States, about 9 of every 10 people consume too much sodium. The Salty Six foods — breads and rolls, cold cuts and cured meats, pizza, poultry, soup and sandwiches — are the leading sources of overall sodium in the U.S. diet.

Can you trust your nose when it comes to food poisoning?

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - When you open the fridge, you are likely to find some foods that are near, or even past, their expiration dates. So, should you toss them in the trash or chance eating food that could be spoiled enough to make you ill?

FOOD sniffer is the world's first handheld, Bluetooth-enabled "electronic nose" that connects with iOS- and Android-powered tablets and smartphones. It works by sampling the air near the meat or fish and analyzing the

sample using a different algorithm based upon whether the product is beef, poultry, pork or fish.

After extensive calculations in the cloud, the FOOD sniffer returns one of three possible results: fresh, cook well, or spoiled. Independent laboratory testing indicates that FOOD sniffer's results are 80 percent to 95 percent accurate.

The FOOD sniffer is particularly valuable because many of the volatile organic compounds emitted by

spoiling food are odorless. As a result, meat and fish can be unsafe to eat, but still look and smell okay.

"FOOD sniffer can detect the earliest signs of spoilage and tell you if your food is fresh, hazardous to your health, a risk for food poisoning, or has been left unrefrigerated for too long," say the product's development team.

According to the USDA Economic Research Service, the average American family of four throws away

more than \$2000 worth of food every year because it spoils before it can be eaten.

"Because meat and fish are the most expensive items on our grocery list, we should welcome a device like FOOD sniffer that will help us tell whether they are still fresh enough to eat safely," say the developers.

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Carrollton man hits \$1 million lottery in the July 21 Mega Millions drawing

(AUSTIN) – Carrollton resident Sammie R. Robbins has claimed a second-tier Mega Millions prize worth \$1 million for the July 21 drawing, plus an additional \$2 for a win on a separate playboard. The ticket was purchased at the 7-Eleven #34557 at 3700 Old Denton Road in Carrollton. Robbins' Quick Pick matched all five numbers drawn (20-30-62-65-74), but not the Mega Ball (1).

Mega Millions is played by picking five different numbers from one to 75 and one number from one to 15. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but still walk away big winners.

Family and Community Engagement promotes parent leadership skills at Texas PTA conference

Thousands of Texas PTA parents converged on Dallas July 17-19 for workshops, idea exchanges, and how-to sessions in search of ideas on how to help schools and PTAs better support families in the coming school year. The occasion was the Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar, the state's largest gathering of PTA representatives.

The staff of Dallas ISD's Office of Family and Community Engagement drew a crowd for its workshop, "Re-engaging the Disengaged Parent," which featured tips to help PTAs attract hard-to-reach parents. Among the workshop's topics were how to build effective relationships with parents, how to sell school parent involvement programs, and actions schools can take to influence parents to become more involved in their children's education.

"How to create a Parent Workshop Series on Your Campus," another session conducted by the Family and Community Engagement staff, focused on concrete steps and best practices schools can implement to help parents support their student's academic achievement.

The department also hosted an exhibitor booth that featured printed resources for PTA leaders to help parents better support their children's academic, emotional and social growth.



Dallas ISD parents at PTA Summer Seminar attended the Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar over the summer to exchange ideas, in an effort to better provide support to schools.

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Where is the Eric Garner Law against police officers choking a man to death? Where is John Crawford's Law that punishes department store employees for lying to 911 and cops from killing a person for holding a BB gun that is on the shelf of that store? Where is Sandra Bland's Law that would send a cop to jail for falsely arresting a young lady who questioned why she had to put her cigarette out while seated in her own car?

Why hasn't O'Reilly's TV news counterpart, Al Sharpton, gone to his good friend, Barack Obama, and all his friends in the Black Caucus and gotten them to hold hearings and write Sandra's Law?

Instead of real action, we see our vaunted politicians genuflecting before the powers-that-be and our "Black" organizations – the NAACP and Urban League – walking 860 miles and issuing an annual report that tells us how bad our situation is.

This is exactly why we need and must support ONUS, Inc. and its URLEIA legislation. In-

stead of symbolic gestures, "ONUS is calling upon Congressional leaders to sponsor, endorse and enact the provisions contained in URLEIA in order to stop law enforcement agents from wreaking havoc on Black Americans..." says Jerroll Sanders, ONUS, Inc. president and CEO.

