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GAO Report: Segregation on the rise in some U.S. Schools

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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A recent report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the segregation of African American and Hispanic students nationwide is getting worse.

In particular, a notable increase in segregation among K-12 public schools was pointed out in the study. The study also found that charter schools may often take students from public schools and enroll them into less diverse schools.

The study also found that Hispanic students were “triple segregated” by economics, race and language barriers. The report was released on the 62nd anniversary of the landmark decision in the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, which declared that segregated schools were unconstitutional.

On May 16, a judge in Cleveland, Miss., found that schools in the town were just as segregated as they were a half-century ago.

“The delay in desegregation has deprived generations of students of the constitutionally guaranteed right of an integrated education,” U.S. District Judge Debra Brown wrote.

At a press conference on Capitol Hill, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G.K. Butterfield (D-



Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) discussed the GAO report on racial discrimination in schools at a recent press conference. This photo was taken during the 2013 Annual Legislative Conference for the Congressional Black Caucus. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

N.C.), House Education and Workforce ranking Democrat Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), and House Judiciary ranking member Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) along with Reps. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) spoke on the issue.

Reps. Conyers, Butterfield and Scott will author a bill that would require schools to “designate at least one employee” to work on complying with diversity requirements.

“The percentage of schools where 75 percent of students are both low-income and Hispanic or African-American has increased from 9 per-

cent in 2001 to 16 percent in 2014,” Rep. Conyers said.

The report also found that schools that were segregated offered fewer courses in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related fields and college preparatory classes.

“Segregation in public K-12 schools isn’t getting better. It’s getting worse, and getting worse quickly,” Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia said.

Senator Bernie Sanders tweeted

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COMMENTARY

Bernie and Donald are two sides of the same angry white coin

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Wire Columnist

For all their dueling ideologies, Senator Bernie Sanders and “presumptive Republican nominee” Donald Trump are two sides of the same coin. Both of them are angry, so intensely so, that they are inciting a destructive anger among their followers. When Republicans brawled and pushed and shoved at Trump rallies, I never anticipated the flip side – the fisticuffs and

rhetoric at the Nevada state Democratic convention, the likes of which might have put Trump terrorists to shame. Both the Chump Trumps and the Burning Bernies are being led by whining, angry, entitled White men, separated by ideology, but joined by both outrage and naiveté.

I don't think either Bernie or “Duh” Donald planned to get as far along in the presidential process

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Debra L. Lee



Adia Victoria



Leon Brown

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Debra L. Lee

Twitter, Inc. this week announced the Board of Directors has appointed Debra L. Lee, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BET Networks, to serve as a Board member, effective immediately. Lee will also serve as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and, effective following Twitter's 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as chairperson of the committee.

Twitter's action comes on the heels of criticism from what is commonly referred



to as Black Twitter, a powerful unofficial social media group which has quickly dropped the hammer over the last two years when issues important to the Black community arise.

Certainly Lee is a credible addition, but BET has not been without criticism for not properly representing the best interests of the Black community. However, her selection likely represents the difficulty in identifying "black leaders" today.

"Twitter has been and continues to be a transformative service for the media landscape and the world," said Ms. Lee. "I'm excited to help Jack, Omid, and the rest of the Board continue and further that impact in the years to come."

"Debra's addition strengthens our Board immensely," said Omid Ko-

rdستاني, Twitter's Executive Chairman. "She's a highly respected leader in the media industry with decades of experience, and has a clear passion for Twitter as a service and a company."

Lee is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BET Networks, a media and entertainment subsidiary of Viacom, Inc., and the leading provider of entertainment for the African-American audience and consumers of Black culture globally. She joined BET in 1986 and served in a number of executive positions before becoming Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

in January 2006, including President and Chief Executive Officer from June 2005 to January 2006, President and Chief Operating Officer from 1995 to 2005 and also served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel, and Vice President and General Counsel.

The Hollywood Reporter's 100 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment featured Lee, and she was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame and the Washington Business Hall of Fame. She was also the first African-American female executive to be honored with the Distinguished Leadership Van-

guard Award by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association.

Lee serves on the board of Marriott International, Inc. and WGL Holdings, Inc., an energy company. She also serves on the board of a number of professional and civic organizations, including as Immediate Past Chair of the Advertising Council, as the President of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, and as a Trustee Emeritus at Brown University. Lee holds a B.A. from Brown University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an M.P.P. from Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Adia Victoria

Adia Victoria is establishing a fresh reference point on the musical landscape. From blood-born howls to idiosyncratic phrasing, she is the big red dot saying "You Are Here."

The Nashville-based artist travels the lands of rock, afro punk, and country, squarely situated in the continent of the Blues.

Ask about her artistic goals, and the songwriter/vocalist will say, "I want to shine a light on the unseen, and speak the unspeakable." Adia Victoria is a truth teller. She admits, "I don't



necessarily paint myself in a flattering light. This isn't the pop version of pretty or the strategically posed pretty-ugly. Sometimes I'm just ugly. There's a brat in some of these songs, selfish,

naïve, vengeful, but there's also a tender eye that just wants the listener to feel seen and understood."

Rolling Stone Magazine featured Adia Victoria as one of "10 New Artists You Need to Know." The Village Voice called her an "eerie, intriguing songwriter," with "bone chilling guitar riffs and lyrics topped with candid scorn. Vogue highlighted the recording artist as one of "5 Beauties Who Answer to Afropunk's Rebellious Call."

Any forces that tried to tell the former ballet dancer/telemarketer/French major to play small, failed.

Growing up in Spartanburg, South Carolina and raised in a strict, Seventh Day Adventist atmosphere, she knows about feeling less than whole. But following her inner voice, and creating a new life for herself in New York, Atlanta, and now Nashville (with stints in Paris and Germany) honed a self-assured voice that resists the outside gaze. She explains, "I wrote this album as a memorial to my 20s. Those are tender years for a lot of women. It hurts. You get busted up in love and life. You make a lot of mistakes. You meet a lot of people who do you dirty be-

cause you don't understand your value yet."

Adia Victoria spent the last few years writing, recording, touring and performing, while entrenched in the infamous artist R&R world – restaurants and retail work. Day jobs at a laundry list of Nashville "it" and not so "it" spots gave the musician lots of people watching time as well as the mental and emotional space to marinate in her art.

Adia blows the social hush-hush lid off the mental and emotional state of a young black woman growing up under the poverty line in the Deep South and

all the implications of such. No pretense. No jive. But also, like the writing of Eudora Welty and Tennessee Williams, there is plenty of Southern Gothic styled, marrow deep joy.

In a recent feature story, *Fader* encouraged us to, "Meet Adia Victoria, A Poet Making Country Music a Little Creepier." She is found in album cuts like "Sea of Sand" and "Stuck in the South," revealing some of her place-based aha moments.

Victoria will be performing in Dallas at Three Links on June 1 at 8 p.m.

