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Honda reaches \$25 million discrimination settlement

By Nicole James Scott
NDG Contributing Writer

After a probe by the Department of Justice (DOJ), American Honda Finance will pay \$24 million to African-Americans, Hispanics and Asian and Pacific Islanders who were overcharged higher interest rates on car loans. An additional \$1 million will be paid to fund a consumer financial program.

According to the DOJ and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, minority borrowers with similar credentials as White applicants were charged higher rates dating back to at least 2011. On an average, African-Americans paid \$250 more, Hispanics \$200 more and Asians \$150 more.

Honda Motors denies any wrong doing and firmly stands by its lending practices, claiming their agreeing to the \$25 million settlement was to avoid lengthy litigation.

Marcos Frommer, Honda's Manager of Corporate Affairs and Communications, declined to answer all questions and directed a reporter to a company statement that read: "We firmly believe that our lending practices have been fair and transparent."

The company also said in the statement: "Honda affirmatively asserts that it has treated all of its cus-



tomers without regard to race or national origin, and that its business practices have promoted and achieved fairness across all customer groups. Furthermore, Honda has not been informed that the United States contends Honda or any of its employees engaged in any intentional discrimination or disparate treatment of minorities."

Discriminatory auto lending

Honda is not the first auto company to have been found guilty of discriminatory lending.

Ally Financial paid a record \$98 million settlement in 2013 for charging 235,000 minority borrow-

ers more than Whites. They, too, denied any wrongdoing.

According to a study conducted last year by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Research and Statistics Group, auto loans comprise the third largest source of household debt. In fact, at the end of 2014, Americans had \$886 billion in outstanding auto loans, a 23 percent increase over the previous two years.

Interestingly, though 10 percent more African-Americans than Whites reported negotiating their interest rate, they were still charged higher prices.



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COMMENTARY

A vision for Ferguson, Baltimore L.A. and everywhere

By Gloria Walton

(AMERICAN FORUM) This month, the nation will acknowledge two political milestones. On Aug. 9, we mark the one-year anniversary of the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri. Two days later, we mark the 50th anniversary of the uprising in Watts. A third civil disturbance, located in time between these two, offers lessons learned from the failures

of 1965.

It provides a blueprint for how we might begin to rebuild Ferguson and the many American communities that look like Ferguson. That third milestone is the 1992 unrest in South Los Angeles.

In April 1992, L.A. erupted, sparked by the acquittal of police accused of beating an unarmed Black man named Rodney King. The violence that

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Thomas Barr, Jr.

In wake of the Charleston Episcopal Church shooting, Miachael Brown case in Ferguson, Tamir Rice and Eric Garner deaths among others, military veteran turned Author Thomas Barr Jr. has spent years working in the service of government chronicling the black experience in contemporary life. He has penned a quasi-fiction book series which portrays the urban settings of Miami in recording societal struggles in the black community. The books are a part of the Miami Urban Chronicles Volume I series.



The author drew from his years of experience as a Miami resident when writing the book series. Titles include Overlords Karma a biopic of the life of former Miami commissioner Art Teele, Notorious P-Man

Sam a biopic of the life of former Miami based entrepreneur Samuel Silvasteen and Risen a biopic of a former Liberty City mega-church leader.

"African-American youth of today face troubling futures in the light of the Trayvon Martin verdict, Sandra Bland death and the Eric Garner case," the author said. "They must be inspired! A future can be made despite the pressures of society and not fall prey to disillusionment."

The author states his main characters have been successful in their personal lives but as they move into

wider society often run into problems. The stories are meant to tell and empower others to take control of their lives. "The youth must recognize that they have options in life," said the author.

The book series details events which influence the main characters in negative ways and documents successes and decision making in light of perils. The books focuses on the struggles of African American males as they traverse the perils of 20th and twenty first century life in the professional realms of the work place atmosphere. The differences

in opportunities are often overlooked in comparison to other classes and among the races.

The American dream is the realization of success in the face of struggle and hard work. Overlords Karma chronicles a black politician's loyalty in adhering to community service or political cronyism. Notorious P-Man Sam is a hard look at the road to self-empowerment and what it takes to make it in the American society. Risen chronicles the rise of a religious leader and the development of mega-churches in the black culture.

It takes knowledge and a fearlessness to take a chance in the ruthless world of commerce in this society. It's also important to be able to effectively communicate with the modern diverse society of today through effective people skills.

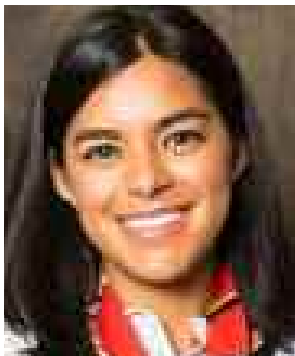
In conclusion, the power of love and support are sustaining factors in the realization of goals in life. The act of goal-setting itself is an important factor in accomplishing anything in pursuant of ambitious dreams. These novels are sprinkled with kernels of

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Rebecca Acuña

The Latino Center for Leadership Development (Latino CLD) is pleased to welcome Rebecca Acuña as the organization's new Executive Director. As Executive Director, Acuña will oversee the implementation of the organization's programs and services. Acuña will fill the vacancy created by Solis who has transitioned to President of the Latino CLD.

"We are excited to have Rebecca join the organization in this capacity," said Miguel Solis. "She has a



breadth of perspective and experience that will help the organization excel. Rebecca's political and policy experience will be critical as we launch our inaugural Leadership Academy and

begin our Policy Institute to increase awareness and find solutions to issues faced by the Latino community."

"As the Latino population continues to grow in Texas, so does the demand for thoughtful leaders," said Rebecca Acuña.

"I'm thrilled to take on this role as we help promising leaders prepare to seek elected office and make a difference in their communities."

Rebecca's professional experience includes working in state and federal government, communications, and political campaigns. Prior to working at the

Latino CLD, Rebecca served as Chief of Staff for State Representative Cesar Blanco, where she managed the Representative's legislative agenda, communications plan, and outreach efforts.

Rebecca has also held positions as Press Secretary for the Wendy R. Davis Campaign, Communications Director for Congressman Pete Gallego, Communications Director and Deputy Political Director for Base Outreach for the Texas Democratic Party, and Policy Analyst for State Representative Garnet Coleman.

The Latino Center for Leadership Development (Latino CLD) seeks to help develop the next generation of Latino leaders who will work to improve their communities. The Latino CLD aims to accomplish its mission through three core pillars:

- A Leadership Academy for promising leaders who want to get involved in public policy or public office. The Academy will serve as an educational training program aimed at providing promising Latino leaders with a set of knowledge, skills, experiences, and networks necessary to assume

and succeed in positions of impact with a focus on policy roles and elected office.

