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Farrakhan: 'Justice or Else' march just the beginning

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) – In a wide-ranging conference call with the Black Press, the Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan said the upcoming “Justice or Else” rally set for Oct. 10 celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March is just the beginning of the movement.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the national director of the 1995 Million Man March, moderated the call, fielding pooled questions from dozens of publishers and editors from Black newspapers across the country.

Farrakhan said that walking down the steps of the United States Capitol building and seeing Black men standing together, shoulder-to-shoulder all the way down to the Washington Monument and over to the Lincoln Memorial was his most memorable experience from the Million Man March on Oct. 16, 1995. The minister boasted that the



Minister Louis Farrakhan speaks during the “Justice or Else” press conference at Metropolitan AME Church in Northwest Washington, D.C. in June 2015. (Freddie Allen/NNPA News Wire)

men went home and recommitted themselves to their families and wives, others registered to vote, and gang members left their weapons at home.

Critics, however, charged that little long-lasting follow-up was done on the local level.

Farrakhan said that those who benefit from White supremacy fear

the power of unified Blacks, Latinos and all minority people and have continued to work against that unity, since the 1995 march.

Farrakhan said that since the Million Man March, the Black community is not as strong as it should be, so the struggle for “Justice or Else” must take place on two fronts.

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COMMENTARY

Trump favors constructing a police state

By Lee A. Daniels
NNPA Columnist

At bottom, the plan of Donald Trump, the GOP's political playboy, to “solve” America's crisis of undocumented Latino immigration is really quite simple: Turn the U.S. into a police state.

Of course, Trump and his supporters, and the rest of the GOP presidency-seekers who are follow-

ing, sheep-like, in his wake on the issue don't put it that plainly. In part, that's because none of them are serious about implementing a deport-them-all scheme.

Even numerous conservative analysts and pundits have said that any such effort would necessarily have to last for decades and cost hundreds of billions of dollars.

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) – If you're driving down a highway, street or tunnel anywhere in North America and you see the shimmering new headlights on the latest Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC or Buick approaching you, there's a good chance you're seeing the work of Martin Davis, a talented, young African American designer who works for General Motors.

Since 2012, Davis has led the exterior lighting and de-

sign studio for the automaker's North American division, the team responsible for the exterior lighting for every brand under the General Motors' umbrella.

Davis traces his love for design and innovation back

to elementary school. He didn't like Hot Wheels and the Lego sets that he owned weren't intricate enough to hold his attention even at 5 years old. He found that he didn't like any of the toys sold in the stores, so he started making his own.

The Detroit-area native started collecting empty cardboard boxes that were used for transporting fruits and vegetables from the grocery store, bring them home and just start cutting. He molded shapes with glue, tape and construction paper. There was a small closet in the entryway of his parents' house, just big enough for a chair and his creations: interior designs

for a car including a dashboard and center console. Then he invited all of his friends over to "test drive" the car. He rolled out a new model about once a month.

His father, then an employee at Ford Motor Company's stamping plant in Dearborn, Mich., shut down young Martin's burgeoning auto operation fearing that letting the neighborhood kids play with cardboard in their closet presented a safety hazard.

That didn't stop him from sharing his talent for design with others, including his father's employer.

"One day I decided to send my sketches into Ford. I was still in middle school.

I found an address to Ford in some magazine and put a few of my drawings in an envelope and put it in the mail," Davis explained. "I didn't tell my parents anything."

A few months went by, and the young designer began to lose hope and figured that nothing would come of his letter. Then one day after school when he got home, his brother was waving a piece of paper at him.

"This guy from Ford called you here's his number and he wants to call you back," Davis recalled his older brother saying.

So Davis anxiously dialed the number and the

Ford employee who answered, thanked him for his interests and told him that he sent the drawings over to the design department, and that someone would get in contact with him.

He received a follow-up letter from the design department with some career advice and a list of schools.

The list of schools included his eventual choice. Following the advice that he received from Ford, while still in middle school he set his mind to attending the College for Creative Studies (CCS) in downtown Detroit.

After he graduated from

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Tiffany Dale Hunter

The University of North Texas Alumni Association will honor outstanding alumni at the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards dinner at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in UNT's Gateway Ballroom. Reception starts at 6 p.m.

This is the 50th anniversary of the alumni awards program, which showcases the caliber of the university's alumni and celebrate the depth and breadth of their professional accomplishments and service to the community. This year's Distinguished Alumni



Achievement Awards were moved from spring to better coincide with the university's homecoming weekend, which sees the return of many alumni. Seven recipients will receive awards

this year, including:

Distinguished Young Alumni Award – Created in 2011, this honor was established to recognize alumni under age 40 for distinguished career achievement.

• **Tiffany Dale Hunter** ('01), will receive the Distinguished Young Alumni Award. Hunter is the chief communications officer for the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and formerly the president and CEO of Tiffany Dale Public Relations, a full-service marketing and public relations company in Dallas and Houston.

Distinguished Alumni Awards – First presented in 1965, this is one of the university's most prestigious awards. It is given to individuals who have achieved prominence in their profession.

• **Julie Anderson** ('91) will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Anderson is Chief Financial Officer at Texas Capital Bank, and the Controller and Chief Accounting Officer for its parent company. She manages accounting and external financial reporting functions for the company, as well as financial planning and funds

management.

• **Bob Kimmel** ('61) will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Kimmel is the past president and CEO of Davis H. Elliot Company, which he grew from 500 to more than 1,700 employees, and owns BK Energy. He is currently chairman of the UNT Foundation Board.

• **Leroy Whitaker** ('50 and '52), will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Whitaker is retired from Eli Lilly and Company, where he started work as a patent attorney and advanced to general patent counsel and assistant secre-

tary with 30 attorney and agents reporting to him in a job that took him all over the world.

Outstanding Alumni Service – First presented in 1974, this award honors individuals who have provided exceptional volunteer service to UNT or the community.

• **Cathy Bryce** ('91), will receive the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. Retired as Highland Park ISD Superintendent, Bryce's career as an educator spanned 34 years. She has had decades of service with school administration

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Dr. Monica Rankin

When Dr. Monica Rankin, associate professor of history, first traveled to Mexico as a high school student, she was hooked.

Rankin took that interest and transformed it into an award-winning passion. She recently earned the 2015 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, along with 79 other faculty members from across the UT System's 15 institutions.

"I find it incredibly rewarding to see the experiences that I had in Mexico and Latin America resonate with my students," she said. "Especially when students come back after one or two semesters, that indicates to me that they have a deep appreciation for the region



just like I do."

Rankin, who has taught at UT Dallas for nearly a decade, specializes in Latin American history and is the director of the Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives.

"Monica applies her considerable intelligence, knowledge and eloquence to bear on a subject that is

of the utmost importance to UT Dallas, the UT System, the state of Texas and the world," said Dr. Dennis Kratz, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. "She makes complex issues of history and cultural interaction exciting, helping students to understand that complexity rather than simplifying it."