Sanders states, "The contents of the URLEIA legislative proposal stand in stark contrast to H.R. 2875 — a bill titled the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2015 that is currently making its way through Congress. While H.R. 2875 provides additional funding for grants and U.S. Department of Justice policing oversight activities and promotes the creation of national training, accreditation and operating standards, it provides few real solutions to adequately address America's racist policing problem.

I would add that H.R. 2875 creates a National Task Force on law enforcement oversight composed of individuals appointed by the attorney general from various DOJ bureaus. The AG's task force will consult with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations and "community-based organizations." Along with a few other loosely worded recommendations, of course, the usual suspects, to and through which funds would be channeled are named outright, i.e. NAACP and National Urban League.

"URLEIA, on the other hand, addresses the root cause of police brutality in black communities by holding law enforcement agents accountable for the actions and sealing loopholes that currently allow perpetrators of police brutality to walk free," Ms. Sanders continues, "URLEIA is the type of tough legislation Black Americans have been demanding in order to bring a permanent end to centuries of police brutality and abuse."

Go to www.changeisonus.org and read the URLEIA legislation for yourself, and then support it by supporting ONUS. If all we do is say we need change, we will never obtain it. It takes work, and ONUS is doing that work. Get involved.

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African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people.

He can be reached through his website, blackdollarsmatter.com. He is the author of *Black Dollars Matter: Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense*, which is available through his website; professionalpublishinghouse.com and Amazon Kindle eBooks.

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Exempt items for 2015 Texas Sales Tax Holiday

The Texas Legislature established the August Sales Tax Holiday to provide individuals and families a tax free holiday while purchasing school supplies for their children. This year's tax free weekend will be Friday, Aug. 7 thru Sunday, Aug. 9.

As in the past, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks priced below \$100. The Sales Tax Holiday has allowed families with school-aged children to make the most of their dollars by saving them about \$8 on every \$100

spent.

Read the fine print before you shop: It is important to understand the rules related to items that still require collection of sales tax. For example, Retailers are not required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing

that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. However, the exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is

due on the entire \$110. The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article.

For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic ac-

tivity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

To see a full list of items on the list and those that are not included visit the Texas Comptroller's website.

The following items listed below, provided by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, are a few which will not be taxed:

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Blackboard chalk
Blouses
Book bags
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Bow ties
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Bras

C-F

Calculators
Camp clothes
Caps
Cellophane tape
Chef uniforms
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Folders
Football jerseys
Gloves (including: Dress & Leather)
Glue
Golf dresses
Golf jackets
Golf shirts
Golf skirts
Golf windbreakers

G

Graduation caps & gowns
Gym suits & uniforms

H

Hats
Highlighters
Hooded Shirts
Hooded Sweatshirts
Hosiery
Hunting Vests

I-J

Index cards
Index card boxes
Jackets
Jeans
Jogging apparel

K-M

Knitted caps/hats
Legal pads
Leg warmers
Leotards/tights
Lunch boxes
Markers
Mask, costume
N-R
Neckwear/ties
Nightgowns/shirts
Notebooks
Painter pants
Pajamas
Pants
Panty hose

Paper (including notebook, copy, graph, tracing, construction, poster board, and manila)
Pencils
Pencil boxes
Pencil sharpeners
Pens
Protractors
Raincoats/ponchos
Rain hats
Religious clothing
Robes
Rulers

S

Scarves
Scissors
Scout uniforms
Shawls/wraps
Shirts
Shirts (hooded)
Shoes (including: Boat
Cross trainers
Dress
Flip-flops
Jellies
Running
Safety
Sandals
Slippers
Sneakers/tennis

Walking
Shorts
Skirts
Sleepwear
Slips
Soccer socks
Socks
Suits/slacks/jackets
Support hosiery
Suspenders
Sweatshirts
Sweat suits
Sweaters
Swimsuits

T

Tennis dresses
Tennis shorts
Tennis skirts
Ties
Tights
Trousers

U-W

Underclothes
Underpants
Undershirts
Uniforms
Veils
Vests (fishing & hunting)
Work clothes
Work uniforms
Workout clothes
Writing tablets

Back-to-School Tax-Free Weekend at DFW-area Simon Properties

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mium Outlets and Grand Prairie Premium Outlets are pleased to offer shoppers the opportunity to purchase back-to-school necessities without paying sales tax on qualifying items in accordance with the Texas Sales Tax Holiday. The 3-day

sales tax break begins on Friday, Aug. 7 and ends on Sunday, Aug. 9. During this period, retailers will not be required to collect state and local sales use tax on most footwear, clothing, backpacks and school supplies priced less than \$100.