Leon Brown

Leon Brown, age 65, went on to cook Bar-B-Q, for the angels in Heaven on Thursday, May 19, 2016. He was born January 3, 1951, in Texarkana, Texas to L.D. Burns & Optie Brown Bradley.

Leon received his Bachelor's degree in Business administration from East Texas State University in Texarkana. In 1982, Leon did what every man dreams of doing, he became his own boss, purchasing Fred's Bar-B-Q Restaurant. This allowed Leon and his wife Queenie, to do what they loved best and that was cook and provide the Irving commu-



nity with the best BBQ, at reasonable prices families could afford and large portions; a genuine, loving and family run business.

He is preceded in death by both parents, and two brothers, Larry Kent and Johnny Ray Bradley. Left to carry on his legacy is

wife Queenie Brown; Daughters Ayana Brown and Karzena Sanders both of Irving; son Jeffery Leon Brown of Arlington; two grandchildren Alyssa and Jonathan Brown of Arlington; two sisters Pearline Jennings and Zella Mae Bradley both of Texarkana; four brothers J.W., Joe, Morris Lee and Peter Bradley, one uncle, Earnest Lee Williams of Texarkana and included in his legacy are nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of Irving citizens and "Fred's" Pit Barbeque regulars.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 am, Saturday, May 28 at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church,

1020 Sherman St., Richardson, TX 75081. An internment will be held 3:00 pm, the same day at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

The family will receive friends at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, Friday, May 27, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm. The family requests memorials to the National Kidney Foundation at <https://www.kidney.org/support> in Leon's name.

Over the years the *North Dallas Gazette* enjoyed working with Mr. Brown with our newspaper often available at his restaurants. The staff of *NDG* extends our heartfelt sympathies to the Brown family.

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Education is the great equalizer, Pt. II

By Harry C. Alford

Again, the “arrows” of bigotry were starting to point my way. My first five years of schooling was such a thrill. It excites me when I return to my hometown of Oxnard, California and converse with people who have been my friends since kindergarten and first grade – happy days indeed. It was my fifth grade when the evil activity was directed to me. My teacher would snap at me in a minute. The principal, Mr. Betts, decided to

eject me from Drifill Elementary School. Our new home was right on the borderline between Drifill and McKenna elementary schools. He cited that I was having emotional problems and would be better served at McKenna. So at the bewilderment of my parents and friends I was off to McKenna. Guest who the new teacher was? It was Mrs. Betts – the wife of the principal who thought I was crazy.

I was the only Black in my class. Mrs. Betts would

look at me with a scowl. She seemed to enjoy reading the Mark Twain adventure “Huckleberry Finn”. One of the main characters was “Nigger Jim.” As she read, every time the character Nigger Jim would come up she would raise her voice and look at me. It was like Mississippi and it was the worst days of my life. I would average the grade of “A” on math tests and anything else that was objective. However my report cards would say B or C. I started keeping my tests and

homework and then show the difference to my parents. They became enraged and my mother challenged the Principal to no avail.

“Your son is crazy”, said Principal Ingersoll. They brought in a psychiatrist to evaluate me. I took all of these strange tests not understanding what was going on.

Eventually, the Psychiatrist met with my mother. He said, “Mrs. Alford there is absolutely nothing wrong

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as they have so far. Senator Sanders proudly carries the redistributionist flag with rousing rhetoric about social and economic justice. His agenda seems to have been to raise these issues aggressively and he did. His presence in the campaign pushed Hillary hard to the left and made her engage with constituencies she might otherwise have ignored. For all his success, I don’t think Sanders expected to have more than 1,500 delegates to his credit. And now that he has them he doesn’t know what to do with them. Both he and “Duh” Donald are publicly floundering, signaling that they never had a winning, or graceful losing, plan.

Secretary Clinton and her followers shouldn’t be so hard on Bernie, though. While they should not demand that he get out of the race, he is well advised to tone is rhetoric down. I sat with women at the 2008 campaign who sobbed their way through then-Senator Clinton’s concession speech and appeal for party unity. I debated a PUMA (Party Unity My “Hind Parts”) activist who swore she would not support nominee Obama. In 2008, Hillary devotees were as passionate as Bernie devotees are now. The kumbayaa moment comes in July in Philly, not just yet. It reflects poorly on the Hillary camp to dismiss

or ignore those who are passionate about Senator Sanders.

At the same time, it is important to note that extreme anger is a unique privilege of White men. Imagine then-nominee Obama raging at Hillary in the way that Bernie has. His temperament would have been sliced and diced and parsed and inspected and he would have been so damaged by the conversation that it might have affected his electoral results. If Secretary Clinton ever managed to get her voice to Bernie’s decibel, if she every managed to project such rage, she’d be written off as a crazy lady and peripheralized. But when the angry, White men yell and scream and whine and lie, they are celebrated not condemned. That sounds like a double standard to me.

Both Bernie and “Duh” Donald are whining about rules they say are rigged against them, but the rules may have favored them. Donald Trump has garnered a greater percentage of delegates than votes because of the way some states have chosen to award delegates. He wants more, but he failed to invest as much time learning the rules as some of his competitors did. Senator Sanders says he should have more delegates, but if he had to play under republican rules, he’d have fewer. Democrats are more

likely to award delegates on a proportional basis, which means that a close race might give each candidate nearly the same amount of delegates. Sanders has no standing to call the system rigged. He has kept his distance from the Democratic Party for most of his career, never participating in the rules process. If he wanted to write his own rules, he should have run for President as an independent.

Sanders and Trump have positioned themselves as outsiders, but they want insiders to roll out the red carpet for them, because they jumped into a game they haven’t mastered. They

haven’t worked at establishing a foundation, but they are demanding the keys to the house. They aren’t willing to put the work into reforming our flawed, two-party system. Instead, they are finding unfairness when none is there, whining when work might make a difference, and leveraging their angry, White maleness into voter approval.

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Rep. Veasey proposes healthcare bill to cover transitioning vets

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Monday Congressman Marc Veasey, TX-33, introduced H.R. 5304, the Health Expansion Loss Prevention (HELP) Veterans Act to extend the six months of healthcare and dental coverage provided to service members released from active duty under the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) to one full year of coverage.



New bill proposes increased coverage for transitioning veterans (IMAGE: Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

According to the FY2016 Evaluation of the TRICARE Program: Access, Cost, and Quality, Fiscal Year 2016 Report,

59,678 members were enrolled in TAMP. Although the Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports that the

veteran unemployment rate has improved to 5.8 percent since August 2015, there are still too many

veterans who face challenges in gaining access to quality healthcare. Currently, the TAMP program provides 180 days of health care benefits to service members and their families to extend healthcare coverage during their shift into civilian life.

“As our economy continues to recuperate, it is important that we lessen the burden for our returning service members and their families. During the difficult time of transition to civilian life, no service member should worry about securing health care

coverage for their family,” said Congressman Veasey. “The FY17 National Defense Appropriations Act did not provide an extended time for this important program, which is why I introduced the HELP Veterans Act so that our military families can ensure there are no gaps in health care coverage as they secure long-time employment and housing.”