Her first experience teaching was as a PhD student at the University of Arizona. She said that as a teaching assistant, she was encouraged to make her classroom interactive.

"We were coached from the very beginning to feed off of what would work for students to try and make adaptations based on each individual semester," she said. "I found that to be a

very comfortable style for me, and I've tried to take that into the classroom as the professor."

Daniella Poole Mestyanek BA'09, a former student of Rankin's, said she was fascinated from the first week of class. Mestyanek, who is currently a military intelligence officer, took five of Rankin's classes — nearly one every semester.

Mestyanek excelled in college and graduated with a 3.92 GPA, but she said she never liked taking tests. She appreciated that Rankin's curriculum offered something different.

"I will never forget the class where she had all of the students sign up for Twitter accounts, and then used Twitter on the big

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Mike Huckabee doesn't understand what matters

By Julianne Malveaux
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The 17-person race for the Republican nomination for president closely resembles a clown show, starring Donald Trump. The unfortunate contrast to Trump has been the tepid rhetoric of Jeb Bush, and the usual antics of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Surgeon Ben Carson offered some diversity in the “big debate” a few weeks ago, and former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina amplified her profile and

earned kudos for her performance at a debate the “lesser” candidates had. After the debate, each of the candidates has had plenty to say, and maybe some of them might have been better off had they said less.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, for example, said that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be “appalled” at the Black Lives Matter Movement, saying it was wrong to “elevate” some lives above others. The poor, misguided man doesn’t get it, nor does he appear to have read

much more of Dr. King’s work than the “I Have a Dream” speech. King dealt with race matters directly. His 1967 presidential address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference explicitly deals with racial difference asking, “Where do we go from here?” (The same title as one of his books)

Said King, “When the Constitution was written, a strange formula to determine taxes and representation declared that the Negro was sixty percent of a person. Today another curious

formula seems to declare that he is fifty percent of a person. Of the good things in life, the Negro has approximately one half those of whites. Of the bad things of life, he has twice those of whites. Thus half of all Negroes live in substandard housing. And Negroes have half the income of whites. When we view the negative experiences of life, the Negro has a double share. There are twice as many unemployed. The rate of infant mortality among Ne-

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Trump, buoyed by his mob of rabid supporters, is hustling the GOP, and most of the rest of the GOP candidates are falling for it hook, line and sinker.

This is so even as the August 12 Gallup survey shows 65 percent of Americans support a plan that would allow undocumented immigrants to become citizens if they follow certain “path to citizenship” rules. That includes 50 percent of Republicans. Only 19 percent of Americans favor a mass deportation plan.

Nonetheless, it’s vitally important to consider what a mass-deportation scheme would require – and do to the concept of democracy in America. After all, America does have a long history of using racist reasoning and anti-democratic tactics to subjugate and exclude people of color from citizenship.

There was Negro Slavery, of course, and the sly trick of the original Constitution’s not-quite-concealed endorsement of it. And, later, the Congressionally enacted measures excluding Asians, both immigrants and U.S.-born alike, from citizenship. In the 1850s, there was the Supreme Court’s Dred Scott ruling that declared free as well as enslaved Blacks were not citizens.

Also during that decade the Fugitive Slave Act not only made it easier for

Southern Whites to hunt for escaped slaves in the North, it also made it easier for them to kidnap free Blacks into slavery. In the 20th century, the federal government, while fighting Japan and Nazi Germany – both of whom cast millions into concentration camps – imprisoned more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese nationals in 10 concentration camps in the West.

White America had a lot of practice shedding morality and corrupting reason and the law to subjugate Americans of color. That dynamic is again at play – even to the point of Trump and his cowardly acolytes among the GOP also-rans claiming children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants don’t deserve the automatic citizenship conferred on them by the birthright citizenship clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Exploring the questions buried in Trump’s proposal also underscores how much “skin” Black Americans have in this game as well. The reason is that a mass-deportation scheme will in part require determining at the street level who is and is not Hispanic, and then demanding to see legal proof of citizenship. That people of Hispanic descent are “Brown” and “Black” as well as “White” and café au lait, would require, then, a

wholesale racial profiling of not only Hispanic Americans but also U.S.-born Blacks and Black legal immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean as well. All these “colored” Americans will have to have their citizenship papers on them at all times.

Another of the scheme’s management issues concerns the logistics to be used to raid businesses – from corporations to neighborhood stores to farms to small construction and landscape-gardening firms to colleges and universities – to hunt for undocumented immigrants. Ditto for homes and apartment buildings and schools, especially in neighborhoods heavily populated by Latinos. And one can expect that teachers and school administrators will be required by the government to identify those they know or suspect of not having citizenship papers.

Where would the undocumented immigrants caught be jailed while awaiting deportation? Our current prisons are out of the question, being already at maximum capacity. So, does that mean re-opening the World War II-era concentration camps? Would that aspect of it be turned over to the private “incarceration business” companies that have made billions becoming an integral part of the nation’s prison-industrial complex?

Then, there are the questions of the cost: Of hiring the enforcement officers to

do the hunting of the immigrants; guards for the concentration camps, and construction of new camps; the unavoidable substantial expansion of the federal immigration bureaucracy; and, perhaps most important of all, the funding for the vast force of undercover government agents, informants and bounty hunters that would be essential to overcoming the rebellion a mass deportation plan would bring into being. The government would need reliable ways of finding the “safe houses,” church sanctuaries, and underground-railroad routes being established to hide undocumented immigrants.

As I said, it’s worth dragging these and other “management” issues of a mass-deportation scheme into the light in order to see that its most damaging cost would be the complete collapse of American democracy. That several of the GOP presidency-seekers are now on record supporting it is one more indication of how un-American the GOP has become.

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First West Nile related death in Dallas County confirmed

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reports the first West Nile Virus death in Dallas County for the 2015 season. The resident, who lived in the 75214 zip code in Dallas, was in the 80s age range, had underlying medical conditions and was diagnosed with West Nile



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reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information. West Nile Virus (WNV) is a disease that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes can become infected when they feed on the blood from infected birds. The infected mosquitoes

can then transmit WNV to humans and animals. Severe WNV infections can cause neurologic complications such as encephalitis. Milder symptoms include fever, headache and muscle aches. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for WNV. The best way to avoid

exposure to West Nile Virus is to avoid mosquito bites. Residents should use the 4Ds to reduce their risk: **• DEET All Day, Every Day:** Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.

• Dress: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside. **• Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace. **• Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Five tips for sending kids off with a healthy school lunch

Parents across the country are preparing to wake the kids early, pack school lunches, and get their children off to school. While the task of packing lunches day after day can be daunting, packing a healthy school lunch doesn't have to be complicated or time consuming. By following these five simple tips you can make lunch time a nutritious and tasty break in the school day for your child.