Before hitting the stores, shoppers can check out even more savings by visiting the Simon Retailer Showcase where coupons and other retailer deals await at simon.com.

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DCCCD recognized for financial transparency

For the third consecutive year, the Dallas County Community College District has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association, a professional organization that encourages state and local governments to exceed minimum accounting requirements.

The GFOA honored DCCCD for its fiscal year 2014 financial reporting, which ended last Aug. 31. Financial reports are examined by GFOA public sector accounting experts, auditors and other finance professionals, who certify that the information submitted satisfies the goals of the association.

Earning the certificate is

a major accomplishment for DCCCD and its business practices, according to Ed DesPlas, the district's executive vice chancellor for business affairs.

"The GFOA Certificate of Excellence is a measure of DCCCD's commitment to the spirit of transparency and full disclosure," said DesPlas. "Our aim is to make our comprehensive

annual financial reports as readable and clear as possible. It's good to be recognized for that."

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The Mid-Cities Chapter of The Links hosting 23rd annual Black Tie Boxing Gala

The Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will host its 23rd Annual fund-raiser ROUND XXIII: A Knock Out Affair on Saturday, August 15 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

Honorary Chairpersons for "Round XXIII" are E. Leon and Debra Carter and Roland Parrish. E. Leon Carter is a principal of the law firm Carter Scholer Arnett Hamada & Mockler, PLLC, and practices in the Firm's litigation section. Leon has served as a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas while Debra, his wife of 30 years, is an active community influencer and volunteer. Parrish, who owns 26 McDonald's restaurants in the North Texas area, currently serves as chairman and CEO of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association. With more than



\$60 million in annual sales, his company has been recognized by Black Enterprise magazine's BE 100 as one of the largest 100 Black-owned businesses in the United States.

In keeping with the chapter's strategically focused efforts, proceeds from the event will benefit the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter's Scholarship Fund and other community service projects, most notably the Chapter's Link-ED2STEM initiatives which have increased exposure and engagement in Science, Technology, Engi-

neering and Math (STEM) disciplines for hundreds of young people.

In its 23rd year, Black Tie Boxing has become a signature event attended by leaders from various community and professional sectors in the Dallas Fort Worth area and around the country with just shy of 1,000 attendees last year. This year's event is part of the organization's celebratory weekend which includes the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter's 30th Anniversary Civic Luncheon featuring Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer of AARP as

the keynote speaker. The luncheon will also recognize and award six non-profit organizations with grants totaling \$30,000 collectively to advance their community work.

Black Tie Boxing XXIII corporate supporters include Billy Hawkins, E. Leon and Debra Carter, The Law Office of Erika N. Salter, P.C., Roland Parrish, Bank of Texas, BNSF Railway, Comerica, Gloria Legrand State Farm, The Hamptons Family Dental and Cosmetic Surgery, JD & Associates, Inc., Wells Fargo, AARP, AT&T, Atwill Consulting, Bank of America, Building Inspection Services, Chase Bank, Education is Freedom Foundation, First Southwest Company, Henderson's Chicken, HMB, Lear Corp., Mangana Events, MillerCoors,

Nerium International, Office Depot Regional HQ, Texas Pulmonary Sleep Center, Title One Boxing Denton and St. John Baptist Church.

General Chairpersons of the event are Billie Hawkins and Sandra Stewart. Chapter President, Veronica Spencer-Austin, acknowledges the community and corporate supporters of this event in saying, "We are thankful for the generosity of our community and corporate partners. For thirty years, our members have been actively engaged in addressing critical social issues to bring equity to individuals and families. With the continued philanthropy and collaboration of our supporters, we will deliver unparalleled service to our communities for years to come."

The Links, Incorporated is an international organization, founded more than 60 years ago, by women of African descent, to make a positive impact on their communities. Through the years, The Links, Incorporated has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes including education, health care, arts and youth programs.

The formal affair will begin at 6:00 pm and will feature musical entertainment, live and silent auctions, dancing, live professional boxing and dinner. The attire for the event is black-tie. Tickets for the fund-raiser are \$125 per person.

For more information about the event and online tickets sales please visit <http://www.midcities-links.org/fundraiser>

Coming together for the cause...

BBMOI Food Pantry and Bear Creek Community Church Food Pantry have merged! Sister Barbara Bowden greeted the clients at the reception desk this past Saturday. North Dallas Gazette staff helping along side to be a service in the community.