While a six-month period of transition can be a sufficient amount of time to secure healthcare coverage through other means, the additional challenges

veterans face when assimilating into civilian life can extend the amount of time it takes to secure meaningful employment and accompanying healthcare coverage. Additionally, the TAMP extension would assist many veterans as they wait on a decision from the Department of Veteran Affairs on disability and long-term health coverage for specific injuries from their time in active duty.

Congressman Veasey represents the DFW Metroplex, which contains roughly 18,000 veterans.

Confirmed Zika virus case pops up in Garland

The Garland Health Department (GHD) received confirmation of the first case of Zika virus in Garland. Based on CDC guidance, the infected individual was tested for the Zika virus because she is pregnant and has recently traveled to a country with local transmission of Zika. There is no local threat of transmission in our area because the infected individual did not return to Garland during the disease phase when she was capable of transmitting Zika via mosquitoes.



Zika virus is generally spread person-to-person through the bite of the Aedes mosquito species. These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters that typically lay eggs in artificial containers (buckets,

bowls, animal dishes, vases, flower pots, etc.). Since there is no vaccine or cure for Zika, prevention is paramount. Protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors through practices that prevent mosquito-borne diseases (including Zika, West Nile Virus, Chikungunya, and Dengue).

Suggested prevention measures:

- DEET all day, every day. Use insect repellants

that contain DEET. Always follow label instructions.

- Dress to prevent mosquito bites. Wear light-colored long sleeves and pants whenever outside.

- Drain and remove all standing water near your home, especially artificial containers. Report any standing water that you cannot drain to the GHD at 972-205-3720, via email at EnvHealth@GarlandTx.gov or via the eAssist app.

GHD encourages individuals traveling to areas where local transmission is occurring to protect themselves against mosquito bites, and to contact their healthcare provider immediately if they develop Zika virus-like symptoms. Common

symptoms of Zika virus are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Illness can last several days to a week and severe cases may require hospitalization. Only one in five individuals experience symptoms. More importantly, Zika virus has

been associated with birth defects including microcephaly and fetal losses.

For additional information on Zika virus or other mosquito-borne diseases, visit the GHD webpage at GarlandTx.gov or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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that, “There are 6,727 highly-segregated schools in our nation, where one percent or less of the school population is white. #BrownVBoard.”

In a statement about the report, National Urban League President Marc Morial said that the findings in GAO report confirm “that the promise of Brown remains a promise that has gone largely unfulfilled.”

Morial continued: “In too many communities, stu-

dents of color are now more segregated with less access to equitable educational opportunities than in decades prior.”

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Director Sherrilyn Ifill said that the report shines a light on worsening education inequities that that cannot be divorced from our nation’s legacy of racial discrimination that has perpetuated racial and socioeconomic isolation.

Ifill said: “It is our imperative on the 62nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Brown v. Board of Education to ask, ‘How will we act to address current disparities like resource inequities and discriminatory discipline practices?’”

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Fan Expo Dallas and Heroes for Children brighten spirits of young patients

Fan Expo Dallas, presented by Dallas Comic Con, hosted a breakfast on Saturday, May 21, at Half Price Books in Dallas in partnership with Heroes for Children, a unique non-profit that provides financial and social assistance to families with children battling cancer.

A day of fun was planned by Fan Expo Dallas includ-

ing breakfast with costumed superheroes, a superhero photo booth, games and superhero story time – giving families with children battling cancer a day of cheer while building excitement for Fan Expo Dallas, coming June 3 – 5. More than 40 guests attended and were treated to complimentary tickets to Fan Expo Dallas, a donut breakfast sponsored

by Dunkin' Donuts, and a book and goodie giveaway sponsored by Half Price Books. To aid in their battle against cancer, each child was gifted a superhero cape.

Fan Expo Dallas will take place June 3 – 5 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Tickets and packages (including exclusives and perks) to FAN EXPO DALLAS start at

\$25 and can be purchased online (<http://fanexpodallas.com/tickets/>) or at the box office on site. Ticket prices are:

- Friday: \$25 advance, \$30 door
- Saturday: \$50 advance, \$55 door
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- 3-day pass: \$89 advance, \$95 door



Wonder Woman, Super Girl and Spiderman strike a pose with Heroes for Children families at the Fan Expo Superhero Breakfast. (Courtesy Photo)

Dallas District Attorney's office continues on without her

In an effort to address ongoing questions, the Dallas District Attorney's office issued the following statement:

District Attorney Susan Hawk, in addition to her normal daily schedule, has participated in many strategic prosecution meetings, speaking engagements, and community events throughout the North Texas region that she serves.

DA Hawk embraces this demanding schedule but also, at the recommendation of her doctors, continues to seek balance between her work and her personal life. To this end, she took vacation time from May 2 through May 13. DA Hawk had no work events sched-



Dallas D. A. Susan Hawk during a recent interview with members of the press. (NDG R. Ferguson)

uled for this time and planned to use it to relax and refresh.

Upon her return from vacation, she was not physically feeling well. As the week progressed and after appointments with her doctors, she made the decision

to seek treatment at the Menninger Clinic in Houston, Texas. While the issue of her compensation during this time is certainly important, DA Hawk's first priority is her mental health. She will make decisions about non-emergency administrative matters upon her return.

Currently, First Assistant Messina Madson is running the day-to-day operations of the District Attorney's Office along with a strong and competent administrative staff. The first and most important priority of the DA's Office is community safety. We will continue seeking justice each and every day with a commitment to public safety and transparency.

DART buses, trains on Sunday schedule for Memorial Day

DART's Customer Information Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 214-979-1111 for trip-planning needs while the administrative offices and the Customer Care Center, which handles complaints, commendations, suggestions and Lost and Found, will be closed.

DART's Paratransit services will run a Saturday schedule and the Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed. Customers should call Thursday, May 26, to book their trips through Monday, May 30, and Friday, May 27, to book their trips through Tuesday, May 31. Next

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TWU's Enactus team makes school history

DENTON — Texas Woman's University's Enactus team advanced to the semi-final round in the Enactus USA national competition in St. Louis May 15-17, placing the team in the top 20 in the U.S.

Enactus is an international non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action.

The TWU team won the

quarterfinal in the national competition for the first time in its history during a competition that started with more than 430 teams from across the nation. TWU placed ahead of teams from the University of Houston, the University of Wisconsin, Drury University, the University of Florida, Syracuse University, the University of Virginia and many more public and private universities.



TWU's Enactus team and adviser David Rylander, center, compete at Enactus National Exposition in St. Louis, placing in the top 20 for the first time in university history.

"National competition was an affirmation for all of the hard work our Enactus

students have done all year," said the team's adviser David Rylander, TWU

professor of marketing and Sam Walton Fellow. "They dedicated themselves to making a real difference in the lives of others, and the competition team put a great deal of effort into making an excellent professional presentation of the impact we have made."