Tip 1: Plan Ahead on the Weekend

You can pack a well-balanced school lunch in a jiffy by doing a little preparation over the weekend. When you get home from the grocery store, wash, peel, and chop fresh fruits and veggies and place them in reusable, sealable plastic containers for an easy snack, paired with yogurt dip or hummus. You can also pack dinner leftovers for a nutritious lunch the



next day!

Tip 2: Pack 5 for 5! Incorporate All Food Groups

Homemade lunches can be just as healthy as school lunches by setting your own nutrition guidelines for packing. There are plenty of great choices within each food group that provide kids with the nutrients they need.

Tip 3: Rethink Their Drink or Be Sure to Pack Milk Money!

Milk – whether it's white, chocolate or even strawberry – is packed with nine essential nutrients important for kids' health. These nutrients include calcium, potassium, vitamin D and protein, which help build healthy bodies and strong bones in growing children.

Research shows that milk is often missing from lunches brought from home. It's easy to purchase milk from the school cafeteria, but it's difficult to replace the nutrient package found in milk without adding extra calories or cost.

Tip 4: Get the Kids Involved

While in the produce section at the store, talk to your kids about the importance of making half your plate fruits and vegetables, or bring up the bone-building benefits of

milk, cheese and yogurt found in the dairy case. Encourage kids to get involved in the packing process with foods they like! Kids are more likely to eat their lunch if they have selected healthy foods themselves.

Tip 5: Keep it Safe

Even though today's lunch boxes do more to keep food safe, it still pays to be cautious when packing lunches. Make sure hot foods stay hot and cold foods stay cold. Choose lunch containers that are insulated and be sure to

pack a freezable cold pack for foods that need refrigeration. You can even freeze a yogurt tube to make it perfectly thawed by lunch time! If your child is taking hot soup or pasta for lunch, use an insulated bottle.

MilkMeansMore.org features plenty of recipes that are nutritious and good tasting for kids and adults! One easy packed-lunch strategy is to make extra portions of dinner that can be set aside for lunch later in the week.

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screen to further classroom discussions amongst 100 plus students," she said. "You can bet that students were willing to participate in that discussion." Dubbed "The Twitter Experiment," Rankin's novel approach delighted students when she first incorporated the social media platform into her course in 2009, with the help of ATEC alumna Kim Smith BA'08 MA'11. Rankin said that there are many ways that instructors can take advantage of the fact that most students al-

ways have an electronic device on hand. "I don't want to fight it," she said. "I think it's something that's here to stay, and I think we're possibly in the midst of a change in people's communication and learning styles. We owe it to ourselves as educators and to our students to figure out ways to deal with that in a way that's constructive." Rankin is currently co-authoring a general textbook on Latin American history with a colleague from the University of Mis-

souri-St. Louis. They are finishing the final chapters of the publication. She said one of her biggest goals as a professor is helping students see the relevance of what's being taught and how to apply those lessons in their professional lives. "Most of my students won't become professors of Mexican history, but my hope is that they'll take something that they've learned about the history of Latin America or history in general and apply that to whatever career they choose to pursue," she said.

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Collin College not raising tax rate this year

This week the Collin College Board of Trustees held the line on the ad valorem tax rate during an open meeting in McKinney in which they approved the college's annual budget.

Trustees voted to keep the tax rate steady at 8.196 cents per \$100 in property value, which makes it the fourth-lowest rate of the 50 community colleges in Texas. The college also has the lowest tuition in the state by almost \$20 per credit hour.

The decision to mirror last year's tax rate is good news for taxpayers, particu-

larly as the economy in Collin County continues to expand. College leaders say carefully targeted budgeting helped avoid an increase while allowing preparations to expand offerings in service to this quickly growing region.

"The board has either lowered or kept the tax rate steady for 16 years, and the last time it increased was 1992," said Dr. Bob Collins, a founding trustee who serves as chairman of the board. "We are fiscally conservative, and this is a solid budget that looks to the future."

When the college opened 30 years ago, the tax rate was 8 cents. Next year's rate will be less than one fifth of a penny above 1985. Although annual enrollment increased by 55 percent since 2000, the new budget is based on flat enrollment as student headcount has leveled off in the last year. With new programs and facilities on the horizon, however, college leaders expect managed growth in the future as well.

"We are committed to serving all students in every corner of our service area, and our trustees deserve

tremendous credit for being responsive to constituents and committing to proactive and careful planning for the future," said Dr. Neil Matkin, the college's district president.

"There are a lot of new corporate and residential properties growing the tax base, and we are excited about new programs we've been asked to create to support business and industry in our community. We are also pursuing deeper partnerships with the K-12 schools in our region to create a seamless pipeline and college success."

Breaking ground on a new fire station in Prosper...



Officials in Prosper turned dirt to symbolically begin construction of the Town's second fire station. Located on the west side of Prosper, the station will sit on land donated to the Town by the Terra Verde Group (TVG), the developers of Prosper's Windsong Ranch. Pogue Construction will take overall charge of building the station. Yielding shovels were (left to right) Town Manager Harlan Jefferson, Craig Martin of TVG, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Curry Vogelsang, Council members Jason Dixon and Mike Korbuly, Mayor Ray Smith, Ben Pogue of Pogue Construction, Council member Kenneth Dugger, Mayor Pro Tem Meigs Miller and Prosper Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker. The fire station will go into full operation in 12 months.

DART running a reduced Labor Day schedule

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will operate a modified schedule Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

• DART bus and light rail services will follow a Sunday schedule. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 5, 6 and 7, the Red Line will terminate at Bush Turnpike Station for the relocation of an electric utility building. Buses will transport passengers between Bush Turnpike Station, Downtown Plano and Parker Road stations.

• The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail will not operate.

• DART Paratransit services for customers with disabilities will operate on a Saturday schedule. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed on Labor Day. Customers may call Thursday, September 3, to book their trips through Monday, September 7, and Friday, September 4, to book their trips through Wednesday, September 9.

Customers may call Tuesday, September 8, to book trips through Thursday, September 10. X-Press Booking, Web Booking and holiday voice mail will also be available.

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Returning Lincoln students greeted by professional alumni

When students and parents arrived at the Lincoln High School Communications and Humanities Magnet on Monday morning, they were greeted by doctors, lawyers, judges, counselors, engineers and entrepreneurs.

The wide range of Dallas professionals welcomed students at the request of Lincoln's Head Girls Basketball Coach Carlesa Dixon, a Lincoln alumni turned teacher. Dixon organized the event via Facebook in an effort to involve alumni in welcoming students back to school. Her inspiration came from seeing a picture of 100 men greet students at an all-boys school in Maryland.

