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Mercedes-Benz volunteers support 12 area nonprofits in third annual Week of Caring

FORT WORTH - Six hundred Mercedes-Benz Financial Services employees mobilized across the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, volunteering to make a positive difference with 12 local nonprofit organizations during the week of Sept. 21, 2015. This was the third annual Week of Caring for the company, whose Business Operations Center is located in Fort Worth. Week of Caring is a weeklong community service campaign that the automotive financial services company has organized as part of its corporate commitment to make a difference in the communities where its team members live and work.

The volunteer projects were selected by employees and varied from helping elementary students, senior citizens, the underprivileged and the hungry. In addition, the company presented a \$50,000 check to REAL School Gardens at Cannon Elementary School in Grapevine, Texas for a brand new learning garden. Eighty-five employees from Mercedes-Benz Financial Services volunteered to build the garden from the ground up. The garden will be a great science-learning tool for the students, where a variety of hands-on activities will be engaging tools to learn math, science and lan-



Mercedes-Banz Financial Services employee Jai Kately helps 6-year-old Angel Gutierrez select colors to paint his bookshelf. Photograh by Ellman Photography.

guage arts. Statistics show that school learning gardens improve grades and test scores by 12 to 15 percent.

Jai Kately was excited to give back to a school he attended Sagamore Hill Elementary. He joined 34 of his coworkers in spending the day building individual bookshelves for 300 first graders to take home. The volunteers helped the youngsters decorate the bookshelves with paint and pick out two books to start their home library.

"I grew up poor in this neighborhood, so I know what it is like for these students," Kately said. "I want to do what I can to help them." Kately has found ways to volunteer in the East Fort Worth community on his own as well for the past decade.

Some of the volunteer projects took place at the Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Fort Worth Business Operations Center. One large conference room at the facility was turned into an assembly line for the Kids Against Hunger program. More than 24,000 meals for chil-

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Ben Carson's ugly hypocrisy

By Lee A. Daniels NNPA Columnist

From the moment he surfaced in 2013 as White conservatives' latest "Great Black Hope," Ben Carson has made any number of offensive remarks typical of the conservative commentary of the Obama years.

But early last week, apparently goaded by a GOP presidential primary that's set a cesspool-level standard for expressions of

bigotry and callousness, Carson released what is undoubtedly his greatest hit: He said a Muslim American should not be president of the United States

"I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation. I absolutely would not agree with that," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Reminded that Article 6 of the Constitution explicitly demands there be no reli-

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Michael L. Lawrence

DURHAM, NC – James H. Speed, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company (NCM-LIC), has announced his intention to retire effective Dec. 31, 2015. He will be succeeded by Michael L. Lawrence. Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. Mr. Lawrence joined NCMLIC in January of 2012 as part of the Board of Directors' corporate succession planning process.

Speed, whose role with NCMLIC has spanned nearly 14 years, made the

Yvonne Pointer

By Trudy Tomlinson Special to the NNPA from the New York Amsterdam News

Cleveland-based anti-violence activist, author, motivational speaker and philanthropist Yvonne Pointer took an amazing step by opening a school in Ghana, Africa, in honor of her daughter. Gloria Pointer was beaten, raped and murdered on her way to school in Cleveland in 1984. Her killer, Hernandez Warren, was found 29 years later after DNA evidence linked





him to the crime. In 2014, he was sentenced to life in prison

"I always knew the day was coming when Gloria's killer would be found and prosecuted. I felt some type utation as one of the nation's most important economic icons, particularly in the insurance industry," NCMLIC Chairman Elliott Hall said in a statement.

"The increased diversity of our product offerings coincided with shifts in the insurance and financial services sectors and kept us relevant. This is due in large part to James' willingness to bring innovative ideas and talent to the company while significantly reducing our cost structure. As a result, North Carolina Mutual was able to survive the most turbulent economic and financial time this country and our company had seen since

the Great Depression. James fostered a customer service culture that has allowed the company not only to survive but to move forward successfully. His efforts have kept the African American insurance industry at the forefront of initiatives that emphasize literacy and responsible banking."

As CEO, Speed ushered in significant changes, altering the company's business model with the Vision 2015 strategy. This plan has allowed NCMLIC to enhance distribution, leverage servicing platforms with technology, and increase financial services capabilities. In

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addition, he shepherded the 2009 transfer of the North Carolina Mutual historical archives to North Carolina Central University and Duke University.