During the national competition, TWU Enactus presented on projects that team members have been working on for the academic

year — providing help for homeless people and veterans in Denton, supporting a local small business, educating children and college students on financial literacy and nutrition, and continuing a legacy project helping people in a small village in Belize.

"Enactus has provided me with the unique opportunity to make a change in

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Richland reminds Balch Springs adults are never too old to learn

For adults who struggle with reading, mathematics or basic literacy, a new life awaits.

Balch Springs and DCCCD officials want to bring more attention to the need to learn and also to services provided by DCCCD's Adult Education Literacy program, "Learn and Earn Pathways."

Approximately 30 Balch Springs residents currently are enrolled in a GED class

that meets at the city's library, said DCCCD AEL coordinator RonChelle Kelly. DCCCD provides support and personnel. All of the courses are free. Classes meet morning, afternoons, evenings and on weekends to meet the needs of the students.

"We're trying to saturate the community where students can reach the services they need," Kelly said. "We want to give people an option. They are better-

ing their lives with more education."

Participants can enroll in GED preparation, workforce preparation and English as Second language courses. They can earn certificates and improve their employment skills.

In addition to Richland, AEL is offered at DCCCD's six other colleges: Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View and North Lake.

Sachse's Reading Challenge starts at June 4 kick-off

Sachse kids are invited to Be a Reading Champion! This summer they are challenging children, teens, and adults to read 20 hours in 8 weeks. All those who complete the challenge will receive coupons from various businesses and their name put in a drawing for cool prizes.

The annual summer reading challenge at the Sachse Library starts on June 4 and continues until July 23, urg-



ing readers of all ages to complete at least 20 hours of reading during that period, says Library Manager Mignon Morse.

"The summer program, which includes the reading

challenge, officially ends on Thursday, July 28. "Everyone is invited to participate," she said. "We have reading materials available for every age group, every genre, every interest, every lover of hardcover, paperback or digital. The material is there waiting to be utilized."

Reading logs for the annual challenge can be

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with your son. In fact, he has a higher I.Q. than any of the teachers and administrators in this school." My mother was shocked. He concluded by saying: "You and your husband must protect him. For some reason they are trying to break him." When dad came home and learned the news all Hell broke out. Like James Brown would say "Papa Don't Take no Mess."

The wicked scheme against this Black boy backfired on them. Dad went and presented my case to the entire School Board. In essence, he said that something was going to have to change or else every Black in this town will be demonstrating like they do down South. I was moved to Mr. Webber's class. It really wasn't much better. But the big deal was that they transferred Principal Ingersoll to Ramona El-

ementary. We all laughed! The bigoted principal was now overseeing Black and Hispanic students. The next school year he left town. Good riddance! Mr. Betts who actually lived down the street from us ran for the school board. He was trounced and they soon left town.

I was a lucky one. Vaughn Gaston was playing by the rules when they approached his parents and convinced them to hold him back a year. Here is one of my partners who passed, but yet they held him back. Their intent was to break him and that they did. From there on, Vaughn was never the same happy guy.

Going back to McKenna Elementary, a new form of targeting Black kids was started. My brother and two of my first cousins came out of kindergarten and were assigned to "Junior First." I

asked my mother what is Junior First? It seemed that the kindergarten "teacher" and the principal started this concept for kids who just weren't ready in their eyes to start first grade. Can you believe it? Flunking kids coming out of kindergarten. Who went to Junior First? Nothing but Blacks and Hispanics. This was simple bigotry. Messing with helpless children's minds just because of their color. It was racism by any other name.

Parents of Black children must be vigilant. This stuff is still going on. A friend of ours had to step in and deal with a teacher messing with her grandson. In the end, it worked out because of her involvement. Her grandson is doing wonderful at DePaul University in Chicago now. The point I am making is that when your children go to school do not assume good behavior and sincere intentions from the

faculty and administration. Stay tuned and talk to other parents to detect any negative trends. Your children depend on your attention and protection.

It was from my experi-

ence that I resolved to never assume that things at elementary schools will be positive for our children. Watch every step, your most valuable possession is on the "line."

Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org

State of Colorado, District Court, Jefferson County AMENDED SUMMONS FOR DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY OF MARRIAGE for Case No: 15DR1696 in Division P, Honorable Ryan Paul Loewer; Federico Cordovez, Petitioner vs Favour Johnson aka Thelma Arnold, Respondent

To respondent: Favour Johnson aka Thelma Arnold:

This Summons serves as a notice to appear in this case.

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a lawsuit against you to determine invalidity of marriage. Within 35 days after this Summons is served on you, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Colorado Code of Civil Procedure, to the Petition. Your response must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401 and to Katherine Windler, the petitioner's attorney whose address is 3737 Gill Drive, Denver, CO 80209. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

You may be required to pay a filing fee with your Response. The Response form (JDF 1270) can be found at www.courts.state.co.us by clicking on the "Self Help/Forms" tab. The Petition requests that the Court enter an Order affecting your marital status, distribution of property and debts, issues involving children such as child support, allocation of parental responsibilities (decision making and parenting time), maintenance (spousal support) attorneys' fees, and costs to the extent the Court has jurisdiction. If you fail to file a Response in this case, any or all of the matters above, or any related matters which come before this Court may be decided without any further notice to you.

This is an action to obtain a Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage as more fully described in the Petition.

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Gov. Abbott discusses the ongoing success of Collin County

By Hope Oriabure-King
NDG Special Contributor

“Collin County, is it a good county?” questioned Sanjiv Yajnik, Chair of the Collin County Business Alliance (CCBA) and a Capital One executive. In response, the room erupted into applause, cheers and emphatic “yes!”

Then Yajnik spoke of the ongoing growth in the region with awe inspiring statics and the mission of the CCBA. However, the panelists also spotlighted the challenges such rapid growth presents



Governor Greg Abbott and Sanjiv Yajnik, CCBA Chairman and Capital One Executive (Photo: Jeffy Smith of WOW)

for the county.

The crowd of 400 attendees gathered last Friday for the inaugural Collin County

Business Alliance State of the Business luncheon. The event featured a conversation with Gov. Gregg Abbott on

the state of business in Texas and the inspiration behind his book “Broken but Unbowed.”

“Collin County is a vibrant example of Texas and the United States,” said Gov. Abbott. He recalled to the crowd how he had played high school football in Duncanville and would travel by bus to play McKinney. He spoke of the vast amount of countryside he would pass and how these land masses were now a vibrant business environment. Gov. Abbott also explained he was work-

ing hard to get the, “boot of government” off the back of Texas businesses so they could continue to create jobs.

Following Gov. Abbott’s conversation, local and state elected officials discussed the interconnected roles public policy and business has on

the state of Collin County’s business environment and quality of life. The moderator was Tracy Merzi of the Dallas Business Journal and a Collin County resident for a number of years.

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Irving unemployment dips to 2005 levels

Irving’s unemployment rate has decreased to 3.2 percent. This is the lowest rate that has been since before 2005.