"I looked at that picture and just thought that those young men were so inspired by that simple greeting," Dixon said. "Having our



Alumni of Lincoln High School were on hand to welcome students back to school on August 25, 2015.

students walk through the door at Lincoln and hear simple words of encouragement from a professional, who doesn't even personally know them, could have such an everlasting impact on their lives."

Christopher Lewis, a member of the National Society of Black Engineers who works as an electrical engineer for Nokia Networks in Las Colinas, was among the group of professionals at Lincoln. Lewis,

who attended Whitney M. Young, Maynard Jackson, O.W. Holmes and Skyline High School, saw the opportunity to welcome students back to school as a chance to reach students like himself.

"Being a former (Dallas) ISD student and growing up in a very similar environment as some of the students at Lincoln, I know the effect of someone genuinely coming to support your education growth in any pos-

sible way," he said. "When a student can see someone that looks like them who has accomplished the goals these students aspire to achieve, it resonates deeply and encourages them to continue on their respective achievement paths."

Shawn Scott, the Chief Technology Officer at VenueCenter.com, is an alum of Charles Rice Elementary School, Alex W. Spence Middle School and a W.W. Samuell High School. He said the event showed students that the community is there to support them.

"It's our job as the community to embrace students in our local schools," he said. "Teachers and administrators are often at their limits with that they can contribute and there is still much that needs to be done. This is where the commu-

nity needs to step in and help fill the gaps that still exist at the end of the day."

While Lewis and Scott's motivation to participate in the "welcome back" event at Lincoln was due largely in part to their experiences as students in Dallas ISD, Amber Sims' desire to participate came from her involvement with Reimagine Fair Park. Sims, vice president for strategic partnerships at Literacy Instruction for Texas, said she hopes

the event will help students understand that "education is about community."

"The most valuable thing we can provide for our students is hope, encouragement and our time," she said. "What I really hope is that young professionals will continue to volunteer because our students need us on the first day of school and beyond. This area in South Dallas needs our commitment and I am committed to that year-round."

Thurgood Marshall College Fund launches Apple Scholars Program

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Senior Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — On Tuesday [Aug. 25], the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMC) opened the application process for the Apple HBCU Scholars program to help the most valuable company in the world identify the next generation of high-performing leaders of color in technology.

The program, which targets students attending historically, Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), includes a scholarship for up to \$25,000 during the recipient's senior year, a summer internship at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., career-development opportunities, and the chance to serve as a TMC Diversity Initiative/Apple brand ambassador.

Students will also earn

the opportunity to participate in the Apple HBCU immersion experience in Cupertino, Calif., during the spring of 2016 and access to an Apple employee for a unique mentoring experience.

In the press release about the launch of the program, Denise Young Smith, the vice president of Worldwide Human Resources at Apple Inc., and a graduate of Grambling State University

in Louisiana, said that the program is about exposing gifted students from HBCUs to careers in technology.

The tech industry has recently come under increased scrutiny for its lack of diversity by civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and others after companies like Google, Apple and HP published data on the ethnic and

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groups, task forces and advisory boards, and has received 16 community honors and recognitions.

Ulys Knight Spirit Award — Presented since 1975, this award is given to any individual or group that has made noteworthy effort to sustain spirit among the UNT family.

• Mark Miller ('70 and '80), will receive the Ulys Knight Spirit Award. Miller has been an active supporter and champion for UNT and Mean Green Athletics. He is a member of the UNT President's Council, the UNT Alumni Association board

of directors and the Mean Green Club.

He established a charity basketball game to support the UNT Cheer Squad scholarship fund and manages a charity flag football game that benefits an athletic scholarship fund. Miller also helped create and sell spirit items during UNT football and basketball seasons, and has helped host events for UNT and Denton community members.

Generations of Excellence — First presented in 2009, this award honors and recognizes a family that has

exhibited an extraordinary dedication to higher education, that has supported the university through its service by many family members who have attended or graduated, and has demonstrated the value and support of family in their individual and collective lives.

• The Hoke Family will receive the Generations of Excellence Award. In 1914-15, Martin Luther Hoke Sr. attended and graduated from what was then North Texas State Normal College.

After serving in World War I, he settled his family in Denton and eight of his children attended

North Texas State College's Demonstration School, with six continuing on to North Texas State Teachers College/North Texas State College.

Granddaughter Barbara Polansky continued her involvement with the university from the time she was an undergraduate through today.

The Hoke Family has several teachers who collectively contributed to more than 100 years in education. Polansky also continued that tradition and has been recognized as the top Physical Educator in the state of Texas.

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Mega Fest plays host to thousands in gathering of praise



Above, dancers give a performance of praise for the crowd at MegaFest 2015.

At left, members of the hosting committee take a pause to commemorate the occasion while greeting participants during MegaFest 2015.



MegaFest 2015 was a hit as Bishop T.D. Jakes hosted the annual gathering of praise, worship, film and fellowship in Dallas.

More than 85,000 people were expected to take part in the festivities that has garnered attention from across the country and around the world.

Above left, Bishop T.D. Jakes addresses the media gathered for the event.



Below left, local dignitaries were plentiful at MegaFest. Pictured are (L-R) Tennell Atkins, Mayor Pro Tem Monica R. Alonzo (Dist. 6), City Council Jennifer S. Gates (Dist. 13).

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Garland ISD brings Montessori curriculum to district in 2016

The area's newest Montessori is just around the corner. Garland ISD strives to provide all students with a well-rounded education that includes school choice. Currently, the district boasts 10 specialized magnets at 16 campuses. Montessori provides families with another option to customize their child's learning. Additionally, the locations of Herfurth and Luna elementary schools extend GISD's programs into the Rowlett and Sachse areas.

Montessori will debut in 2016-17 with six primary



classes at each campus, consisting of three and four-year-olds, as well as kindergartners. Any interested student can elect to apply. Since three-year-olds are not traditionally serviced by GISD schools, the district

will allow employees and community members to enroll their children for \$475 a month. At four years old, those who qualify for prekindergarten will be offered a discounted rate, and others can still enroll at

\$475.

"We are excited to be able to offer these new opportunities—full-day prekindergarten, three-year-old enrollment and an education that traditionally costs more than \$1,000 a month," said Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jovan Wells. "We want to ensure all our students succeed academically, and magnet programs like Montessori allow us to accommodate different learning styles."

Montessori offers individualized, integrated instruction.

The classroom environment contains multisensory materials rather than textbooks, and children move around the room at their own pace, studying art, geography, history, language, math, music, science, etc., at the same time. In Montessori, education is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline and a love of learning. It also provides practical life experiences, such as cooking and gardening.

Montessori classes group grade levels together, forming communities in which

older children spontaneously share their knowledge with younger peers. In addition to the primary level, lower elementary includes first-third grades and upper elementary fourth-fifth.