City of Irving Councilman & Pastor Dennis Webb Sr. along with Minister Wilkerson were both on staff this past Saturday to provide counseling to the clients coming in for services.

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NGHS student chosen to attend honors-only, STEM summer program

North Garland High School student Rhiannon Roberts represented Garland ISD among thousands of gifted peers from across the nation at the 2015 Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders June 28-30 in Boston. After reviewing her teacher-submitted nomination, world-renowned American astronaut Buzz Aldrin invited the incoming sophomore to the honors-only summer program.

"When I found out I was selected, I felt really excited and honored because I do a



lot to get my grades and people do not always recognize that," Roberts said. "I am looking forward to the new experience, as well as meeting the scientists and

deans of top colleges who will be there."

The 15-year-old received this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by achieving a GPA of 3.5 or greater, displaying leadership potential, and showcasing a desire to have a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

During the three-day affair, Roberts heard Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about scientific research, received advice from deans of the world's

top tech universities, and learned about innovative advances that will impact the future of science and technology. In addition to this summer session, Roberts also received access to the organization's free services and programs—which include communication and mentorship opportunities with industry leaders, as well as college and career tools for students and parents.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more nimble-minded and creative scientists and tech-

nologists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, executive director of the National Academy of Future Sciences and Technologists, in a press release. "Focused, bright and determined students like Rhiannon Roberts are our future, and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her."

Roberts wants to pursue a career in scientific engineering—a traditionally male-dominated field. She believes this enlightening

symposium and the ongoing support it offers will not only prepare her for that journey, but can also serve as a sign of encouragement to her female peers.

"A lot of girls do not think they are into technology, engineering or building stuff. But girls have great ideas, too," she commented. "It helps to have a girl's mind instead of just a guy's mind to develop ideas and build things. Girls can play a big part in this field. We just have to show what we can create and get out of a STEM career."

Black churches vigilant about safety after the Charleston fires

(NEW AMERICAN MEDIA) RICHMOND, Calif. — The killing of a beloved pastor and eight churchgoers in Charleston, S.C. last month and the recent arson investigations at black churches throughout the South have raised safety concerns among pastors as far away as California.

Churches in Richmond, Calif. are now reexamining their security plans and trying to figure out where to draw the line between welcoming strangers and protecting their flock.

"It's a shame that it has to come to this but the word does tell us to 'watch and pray,'" said Pastor T. Marc Gandy, pastor of Miracle Temple Apostolic Pentecostal Church on Cutting Boulevard. "We will have more of a male presence at the entrance of the church and I'm just really encouraging all the members to be more vigilant. But we have to also make sure we are a welcoming place to everyone."

For Gandy, safety has been a concern for a few years. When violence was at its height in Richmond, a shooting erupted on Cutting Boulevard just before the church's weekly Bible study was dismissed. The church was not the target and no members were injured, but a bullet is still lodged in the church's front



Black churches are using prayer and worldly tools to ensure their members and property remain safe and unharmed (Image: New American Media)

door.

"We put all of trust in God and pray that He is going to watch over us and protect us," he said.

Traditionally black congregations have been known for their hospitality and enthusiasm when it comes to welcoming new worshipers. But in recent years more churches across the country have installed security cameras and hired off duty police officers for added security.

"We now have to secure the house of God just like we secure our homes," Gandy said. "We have to be very cautious concerning the world that we live in."

In the recent aftermath of the murders, pastors participated in a prayer vigil at St. Peter Christian Methodist

Church in El Cerrito. Area police officers attended and urged pastors to ask their members to monitor who is entering the church for its services. At the meeting, the pastors committed to continuing the prayer vigil every third Monday of each month.

"This is a chance for us to hold each other in prayer while trusting God in the process," said Pastor Cassandra Keys of Davis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, who organized the June vigil.

"We have to hold on to our faith. 'We know God is aware and many question why He would allow something like this to happen but there's something about the sovereignty of God that we

don't know."

For Keys, the events that led up to the Charleston shooting are relatable. The alleged shooter walked in for Bible study and was warmly greeted by the now slain Pastor Clementa Pinckney and the faithful members. It's common for people of all ethnicities to visit Davis Chapel, she said.

"The black church welcomes everybody in," she said. "If they come in calm

and sit down we believe they have the same beliefs we have. Typically we are not accustomed to watching people when they come in because in a worship setting we are a little more relaxed. But after this, we will at least pay attention."