Speed joined North Carolina Mutual as a Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 2002, while the company's strategic plan was being developed. He helped guide that process, and in April 2003 was named acting President and Chief Executive Officer

Lawrence is a business executive with more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. He has been Chief Fi-

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come to pass right in front

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students.

nancial Officer and Treasurer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company since January 2012. His prior experience with NCMLIC as a business advisor spans more than a decade. Prior to joining North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Lawrence served as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of NCM Capital Management Group Inc., an institutional investment management firm

Lawrence launched his career and developed his business acumen while ad-

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of our faces."

Pointer has been awarded over the years for her many accomplishments. She hopes to provoke change by showing people that one person can make a difference. "You don't have to be rich to do something," said Pointer. "Use the gift of life that the creator has given vou to do something.

"I remember one time I was in Essence magazine. I got a call from the writer saying there was a lady trying to reach me. This lady's son had gotten murdered,

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Eric Hale

Eric Hale, a third-grade math teacher at David G. Burnet Elementary, almost didn't go through with the Distinguished Teacher Review process.

Hale was originally excited about the DTR process, as he believed it would reveal his true effectiveness as a teacher. Plus, the opportunity for a DTR teacher to earn a \$5,000 salary increase this school year wouldn't hurt, either.

However, when Hale's mother suddenly passed away in January, he had doubts about whether he had the motivation to go through with the DTR process. But through the encouragement of his princi-



pal, fellow teachers, and feeder pattern Executive Director Tim Hise, Hale completed the DTR process

Then, when teachers received their first-ever TEI scorecards, which provide a snapshot of teacher performance during the previous school year and resulting effective levels, Hale

learned he was one of 1,172 district teachers to be named a distinguished teacher.

"Being a part of the first recognized distinguished teachers in Dallas ISD is awesome and being recognized at the highest level feels amazing," he said. "I feel blessed and honored."

Prior to being a teacher, Hale had a career in health care management. But he said his upbringing as an "angry, hungry and abused" kid inspired him to change his career path because he "felt called to be an advocate for children."

"I own the fact that I'm a father-figure as a teacher," Hale said. "I care enough to help, but also enough to discipline. I don't place limits on what my kids can do."

Hale's focus is on educating the "whole child" by addressing their emotional, educational and social needs as a teacher. His aim to inspire his students to "break the chains of poverty" is evident in his constant reminders to "love, nurture and help" those around them when students are at work in his classroom.

With an already defined vision of what success looked like in his teaching career, Hale, named Teacher of the Year at his campus last year, said TEI provided a means to an end by propelling him to be more focused and deliberate in the way he prepared and delivered instruction.



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death, Pointer has worked tirelessly toward safer commorial School opened in munities, in and out of August 2015. In 2003, a Cleveland. young man in Africa found

"No human being should ever have to endure such pain," stated Pointer. "It was important that I could do something to stop the violence. There are so many people dealing with what I went through, but not many say, 'What can we do about it?' They blame everyone else; the police, the president. It comes down to the fact that we have to take





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Jeb Bush is wrong about blacks wanting 'free stuff'

By George E. Curry NNPA Columnist

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush thinks he can become president of the United States if Republicans can double their share of the Black vote in several key states. But he, like his GOP comrades, is demonstrating how not to accomplish that goal.

Bush's latest failure came last week when he continued a longtime Republican tradition of trying to portray African Americans as addicted to welfare and government handouts. He was speaking at the East Cooper Republican Women's Club annual Shrimp Dinner in

CARSON, continued from Page 1 future Muslim-American

gious qualification to hold any office or public trust in the United States," Carson doubled down that Americans should "not put people at the leadership of our country whose faith might interfere with carrying out the duties of the Constitution."

Carson apparently didn't see the irony in the fact that he, a candidate for the nation's highest office, was declaring he'd put his personal beliefs above the Constitution

The blowback for that idiocy was so scorching that at week's end Carson tried to gin up a "new" controversy to push his blatant appeal to bigotry into the background: he resorted to the old Black-conservative stand-by of claiming that the GOP had done a better job ridding American society of racism than the Democratic Party.