- A Policy Institute formed in partnership with the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University. The Institute will bring light to Latino thought about today's state of affairs and develop innovative solutions to the issues faced by Latinos and the broader community.

- Strategic Initiatives aimed at highlighting and improving the experience of Latinos in American society.

Jussie Smollett

EMPIRE's Jussie Smollett and Bryshere "Yazz" Gray will hit the TEEN CHOICE 2015 stage for a live performance when the special airs live Sunday, Aug. 16 on FOX. In addition, Laura Marano ("Austin & Ally"), recording artist Shawn Mendes, Ross Lynch ("Austin & Ally") and Michelle Rodriguez ("Furious 7") join previously announced stars scheduled to appear Jack Black, Vin Diesel, Scott Eastwood, Sarah Hyland, Victoria Justice, Bethany Mota, Tyler Oakley, Gregg Sulkin, Bella Thorne and R5. The special also will feature previously announced performances by 5 Seconds of Summer and



Little Mix.

TEEN CHOICE 2015 celebrates the hottest teen icons in television, music, film, sports, fashion, comedy and the web. The final wave of nominees will be announced on Wednesday, July 29.

On EMPIRE, Smollett and Gray play JAMAL and HAKEEM LYON, brothers

battling for control of their father's vast entertainment conglomerate. EMPIRE, broadcast television's biggest hit, returns Wednesday, Sept. 23 on FOX.

An accomplished actor, singer and songwriter, Jussie Smollett will next will be seen in the pre-Civil War series "Underground." Smollett's feature film credits include "The Mighty Ducks" and Rob Reiner's "North." He also appeared in the made-for-TV movie "Alex Haley's Queen," as well as the telefilm "A Little Piece of Heaven," opposite Cloris Leachman.

He then went on to star with his five real-life siblings in the network comedy "On Our Own." He has appeared on "Revenge" and "The Mindy Project." He also was featured as British

racecar driver Tariq Hamilton in the feature film "Born to Race: Fast Track," and was seen in the independent film "Ask Me Anything," alongside Britt Robertson and Justin Long. In the 2012 film "The Skinny," Smollett received rave reviews for his portrayal of "Magnus," a gay medical student hosting his college friends in New York City.

Smollett is actively involved in numerous charities and was named by the Black AIDS Institute as one of the 30 artists under 30 truly making a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He was recently inducted into its hall of fame. He sits on the Board of Artists for a New South Africa, and he supports the Jenessee Foundation, a shelter for battered women.

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GOP's raging intra-party war

By Lee A. Daniels
NNPA Columnist

The Aug. 6 Fox News-sponsored, two-tiered debate of the GOP presidential primary candidates has shown anew the Republican Party's continuing to explore different ways a political party can self-destruct.

Two developments of last week have underscored that the GOP's raging intra-party war and identity crisis is more serious than ever.

Donald Trump's remarkably bad performance at the so-called Top 10 debate in Cleveland has to worry the

Party's professional operatives as much as his initial entry into the race did (especially since he explicitly refused, amid catcalls from the audience, to rule out mounting a third-party candidacy).

From the beginning to the end of the two-hour session, Trump was horrible: flustered and defensive at the probing quality of the questions put to him, especially by Fox News talk show host Megyn Kelly; needlessly rude and insulting to a host of others present and not present; and clearly annoyed at having to share the

spotlight at all with the other candidates.

Trump's failure was the more surprising because navigating the debate format of the crowded, 10-person field didn't actually require specific knowledge about this or that policy. It just required glibly using standard Republican sound bites to deliver a seemingly coherent response to the questions.

What does it mean that Trump, for all his television experience, couldn't bob and weave his way through such a low-pressure question-and-answer reality

show?

It means Trump shouldn't have been there at all.

He was there, however, because his great wealth shields him from having to seek the GOP's "permission" to run.

And, ironically, because his indifference to Republican ideology has enabled him to more openly and harshly champion the Party's doctrine of tough-guy posturing, cruelty and exclusion the GOP base is addicted to.

In other words, Trump's

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followed cast a national spotlight on South Los Angeles and other impoverished L.A. neighborhoods in which liquor stores substituted for supermarkets and check-cashing joints served as surrogate banks.

In the aftermath of the unrest, it became clear that government and private-sector responses would be woefully inadequate to the need. Grassroots community leaders working in L.A.'s lowest income communities had little option but to do for themselves. That's when the organization I now lead, Strategic Concepts for Organizing & Policy Education (SCOPE), was founded.

For more than 20 years, L.A. community organizations like ours banded together with residents to elevate the voices of people of color and strengthen their power. We have forged strong alliances with labor and grassroots groups that advocate for people of color. We engage sophisticated “inside/outside strategies.”

We understand that elected officials have powerful forces pushing them and often settle for what's possible instead of what's needed. Independent community power helps keep elected representatives accountable to the needs and interests of neighborhoods

and residents.

As a result, community organizations in L.A. today are a force to be reckoned with. That's why L.A. recently became the largest city in the country to raise the minimum wage and L.A. County, with 10 million residents, following suit. The raise in the minimum wage is one of many victories that could not have been won without the strength and power of grassroots community organizations, our partners in organized labor and the support of our allies.

In the last 20 years, SCOPE has emerged as a local laboratory for L.A. From day one, we were pushing the envelope. Experimenting. How do we build community power and influence? How do we elevate equity in all policies?

We believe if you start by building a program for people with the most burdens, facing the greatest barriers, who come from the poorest communities, if you start there and build a program for those communities to succeed, then you have a program that will benefit everyone.

SCOPE's 20-year-old jobs model does that. Our model couples entry-level jobs with job-training and apprenticeships to create real career pathways into good-paying union jobs in

entertainment, health care and the green economy. These programs go the extra mile by providing paid on-the-job training, mentoring by experienced senior workers and tutoring to help pass certification exams and tests.

SCOPE pioneered a neighborhood-based precinct model to engage voters and turn out the vote. We have neighbors talk to neighbors on the phones and at their doors, because we know that's the most effective way to mobilize voters. We also invested in predictive dialing, an automated dialing program that allows us to reach an exponentially greater number of new and occasional voters. We do sustained engagement over time, during and between electoral cycles, because that's what it takes to turn “new and occasional voters” to an “always voter.”

Engage. Educate. Turn them out.

We call it “integrated voter engagement.” With it, SCOPE and our allies have won two recent, tide-turning initiatives. Proposition 30 generated \$9 billion for education and social services. Proposition 47 reclassified certain nonviolent felonies to misdemeanors, reversing decades of investment in prisons and redirecting resources to treatment and support.