The June 17 shooting at the church known as Mother Emanuel is just one of the recent incidents targeting black churches in the South. There are three arson

investigations underway and four other fires that have occurred since the Charleston shooting. While there are not threats to Bay Area churches, members are remaining watchful.

"Anytime there is violence against clergy or in a place of worship, it just saddens me because it reminds me of the times we are living in," Gandy said.

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MOTOWN was the soundtrack of American history

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL is one of the most anticipated shows of the summer in Dallas and it kicks off at the Winspear July 28 and will be on stage until August 16. Guests are looking forward to the music and with at least 40 songs we all know and love, theatergoers will not be disappointed. However, it is the history of Motown and how it shaped the destiny of this country is something perhaps will surprise them. It certainly promises to inspire them.

Speaking with one of the



Krisha Marciano (Florence Ballard), Allison Semmes (Diana Ross) and Trisha Jeffrey (Mary Wilson) MOTOWN THE MUSICAL First National Tour (Image credit: Joan Marcus)

songbirds of the show, Ashley Tamar by phone recently, she shared how much the message of MO-

TOWN THE MUSICAL has impacted the staff and crew.

"In San Francisco one of

our local wardrobe ladies was in the back crying. She said, 'I can't believe we were that brutal back then,'" according to Tamar. Unfortunately when we look at our headlines today we see that brutality between and within the races still exists.

"For over three years now, we have been seen time and time again the death of our young people at the hands of hatred and just as the days of the civil rights movement when they bombed and burned our churches, we see hate walk in the doors of a Bible study and cold blooded kill us.

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Jazz legend Dave Koz performing at Fair Park

Jazz juggernaut and live show legend Dave Koz is coming to Dallas in August to perform at Fair Park on Sunday, Aug. 30. Also appearing at the program is jazz talent Rick Braun for music lovers to enjoy "A Night of Jazz" Tour. But ladies brace yourself for the fact crooner Kenny Lattimore is also slated to perform.

"I've promoted thousands of shows, football classics and concerts. This is the first time that I've had three headliners share such a huge spotlight. It's almost like asking someone who is your favorite Superman, Batman or Spiderman? Except with these guys their super power is their amazing performances" said promoter Al

Wash.

Nestled among the greatest concentration of genuine exposition art deco architecture in the world, the Music Hall at Fair Park made its grand theatrical debut on October 10, 1925, with the musical premiere of Sigmund Romberg's, The Student Prince. However the real star of the show was the grand Hall itself which was dedicated "to the good, the true and the beautiful".

Dave Koz "A Night of Jazz" Tour at Music Hall at Fair Park is Sunday Aug. 30 at 3 p.m. Visit www.DAVEKOZ.com or www.ALWE.com Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000.

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MegaFest's International Faith & Family Film Festival will feature 10 films

The International Faith & Family Film Festival is a first-class gathering of high-level entertainment executives, notable Hollywood directors, screenwriters and actors that features exclusive movie screenings and events.

It is a major component of MegaFest, a multi-day family festival featuring faith, empowerment and entertainment activities that was founded nine years ago by Bishop T.D. Jakes. Our inaugural film festival event in 2013 was a major success. This year's MegaFest is expected to host upwards of 100,000 people at the Dallas Convention Center and American Airlines Center.

• The festival will include 10 featured films of different genres from countries around the world.



Devon Franklin

• The festival will also include inspirational morning talks by Hill Harper, Mark Burnett and Roma Downey.

• There will be four in-depth panel discussions featuring seasoned industry pros: Faith-Based TV, Mar-

keting in Faith, Diversity in Hollywood, and Faith in the Digital Space.

• The event will also feature master classes by Devon Franklin and Keke Palmer moderated by Kevin Frasier of OMG! Insider.

• In addition, there will be smaller breakout sessions on directing, acting, producing, writing and film finance featuring top Hollywood players.

• Tickets for the three-day event are \$99 and entitle registrants to enjoy other events in the Megafest lineup.

• Discount family and group packages are available.

• The goal of the IFFFF is to entertain, inform, inspire and provide specialized topics of interest to aspiring filmmakers, actors and others who have an interest in the entertainment business.

• In its 2013 debut, the International Faith and Family Film Festival set a new standard for discovering and showcasing the best of faith-and-family movies that reflect a biblical world-

view.

• The IFFFF also stands as a unique ecumenical gathering that unites the various Christian film communities around a common cause of supporting and advancing Christian and family-friendly films and entertainment.