Herfurth and Luna will stagger the rollout of classes throughout 2020, adding new levels and grades each year. For more information, visit the district website at www.garlandisd.net/montessori. For questions, please email montessori@garlandisd.net or call 972-475-7994 (Herfurth), 972-675-3040 (Luna).

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gender diversity of their workforces.

"We're big believers that innovation will be strongest when talented people from diverse backgrounds are part of the creative process," said Smith. "That's why we're so proud to be partnering with TCMF to help us find the next generation of innovators."

The Apple Scholars program is just one element of the \$40 million partnership between TCMF and Apple announced earlier this year that will include the devel-

opment of a talent database for hiring managers, research grants for faculty members and investments in entrepreneurship programs.

"The call out to our community is that when an organization as big and as well-known as Apple says, 'I'm going to invest in you,' they have actually lobbed the ball into our court and, if we miss it, we're going to be hard-pressed to argue that HBCUs are relevant and worthy of future investments," said Johnny C.

Taylor, Jr., the president and CEO of TCMF.

Taylor added that the partnership will also involve serious discussions about how to make HBCUs sustainable in the future.

"[Apple] is absolutely convinced that if they want to solve their diversity challenge, they have to expand the schools that are producing the pipeline," said Taylor. "Majority schools are not enough because everyone's fighting for that same small pot of Black students."

Taylor said that the stakes are high for HBCUs and Apple to prove targeted in-

vestments like this can reap long-term rewards for industries pushing to diversify their ranks.

Taylor added that it may be the last chance for Black colleges to make the case that they are not just historically relevant, but that they're also currently relevant, as well.

"This is Apple, one of the sexiest, most ubiquitous companies on the globe, so all eyes are watching and it's just not limited to the technology space," said Taylor. "I have meetings now with other companies in other sectors that say, 'I



A group of Thurgood Marshall College Fund interns. The Apple HBCU Scholars program is just one element of the \$40 million partnership between TCMF and Apple announced earlier this year. (Photo Courtesy the Thurgood Marshall Fund)

am dying to hear how the Apple [investment] works out."

The application process opens on August 25, 2015 and closes September 18,

2015.

Parents, students and faculty can learn more about the Apple HBCU Scholars Program at <http://tcmf.org/our-scholarships>.

Dallas Arboretum offers \$5 special through Labor Day weekend

During Labor Day weekend, September 4 to 7, admission to the Dallas Arboretum is significantly discounted to \$5 per person including admission to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. Labor Day weekend tickets must be purchased at the gate in order to receive this special offer.

As the last days of summer are celebrated with a holiday weekend, guests can enjoy several activities along with the discounted admission to the Arboretum. In the internationally



acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, the Moody Oasis is the place to "bee" on Friday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children and adults

can explore the inner workings of a honeybee hive with Scott the Beekeeper and find answers to questions such as, "Why do honeybees make honey, and why are they so important?"

Guests will also be invited to create and design a special hands-on project with the Home Depot team on Sunday, September 6 at 10 a.m. in the Children's Adventure Garden.

For a complete list of Children's Activities and times, visit the Children's Adventure Garden activities page.

The many floral displays in the main garden will include the final delicate crimson petals of the dramatic Crepe Myrtle Allee cascading down during the first weeks of September.

As summer ends, bright spots of marigolds, dahlias and black-eyed susans appear throughout the garden, creating the quintessential setting for an afternoon picnic and according to Forbes Travel Guide, "The Best Ways to Do Dallas Outdoors".

Wrapping up the holiday

weekend, guests are invited to the shady Pecan Grove on Monday, September 7 for special activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities will bring the Texas Storybook Flower Village to life, including a petting zoo, live music and a red, white and blue stroller parade with special prizes awarded.

The Terrace Café will offer free popsicles on Monday, September 7. Discounted parking is also available for \$8 when purchased in advance online.

Why Plano Kids won't go hungry this new school year

Capital One's \$10,000 gift concludes the fundraising needs for the second year of Food 4 Kids - Plano. The donation, along with 18 others from generous businesses and organizations will ensure children considered food insecure will receive backpacks filled with nutritious food throughout the 2015-16 school year. The goal is to feed 1,800 chronically hungry children in Plano this school year!

Plano Mayor LaRosiliere is partnering with the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) to address the hidden but critical issue of childhood hunger in Plano by expanding the Food 4 Kids program into all Plano Independent School District's elementary and early childhood schools.

In its inaugural year (2014-2015) NTFB set a program budget of \$330,000 to provide over 1,400 chronically hungry Plano children with weekend backpacks to help keep kids healthy during the school year. Heading into the second year of the three-year initiative, NTFB increased the program budget to \$450,000 to continue distributing weekly backpacks, and provide supplemental food during the extended school holidays by distributing holiday break boxes.

"We are thrilled that today's gift from Capital



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tal One helps us achieve our total fundraising goal for Food 4 Kids-Plano for this second year of the initiative," said Jan Pruitt, President and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. "Under Mayor LaRosiliere's leadership, we have seen tremendous support for this program now in its second year, as we look to reach our goal of feeding 1,800 chronically hungry children in Plano."

It may come as a surprise, but hunger is a reality for a number of families in Plano. 1 out of 5 children in Collin County are considered food insecure. That's more than 44,000 children who might struggle to find their next meal. More than 7,000 kids in 50 PISD early childhood and elementary schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

"Through the Food 4 Kids - Plano project, the

community has rallied around our children," said Mayor LaRosiliere. "Plano has delivered an affirmative statement to our children that their city cares, and we will feed their hearts, their minds and their souls."

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Stephanie Mills and Whispers on stage in Dallas Aug. 28

Stephanie Mills is one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary music whose onstage en-

ergy and power inspires standing ovations wherever she performs. She is a legendary Grammy and

America Music Award winning recording artist with five best selling albums and ten Billboard #1 singles. Dallas fans can enjoy her with the Whispers Friday Aug. 28 at the Majestic Theatre at 8 p.m.

Over the span of 45 years illustrious career, Mills has distinguished herself as an actress and performer.

Stephanie's critically acclaimed appearances in shows like the seven-time Tony Award -winning "The Wiz" have assured her of her consistent and loyal fan base.

Stephanie hails from Brooklyn, New York and grew up singing in her home church. Her vocal abilities became evident by age nine.

For six consecutive weeks, a young Stephanie won the amateur night at the acclaimed Apollo Theatre. She then went on to do her first Broadway musical, "Maggie Flynn." She then did classical tv shows such as "Captain Kangaroo" and "The Electric Company."

Mills signed with 20th Century Fox Records in 1979. While working with producers James Mtume and Reggie Lucas, Stephanie recorded "WhatchaGonna Do With My Lovin" and by 1984, she had climbed the charts with major hits: "Sweet Sensation", "Never Knew Love Like This Before" (a gold sin-

gle), "Two Hearts" (a duet with Teddy Pendergrass), "Keep Away Girls", "How Come U Don't Call Me Anymore?."