There is still more work to be done. The South L.A. neighborhood where SCOPE

is located has a high percentage of working families struggling to make ends meet and high rates of violence. L.A.'s economy is obscenely out of balance with per capita income in Bel Air topping \$128,000 while comparable South L.A. income is just \$13,243.

But we have made progress and we will continue. South L.A. didn't always look like the neighborhood that's become infamous in news stories and movies. Sixty years ago, South L.A. was a vibrant middle-class neighborhood.

Many African-Americans bought their first homes here. L.A. was a major industrial center for the country. South L.A. was the heart of that industry. Men and women had jobs that supported families. Children graduated high school and many of them went on to college. That is SCOPE's vision for the new Los Angeles.

It is the vision that our grassroots community counterparts in Ferguson, Baltimore and numerous other American cities hold for the future.

Walton is president and CEO of Los Angeles-based Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education (SCOPE), which works on social and economic justice issues. This op-ed first appeared in Equal Voice News.

AMA: Depressed teens at risk of heart disease, early monitoring urged

For the first time, experts urge early monitoring for heart and blood vessel disease among teens with major depression or bipolar disorder, according to an American Heart Association scientific statement.

"Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Disorder Predispose Youth to Accelerated Atherosclerosis and Early Cardiovascular Disease" is published in *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

This statement makes recommendations to consider these mood disorders as independent, moderate risk factors for cardiovascular diseases and is based on a group of recent scientific studies including those that reported cardiovascular events such as heart attacks and deaths among young people. For example, a 2011

population study of more than 7,000 U.S. young adults under age 30 found that a history of depression or an attempted suicide was the number one risk factor for heart disease death caused by narrowed/clogged arteries in young women, and the number 4 risk factor in young men.

"Youth with mood disorders are not yet widely recognized as a group at increased risk for excessive and early heart disease. We hope these guidelines will spur action from patients, families and healthcare providers to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease among these youth," said Benjamin I. Goldstein, M.D., Ph.D., lead author of the statement and a child-adolescent psychiatrist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and the University of Toronto, in

Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Major depression and bipolar disorder are common mood disorders, affecting about 10 percent of U.S. adolescents. Worldwide, major depression is the main cause of disability among teens, while bipolar disorder is the fourth-leading cause. Symptoms of major depression include persistent feelings of sadness and loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities. Bipolar disorder can cause severe mood swings between periods of major depression and mania, which may include increased elation, energy, irritability and a decreased need for sleep.

Previous research showed that adults with major depression and bipolar disorder are far more likely to have cardiovascular disease, and that they ex-

perience cardiovascular disease at much earlier ages than other adults. Since cardiovascular disease may begin early in life, the authors want to increase awareness and recognition of mood disorders among young people as moderate-risk conditions for early cardiovascular disease.

After systematically analyzing published research, the authors found that teens with major depression or bipolar disorder are more likely than other teens to have several cardiovascular disease risk factors including:

- high blood pressure;
- high cholesterol;
- obesity, especially around the midsection;
- type 2 diabetes;

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The Mind Diet: 'It's all in your head'

The Web site Medscape reports on a new way to age with your memory intact, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. It is called the MIND diet, which stands for Mediterranean Diet Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay and it is the product of researchers at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

Here's how it works. Older dieters need to limit unhealthy foods such as butter, sweets and pastries, says Medscape. The researchers say that fatty cheeses, fried foods and, of course, junk food are on the no-no list. You can have less than a table-

spoon of butter per day and less than a serving per week of the other "bad" foods.

There's a good food list as well and it includes things such as whole grains and vegetables. It also includes a glass of wine and nuts for snacking.

Beans are good for you and may be eaten "every other day or so." You'll also need to eat fish once a week and focus on poultry as main courses at least twice a week. The only fruits that are recommended are berries.

The MIND diet, say the researchers, may stave off the onset of memory loss.



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Bishop T.D. Jakes on the Black church's shifting stance on homosexuality

Special to the NNPA from the *Houston Forward Times*

Bishop T.D. Jakes thinks it is “absolutely” possible for the LGBT and black communities to coexist.

Jakes, who joined HuffPost Live on Monday, opened up to host Marc Lamont-Hill about his

thoughts on the relationship between these communities.

“I think that it’s going to diverse from church to church every church has a different opinion on the issue and every gay person is different,” Jakes said.

While Jakes believes churches are allowed to practice and preach values shared by their respective

leaders, he also advocates that LGBT people attend a church that aligns with their own beliefs and values. And although he admits that his individual stance on homosexuality is both “evolved and evolving,” he says all LGBT people should be treated with tolerance and respect.

“LGBT’s of different types and sorts have to find a place of worship that reflects what your views are and what you believe like anyone else,” he said. “And the church should have its own convictions and values.”

Jakes also reaffirmed that members of the LGBT community, like

all American citizens, deserve equal protection under the law.

“Once you begin to understand that democracy, that a republic actually, is designed to be an overarching system to protect our unique nuances then we no longer look to public policy to reflect biblical ethics,” Jakes said.



MegaChurch founder and influential minister Bishop T.D. Jakes says that the Black church's position on homosexuality is evolving (Photo: NNPA)

Free Back-to-School Immunizations in Irving and Dallas

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is offering families eligible for the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program an opportunity to get free back-to-school shots. DCHHS will open its immunization clinic on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The clinic is located on the first floor of the DCHHS building at 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy. in Dallas. Parents must bring their child's vaccination records. Appointments aren't necessary.

Dallas County residents from birth to age 18 in the following categories are eligible to receive free immunizations on Aug. 15 under the TVFC program:

Medicaid eligible

- Uninsured: a child who has no health insurance coverage
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Enrolled in CHIP

• Underinsured (as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services): a child who has commercial (private) health insurance, but coverage does not include vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (TVFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only); or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once

that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as underinsured. Insured children with vaccine coverage who have high co-pays or deductibles are no longer considered underinsured. These children are now considered fully, privately insured and are no longer eligible for TVFC vaccines.

“This is a great opportunity for families to bring their children in, but we also encourage them to take advantage of low cost vaccinations at our clinics in the community,” said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

DCHHS has six clinics open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clinic hours may be adjusted due to high volume. The cost for TVFC-eligible children is \$10 for the child's first visit and \$5 for returning patients. Waivers are given to families in need.