• The three major components of the F&F market – Protestant, Catholic and African American Christian – are all powerfully represented in this exciting inte-

grated festival for the second time.

• There is a clear desire and support for high-quality Christian and family-friendly films and entertainment.

• An International Faith and Family Film Festival is needed to raise the bar and change perceptions about what constitutes a faith-based film.

For more info about IFFFF visit <http://megafest.org/filmfestival>.

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Reps. Johnson and Veasy scheduled to speak at Dallas Regional Chamber Congressional Forum

The Dallas Regional Chamber (DRC) announced its fall lineup. With over 250 meetings and programs per year, the DRC hosts more than 10,000 professionals in the DFW region. Upcoming events focus on a variety of topics that impact the regional business community, including public policy, education, and professional development.

The fall events include:

Congressional Forum

Aug. 12 – Westin Galleria Dallas - Leaders of our North Texas U.S. Congressional delegation will discuss important federal-level issues impacting our region. Topics covered will include

immigration, health care, infrastructure, and federal budget priorities. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (tentative), Rep. Pete Sessions, Rep. Jeb Hensarling, and Rep. Marc Veasey will join us at this informative luncheon.

State of Technology

August 25 – Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre - Hear from Oracle Chief Executive Officer Mark Hurd, who will dive into the evolving tech industry and share his insight into what's coming up next. Get a firsthand look at Mr. Hurd's journey to becoming a Fortune 500 CEO.

2015 State of the District Luncheon

Sept. 22 – Sheraton Dallas Hotel At the 2015 State of the District Luncheon, Dallas ISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa and Board of Trustees President Eric Cowan will bring the business community up to date on the results of the 2014-15 school year, present their plans for improving the preparedness of students for the workforce, and take questions from business leaders.

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Remington College offers free Back-to-School haircuts

The cost of getting kids ready to go back to school adds up quickly - school supplies, clothes, shoes, maybe a new backpack. That's why Remington College is again offering free back to school haircuts through its Cuts for Kids promotion.

Throughout the month of August, all Remington College cosmetology programs are providing free haircuts to kids 17 years of age and under. More than 13,000 children have received free haircuts since the beginning of the Cuts for Kids program.

Here's how to participate at Remington College Dallas Campus: Call The Salon at Remington at 972-698-3890 to schedule an appointment any time in August, but they are also accepting walk-ins. The hours are Tuesday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1640 Eastgate Dr. in Garland.

During Cuts for Kids, Remington College will also be collecting school supplies - pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Anyone who brings in a donation can get a free haircut, manicure, or pedicure for themselves. All school supplies collected will go to local schools.

Haircuts will be provided by students and instructors in the Remington College's Cosmetology Diploma program. The program teaches students the art of hair, skin and nail care through traditional classroom instruction and hands-on training in The Salon at Remington, which allows students to work with real clients.

For more on the Remington College Cosmetology Program, visit remingtoncosmo.com or call 1-800-448-6405.

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ley and Sanders stance.

Both O’Malley and Sanders have scrambled to clean up their acts, backtracking and owning the “mistakes” they’ve made in dealing with the young activists that have taken the lead in protesting police brutality and asserting the importance of Black lives. To clean up their acts, all of the candidates need to listen to leaders of the Black Lives Matter Movement instead of talking at people the way politicians are most likely to do.

If they listen they might hear the frustration that young folks feel when the police stop them for simply walking while Black. They might hear the despair some will share when, even while fully prepared, they find few opportunities for employment, and too many doors slammed in their faces.

They might understand that Blacks have a different reality than Whites do, and it shows up in terms of economic, educational, and social indicators.

In the wake of Michael Brown’s massacre, Ferguson elected two new Black members for the city council. Now, Andre Anderson, an African American man from Glendale, Arizona, has been appointed interim police chief. Ferguson is under pressure to do better. What about the rest of our country?

If Michael Brown’s killing was the impetus for Ferguson voters to go to the polls, that’s a good thing, though it shouldn’t take that. If the Black Lives Matter Movement does the same thing nationally, the Democratic nominee has a better chance of winning in November 2016. If the Black Lives Matter movement is not treated respectfully, it is likely that many voters will stay home. Young voters rushed to the polls in 2008, riveted by candidate Obama’s optimistic “Yes we can” mantra. Will they come out for White Democrats, no matter how progressive, who don’t respect their movements and their ideas?