Stephanie scored three best selling albums in a row with "WhatchaGonna Do With My Lovin," "Sweet Sensation," and "Stephanie" in a span of just two years.

For tickets to see Ms. Mills and The Whispers visit Ticketmaster.com.

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Dallas Black Dance Theatre leaping into its 39th season

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) is thrilled to announce its 39th season: Vision Renewed. This season's theme reflects the company's commitment to honoring its rich history while looking to the future by featuring new works by up-and-coming choreographers.

The season includes two company premieres of masterworks by renowned dance makers Margo Sappington and Bruce Wood®, as well as world premieres by Bridget L. Moore and Kirven Douthit-Boyd. Past



Photo Sharon Bradford - The Dancing Image

and current DBDT dancers Jamal Story, Nycole Ray, Edmond Giles, and Richard A. Freeman, Jr. will also create new works for the company. Guest artists for the season include Atlanta-based Giwayen Mata and

the dance ensemble from Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea.

"DBDT's 39th Season is evocative, innovative, and fresh," said Associate Artistic Director Melissa M.

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Exotic handbag line turns heads in collective cultural designs

With exotic colors, intricate embroidery work and various styles, Fricaine has hit the fashion scene with head-turning handbags that will stop any fashionable woman in her tracks. Designed by native Nigerian, Stephen Kayode, Fricaine is an exotic luxury brand that celebrates humanity using special fabrics that are essential parts of identities worldwide. "Our portfolio of products is nurtured by expansive global travel," explains Kayode, "in Europe, Africa, Asia and throughout the U.S. The



Stephen Kayode displays his recent line of exotic handbags at a recent showing.

line is also inspired by the beautiful traditional and eclectic expressions of identifiable native fashions from

these areas."

An accomplished Technology and Management Professional, with extensive

experience in the private and public sector, Kayode seems to be the least likely individual to venture into creating a luxury brand of exotic handbags. In an effort to expose the rest of the world to the beautiful colors and sophisticated designs of his native home, Kayode was awakened from a nap one afternoon, questioning the best way to share the beauty of the designs outside of his country's customary African attire. "A lot of the designs are only found in traditional African garments," he shared, "and

are usually custom-made." This, to Kayode, was a big dilemma and major opportunity for a creative endeavor. While the garments themselves are eye-catching, vibrant and extremely beautiful, he knew that the fashion styles, blouses which locals call "buba" and headscarfs called "gele", wouldn't necessarily excite the masses outside Africa. This provides a limitless avenue to change the status quo and introduce something fresh for global enjoyment by fashionistas.

Fricaine, the creatively

apt brand name is derived from the French word "Africaine", which means "African," as a refreshing fashion concept has deliberately evolved over time into a business that is built on exceptional quality, craftsmanship and attention to detail.

"We spent 18 months conducting extensive research and development that involved interviewing our target customers across a broad spectrum, conducting focus group sessions,

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CCS, he applied to a number of companies. At one point he believed that he would follow in his father's footsteps at Ford, but despite earlier interest in the middle schooler's work, he never got an offer from the company.

But he did get an offer from GM.

"My time at GM has been amazing," said Davis. "I couldn't have imagined it being better."

Davis admitted his first day on the job was nerve-racking, and it took him awhile to find his way around the mammoth General Motors complex.

"I remembered sitting at my desk that first day looking around at all designers thinking, 'How am I going to compete with all of them?'" said Davis.

But the young designer did compete, gaining confidence with every completed sketch. Davis' work began to catch eyes of the design managers and they started selecting his sketches among dozens plastered on the 20-foot wall in his studio at GM.

"The early days were a lot of fun," said Davis. "There was a freeness. I remember doing sketches for the 2004 Oldsmobile show car, the last show car they did."

One of his sketches was selected as the theme sketch for the car. That Oldsmobile show car would be built at

the world-famous, now defunct Gruppo Bertone design house in Italy.

Even though Davis wasn't selected to join GM designers in Italy, he didn't sit on the sidelines for long.

A few months later, as the end of his first year with GM approached, the auto company gave him the opportunity to travel to Birmingham, England to work at an advanced design studio that primarily focused on Cadillacs. There he worked on the Cadillac Cien, a two-seater, mid-engine concept car.

The assignment, originally scheduled for two months stretched into two years.

"It was a really great experience to work on such a high-profile concept car," said Davis.

After the two-year stint in Birmingham, the Detroit area native worked on a number of production programs, including the GMC Acadia and the auto company's Cadillac group in China.

When Davis returned to the United States, company executives were having ongoing discussions about General Motors' exterior lighting designs compared to some of their competitors.

Davis said that as the conversations were happening about the direction of the new project wholly-fo-

cused on exterior lighting, he jumped at the opportunity and volunteered to do it.

"It was almost like a huge experiment," said Davis. "We never had a dedicated, exterior lighting design studio, but we wanted better lights, so we said, 'Let's see how this work.'"

Davis and his team took on the exterior lighting responsibilities for three well-known "programs": the GMC Acadia Chevy Traverse and the Buick Enclave.

Management immediately recognized the how valuable having dedicated focus on lighting could be.

"Not long after that they made it an official studio and made me the first manager of that studio in 2012," said Davis. "That was really cool."

At first some designers of General Motors other brands were apprehensive about giving up that much control of a central element in the cars overall style, now Davis said all of them want his team's designs.

Ed Welburn, General Motors' vice president of Global Design, praised Davis and his team for their creativity.

"Martin is doing a phenomenal job," said Welburn. "Lighting on that [Cadillac CTS] is so striking. It wasn't too many years ago that every headlight was either round or rectangular. Now lighting is so much a character of the

car. It really is the eyes of the vehicle. Our organization is really dependent on Martin."

Davis said educators, parents and support groups first have to raise awareness among students of color about opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers and then help them to understand that they can also excel in those professions.

The GM design manager mentors children in the Detroit metro area and recommended that all students get focused at a young age and seek educational and career development programs that can assist them with achieving their goals. Davis added that his presence in the automotive design field shows students, especially students who look like him, that they can also be successful in that field.

"I think that goes a long way," he said.

And Davis has come a long way, too.

"It almost feels like a dream that I have this responsibility," said Davis. "You think of [General Motors'] history, this 100-year-old company that's been making cars forever and now there's this opportunity to shift focus to another part of the vehicle, a part of the vehicle's face, the face of each brand. It's a humbling experience. I really do appreciate the privilege and the opportunity to fulfill this role."

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Young, who has been with the company for over 20 years. "Above all, it's stellar dance that bridges storytelling, culture, and current events. DBDT continues to evolve while paying homage to its nearly 40-year legacy in Dallas."