The success of the Irving Economic Development Partnership wins helped contribute to this low unemployment rate. Economic devel-

opment is critical to the quality of life in the Irving-Las Colinas community.

Irving’s 3.2 percent unemployment rate compares fa-

vorable to the Texas unemployment rate of 4.4 percent.

The national average unemployment rate remains at 5 percent.

Irving ISD students growing food, cultivating community

Students in the biology club at Irving ISD’s Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory Center presented 10 families with self-sustaining garden planters as part of a community outreach project. The students wrote a letter

requesting funds from Cardwell Principal Deedra Brown then created the bucket gardens.

The bucket gardens were designed for apartment patios and should be producing vegetables by late summer.



Students in the biology club at Barbara Cardwell Career Preparatory Center presented ten families with self-sustaining garden planters as part of a community outreach project. (Image: Irving ISD)

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my community through entrepreneurial action,” said TWU Enactus team member Michelle Gonnet, a junior marketing major from Mesquite, Texas. “[The Enactus] competition is the culmination of a successful year of showcasing our projects and receiving feedback from those in higher ranks on how to continue growing.”

Gonnet added, “The opportunity to network with these business executives is an exceptional opportunity to learn how to carry myself in the professional world.”

The TWU team was named a regional champion in Dallas April 4 to advance to the national competition along with the University of

Texas, the University of Houston and Texas Wesleyan University. TWU’s team won regionals for the 11th time in 16 years.

Competition team presenter members are:

- Juan Armijo, a junior business management major from Dallas;
- Stephanie Avila, a senior accounting major from Denton;
- Erin Engel, a junior finance and marketing major from Hickory Creek;
- Alyssa Gaynor, a junior math major from Torrance, California;
- Michelle Gonnet, a junior marketing major from Mesquite; and
- Jesse Malone, a junior marketing major from

Hurst.

Competition team support members are:

- Cristina Barron, a senior graphic design major from Carrollton;
- Selena Garcia, a sophomore accounting and marketing major from Dallas;
- David Garza, a junior human resource management major from Lewisville;
- Naomi McDowell, a senior, business entrepreneurship major from Duncanville;
- Citlalli Rodriguez, a senior marketing major from Mesquite; and
- Jasmine Smith a junior biology major from Round Rock.
- Sherrie Taylor, TWU senior lecturer emerita, served as the TWU Enactus

Business Advisory Team president. Rylander served as the team’s adviser.

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The Leadership Allen Fairview class of 2015-16 will celebrate the completion of the community orientation and leadership skills development course with a reception and dinner in their honor. Employers, co-workers, family and friends are invited to attend. \$30 per person.

The event will be held Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club.

FAIR PARK
North Texas Black
Restaurant Week

Bring your appetite to the kick off of North Texas Black Restaurant Week with the Friends of Fair Park at the Magnolia Lounge June 11. Stop by and taste samples from Dallas Black Owned Caterers and Restaurants. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

The City of Dallas will



Members of the Garland Symphony Orchestra will join youngsters for Preschool Storytime at the South Garland Branch Library.

charge \$5 to park in Fair Park lots. More details at www.ntxblackrestaurantweek.com.

FRISCO
Frisco earns 'bike
friendly' status

Cyclists are pumped following news Frisco can add 'Bicycle Friendly' to its list of distinctions.

Recently, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Frisco with a Bronze

Bicycle Friendly Community (BFCSM) award. Frisco joins seven other communities in Texas and 372 communities from across the country achieving the 'Bicycle Friendly' designation. The BFC award recognizes cities' investments in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

"We're very proud to re-

ceive this award," said Mayor Maher Maso.

GARLAND
Preschool Storytime
with the GSO

Children age 3 to 5 years may learn about music as an art form during Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Members of the Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) will teach about the different musical instruments that form the orchestra and demonstrate how each is played. For questions and additional GSO appearance dates, call 972-205-2516.

McKINNEY
City pools set to open
for summer fun

Make a splash and beat the heat this summer at one of McKinney's two outdoor public pools that open this holiday weekend. The Old Settlers Aquatic Center features a shallow water leisure

pool complete with an open flume slide, cascading water fall and more. The Juanita Maxfield pool at North Park has family swim, swim lessons and floating amenities.

Pool admission can be purchased for daily visits, 15-visit passes, 30-visit

passes or year-long unlimited passes. Contact 972-547-7497 for more information.

Visit www.mckinney-texas.org/learntoswim for information about swim lessons and other pool activities.

Dogs, lights and bridges top Dallas city agenda

By Michael Watts
NDG Special Contributor

The Dallas City Council met on Wednesday, May 25 and discussed a wide range of topics. While citizens expressed concerns regarding transgender boys being allowed into women's bathrooms in certain facilities, the city council focused most of their attention on less controversial issues.

They included the recent

outbreaks of wild dogs attacking citizens, traffic lights, Dallas' rich music heritage and renaming the Continental Pedestrian Bridge in honor of Dallas' first African American mayor, Ronald Kirk.

Council members expressed a need for the city to do something to protect citizens from being attacked by wild dogs. Postal workers shared their concerns regarding these untamed ani-

mals they encounter frequently. Reportedly for addresses with on-going problems, delivery of their mail has been suspended.

The council was notified it would cost \$163,700 to place new traffic lights around Dallas. One of the intersections selected to receive new traffic lights is Marsh Lane and Royal Lane. Additional, another community where several traffic lights were approved

was in the Lake Highland area.

"The newly placed traffic lights has increased the traffic flow," shared a local Lake Highland resident.

Kirby Warnock credited Stevie Ray Vaughan, originally from Oak Cliff, and his family as being an important part of Dallas' rich music heritage. The contribution of Stevie and his

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picked up at the kick-off celebration, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall amphitheater, 3815 Sachse Road. The kick-off celebration will feature a sign-up table for the challenge logs along with a bounce house, face-painting, a demo from Wylie CrossFit Kids, the Falcon Flyers Jump Rope Team, and a mini boot camp by LA Fitness. The emphasis on fitness and physical activity at the kick-off is in line with the reading challenge's theme of "Ready,

Set, Read!"

The logs keep track of the amount of time spent reading, the amount of time a child is read to, and how many books have been read during the challenge. All completed reading logs must be returned to the library by Saturday, July 23.

"When the logs are returned to the library at the end of the challenge, each person who has reached the 20-hour level will get coupons which are redeemable for valuable items from local merchants," she

said. "And, all of them will be entered into drawings for other valuable prizes."

The challenge lasts for exactly 50 days, which means that to attain the minimum 20 hours of reading, a person should read, or be read to, an average of 24 minutes a day. That's less than the amount of time it takes to watch a half-hour TV show, and often quite a bit less time than playing a video game.

For those who like to do their reading at one sitting, it would take 2.8 hours each week. Divided into a twice-a-week reading ses-

sions, it would be less than an hour and a half on both days.