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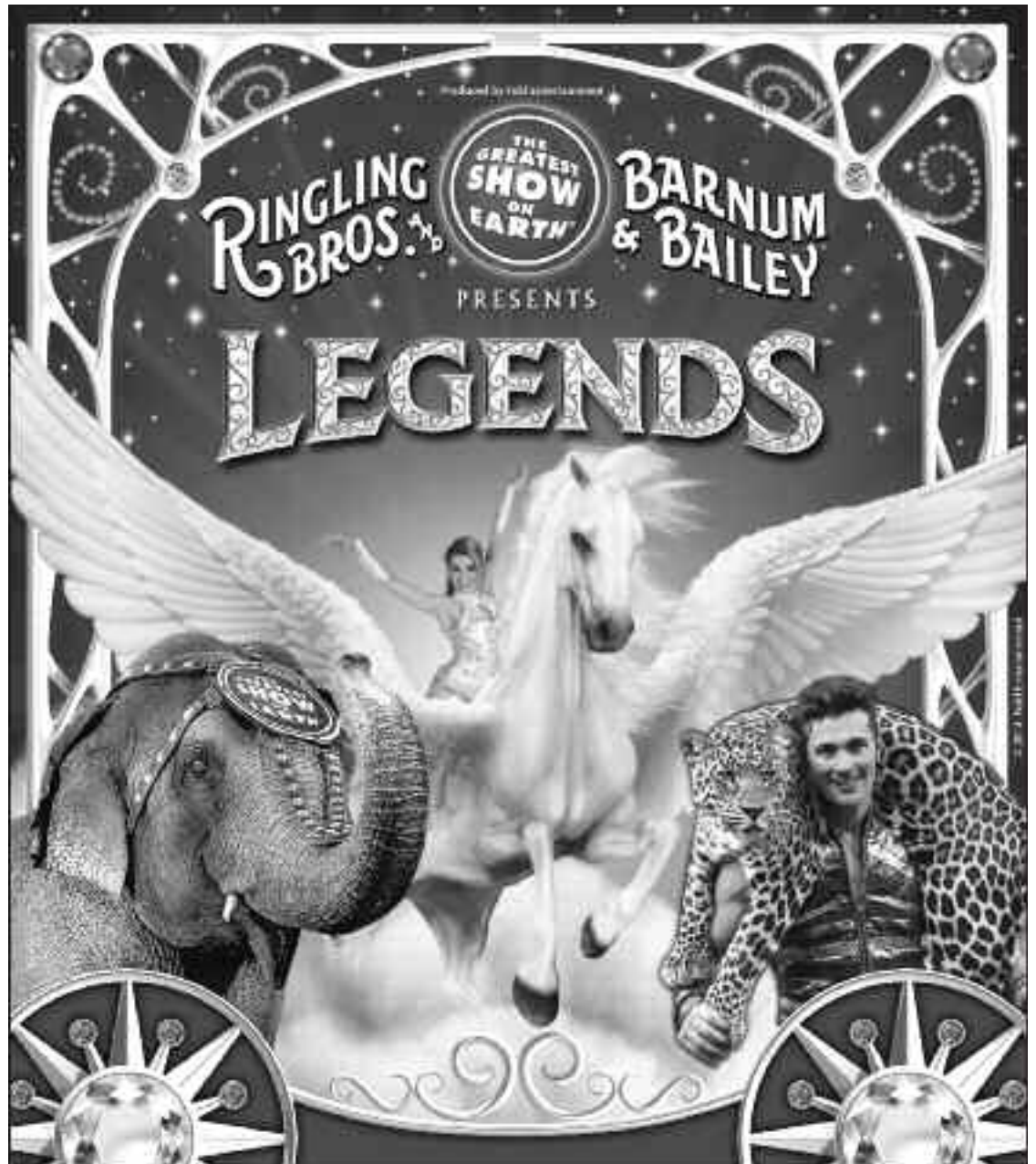
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Mountain View College slated to hold second annual TEDx event

This Year's Theme Challenges Speakers & Attendees Alike to Dare to Bend

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At TEDxMountainViewCollege, TED Talks videos and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The talks will explore mind bending truths, new ideas or differ-

ent perspectives. The host for this year's TEDx event will be Krys Boyd, host and managing editor of KERA-FM's flagship midday talk show, THINK.

There will be a variety of topics being discussed by the following speakers: Dr. Kimi King, Triumph of Justice; Stacey Vasquez, Sanitizing Society; Ange Hilz – (Speed Painter Performance), "King"; Dr. Deb Yoder, When You Dare to Listen: Faith or Fear; Dr. Dwight Randle, Celebrating the Maverick Path; Naima

Montacer, Connect to Cool Climate Change.

For more information about TEDxMountainViewCollege and to purchase your tickets, please visit www.tedxmountainviewcollege.org or www.facebook.com/TEDxMountainViewCollege.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to

spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years

ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives.

The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics.

Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth

Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The TED2014 Conference takes place in Vancouver, British Columbia, along with the TEDActive simulcast in neighboring Whistler. TEDGlobal 2014 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

AFT's Weingarten on Hillary Clinton's new college compact

WASHINGTON—As Hillary Clinton unveils her New College Compact, America's largest higher education faculty union is applauding her proposal:

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten said, "Hillary Clinton's New College Compact directly addresses two of the fundamental challenges that have made higher education more and more unattainable: state disinvestment (and the resulting growing reliance on exploited contingent faculty) and soaring student debt that has crippled the fi-

nances of students and their families.

These barriers have prevented many aspiring students from pursuing or completing college degrees. Hillary's New College Compact provides a systemic, sustainable vision that solves these challenges, and by so doing reasserts higher education as a public good and renews hope for millions of American families.

"To deliver sustainable and systemic change, Hillary's bold plan is based on shared responsibility—

from state and federal governments, higher education institutions and American families.

"We crack the code of making college affordable and accessible, and colleges' workforces sustainable, when everyone who wants and needs higher education puts skin in the game."

AFT Vice President Frederick Kowal, who is president of United University Professions in New York state, said, "For years, the AFT and our affiliates have been clamoring for a na-

tional solution to this national problem.

Hillary's plan nails it. By incentivizing states to reinvest in their higher education institutions, the compact will reduce the financial burden on students—particularly students from disadvantaged communities—and increase investment in faculty and instruction."

Last month, the AFT's executive council voted overwhelmingly to endorse Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primary for the President of the United States.

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• and hardening of the arteries.

The biological causes of these increased risks remain unclear, but they may be related to inflammation and other types of cell damage, which some studies found occur more frequently among teens with mood disorders compared to other teens.

While teens with mood disorders were more likely than other teens to have unhealthy behaviors, like drug abuse, smoking and being physically inactive, those factors alone do not explain the increased cardiovascular risk.

Similarly, medications do not fully explain the increased risk. While certain

mood medications can cause weight gain, and high blood pressure, cholesterol and blood-sugar levels, most of the teens in the studies analyzed were not medicated.

Based on these findings, the authors advise including major depression and bipolar disorder as a moderate risk factor for cardiovascular disease in teens.