But we can't afford to ignore just how despicable Carson's gambit was. For one thing, just what kind of Muslim-American individual does Ben Carson think would surface as a potential candidate for the presidency?

We don't have to guess. We have plenty of "real" Americans of the past and present to tell us what our

Mount Pleasant, S.C. According to the Wash-

ington Post, this is what happened: "Look around this room,"

a man told Bush, who spoke to a mostly white crowd. "How many black faces do you see? How are you going to include them and get them to vote for you?" asked the man, who was white.

"Bush pointed to his record on school choice and said that if Republicans could double their share of the black vote, they would win the swing states of Ohio and Virginia."

Then Bush uttered this clunker: "Our message is one of hope and aspiration.

candidate will be like: Like

John F. Kennedy, who

broke the barrier against

Catholic candidates running

for the presidency; or like

Colin Powell; or Con-

doleezza Rice; or Supreme

Court Justice Sonia So-

tomavor, or her colleague.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg; or

Barack or Michelle Obama;

or, yes, like Ben Carson. In

other words, our future

Muslim-American candi-

date will have followed a

very traditional route to

spectacular high achieve-

ment - and have shown

along the way he or she is

"twice as good" as his or

her non-Muslim American

Of course, Carson knows

this. But his despicable

comment is perfectly in

keeping with his record of

pandering to the worst atti-

tudes that infect the GOP

electorate, especially those

White evangelicals who use

his Black face and their

shared reactionary attitudes

tion is the basis of Carson's

appeal. It's certainly not his

policy prescriptions for do-

mestic or foreign-policy

matters. Despite having

been in the presidency-

peers.

It isn't one of division and get in line and we'll take care of you with free stuff. Our message is one that is uplifting – that says you can achieve earned success."

To paraphrase GOP icon Ronald Reagan, "There you Republicans go again."

In the 2012 presidential election, Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee, made an eerily similar remark at a Montana fundraiser. He said, "I want people to know what I stand for and if I don't stand for what they want, go vote for someone else, that's just fine. But I hope people understand this, your friends who like Obamacare, you remind them of this, if they want

seeking game for two years, the grasp he's displayed of

those issues is laughable.

Carson, like Donald Trump,

can get away with this be-

cause a huge number of

GOP voters have shown

they care far less about the

issues than about who can

best spout the "politically

correct" extremist ideology.

lim Americans is, of course.

the more despicable be-

cause he's a Black Ameri-

can who, growing up when

many White Americans did-

n't consider Blacks deserv-

ing of citizenship, gained

fame by recording several

remarkable "the-first-

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Now, parroting the racists

of the past, he declares an

entire American group

doesn't meet his definition

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That Trump and Carson

of "real" Americans.

Carson's trashing of Mus-

more stuff from government tell them to go vote for the other guy – more free stuff."

Ronald Reagan framed the "free stuff" in the form of welfare. He frequently lamented "welfare queens," which was a way to indirectly exploit racial anxieties. Yet his son, Michael Reagan, had the temerity to argue two years into the Obama administration "... The past two years have made one thing clear: Ronald Reagan was a far better friend to black Americans than Barack Obama has been.'

In fact, as I wrote earlier

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who think as Ben Carson does

Finally, Carson's bigotry also illuminates what that White-created political identity called "Black conservatism" really is: a tinny reflection of their masters' voices. His words show there's nothing within socalled Black conservatism that reflects the fundamental lesson Black Americans have drawn from the long, heroic Black freedom struggle: That is that you cannot with any degree of integrity claim liberty for your kind while denying it to others who are different.

His ugly hypocrisy proves that Ben Carson does truly reflect his Whiteconservative supporters. But that doesn't mean he's an "Oreo." No, indeed. Ben Carson's problem is not that he's "white" on the inside. His problem is that he's White-racist on the inside.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime 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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next month. Boehner's decision headed off a move to topple him by the most extreme members of the House's Republican Party majority - Representatives

Researchers urge primary healthcare providers to screen for depression and suicide risk in teens

ARLINGTON -- A new paper from nursing researchers with The University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Woman's University finds that depression and suicide risk screening can assist healthcare providers in preventing suicides in teens.

Sharolyn K. Dihigo, a pediatric nurse practitioner and clinical associate professor in the UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation, and Barbara Gray, an associate professor of nursing at TWU, recently examined available research to determine what screening tools nurse practitioners and others in primary care settings should access during well visits with teenage patients.