"There are many ways that people who take up the challenge can complete it," said Morse. "And, honestly, it doesn't matter to us. All we want is evidence that the total has reached 20 hours by the end of the challenge."

Summer at the library will be filled with themed activities for children on Thursdays, and teens and tweens on Tuesdays. Check www.cityofsachse.com/library for a complete list of activities.

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Livin' Fat kicks off Jubilee Theatre's summer season May 27 - June 26

The Jubilee Theatre's latest production kicks off the summer theatre season on May 27 with *Livin' Fat* and runs through June 26. Brace yourself for laughter as a family tries to figure out if the Lord, who works in mysterious ways, might just be working for them.

Livin' Fat focuses on the Cooper family who are poor, but happy. Their son -

David Lee, a recent college graduate has taken a job as a bank janitor. When the bank is robbed, the thieves drop an un-noticed bundle of cash at David's feet and to his surprise it's over \$20,000! So he buys presents for the entire family, but when they find out where the money came from, their scruples are tested. Comedy ensues with

hidden, missing and justifiable cash as they sort out whether this is a "blessing."

Bargain Priced Preview Performances begin on Friday, May 27 and opening night is Friday, June 3, 2016. Performances continue through Sunday, June 26, 2016. Evening performances are at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Matinee performances

are at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Ticket prices range from \$18 - \$28 are available online at jubileetheatre.org, in person at the theater Box Office, located at 506 Main Street or by calling 817-338-4411. Box Office hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday noon. to 6 p.m. and one hour before each performance.



Yolanda Davis and Carlos Brumfield star in Jubilee's popular production of *Livin' Fat*. (Photo: Cecil Fuqua)

Filmmaker wants to kick Hollywood's doors open for aspiring actors

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributing Writer

First Detroit, then Hollywood, Washington D.C and the world. Before long, if the president of 25th Frame Films has anything to do with it, his company will be charting its own path towards the type of success no others have yet achieved.

Queens, New York native and accomplished producer, director and actor Shiek Mahmud-Bey, like the prizefighter he used to be, has been working diligently behind the scenes to give aspiring actors, producers and directors the tools they need to storm the ramparts of the film industry.

His efforts are seen as important for all actors, regardless of race or gender, but it could mean even more for African-Americans or people of color as Hollywood faces increasing pressure not only to produce great films and



Actor, producer Shiek Mahmud-Bey is helping others to break down barriers in Hollywood. (25th Frame Films)

bring back the days of appointment television, but as Business writer Drew Harwell noted in December 2015, Hollywood has been ignoring a gold mine.

Although non-Whites make up only 37 percent of the U.S. population, they bought 46 percent of the \$1.2 billion in tickets sold in 2015.

Further, movies with predominantly Black casts like "Straight Outta Compton" which was produced with a \$28 million budget grossed

more than \$200 million in box office to become the highest grossing biopic in history.

So, as Hollywood figures out what to do about this intractable problem, Mahmud-Bey isn't sitting around waiting, with his hands in his lap.

After crafting and hosting a years-long series of innovative workshops held locally and in cities like the Detroit and the Big Apple, he and officials at his production company said they're stepping up

their game by marshalling the skills and talents of the best, accomplished and undiscovered talent around to shoot a series of short movies that they assert will be sure to capture Hollywood's imagination.

Or, as Mahmud-Bey's motto notes, he "will find a way, or make one."

"I've decided to step it up a little more. My company is collaborating with directors and writers like Kamal Smith, Janaya Black and Dana Elam - those I've worked with in 'Collaborations Detroit' and a few actors who attend my Shiek Studio monthly classes - and doing this," said Mahmud-

Bey, president of 25th Frame Films.

Mahmud-Bey previously developed "Game Changerz," a monthly industry night event where talented residents are able to show off their skills and compete for cash and other prizes. He

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Puffy Daddy's Bad Boy Family Reunion Tour hits Dallas Sept. 14

Consistently at the forefront of music and entertainment for the past two decades, Sean 'Diddy' Combs aka Puff Daddy continues his reign of excellence, with the Bad Boy Family Reunion Tour. The tour will land at the American Airlines Arena on Sept. 14.

Kicking off August 25 in

Columbus, OH, Puff Daddy, Lil' Kim, Mase, Faith Evans, Mario Winans, 112, Total, Carl Thomas, The Lox and French Montana will take the stage to perform hit after hit, cementing Bad Boy's place as the driving force behind hip hop and R&B music and culture.

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of live production and music experiences, Puff Daddy brings together these iconic artists due to overwhelming fan demand for a must-see moment in hip hop history.

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Taste of Dallas is a slice of life in North Texas, and brings together all the best of what it means to be alive here and now: delectable food, inspiring art, and

music that gets you moving. For the tens of thousands of people set to visit Taste of Dallas this year, there is tasting, shopping and playing for every member of the family.

New for this year is the Foodie Experience Pre-

sented by TangoTab is an indoor event inside Taste of Dallas that includes food and alcohol samplings, chef demonstrations, and entertainment – all for a good cause. For every ticket purchased, TangoTab will be able to help feed hungry

people in Dallas community through their work with local food banks.

The celebration of Taste's 30th birthday has to include a cake. Who better to provide a celebration cake than Dallas' newest baker Carlo's Bake Shop from the

hit TV show *Cake Boss*. Keep your eyes on www.tasteofdallas.org for more information about special events planned for the weekend filled with food and fun. Tickets available on the website or call 972-587-6090.

Enter to win a pair of tickets to see Keb' Mo' at the Majestic

AEG Live in partnership with the AT&T Performing Arts Center presents Blues and roots music legend Keb' Mo' who is returning to Dallas for a night of rich and vibrant American music in support of his most recent album, 2014's *BLUE-SAmericana*, which was released on Kind of Blue Music. The event is scheduled for June 2 and NDG Readers can visit our Facebook and Instagram pages to find out how to win tickets!



Asked about the process of creating the album, the three-time Grammy winner

says, "I only make albums when I'm inspired to, and these 10 songs come from a very honest place. *BLUE-SAmericana* is the beginning of the next phase of who I am."

Early attempts at the writing process saw Keb' trying out a simplified sound, but it just didn't take. "My first intention was to make a stripped-down acoustic album – just me and my guitar playing some songs. But I couldn't do it! I love ensembles so much." No

surprise for a musician whose career has included collaborations with the likes of India Arie, Vince Gill, Dave Koz, Marcus Miller,

Jefferson Airplane/Starship, Albert Collins, and Big Joe Turner, among others.

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ter website and for more tickets enter to win free tickets for a chance to witness some of the best live blues Dallas will see this year.



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fashioned his Collaborations Showcase to create opportunities for actors, filmmakers and entertainment professionals to get together and share their talents, ideas and experiences.

"25th Frame Films will submit work to festivals and we're going to take 'Collaborations' to a higher medium," he explained.

In future productions, Mahmud-Bey plans to explore mental health issues, sexual abuse, relationships and sexual orientation.

"The short series is themed under the topic 'Life,'" he said.