"Mood disorders are

often lifelong conditions, and managing cardiovascular risk early and assertively is tremendously important if we are to be successful in ensuring that the next generation of youth has better cardiovascular outcomes," Goldstein said.

"These disorders indicate an increased risk of heart disease that requires increased vigilance and action at the earliest possible stage."

Co-authors are Mercedes

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Hope Mommies Dallas chapter hosting 5K Run in Coppell

Hope Mommies - Dallas Chapter is hosting the first annual 5K Fundraiser in Coppell on Oct. 10.

This 5k is designed to raise awareness and funds for the Hope Boxes given to grieving moms, and for

scholarships for the local moms to attend the yearly retreat.

Hope Mommies offers a community of women in an online and in-person format, to provide someone for the mothers to reach out

when they are feeling isolated and destroyed by the loss of their child. The groups offer support in three ways: an online Facebook forum, a yearly retreat, and bi-yearly Bible study groups that can meet

either online or in person.

Hope Boxes serve as the connection point for new moms of loss to get plugged in to our community.

These boxes are left in local hospitals and contain a Bible, a journal, a devo-

tional, a brochure to help the mom connect with our community, and a personalized note from a fellow Hope Mom.

The goal of the 5K fundraiser is to have at least 300 runners join them on Oct.

10. For more information about their partnership opportunities and to register for the race by the deadline of Sept. 1, visit www.active.com/coppell-tx/running/distance-running-races/hope-mommies-first-annual-5k-2015.

10th Annual Dog-a-Poolooza in Garland

Furry friends are invited for a swim at the 10th Annual Dog-A-Poolooza from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Holford Pool, 2322 Homestead Place.

The cost is \$5 per dog (rabies tag or certificate required), and \$1 per human.

The event will include unleashed swimming, pet services and supplies, adoptions, nail trimmings and more.

Low-cost vaccinations and microchipping also will be available beginning at 9 a.m.

Proceeds will support Garland Pawsibilities' mis-



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sion to increase shelter pet adoptions in Garland. The event is hosted in cooperation with the Garland Parks & Recreation and Garland Animal Services depart-

ments.

Please note the Dog-a-Poolooza event is cash only. For additional information, contact info@Garland-Paws.org.

Garcia hosts blood drive challenge

Dr. Elba Garcia's Summer Blood Drive Challenge between Irving and Grand Prairie is over. By a slim margin, Grand Prairie gathered more donations. In total, the blood drive challenge resulted in 525 donations. 153 donors or 29 percent were first-time donors, which is an impressive number.

The Grand Prairie and Irving communities did a great job mobilizing donors, helping to get the word out about the challenge and promoting important efforts to maintain our blood supply. Dr. Gar-



Dr. Elba Garcia gives blood during a recent drive.

cia will be recognizing both cities for their efforts on Saturday. There will be food, entertainment, vendors, activities for kids, plenty of family fun and information about blood

donation.

The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St., in Grand Prairie.

DART to MegaFest starting Aug. 20

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is the easiest way to get to downtown Dallas for the four-day MegaFest 2015 event that begins August 20.

Attendees can ride DART Orange and Green Line trains or Trinity Railway Express (TRE) trains to Victory Station, located directly across from the American Airlines Center (AAC). DART Red and Blue Line trains stop at Convention Center Station, just a short walk to events held at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. TRE customers can connect to DART by transferring to a Red or Blue Line train at Union Station.

Save time and pre-purchase your DART and TRE transit passes in advance from the free GoPassSM mobile ticketing application available for both Apple and Android. A Special Event MegaFest Ticket, a four-day Local pass, is

available in GoPassSM for \$20. Individual Local Day passes for DART Rail, bus and passengers riding the TRE between CentrePort and Union Station are \$5. Attendees coming from Tarrant County or Denton County must purchase a Regional Day Pass for \$10. Passes can be purchased on GoPassSM or at ticket vending machines located at all DART and TRE stations.

DART has developed plans to accommodate large crowds expecting to travel between venues and during morning and afternoon rush hours:

- Shuttle buses will operate Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 20-23, between the AAC and the convention center to help attendees move between venues.

- Trains in downtown run every 5-10 minutes during rush hours and every 20-30 minutes during midday and on nights and weekends.

- The TRE will have a regular weekday schedule Thursday and Friday, Aug. 20 and 21, and a regular Saturday schedule Aug. 22, with one special westbound train departing 20 minutes after the last event at the AAC.

- On Sunday, Aug. 23, the TRE will provide two special eastbound trains for morning events. A special westbound train will be available 20 minutes after the conclusion of each event at the AAC. TRE MegaFest schedules can be found at www.TrinityRailwayExpress.org

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Hamilton Park celebrates 60-year legacy

The Hamilton Park School will celebrate its 60th School-Wide Reunion from Friday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 16.

On Friday night, there will be a Harlem Night's Theme Party & Mixer 'All White attire' with food, socializing, dancing, vendor marketplace, fashion show, karaoke, photo contest, photographs and prizes. This event will be held at the Hilton Lincoln Centre (Reflections Conservatory Foyer) 5410 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas.

On Saturday evening, there will be a "Red Carpet" 60th Celebration Dinner/ Dance at the Hilton Lincoln Centre (Lincoln Ballroom) in Dallas. This event will include an elegant dinner, Swing Dancing, Line Dancing, Vendors, Prizes, Class Photos, Scholarships to Graduating Seniors / Youth Organizations and the Hamilton



Park Wall of Fame inductions.

On Sunday morning, guests will attend the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Richardson at 10:45 a.m.

The Hamilton Park Community includes "many" great notables such as: the Dr. Robert E. Price Sr. Postal Center, the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center, Historian - Donald Peyton of Freidman's Memorial

Cemetery, NFL Legends - Andre Tillman, Aundra "Boomy" Thompson, Carl "Spider" Lockhart, Everson "Cubby" Walls, Faddie Tillman, Kevin Murphy, and the youngest Legend - Terrel Harris 2012 NBA Championship Miami Heat winner. Fashion / Arts Icons include, Former Miss Texas and Talk Show Host - Nicole Barrett, B.E.T.- Author / Editor / Writer - Erin



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Attendees will include Hamilton Park High School graduates, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet

(HPPM) former students, retired teachers, current faculty and staff, original homeowners from Hamilton Park, RISD Administrators, RISD Board Members, Texas Instruments Representatives, District 10 elected officials - community members / partners, & local area church families.

Ticket price is \$60 thru July 31st For more information, visit our website: www.hpschoolwidereunion.com.

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knowledge and inspirational wording designed to give the reader insight into the motivations of the main characters that can be transcending to experience.