The paper appears in the September issue of The Nurse Practitioner journal as part of a continuing education series, and it comes as the nation observes Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

The World Health Organization announced the number one reason for illness and disability among teens and preteens is depression, and suicide is ranked as number three, Dihigo said.

"Our article could not have come at a better time. We are trying to get the word



and she had made up her mind that day she could not deal with this and was going to go home and commit suicide. While at work, one of her coworkers were looking at a magazine and I came to find out it was Essence. Her coworker said, 'Oh you might enjoy this magazine,' and tossed it across the desk to her. When it landed, it fell open to my article. She read it and that's why she called Essence and she needed to speak to me. You never know where your writing will end up and how it may help someone else."

out and educate other healthcare providers to recognize the signs of depression and intervene to prevent these suicides."

It's estimated that 80 percent of all 13 to 18 year olds are seen in a primary care setting each year, however, often-busy healthcare providers fail to correctly identify those teenagers with a mental health condition. That's because symptoms of depression in teens, such as moodiness, increased sadness or changes in appetite or school attendance, can be easily overlooked as a nor-

mal part of puberty.

Gray said completion of psychosocial assessment and mental health screening of adolescents during routine health care visits "is an important component in the detection of risk factors that contribute to suicidal thoughts and behaviors."

To complete their piece, Dihigo and Gray reviewed numerous articles, fact sheets, national recommendation statements and 23 studies done by other researchers.

The team concluded that advanced planning and

preparation can lead to a systematic, effective way to manage patients at risk for suicide, whether it is immediate referral for hospitalization or referral to a therapist and initiation of a safety plan. Suicide risk screening tools are available and can be administered in a time-efficient manner.

Most tools are free of charge and require little training to administer. Some tools screen for several disorders, while others focus on specific screening questions for one type of mental illness.

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Education

Richland receives five-year \$1.5 million AANAPISI grant

Richland College was recently selected to receive a five-year, \$1.5 million grant under the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Program. This program will allow Richland College to expand its capacity to serve goals," said Zarina demically challenged and Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islander (AAPI) students with financial need

"This initiative will under-resourced AAPI stureach their academic

Blankenbaker, Ph.D., Richland College's vice president for teaching and learning.

"We are thrilled once provide many of our again to be awarded this grant to provide the coldents the opportunity to lege with more resources to meet both acaacademically high performing AAPI students where they are and respond to their challenges."

With 15 percent of Richland College's student population comprised of AAPI students and at least half demonstrating financial need, the AANAPISI funding impacts many of the college's underserved students.

The program will help Richland College to increase the three-year graduation rate for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students who have one or more risks to success and completion, such as financial need or academic challenges.

Richland College is one of only nine higher education institutions in the U.S. awarded the AANAPISI grant in fiscal year 2015.



Gloria Campos shares inspiration at Wee Can Academy Dedication

Wee Can Academy, an early childhood development center at the newly opened Dallas Can Academy Grant East campus, honored a long-time supporter of Dallas Can Academies, news journalist Gloria Campos. The campus' brand new center is named the Gloria Campos Wee Can Academy.

Wee Can Academies' mission is to provide a safe, nurturing and educational place for children and to partner with and support families.

The childcare centers enroll children ages six weeks to 12 years for allday care or afterschool programs. There are three Wee Can Academies currently in Dallas, with a fourth under construction.

During the ceremony, Campos shared her struggles with a new job in broadcast in a major market city when she first moved to Dallas. She

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Gloria Campos enjoys a moment with the kids of Wee Can Academy.

spoke at a high school and a student came up to her and told her that seeing Gloria on the news gave her hope that she could make it as a young Hispanic woman in business. That empowered Gloria to stay and have a purpose

she didn't expect.

She continued to speak to the students in the audience at the dedication telling them about her high school experience.

"Not one person at my high school encouraged me to go to college, but



you are among staff and teachers at the Dallas Can Academy that encourage you every day and want you to be a success," she said.

The new Gloria Campos Wee Can Academy enrolls children of Dallas Can Academy students at no cost so they can attend school to earn a diploma and is also open to children in the community.