The video showing the brutality involved in the vicious arrest of Sandra Bland, the Prairie View A&M University alumnae who died in jail earlier this month, makes it clear that the Black Lives Matter movement is much needed. Their pressure to stop police brutality has pushed police departments to use video cameras, and made it possible for us to see the repugnant behavior of State Trooper Brian T. Encinia, who roughed up Sandra Bland because she would not put out her cigarette after being pulled over or failure to signal a lane change.

Don’t tell me that White lives matter. That’s not new information. Whose faces are on our money? Whose statues grace legislative buildings? Who leads the overwhelming majority of Fortune 500 companies? Who dominates our legislative bodies? Our African American president, supposedly the most powerful person in the world, is ill treated by Congress, often for racial reasons. We live in a racist and patriarchal society where the value of Black life is too-often diminished. That’s why, Martin O’Malley, there is a special need to assert that Black Lives Matter. Those who would be president ought to embrace that concept, instead of denying it.

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Tamar, pointed out that “We are reliving some of the things in the show. She invites the audience to be prepared to not only sing, but to cry because in telling this story, Berry Gordy did not sugarcoat the struggles the studio and the perform-

ers faced in building Motown.”

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necessarily linked to anything criminal.”

By the time Cooper stepped down in March 2012, he was credited with making progress on a number of new construction projects at the school, according to the local media reports, including the first building in the Clyburn Transportation Center Leroy Davis Sr. Research and Science Complex and the 86,500-square-foot state-of-the-art engineering and computer science complex.

Cooper served nearly 20 years with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Before taking over at South Carolina State University, Cooper also served stints as the vice president of Academic Affairs and Professor of Animal Science at Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Ala., and as the dean of the School of Applied Sciences and the School of Agriculture and

Home Economics at Tuskegee University.

According to a press release on his inauguration as president on South Carolina State University’s website, the Tallahassee, Fla., native earned a bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry from Florida A&M University, a Master’s of Science in Animal Science from Tuskegee University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Nutrition from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

The NNPA News Wire reported that shortly after he was named the executive director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs, Cooper urged officials at Black colleges to work closely with the Obama administration to improve conditions for their students.

“We can’t change history,” Cooper said. “What we have to do is move forward.”

Cooper is survived by his wife, Diane and two daughters, Nikki and Carey.

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August 2

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You may not have parents alive any more or even some sibling, but I can say that you have some family somewhere. You may even have a family reunion, an event familiar to many in the Black community.

Since we all have a family—it's time to celebrate that fact. July is National Black Family Month, a time for people of the Black community to make a conscious effort to spend time

with family members.

We need to strengthen and encourage them and simply enjoying the company of our loved ones. Families have varied traditions when it comes to holding their reunions: "We usually have an informal meet and greet Friday, and then a more formal dinner in a banquet hall on Saturday," said an Atlanta attorney with family roots in Virginia.

She said that her family began holding reunions "because they realized that people were only getting together for funerals. Most families say this and don't like this idea; therefore some started holding reunions.

An insurance agent in Philadelphia shared this similar sentiment, "The essence of the family reunion is to bring all the generations together in one place for a particular week-

end to bond in festivities with loved ones," he said.

No matter how your family holds its reunion or even if you don't attend a reunion, remember to take some time out this month to really appreciate your loved ones. Spend some time with immediate and extended family. You now have a reason, it's National Black Family Month.

All of this came to mind because I recently lost one of my nieces to cancer. As we gathered at her home

after the service, I thought about the many people that miss going to a family reunion or a family gathering that is not a funeral.

Since July is National Black Family Month it is a month that is dedicated to the enrichment of Black families through, education, health and self improvement.

Founded in New York City by Shaun McLaughlin, she wanted the time that families get together for family reunions to be more

than t-shirts and eating good food. The spirit was for family get-togethers to also include investments in improving the health of our bodies and encourage more investment in our children. My late cousin Sylvia Livingston Terry was all about this at our Demus Family Reunions.

Personally, I believe you can use this time as a time for quiet reflection about how things stand in your own family and what you can do to make improvements.

Since God has said that men are the head of the

family, let's take a moment to celebrate the role of Black men in their families and in society at large.

Let's reveal Black men to America. Let's upend the stereotypes and honor what is best about Black men who are raising children in our communities and our country.

Tell somebody that according to the U.S. Army, Black men serve this country in uniform at a higher rate than all other men. By that measure, Black men are

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Jarrell Tarpley, a family man, husband to Cleo Spann Tarpley and father to Deven Tarpley. He is also the only son of Sister Tarpley and he knows that he is blessed.