Thomas Barr Jr. in his novel series attempts to chronicle the life styles of African American people and why they choose various paths for themselves in life.

The last book of the series is scheduled to be released on April 1st, 2016 with a campaign for movie adaptation. The book series are available on Amazon, Kindle, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million and Ebookit. Follow Thomas on twitter at ThomasBarrJr., Instagram at MiamiUrbanChronicles and Marsocial.com/groups/urban-chronicles. Author excerpts at www.thomasbarrjr.com.

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Catching up with MOTOWN...



Clearly MOTOWN THE MUSICAL brings out the singer in everyone in the audience, including these two potential Temptation members! The show was also very much a family affair, with all generations enjoying the music and the history of Motown.

Still time to see the show during its final weekend on stage at the Dallas Winspear Opera House until Aug. 16.



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Mesquite Rodeo continues a 58 year family tradition

NDG readers who love the rodeo can enjoy a fun family night at the Mesquite Rodeo. For nearly 60 years families in North Texas have enjoyed watching the competition, the animals and the clowns. What makes it so appealing to families are the \$10 tickets for kids.

Rodeos are a rich part of

American history in the south and the beauty of the Mesquite Rodeo is you don't have to sit in the blistering heat, the fun is available indoors. Every Friday and Saturday night in the Mesquite Arena the fun begins at 7:30 p.m. through the end of this month. Then the season wraps up with the Championship Round

on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

More details about the weekly competitions and events are available at Mesquiterodeo.com as well as tickets. However, NDG Readers can win a pair of tickets! Visit NorthDallasGazette.com for more details on how you can win tickets via our Facebook page!



The Mesquite Rodeo never fails to deliver on action and excitement with a plethora of traditional Texan competitions that combine athleticism with powerful animals like horses and cattle. (Photo: Mesquite Rodeo)

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Straight Outta Compton hitting theaters nationwide

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

Warning: This isn't some chump change Sundance indie movie about the rap group NWA. Nor is it a should-have-gone-straight-to-DVD afterthought about hip-hop culture. This is a full-fledged, big-budget looking homage to the L.A. rap scene that smartly, emotionally and historically capsulizes the life and times of Eazy-E, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre and everyone around them who caused the big bang that popularized West Coast rap music. This is an Oscar-caliber film. This movie is a monster.

You'll need to give your undivided attention to the 2 hour, 22 minutes of footage. Blink or go get popcorn and you'll miss an integral piece of music and cultural his-



tory that defined the times. You won't learn how legendary rappers such as Tupac and Snoop Dogg entered the rap scene, or how Suge Knight hooked up with Dr. Dre, or how Dr. Dre met producer Jimmy Iovine.

From the film's first moments, you know you're experiencing greatness because everything seems so real: the visuals of Compton streets, the strong bass beats in nightclubs, the ghetto

fabulous clothes, the Jheri curls, the police arrests. The performances, the dialogue, the plotline – it's all amazingly authentic. It's as if you are a fly on the wall peeking in or a narc during a drug bust watching it all go down.

Instantly the thought occurs: Who orchestrated all this and why is it so good? Once you read the productions notes, it all makes sense. Ice Cube (Friday), Dr. Dre and Eazy-E's

widow Tomica Woods-Wright are co-producers of their own story. F. Gary Gray, who shot Ice Cube videos (e.g. "True to the Game") back in the day, and has gone on to direct urban dramas (Set it Off) and comedies (Friday), is at the helm. That's why what you're viewing is so graphic. These guys lived it. They're just sharing their experiences.

It's 1986 and 16-year-old O'Shea Jackson, aka Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson, Jr.), is getting involved in drug deals that don't end well. Twenty-one-year old Andre Romelle Young, aka Dr. Dre (Corey Hawkins), is a wannabe record producer/DJ still living with his mom, Verna (Lisa Renee Pitts), and his younger brother. He's focused on his music, and not working.

Mom, who had him as a teen and is holding down two jobs to make ends meet, isn't having it. She's in his face: "People said I would be shit. You would be shit. I've worked hard. I refuse to let you throw that all away!" Next thing you know, Dre is out on the streets, with his prized LPs in tow, couch-surfing. Eric Lynn Wright, aka Eazy-E (Jason Mitchell) uses his entrepreneurial skills selling drugs, but at age 23, he's burned out and the thugs he does business with are dropping like flies.

Call it a confluence. The three decide to pool their talents and change their focus to writing, producing and performing rap music. Now, Dr. Dre is a DJ in local Compton clubs, working alongside DJ Yella (Neil Brown Jr.). Ice Cube and

MC Ren (Aldis Hodge) are young emcees starting to form fierce rhymes. Eazy-E has enough drug money to invest in producing. He becomes the leader. They form Ruthless Records, cut music and become NWA – Niggaz Wit Attitudes. An ambitious music manager, Jerry Heller (Paul Giamatti), promises them gigs and a future. The rest is history, or urban folklore, depending on how you look at it.

The group comes up at a time in L.A., during the Ronald Reagan's years, when gang violence is rampant and police brutality is the norm. Their rap music reflects the chaos in their environment and the rest of the world is shocked by their graphic lyrics that

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Express Corridor are invited. The meeting is intended for business owners along the Midtown Express corridor to learn about upcoming traffic impacts, as well as ask project experts questions about construction near their businesses. This meeting will focus initial utility work and other

upcoming construction.

Parking is free at the SouthGate Field Office. Participants should contact the Midtown Express Public Information team at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting with translation service requests.

Learn More at DriveMidtown.com.

Black chambers convene in Austin for 15th annual conference

AUSTIN – The Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC) will host its 14th Annual Conference September 24-25, 2015 at the Marriott Austin North.

“Our theme this year – All Business All the Time – serves to highlight the

urgency with which we approach our mission,” said TAAACC Chairman Christopher Herring. “Black-owned businesses deserve the concentrated focus that TAAACC provides. Though Texas has escaped the brunt of the economic downturn, African American busi-

nesses and the chambers that support them continue to need support to be competitive in this environment.”

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• Texas Association of African American Cham-

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some feel glorify crime (“Gangsta Gangsta”), exploit women (“A Bitch Iz a Bitch”) and verbally assault cops (“F— Tha Police”). When the guys tour, it’s safe to say they don’t perform at church socials, the National Organization of Women events or fundraisers for the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association.

Along the way, members leave the group, some are cheated out of money and bad blood takes hold. There are gold records, arrests, condemnations, orgies, ba-

bies, threats, TV appearances, rivalries, betrayals, and revelations. They grow apart. Will they come back together?

As you watch NWA blow up and flame out, and get a feel for what life was like behind the risqué MTV videos, you also watch the truth about the L.A. police department unfold. The Rodney King incident exposed the practices NWA catalogued years before. You’re not only watching the history of West Coast rap, but the evolution of

L.A.’s inner city community and race relations.