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Plano International Festival co-sponsors an exchange of **Japanese Arts and Culture**

Known for bringing diverse organizations together for the enrichment of the community, the Plano International Festival is partnering with the City of Plano, the Multicultural Outreach Roundtable, the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and other organizations to bring a celebration of traditional Japanese arts to Plano. For three days, a group of 28 artists from Japan will host demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions of ikebana, origami, and calligraphy. The events will all be held in downtown Plano's Courtyard Theater and will culminate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony accompanied by live Japanese harp music.

Friday, Oct. 2 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Ikebana artists will create an exciting https://jasdfw.ejoinme.org/Pl for eight years. exhibit of indoor arrangements and produce a magnificent outdoor sculpture using bamboo and other natural elements.

Saturday, Oct. 3

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – The indoor ikebana arrangements and outdoor sculpture will be on display, along with demonstration booths for ikebana, Japanese calligraphy, and origami.

10 a.m. to noon - Workshops for calligraphy and origami will be held. To participate, register at https://jasdfw.ejoinme.org/Pl anoCelebratesJapanWorkshops

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. -Ikebana workshops will be held, one for adults and one for all ages. To participate, register at anoCelebratesJapanWorkshops

Sunday, October 4

1 - 6 p. m. - Ikebana indoor exhibit and outdoor bamboo sculpture will be on display. 1:30 to 3 p.m. – The artists

will demonstrate the art of ikebana on stage and answer audience questions.

3 to 5:30 p.m. - Live tea ceremony will be performed, accompanied by live Koto (Japanese harp) music

On all days, the Courtyard Theater will also feature a display of artwork by members of the Plano Art Association. This International Art Exhibit is being held in partnership with the Plano International Festival and has been a feature of the Festival

Now in its 11th year, the Plano International Festival is a free, family-friendly event that lets attendees experience the area's rich tapestry of cultures through food, music, dance, displays and activities from over 100 cultures.

A food truck court will feature global cuisines. Colorful performances on the main stage will feature performances from Aztec dance to martial arts. Children can visit various country booths and get their festival Passport stamped while learning about the countries' language and geography. A flag parade, international fashion show, and Fitness and Wellness Fair will round out the fun.

Destination College hosting Essay workshop

Share your story in a way that will get you noticed. Destination College will present "The Magic of Storytelling: How to Write a Successful College Essay," from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Collin College's Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco. The seminar is free and open to the public.

According to a poll of 3,500 colleges and universities, writing a college essay is one of the most daunting challenges of the college application process. This seminar will teach its attendees the secrets behind writing a meaningful and memorable personal essay that connects with the admissions committee, while separating the author from millions of other student applicants.

The seminar is led by Marilyn Kaufman, M.Ed., one of 25 college coun-

selors on The Princeton Review National College Counselor Advisory Board. It is one of the most popular workshops in the Destination College series, so be sure to register early. While the seminar is free, registration is required. To register, visit www.collin.edu/destinationcollege .

Destination College is a Collin College initiative that helps high school students and their parents to get ready for college, no matter which institution they choose. Other upcoming Destination College seminars include "Show Me the Money: Finding and Applying for Scholarships," 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20 and "The Princeton Review: Testing Strategies," from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3. Both will be held at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center.

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CARROLLTON West Nile Virus

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed an additional mosquito trap testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in Carrollton. The most recent trap was collected from the mosquito management area 1A. Area 1A is located between Marsh Lane, Hebron Parkway, Josey Lane, and our northern city limits.

Carrollton Animal Services will conduct groundbased spraying in the neighborhood outlined above, weather permitting, Tuesday, September 29 and Wednesday, September 30, beginning around 9:00 p.m. until completed.

GARLAND Bankhead Highway Convoy

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Bankhead Convoy is retracing the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route. The convoy will stop in Garland on Saturday, Oct. 3. Celebrate at 2 p.m. with food, children's activities, entertainment and a military vehicle car show. The public is invited to wel-

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come the convoy of military vehicles as they parade down Main Street. *Visit-GarlandTx.com*.