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NDG Book Review: *Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County*

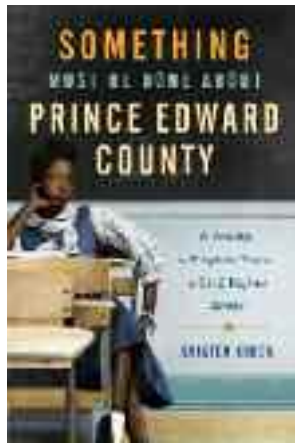
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The color pencils are sharp, lined up like fence posts in their unscuffed box.

So are the crayons, the pens all wear caps, and notebook covers are free of doodling. The backpack seems as though it's been starched, but give it a month: after your child goes back to school, it'll be a different story – one unlike that in the new book “Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County” by Kristen Green.

Not until she went away to college did Kristen Green ever think about how she was raised.

Hers was a relatively privileged upbringing: as white children, she and her brothers spent summers eating ice cream, riding bikes, sitting on the porch of their home in Farmville, Virginia, and visiting their grandparents, who lived just down the block. They attended a private school (their parents' alma mater), and they enjoyed the labors of a housekeeper who came over Wednesday to clean.



That housekeeper, Elsie Lancaster, whom Green considered as “part of our family,” was the first black person Green ever knew – or, at least figured she did.

But she really didn't think about it until after college, after she'd gotten a job as a reporter focusing on poverty and race issues, after she'd married a Native American man, and after she realized how much her grandmother disapproved of her mixed-race marriage. Mixed-race great-grandchildren would've greatly upset Mimi but nobody in the family would discuss it, so Green became determined find out why.

Before *Brown vs. the Board of Education*, Farmville schools were segregated – separate, but unequal. The white school boasted amenities; the black school was overcrowded and underfunded. The Supreme Court's decision set Farmville's white residents back on their heels, vowing that desegregation was never going to happen in their town; separation, they said, was “just the way things were.” So when the Supreme Court pressed the issue years after *Brown v. Board*, white residents closed the county's schools, greatly harming poor whites, black families, and black students.

And Green's beloved grandfather – a man she adored – helped it happen...

As I was reading “Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County,” I have to admit that I was a bit baffled. Author Kristen Green admits that she “came to the story from a place of privilege.” So what about it?

Plenty, as it turns out.

Although she says that

the town's elders seem to want this historical event to disappear, Green doesn't let that happen: she digs and digs, uncovering the whole of an outrageous story that would be front-page news these days. She even finds some of the kids-now-

adults that were most affected by school closures, then she throws readers a bone of goodness amid the shame. Finally, although in this case what's done can't be undone, Green shows that amend-making has to start somewhere.

Sharp-eyed readers may notice some resemblance to *The Help* here, but “Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County” is no novel. Nope, this is a feat of journalistic reporting with a personal twist, and it's pretty sharp.

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the most patriotic men in America.

Also, according to the U.S. Census, the rate of business creation by Black males have been growing at nearly twice the national average for more than a

decade. By that measure, Black men are among the most enterprising men in America.

And, according to the Cultures of Giving Report by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Black households

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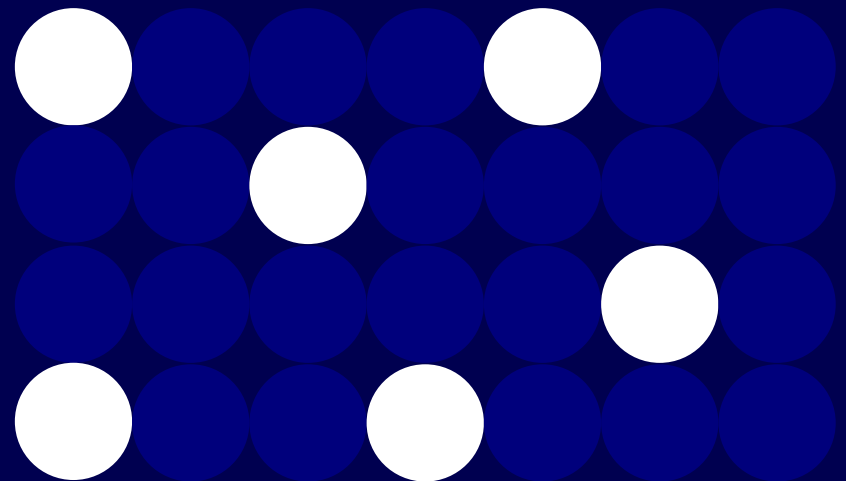
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