It is a credit to the story by S. Leigh Savidge (Welcome to Death Row), Lan Wenkus (Private Resort) and Andrea Berloff (World Trade Center), which evolved into an astute screenplay by Berloff and newcomer Jonathan Herman, that all the pieces fit so neatly together. You never feel like anything is missing, or that characters aren’t saying what’s on their mind, or the storytelling is not leading somewhere important. A lot is packed into the brilliant and revealing script.

Casting actors who are not recognizable faces helps the cinema vérité factor. For all practical purposes, they are the rappers, girlfriends and entourage.

Corey Hawkins nails the ethereal essence of Dr. Dre. Casting O’Shea Jackson Jr. as his dad Ice Cube was a stroke of genius and is absolutely haunting. If there is a surprise scene-stealer it’s Lisa Renee Pitts as Verna.

Accolades should be lavished on the technical crew: Joseph Trapanese’s (Nightcrawler) compelling score; Matthew Libatique’s (Black Swan) perfectly lit cinematography; Billy Fox’s

(Hustle & Flow) ultra-tight and smart editing; the production design (Shane Valentino), art direction (Christopher Brown) and set decoration (Christopher Carlson, Jeffrey Kushon) that recreates ’80 and ’90s Compton to a T; and costume design by Kelli Jones (Sons of Anarchy) that is never garish, always suitable, right down to the last gold chain.

The tech credits, acting, and writing are superb, but the lion’s share of accolades must go to director F. Gary Gray. From the film’s opening sequences you’re questioning who pulled all of

this together so perfectly, and it’s him. Certainly when a film features an ensemble cast of relatively unknown actors and all give universally strong performances, credit goes to the director for guiding them.

This is a monster film. You will walk out feeling like you have been entertained, educated and emotionally fulfilled. Eight months into the year 2015, and this is the only perfect film that has hit the theaters. This is it.

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Oak Cliff Chamber and Frost Bank to present a free Small Business Seminar & Vendor Expo at Mountain View College, Aug. 20

An event designed to maximize exposure for small to medium-sized businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth area

Businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are invited to participate in a Small Business Seminar & Vendor Expo entitled "Ready. Set. Grow! Helping Entrepreneurs Thrive" at Mountain View College on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Mountain View College and Frost Bank have partnered together to provide small businesses with the opportunity to get meaningful, state-of-the-art information from industry experts. The event will feature a keynote speaker, Vendor Expo, catered breakfast, as well as



workshops on pertinent topics including marketing, finance, networking, legal issues, business planning and more.

"This seminar is a great way to put tools and resources in the hands of our small and medium-sized business owners and job creators," said Chamber president, Kiyundra Gulley. "Participants will leave the seminar knowing the best tips and strategies to help grow your business."

The keynote speech

will be delivered by Teresa Coleman Wash, founder/playwright/executive artistic director of TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. Wash will discuss her experience in achieving business success.

Compliments of Frost Bank, the program, Vendor Expo and breakfast portion of the event is free for all attendees. Tickets to participate in the Workshop Class Sessions are \$10/person. Tickets are still available for purchase. A Vendor Expo

will take place throughout the event, giving attendees access to many of the area's businesses and nonprofit organizations. Registration and continental breakfast provided by Mountain View College, Costco, Texas Mezzanine Fund and The Common Desk will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Current sponsors include: Frost Bank as Title Sponsor; Dallas Area Rapid Transit as Silver Sponsor; Resource One Credit Union, Sterling's Bookkeeping & Tax Service, Texas Can Academy and Mountain View College.

Mountain View College is located at 4849 W. Illinois Ave., Dallas, TX 75211. The event will be held in Building B, next to Building E. For more information, visit www.seminar.oakcliffchamber.org or call 214-943-4567.



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Urban Elite Business Awards accepting submissions

(BlackNews.com) -- The submission period for the Urban Elite Business Awards begins on September 1, 2015. The idea for the awards was conceived by

entrepreneur Kyla Federowicz to celebrate and reward outstanding professionals in multiple disciplines within the African American community.

Federowicz, who is both founder and CEO of the Urban Elite Business Awards, comments: "One of our most important goals is to provide a national plat-

form where we can honor the exceptional talent found within America's vibrant Black business community.

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candidacy personifies how the Republican Party's organizational integrity is being erased by both its wealthy class of supporters and those who make up its rank-and-file voters. Jon Stewart, the satirist and former host of "The Daily Show," got it exactly right in late July when he said, "People like Trump are supposed to buy the candidates -- not be them."

But Trump has shown that billionaire outsiders like him can run for the presidency because the U.S. Supreme Court's egregious Citizens United ruling of 2010 struck down limitations on political spending. The GOP lobbied for that decision because they thought it would enable them to defeat President Obama in 2012 and, backed by the dollars of the business sector and wealthy individuals, forever destroy the Democratic Party's national political prospects.

What GOP leaders didn't understand was that, by erasing limits on political spending, Citizens United also destroyed political parties' organizational ability to significantly control how wealthy donors' money got spent. It produced an explosion of fund-raising vehicles -- super PACs -- completely independent of the parties' control. And it the ability of the parties to keep an unwanted rich outsider from injecting himself or herself into the presidential sweepstakes.

So, who will be the next uber-wealthy outsider to push the GOP's professional politicians aside?

Or, perhaps the question should be: How long before the right-wing "Billionaires Boys and Girls Club" uses its enormous collective wealth and its individual and collective sponsorship of individual elected GOP officials to become the

"new" Republican Party. (The GOP's ultra-conservative and heavily Whites-only political orientation makes this a Republican phenomenon.)

In that regard, last week's second important development was the invitation-only conference for the uber-wealthy the right-wing billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch staged at a luxurious California resort. Amid extraordinary secrecy, the Kochs invited just five of the announced GOP candidates to pitch the 450 attendees for support.

The conference is just one part of the Kochs' multi-faceted campaign involving a web of nonprofit political organizations they've created with the goal of putting a Republican in the White House in 2016 -- an effort on which they're prepared to spend \$889 million.

An article in the Washington Post last week noted that the Kochs and their allies "have built a quasi-political party outside the traditional infrastructure [of the GOP], one made up of nonprofit groups financed with secret donations free of campaign finance limits."

It went on to say the new entity is "both a valuable ally and a rival power center to the Republican National Committee" and that recent tensions over their separate data-mining efforts led the RNC's chief of staff to warn it was "very dangerous and wrong to allow a group of very strong, well-financed individuals who have no accountability to anyone to have control over who gets access to the data when, why and how."