The season includes three performance series in November, February, and May at DBDT's home theatre, the Dee and Charles Wylie Theatre. "As a resident

company of AT&T Performing Arts Center, we are honored to call the Wylie Theatre home for our Dallas season," said Executive Director Zenetta S. Drew. "This intimate space creates an inclusive art experience for our patrons."

Other performances include the season opener, DanceAfrica, held at Annette Strauss Square and City Performance Hall, and Dancing Beyond Borders,

Metroplex performances in Richardson and Fort Worth in March. DBDT II, the company's highly acclaimed, semi-professional second company, will again showcase its artistry with Spring Fiesta! in April at City Performance Hall.

DBDT will present its fifth season of Masterworks Redefined in New York in late April at the Ailey Citigroup Theater. The company will also travel to Maryland for a weeklong residency that includes masterclasses and

performances at the Public Playhouse in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C.

DBDT has also been invited to headline the Dance X BZ Festival in Belize in November, and DBDT II will tour to Mexico in November for the Festival Internacional de Otoño and Chile in May for the Fintdaz – International Festival of Theater and Dance. This season marks the organization's first booking in Chile.

Dallas performances

will continue to feature DBDT All Access, a program launched last year of audience engagement activities after the evening performances.

The Friday evening Talkback with the Choreographers lets patrons engage with the choreographers and dancers about the artistic process. An On-stage Dance Celebration follows Saturday evening performances with company dancers and a live DJ. Both events are complimentary with ticket pur-

chase and include a cash bar.

Subscriptions went on sale August 19, 2015, and single tickets go on sale September 10, 2015.

Flexible subscription packages give patrons a variety of ways to enjoy Dallas' longest continuously operating dance company. Tickets can be purchased by calling the AT&T Performing Arts Center box office at (214) 880-0202 or www.attpac.org. For group sales, call (214) 871-2390.

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groes is double that of whites and there are twice as many Negroes dying in Vietnam as whites in proportion to their size in the population."

Little has changed in the 48 years since King addressed his colleagues at SCLC.

Dr. King's words seem to support the Black Lives Matter Movement. "Where do we go from here? First,

we must massively assert our dignity and worth. We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses us and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of values. We must no longer be ashamed of being black. The job of arousing manhood within a people that have been taught for so many centuries that they are nobody is not easy."

Here is the Dr. King Mike

Huckabee and the others who reject the Black Lives Matter Movement, but quote Dr. King need to absorb his 1967 statement, "The tendency to ignore the Negro's contribution to American life and to strip him of his personhood is as old as the earliest history books and as contemporary as the morning's newspaper. To upset this cultural homicide, the Negro must rise up with an affirmation of his own Olympian manhood."

In other words, Gov.

Huckabee, Dr. King said "Black Lives Matter,"

Too many have tried to make Dr. King nonracial, stuck on only parts of the "I Have A Dream" speech. They don't even bother to read that speech in its entirety, ignoring King's discussion of economic inequality. Those whose very deficient knowledge of King's work fail to understand that the "dream" spoke to a future vision, not a contemporary reality.

People like Huckabee

would distort Dr. King's words to serve their own purposes. It's clear that Huckabee and others don't understand the Black Lives Matter Movement, or simply oppose it. Those who are open to learning, like Hilary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, have met with leaders of the Black Lives Matter Movement and have expanded their knowledge base. Others, like Huckabee, prefer to ignore the reality of police violence.

As long as there is inequality, the Black Lives

Matter Movement makes a difference. If you don't understand the reality of inequality in our nation, you have no business running for president of the United States. My advice to Gov. Huckabee – see if you can get your television show back. Your distortion of the King legacy won't win you votes in some communities.

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Dallas ISD looks to fill 15 school nurse positions

Over the past several years, the Dallas Independent School District has grown its nursing program so that each school has its own registered nurse.

For this school year, there are still approximately 15 open nursing positions that the district is looking to fill. Leigh Pelletier, a Dallas ISD nurse supervisor, said

the job is ideal for a registered nurse who wants to make a difference every day.

"It's an incredibly rewarding job to be a nurse

with Dallas ISD," she said.

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"We can not go to Washington appeal to our government to intercede to see that Black men and women tried in their courts get justice in accordance with the law and leave our communities in shambles with us killing one another," said Farrakhan. "We as men and women must take responsibility for our community and rid our community of fratricidal conflict and that strengthens us as we go to our government to demand justice."

Farrakhan said that he thanked God for the women who ignited the Black Lives Matter Movement.

"We honor the young ladies that fashioned that cry and all who have joined on but no one can rob the young sisters of the honor that God used [them] to say something that caught on and today Black lives do matter," he said. "Let's go to work in our communities to make sure that all of our people fall in love with their Blackness and say, 'Black lives matter' and Black love will make sure that Black lives matter."

The truth matters, too.

The United States Park Police (USPP) estimate of 400,000 attendants at the original march wildly contradicted the estimated count provided by march organizers, which was roughly 1.5 million.

Working with Boston University, the Park Service later revised its estimate to 837,214 – more than twice the original estimate. With a 20 percent margin of error, the size of the crowd could have been 655,000 to 1.1 million men, according to Farouk El-Baz, director of Boston University's Center for Remote Sensing. Even the lowest revised estimate was more than twice the

size of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Following the controversy over the number of people attending the Million Man March, Congress prohibited the Park Service from making official estimates.

Unlike the Million Man March that primarily focused on the empowerment of men of color, the call for "Justice or Else" is meant to address the struggle for justice for Blacks, Native Americans, Latinos, women, military veterans and poor Whites, everyone who feels deprived in America.

"Even though our struggles may be different, justice is what we seek for all," said Minister Farrakhan.

The minister also praised Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work during the last years of his life that revolved around economic equality, unionization and labor rights, and land ownership.

Minister Farrakhan noted that Blacks were largely shut out of the prosperity enjoyed by White settlers following the passage of the Homestead Act of 1862. Blacks weren't considered citizens in 1862, a key eligibility requirement that prevented them from claiming any of the millions of acres of free land west of the Mississippi River granted to White settlers by the United States government.

"We have to have land, brothers and sisters, as a basis for economic development," said Minister Farrakhan, proposing a legislative agenda that would promote land ownership in the Black community.

Farrakhan encouraged Black business owners to advertise in the Black Press and buy subscriptions to

community newspapers, and that part of the estimated \$1.1 trillion in annual buying power wielded by the Black community be used to build hospitals, factories and to support Black colleges.

He also lamented the anger and frustration that young people have expressed across the nation and that uncontrolled and misdirected anger can lead to great destruction.

"We don't have a lot of time, but we can turn the anger of our community into production," the minister continued, adding that young people will be more than eager to live productive lives rather than lives of crime and suffering and savage behavior, if properly guided.

As the presidential elec-

tion approaches, Minister Farrakhan warned Blacks against casting their votes foolishly and continuing to vote for the Democratic Party that could and should do more for the Black community. He added that he doesn't see himself voting for Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) or Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.).