FARMERS BRANCH Firefighter Combat Challenge

Putting firefighters through the grueling paces of everyday activity, in the form of timed competition, is at the heart of the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge, which will be holding the U.S. National competition in Farmers Branch, Oct. 2-4 at the the Doubletree hotel located at 4099 Valley View Lane. *Firefighterchallenge.com*

FRISCO Water rates increased in Frisco

The Frisco City Council has approved rate increases for water and sewer services. An average residential utility customer will pay approximately 5 percent more per month for water. Residential minimum water bills will increase from \$16.35 to

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RICHARDSON Hiring Expo planned

Tech Titans Hiring Expo is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11 | 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Richardson Civic Center located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

DFW market is extremely high. To help you find the right people to fill your open technology positions, Tech Titans and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce are offering your company the opportunity to meet hundreds of tech pros.

ALLEN Show Up. Speak Up. Shape Allen

Residents begin on Thursday, Oct. 1, to plan Allen's next big projects. Pick a subcommittee and participate in weekly workshops that will help identify and prioritize community needs and costs for public facilities, parks and recreation, public safety, and streets and drainage. These recommendations will represent

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the City's next Capital Improvement Program to be presented to Allen City Council for a future bond election to be held in 2016. However, subcommittee meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 12 at Allen High School.

McKINNEY Family movies

McKinney's upcoming fall season of free Neighborhood Night at the Movies has something for the entire family. Movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Families are invited to attend a view-

ing of 'Big Hero 6' Oct. 2 at E.A. Randles Park. 'The Boxtrolls' will be shown Oct. 9 at Dr. Charles McKissick Park and 'Annie' will be shown Oct. 16 at W.B. Finney Park. All movies are rated PG and parents must attend with minors. *Mckinneytexas.org/parksevents*

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A different view from Dr. King's Mountaintop

By Ruth Ferguson NDG Editor

Each of us strongly believe we truly know Dr. Martin Luther King, but do we really? And if we knew more about the man, would our opinion of him change? Those questions are explored in the Dallas Theater Center's (DTC) production of *The Mountaintop*. This creates a unique experience for the viewer, because just how comfortable are we with a less mythically Dr. King?

While that is a fascinating element to the play, it is not even the best part. That honor goes to Tiana Kaye Johnson, a third year grad student at SMU. Her performance is mesmerizing as she owns the stage, commanding your attention. Although it may be hard to imagine someone overshadowing Dr. King, at times I tr found myself hanging a little closer on her words. The H Prairie View A&M grad retic cently turned heads in du DTC's production of *The* o *Book Club Play*. This follow-up performance shows h her skill is no fluke. She is at charming and sassy and her *M* character's always comes for across as someone you just K

Playwright Katori Hall's mother featured two portraits on her wall – Jesus and Dr. King according to Hassan El-Amin (Dr. Martin Luther King). Hall was determined to take Dr. King off the wall and make him less of a myth and more of human being, a task she achieves in spades in *The Mountaintop*. Everyone feels like they know Dr. King so it is quite a challenge to make the experience feel new. El-Amin, under the direction of Akin Babatunde, achieves this.

The play opens with Dr. King on the night before his murder in the motel room waiting for his friend and co-worker in the battle for civil rights, Ralph Abernathy to return with a pack of cigarettes. It is a stormy night in Memphis and with every clap of thunder Dr. King flinches hard. I mean really hard. It is the first signal that this not the fearless civil rights leader we all think we know so well. It is a flesh and blood man who perhaps has been to the mountaintop, but he is not quite ready to walk through the valley of death either.

That is just the first of many moments that make you feel a little uncomfortable, because you have to wrap your head around the idea of fear and Dr. King in the same room. Then in walks Camae (Johnson) bringing room service. As the sexual tension between them rise, you almost expect her to say, "coffee, tea or me?" If we are not ready to think of Dr. King as a cheater in our minds, we certainly don't want to see it unfold in this small and very intimate Studio Theatre at the Dee and Charles Wyle Theatre. But again Johnson's performance is captivating, and you find yourself wondering can he really resist?

And then the play goes in a totally different direction which the audience never sees coming and I am not going to remotely discuss to avoid spoiling it for you. This is a play that really leaves you walking away thinking about Dr. King in a different light – and yet it never disrespects his memory.

In an interview with the DTC, Hall discusses her love of re-telling true stories this way, "I'm often inspired by true stories, but I heavily fictionalize those truths to serve a deeper truth that only well-told lies can tell."