Led by 25th Frame Films, the short series will be shot and entered into the film festival circuit. Prior to that, they'll be screened by the Collaborations Group, which Mahmud-Bey calls a dream come true.

"Under the umbrella of 25th Frame Films we are creating the opportunity for these now-trained actors to put their acting chops to work

in movies and creating visibility by exposing them through the Collaborations Group. The objective of the "Game Changerz" monthly industry night is for filmmakers to meet more often than the annual Collaborations Showcases, collaborate and continue to create," he said.

"My team and I are in the process of developing 'The Village' and the name says it all. Kamal Smith and I are also in the process of developing a feature film. It's a political comedy based on the lives of four people and their desire to find happiness, but find themselves forced to actually look at themselves. We're going to push the envelope on what we as artists should do."

That team includes Dr. L.A. Barlow, the famed RAC certified forensic psychologist, producer Bettie Williams and makeup artist Lauren Beverly.

Director of Photography Zackary Cornell Cunningham, whom Mahmud-Bey

met in Detroit during a "Collaborations" event also is on-board as co-producer with his CC Digital Innovations production company.

"[Cunningham] is about movie making. His standards match mine, meaning we both want to tell great stories with no compromise to production value," Mahmud-Bey said. "He's also shooting a documentary about his father, Michael G. Cunningham, and his dialysis journey which is titled, '30 to Go.'"

Mahmud-Bey could barely contain his enthusiasm for Smith and the involvement of Smith's Lynn's Boys Media LLC production company.

"Kamal Smith is another brother I've teamed up with. He wrote scenes for 'Collaborations Detroit' about a man intimidated by his wife making more money than him and I loved it," Mahmud-Bey said. "So, I asked him to elaborate on that scene and write a short based on it. Kamal is also a director and I saw his sitcom, 'Because We're Men,' and I loved it."



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Should you join the 'gig economy'?

By Nathaniel Sillin

Today, our standard workday isn't so standard anymore and we're talking more about "gigs" – alternative work arrangements that often depend on the latest technology and a desire to set one's own schedule and pay. However, the question is whether everyone plans for the reality of the work or the impact self-employment in any form can have on his or her long-term finances.



Finding the right full time or part time job can be a challenge.

In recent years, many have joined what is called the gig economy – working for themselves part time or full time.

Gig workers – a broad spectrum that includes temporary help agency workers, on-call employees, contract company workers, independent contractors and freelancers – were measured as a startling and growing economic force in a March study by Harvard and Princeton researchers. According to their measurements, this diverse group of earners that made up 10.1 percent of the workforce in February 2005 has grown to nearly 16 percent as of late 2015.

Anyone thinking about going into business in place of or in addition to their day job should consider a planning period with the help of a qualified financial or tax expert. Major issues to cover include:

Consider qualified tax and financial advice. Switching to gig work – even

if you find lucrative contract work in your field – can be an enormous shock to your finances. Cash flow can be irregular, disrupting budgets and long-term savings. It's a good idea to get some qualified financial and tax advice so you understand the changes you might face.

Setting up a business structure: While most gig economy participants settle on a sole proprietorship or some form of limited liability company (LLC) business structure, (www.sba.gov/starting-business/choose-your-business-structure) the choice needs to be carefully considered based on your particular business activity, overall tax situation and other financial factors unique to you.

Think carefully about your benefits... Unless you fit a particular group exempt

(https://www.healthcare.gov/health-coverage-exemptions/exemptions-from-the-fee/) from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or are insured by a spouse or partner, you'll have to invest in healthcare insurance for yourself or consider the cost of being uninsured. This is a particularly important expense to plan in advance based on your health needs and the type of affordable coverage that's available. Get referrals on qualified health insurance agents to get a full range of choices. And most of all, make a plan to keep saving and investing your money for long-term goals.

Track your spending and planning carefully. If you don't budget or track your expenses now, it's time to start. Being in business entitles you to certain deductions for home office expenses, equipment and other costs related to your work. So whether you use a specific software program or a com-

puter spreadsheet or paper and pen to track your expenses, do so regularly to avoid missing items that could eventually save you money.

Make sure you're really right for this. With proper planning, the gig economy can be both enjoyable and challenging. You'll not only learn whether you can support yourself, but also whether you'll enjoy doing it long-term. Many of us dream of being our own boss, but reality can be very different, particularly when managing uneven earnings and cash flow common to many new companies. It's not just about business; it's about whether your lifestyle and personality traits (www.hbr.org/2010/02/should-you-be-an-entrepreneur) make you right for operating a business in this economy – or any economy.

Bottom line: Plenty of people find themselves deal-

ing either by choice or necessity with the brave new world of "gig" work. It's important to approach it as a financial and lifestyle decision on par with starting a business.

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The topics discussed included infrastructure, rising property taxes and Collin County College. City of Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere was the first to take the microphone and tout how wonderful the City of Plano was, but did discuss the growing pains

of more street improvements and more traffic. However, Mayor LaRosiliere indicated he would gladly welcome the companies looking to headquarter in the area over the oil companies who had moved to Denton.

The other panelist in-

cluded, Rep Jodie Laubenberg, District 89, Rep Jeff Leach, District 67, Mayor Brian Loughmiller, McKinney, Mayor Maher Maso, Frisco, County Judge Keith Self and Sen. Van Taylor, Collin County.

Each attendee received a signed copy of Governor Abbott's book after the program.

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older brother Jimmie often goes unheralded. That will change with the council's 15-0 vote to approve the installation of original artwork honoring the brothers in Kiest Park.

Zan Holmes Jr., the pastor emeritus of St. Luke

Community United Methodist Church spoke before the council exhorting them to approve the renaming of the Continental Pedestrian Bridge after Dallas's first African American

mayor Ronald Kirk. Rev. Holmes declared the idea

was appropriate. However, not all council members agreed. Philip Kingston, Scott Griggs and Mark Clayton voted against the idea. Kirk's support of a toll road in the area was cited as a factor in their opposition.

The renaming of the bridge was approved by a 11-3 vote.

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TWC to spend \$1 million for high-demand job-training

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced the availability of \$1 million in additional funding for the High Demand Job Training Program, which supports collaborations between Workforce Solutions partners and local economic development corporations (EDCs). These grants are part of a statewide effort to create occupational job training programs that will improve the skill sets of individuals for jobs in high-demand occupations in Texas communities.

“Through local partnerships between Texas Workforce Solutions and local EDCs, TWC will leverage resources to increase high-demand job training and strengthen partnerships with local employers,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “The High-Demand Job Training program will continue to create unique opportunities for Texas workers and students.”

Through an initial \$1 mil-



Nurse training is one of the eligible high demand training covered under the TWC special grants to local offices (Image: YouTube)

lion funding for the High Demand Job Training Program in 2014, TWC matched funds provided by EDCs to local workforce development boards for job training projects in Port Arthur, Kilgore, Lubbock, San Angelo, Coleman, Terrell, Abilene, Mansfield, and a combined effort at Mt. Pleasant, Paris and Sulphur Springs. Instruction was provided to train new employees or upgrade the skills of existing employees for in-demand jobs including welders, nursing assistants, machinist, automotive

technicians, CNC operators and registered nurses.