He made no mention of Willie Wilson, the Black Chicago businessman who is also running for president as a Democrat.

"The Black vote is a powerful vote," said Minister Farrakhan. "But unless any of these candidates that are running for president of the United States speak to the need for justice for those that are deprived, why should we give them our vote?"

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September 1, p.m.

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September 2, 7 p.m.

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August 31

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I know people who, when they tell me they plan to do something, I can expect them to follow through about 50 percent of the time.

I am sure you have had the same experience. Words and commitments are made with little meaning behind those words. However, I know others who will follow through almost every time.

The only time they don't is when something falls outside their control. I quickly learn whose words have substance behind them.

There are times when we are unable to perform or deliver what we promised due

to outside influences. The key to turning these potentially negative circumstances into a witness for Christ is communication.

If we are unable to pay a bill on time, we must communicate with those we owe and make a good faith effort to resolve it within our means. In these cases, God's purposes are being performed as well if we seek to do the right thing.

Do your words mean anything to those who hear them? Do you make commitments and fail to follow through on them? What would others say about how

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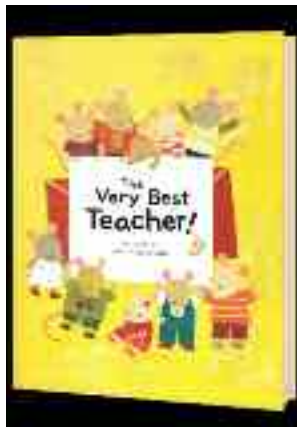
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NDG Book Review: *The Very Best Teacher* is great for kids

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Wrapping is for ripping. Ribbons are for untying and boxes are for dumping out and climbing in. And why not? You can do that when it's your birthday or Christmas or your favorite holiday and you get all kinds of gifts. But what do you give to somebody you love? In "The Very Best Teacher!" by Ye Shil Kim, illustrated by Miku Moriuchi, you'll see how ten little mice solve that problem. The mice-children in Ms. Tulip's class loved their teacher. She was, they agreed, the best teacher ever and so, when Playful Mouse



overheard one day that Ms. Tulip's birthday was coming up, everyone got excited. A surprise birthday party for Ms. Tulip would take lots of planning, but wouldn't it be nice? Ten little mice had a

meeting on the playground. When you're having a party for the best teacher ever, what would you include? What kinds of things make the best party?

Happy Mouse suggested cake. Don't forget the candles!

Cheerful Mouse wanted to sing a song. She even sang her idea, loud and clear.

Funny Mouse thought presents were important. That's what they could do for Ms. Tulip: they could give her a gift. What's a birthday party without gifts? But what kind of gift would the mice students give her?

Happy Mouse thought food would be good. He loved to eat.

Cheerful Mouse thought a poem was nice. She didn't sing that time, which was good.

What would Ms. Tulip like? Funny Mouse thought a new dress would be a nice present, while Star Mouse liked the idea of wrapping up a star. A robot was Silly Mouse's idea, but the best suggestion came from Dizzy Mouse: "We could write Ms. Tulip a letter."

Frisky Mouse thought that was a splendid idea! If each of the mice wrote something surprising and special for their very best

teacher, then Ms. Tulip would know how much she meant to each of her little students.

And at the end of the day, when the surprise was sprung and the cake was eaten, the very best teacher knew that she had something "best," too.

Right now, there's one question scratching at your mind and you hope you know the answer: will your child like his new teacher? You might not have the solution to that yet, but you can set the tone for a positive outcome with "The Very Best Teacher!"

With the simplest of plots and artwork to match, au-

thor Ye Shil Kim and illustrator Miku Moriuchi offer a light element of suspense for kids who love surprises.

That's sweet, but parents may also appreciate the subtle lesson of giving, and the obvious affection the mice-children have for their teacher – both of which send good messages for kids fretting over those first days of school and what's to come.

I would say this is a great book for Pre-K kids and kindergarteners mostly, but new first-graders will like it, too. Find "The Very Best Teacher!", keep it around, and watch your child rip into it.

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seeking the opinions of people in the fashion industry and traveling internationally to validate the core concept of our business. All of this was done before our first acceptable sample was ever made," said Kayode. "We gained invaluable knowledge and exposure from this endeavor that is bound to remain relevant and very useful to the evolution of Fricaine and our portfolio of products in the coming years."

Wanting to get the patterns into general circulation by way of something more traditional, Kayode thought handbags would best capture the beauty of local peculiar fabrics in timeless staple pieces.

"After carefully selecting unique, superior quality fabrics, we re-orientate, re-design and interpret these colorful materials in a radically different way to create well-crafted, authentic custom-made durable handbags and other fashion products.

"This portfolio of products accentuates the appeal of our sophisticated customers, empowering them for the world to admire. Our brand offers a refreshing fashion journey that guarantees a bold, memorable statement." Kayode added

that customers who carry his products exude an exotic and highly fashionable image that matches and compliments their personal style.

Though the idea started with displaying embroidered and patterned designs familiar to Africa and Asia, Kayode, from his extensive travels, added other attractive designs to the collections.

The Fricaine line consists of jacquard material, wax fabric material, and embroidered purses. Regarding attention to detail, for example, the See Fancy Embroidered Handbag, is a multi-colored embroidered bag that features pieces native to the protected Miao tribe of China's remote Guizhou region.

All hardware is forged with real gold-plated material with anti-soul treatment and has no chance of corrosion. The thoughtful design of the handbag allows for one card pocket, one cell phone pocket, one drop pocket and one separate multi-purpose pocket.

It also features an optional long adjustable strap. Fricaine's other bags come in styles such as the Fricaine Queen's Hand Satchel, the Sugar Buxx Shoulder Bag, the Eleganza



Shoulder Bag, Alice Crossbody Bag, and the Exquisite Rattan Handle Shopper Bag, just to name a few. Fricaine's portfolio of exotic luxury products has rapidly expanded to include wallets, clutches and backpacks. In essence, there is something on offer for any woman of style. Globally.

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does not feel too heavy..." said DarkAyala on Amazon.com.

On the future of the brand, Kayode shares "Fricaine is envisioned to be a distinguished, stand-alone value brand that continues to confer class, elegance and grace on our discerning customers."

With their immediate goals focused on being present and accessible to their customers via leading department stores and other retail outlets, he believes that the company's organic growth will increase rapidly within a short period.

"We will continue to breathe freshness into the fashion industry, and intrinsically, Fricaine will become

a vehicle for practical and effective corporate social citizenship by embracing worthy social causes that improve the quality of life and opportunities for the disadvantaged."

Kayode's mission in the coming years is to make Fricaine a household fashion brand that their customers are extremely proud to be associated with.

For more information on the Fricaine brand, visit www.fricaine.com. Also, you can follow Fricaine on Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter @Fricaine_Brand, to stay connected.

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