There was no Camae for Dr. King to spend his last night on earth with, but *The Mountaintop* is a well-told lie that will challenge and entertain you. Guests may enjoy the show on stage at DTC until Nov. 15. Tickets are available for \$18 – \$102 at DallasTheaterCenter.org. *But a NDG reader can win tickets for two to see* The Mountaintop by entering via our Facebook page.





Do you have an upcoming event? Contact NDG Entertainment at jbrewer@northdallasgazette.com

NDG Book Review: Me, My Hair, and I will grow on you

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

There once was a girl who had a little curl...

Did you envy that nursery rhyme character? Or, like many women, have you had a love-hate relationship with your hair since you were old enough to hear nursery rhymes like that? Either way, you're not alone, as you'll see in "Me, My Hair, and I," a collection of hair-raising essays edited by Elizabeth Benedict.

Is today a good hair day, a bad hair day – or a no-hair day? The bigger question: who's happy with her hair? In this book, twenty-seven women answer that, as they weigh in on their tresses (or lack thereof).



"For women," says Benedict, "hair is an entire library of information ... "

"It's always there, unless it's gone or it's hidden – and those absences tell stories too."

Your story may start with your mother, the first decision-maker when it came to your hair. She might have snipped a few strands as a keepsake once; she may've forced you into a "pixie" you didn't want, a curtain of hair you hated, a shaved head that culture demanded by your first birthday, or braids done expertly. Her choices then may still influence your 'do today.

Hair can be "good" or it can be "bad" and getting the former, for African American girls, often meant time spent in the family kitchen that "would double as a torture chamber ... "Heated devices burned necks and scalps and rain undid everything in an instant. Getting one's hair straightened was "controversial," but "Whatever Black women do to their hair is controversial."

Other cultures, other controversies

selling author Victor

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his journey from overcoming

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Which brings up some good points: when it comes to our hair, everybody has an opinion on it – and most of them can't help sharing. Also: we may envy someone else's hair, while she envies our straight-wavybouncy-curly-sleek tresses of another color-texturethickness. We're never happy with that which is on our heads – or anywhere on our bodies, for that matter.

So perhaps the thing to do is to embrace two facts: for women, there is no such thing as a "neutral" hairstyle. There's just not. And, hev, whatever we do with it. we get second chances: it'll always grow back.

Pick up "Me, My Hair, and I'' and there's one thing you'll notice: as you comb through it, just about every one of these twenty-seven essays resonates.

It's easy, for instance, to identify with the women who long for a new hairstyle to go with a new life. Readers will know exactly what one essayist means when she says hair is love. We sympathize with de-

scriptions of hair as it circles the drain, post-chemo; with memories of childhood pulls and tugs; with the waffling decisions to dye or not; and with the shake-ourheads comments that our hair draws

Editor Elizabeth Benedict chose these essays wisely to reflect our tangled thoughts about hair, and I think you'll agree once you open its pages. If you've ever cursed your curls, fought your 'fro, or loved your locks, "Me, My Hair, and I" will surely grow on you.





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More happy winners...



Crystal Carranza (left) and Fred Hamilton (right) were big winners in the North Dallas Gazette's ongoing ticket giveaway. Readers can win tickets to the biggest events in DFW by staying tuned to NDG on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Carranza won tickets to the State Fair of Texas, whicle Hamilton won tickets tot the State Fair Classic. "PV! Love the underdog," Hamilton wrote. "Was there in 2009 when PV beat Grambling for the first time in many years Would like to see them do it again. Go PV!"

Tony Award Winner Terrence McNally Opens TeCo's 22nd Season at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center

TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. announced this week the kick off of their Spotlight Season featuring four-time Tony Award winner Terrence McNally on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center. The playwright will appear as part of the Dramatists Guild Fund's Traveling Masters Program designed to bring prominent dramatists into communities across the country to provide insight into their craft and creative process.

Admission is free but reservations are required as limited seats are available. Those interested in this extraordinary opportunity should send an email to RSVP@DGFund.org to reserve their space.

TeCo's Spotlight Series will continue on April 9, 2016 with 13-time best-

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dren and families in need were packaged by 35 employees. The packaged ingredients include fortified soy and rice casserole-style meals, specifically formulated to meet the nutritional needs of a starving child. All the food packaged was delivered to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Employee Grace Gallegos was proud to be a part of the Week of Caring.