The power struggle was subsequently papered over by a joint agreement to share data throughout the current election cycle. But isn't the tension between the traditional GOP bureau-

cracy and the new independent, "quasi-political party" of uber-wealthy conservatives evidence that there's another elephant taking up space in the Republican Party's tent?

Of those two elephants, which one is growing larger and stronger every day, and which is fading to ghost status right before our eyes?

Lee A. Daniels is a long-

time journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur," appears in Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014), published by Zed Books. His new collection of columns, Race Forward: Facing America's Racial Divide in 2014, is available at www.amazon.com

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Join us as we praise and worship God at 8 a.m. in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen; followed by our Worship Services at Bolin Elementary School in Allen, Texas 75002 and bring someone with you; you will be blessed.

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"The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.'" 1 Kings 19:11

"I don't believe that God is in it," I said to my friend. A situation had arisen in which another friend was about to engage in something they felt God was leading them into.

Later, the truth of the situation was revealed and our friend made a bad mistake. God was not in it.

Elijah was in a crisis in his ministry. God had just corrected him about his perspective of his situation. If any man needed a touch from God, it was Elijah be-

cause he was in such distress, he wanted to die.

The Lord intervened and told Elijah that He was coming to talk to him. However, God did not tell Elijah how He was going to reveal Himself. It was up to Elijah to tell whether God was in the situations about to take place.

"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire.

And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. 1 Kings 19:11-13)

We often think God is in our grand projects only to discover that He is not. We

may also assume because of the success or visibility of a situation that God is in it.

He may, in fact, be in the project. However, God's ways are not always highly visible. Sometimes He chooses to come in the soft, gentle whisper.

It is sometimes difficult to recognize it as the Lord because He shows Himself in such subtle ways.

We need to be able to discern when God is actually

part of our situation. Only then can we avoid being deceived in thinking God is not behind our projects. Ask God for wisdom in knowing when He is involved in it.

God's Word gives us so much enlightenment and precious promises that we may trust and cling to.

In John 12:26 God's Word states, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant

also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

Father, I come to you now and lift up my brothers and sisters in Christ who are so faithful to follow you in countries where they are persecuted for doing so.

You have promised to honor them for believing in you and standing in faith. I pray that you will meet their every need.

I pray for peace beyond understanding; for good health; for basic life needs of food, clothing, and shelter; for fellowship with other Christians; for protection from harm and evil; for

opportunities to share the Gospel and witness your love in action.

I pray for the opportunity to read your Word; for happiness; for strength for the weak; for healing for the wounded; for a special touch upon their lives as their very lives are often in danger because they are Christians.

God, please carry them in the shelter of your power, your love, and your protection.

May the blood of Jesus cover them, cover us all, and keep us for that wonderful day of redemption to which we look forward.



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NDG Book Review: *Simple Lessons for a Better Life*

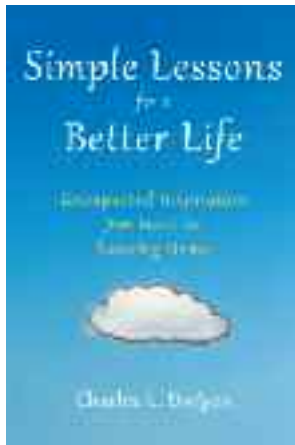
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Getting your news these days is a nerve-wracking thing.

Yes, you're happy to note cat videos, new babies, and neighbors having fun. But who likes to see word of war, destruction, accidents, or death? Yes, life means having both – but at this point, you feel as though there should be some sort of balance. Seek it in "Simple Lessons for a Better Life" by Charles E. Dodgen.

Things sure have changed since you were a kid.

That's a common sentiment. People have probably



been uttering it since two years after time began – but today, how do we "not exist in a perpetual state of fear and misery?" Dodgen, a clinical psychiatrist, answers that question with

what he found in a nursing home.

As we age, and especially when we reach Senior Status, we become "dispossessed of the material features that defined... identities." Dodgen says that's the "original identity theft," and while there's no alternative to this loss, we can learn to cope with it. Everyone endures suffering and pain to some degree, but there is a way to separate the two, for instance. "Pain in life is inevitable," but a good support system can help overcome it to the point of toleration. If that support system is you, resist the need to "do something about it" and just

comfort. Simple love and companionship work wonders; reach for it, and give it.

Recognize that depression lasts longer than demoralization; to ease the latter, positive reminders of the past are sometimes all you need. Try to remember that, though it's certainly no fun, "loss allows for personal growth." Understand that phantom pain can come from missing people, too, but activity helps and "a... gaping hole can be filled with new experiences." Keep in mind that you are your best health plan, and you can improve your own attitude and experiences,

love your body, and balance your mind. And finally, remember that there's pain in life but what matters is what you do about it.

War, racial tensions, financial problems, dead lions, the list of woes all depends on where you sit. "Simple Lessons for a Better Life" may be able to help you relax about things – or it may not.

As self-help books go, this one is unique: by examining the emotions of those who've lost a lot (home, partner, independence, health) and have moved to a nursing home, author Charles E. Dodgen shows how richer lives can come

from adversity. Yes, it sounds simplistic (and there are pages where it definitely is), but what Dodgen says consistently makes sense on at least some level. Though it may take a bit of between-the-lines reading, that's particularly true when his advice encompasses the needs of caregivers, elders, and their children.

This is not a book of wisdom, so much as it's a book of inspiration that needs to be savored and pondered to get the best from it. If you're dealing with adversity or just watching too much news, "Simple Lessons for a Better Life" may be just the thing.

Football great's charity, local retailer team up for back-to-school

Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities and Belk, the retail department store, teamed up to donate 1,600 uniforms to Dallas ISD students, Aug. 13 at Roger Q. Mills Elementary School and Billy Earl Dade Middle School.

"Education is the cornerstone to achieve what you want in life," said Emmitt Smith, the Dallas Cowboys' legend.

"Pat and I are honored that Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities has been able to help students in the North Texas community obtain the uniforms they need while instilling the confidence and enthusiasm to attend school."

This is the second year Belk has supported the Pat and Emmitt Smith uniform donation in Dallas ISD. To date, Belk has donated more

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Families are escorted to the schools on district buses and were invited to a brief address by Pat and Emmitt Smith, district leaders and school administrators.

Attendees are then free to enter the Belk pop-up shops that will offer uniforms to students at Mills and Dade.



For the second consecutive year, Belk and the Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities will have partnered to provide uniform donations to Dallas ISD students. (Photo: DISD)

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Category winners will receive a custom crystal award, a custom press release, recognition on the Urban Elite Business Awards Website and a listing in its 'Black Book', as well as an electronic website badge confirming his/her award status, and a gift bag.

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