"I got involved because I wanted to help with the cause of providing food to families here in North Texas and around the world," Gallegos said. "This is such a small sacrifice for us to take time out of our day to take part in the worthy volunteer project."

Mercedes-Benz Financial Services President and CEO Peter Zieringer is proud of the dedication employees had in improving their communities.

"The Week of Caring is one of my favorite weeks of the year, because it is gratifying to see the impact our team members have when they roll up their sleeves and give back to worthy organizations doing great work," said Zieringer. "In just five days, my fellow

colleagues clocked nearly 4,000 hours of service benefitting 12 different community partners in the Dallas/Fort Worth area."

Other organizations helped by the volunteers include the Community Food Bank in Fort Worth, Don't Forget to Feed Me, Spark! Dallas, Community Storehouse in Fort Worth, SafeHaven in Arlington and Fort Worth, Junior Achievement of Chisholm Trail, Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Tarrant Area Food Bank, and the Senior Citizens Services of Tarrant County.

Week of Caring is a na-

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vancing through the ranks at the international assurance and advisory firm of Deloitte and Touche.

His experience crosses multiple industries while specializing in the financial services sector, including life insurance, investment advisory and banking. Lawrence serves on the North Carolina State University Investment Fund Board and has served on various nonprofit boards throughout the Raleigh/Durham area. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from North Carolina State University and is a certified public accountant. He is married with four children.

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#E2E Evolve 2 Excellence: ULGDYP hosts annual Leadership Development Conference

ULGDYP, a network of Dallas area Young Professionals, host its 8th Annual Leadership Development Conference (LDC) on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NYLO Irving/Las Colinas, located at 1001 W.

Royal Lane in Irving, Texas. This year's theme will be "#E2E Evolve 2 Excellence." #E2E Evolve 2 Excellence

morning keynote will be given by Dallas native, Craig Lewis, Founder and Chief Entrepreneur Officer of Vis-

age Payroll, a venture capital backed Dallas-based technology startup, providing free payroll services to small businesses in the United States.

Followed up with, David Johns, Executive Director of

White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. Johns works with federal agency partners and communities nationwide to produce a more effective continuum of education programs for African

American students. #E2E Evolve 2 Excellence will provide young professionals from across the nation the tools for career advancement, hear from powerful speakers, learn to understand the importance of giving back to their communities, and gain applicable advice on building lasting relationships both personally and professionally. Registration fees are \$45 for ULGDYP members and \$65 for Non-members/General Public.



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October 6, 7 p.m.

You invited to join us for Tuesday's Talk at the church. Call the church for details.

October 7, 7 p.m. Don't miss Bible study as we worship and praise God for His blessings. Prepare to be encouraged by God's plan to grow.

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October 4, Noon Time

How do you study the Bible? Join us for a new one hour only Bible Study; Senior Pastor Woodson will teach a one hour series on "How to Study the Bible God's way." You don't want to miss this Bible Study Group.

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October 7, 7 p.m.

Join us at 12 Noon with Rev. Viveca Potter teaching on the Word of God; come back at 6:45 p.m. for Corporate Prayer and stay for Senior Pastor Autry at 7:30 p.m. teaching the Word of God. Our youth will come for Food and Fellowship at 7 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

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October 7

You're invited to our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His

nued from Page 13 Honor and His glory.

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October 4

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October 7, 7 p.m. Join us in Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us for our growth.

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And/or 11 a.m. Come and worship with us this Sunday, God will greet us and bless us with words of wisdom as He leads and guide us in all truth and righteousness.

October 7, 7 p.m. You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; and, it's all for His glory and His honor.

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God is a good God and His ways are perfect. We can eliminate much needless pain and misery from our lives just by following His ways.

Even if you were the last person on earth, Jesus Christ still would have died just for you.

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Worship God is giving Him your love, your thanks, and your praise to God; and proving these things by instant, joyful, and whole obedience.

Don't wait for God to change your circumstances; make yourself available for Him to change you. Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere. Remember. God doesn't use wastebaskets!

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This programmed teaching can be beneficial to change negative patterns in our lives. However, it is important to recognize that the root of this type of teaching comes largely from a Greek-based system for attaining knowledge, as compared to the early church Hebraic model of experiential learning.

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