“Through local partnerships, our Workforce Solutions offices and EDCs are able to address the needs of high-demand industries,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “These grants are great investments in workforce development that will keep our Texas businesses highly competitive and growing.”

Through this program, the 28 local workforce development boards will be able to apply for up to

\$100,000 to match the amount committed by local EDCs over the next two years and while funds are available.

“By providing customized training and giving students and workers the skills they need for employment or advancement, the High Demand Job Training program is creating better opportunities and high-wage jobs,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

Local workforce development boards may use grant funding to support high-demand, job-training activities and related direct costs, including individual participant recruitment, skills assessment, job search skills improvement, equipment and minor renovation of facilities used for program-related job training.

For more information on the High Demand Job Training Program visit the TWC Web page or contact a local Workforce Solutions office.

Alley's House announces graduation ceremony on June 3

Alley's House, empowering teen mothers and their children to achieve independence, since 1997, has announced its 2016 graduation which will be held Friday, June 3 at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, located at 4105 Junius St. in Dallas.

Alley's House will present 5 teen moms with their GED certificates and 10 more teen moms will graduate from Alley's House program consisting of parenting and life skills workshops and classes.

These young women have spent the last 6 to 9 months at Alley's House to further their education and learn vital skills as young parents.

Alley's House, a local Dallas nonprofit, provides an invisible safety net for one of the most vulnerable populations, teen mothers. The agency is a lifeline for pregnant and parenting teens, which are searching for a way to break the generational cycle of poverty and achieve

independence for themselves and their children through education, support services, and mentoring.

While teen pregnancy continues to drop nationally, Texas remains #5 in the nation for teen births and #1 in

the nation for repeat teen births and Dallas leads the state for the latter. The cost of ignoring vulnerable populations is high when teen pregnancy costs Texans more than \$1 billion annually. Agencies like Alley's House

bridge the gap and help young mothers carve a path to success outside of state assisted support services.

To learn more about Alley's House, visit www.alleyshouse.org or call 214-824-8700.



Crown Castle is proposing to collocate antennas at a centerline height of 65 feet on an existing 69-foot monopole telecommunications tower at the following site: 4873 W. Lawther, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75214; 32° 51' 15.696" north latitude and 96° 43' 55.956" west longitude. Lighting is not expected to change. Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Katherine Upham at (512) 519-9388 during normal business hours. Comments must be received at 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704, ATTN: Katherine Upham within 30 days of the date of this publication.



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May 29, 12 Noon

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Learn how to introduce others to Christ and make Him known to them; to help others know and grow in God's word; and to give others clarity and direction.

June 1, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson and Pastor Brenda Patterson teaching a series on "Design for Discipleship, Book 3 and Chapter 2." Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you. It's Time to Grow; Ephesians 4:12 & 13.

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June 1, 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 on 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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June 1, 12 p.m.

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live,

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June 1, 7 p.m.

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Where is your dwelling place?



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The late Elder Philip White of Love Chapel COGIC and my former pastor brought a powerful and thought provoking message one Sunday that ignited the entire congregation with praises and worshipping for God.

This was not an uncommon occurrence because Pastor White was a teacher/preacher of the Word of God for a long time and his messages from God would cause you to think, evaluate and act upon what God has sent especially for you.

However, what was unusual is that the message that he had prepared to bring, wasn't the message that we received.

At the end of the service Pastor White told me that when he stood at the

podium and opened his Bible, God gave him a new title and scriptures; by the reaction of the people, there wasn't any doubt that God had sent His people what they needed.

This is one of many things that I loved about my former pastor; he always allowed the Holy Spirit to lead him.

He maintains that God knows best and he, Pastor White, told Him long ago, "God, where you lead, I will follow."

WHERE IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE?

--by Elder Philip White

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . " Psalms 91:1-16

Before a blessing comes, there has to be a preparation—if you expect to get God's blessings, there is something that you must do—instead of putting your trust in man, put your trust completely in God.

When trouble, sickness, and disappointment come; when your friends turn their

backs on you, if you dwelleth in the secret place, you are dwelling with God and God is dwelling in you.

Your strength is then made perfect in your weakness. God will instruct you in the secret place.

He will give you revelation (knowledge that is revealed before it happens) in

the secret place.

If you dwelleth in the secret place with God, He will show you your weakness, your faults, your troubles, your sickness and your disappointments and He will show you your solution.

When you dwell in the secret place with God, He becomes your habitation.

The secret place is a place of protection, devotion, guidance, love, comfort, a safe haven, a shelter in the storm, a retreat, a sanctuary, and a hiding place.

When you are talked about, lied on, scorned, and misused things won't bother you in the secret place. You can't have inner peace unless you are in the secret place, under the shadow of the Almighty.

Let Satan send his fiery darts to harm you, but when he sends them, don't accept them. God's truth is your shield. His truth will stand, it will hold under any con-


dition.


In the secret place God is your refuge (shelter) and your fortress (stronghold.) No evil will befall you, neither shall any plague or noisome pestilence (disgusting or dangerous) thing or person will come and disturb you, when you are in the secret place.

You can always dwell in the secret place of the most High and you can abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Daily ask Him, "God what is wrong with me." Then let Him show you in the secret place.



Sister Tarpley and her only daughter, Sheila Tarpley Lott on Mother's Day 2016

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NDG Book Review: Make *Britt-Marie Was Here* your next pick

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

“Hey! Look at me!”

You spent a fair amount of your childhood hollering that. Watch me. Look here. See what I’m doing, because nobody likes to be ignored. In fact, as in the new book “Britt-Marie Was Here” by Fredrik Backman, being invisible is the worst thing of all.

Civility is dead.

Britt-Marie feared that was the case these days. In civil households, silverware is stored forks-knives-spoons in the drawer. Windows are clean, clothes are pressed, dinner is at six o’clock and not a minute later. These things are im-



portant.

She said that to Kent many times throughout their marriage, and he laughed. She also asked him repeatedly to put his dirty shirt in the hamper, but he always tossed it on the floor instead. It usually smelled

of pizza and perfume.

Britt-Marie didn’t wear perfume.

Much as she loved her husband, Kent didn’t appreciate her. Britt-Marie wasn’t sure he even saw her anymore and so, deciding to leave him, she applied for a job. It had been decades since she’d done anything but keep a home and jobs were scarce, but there seemed to be one position for which she was qualified. And so, Britt-Marie went to work as a temporary recreation-center caretaker in Borg, a dying village alongside a half-abandoned road a few miles from town.

There was a pizzeria in Borg, an Everything Store,

and a post-office, all in the same building, run by a wheelchair-bound woman who drank too much. The village boasted a policeman, a man who received constant packages, a sight-challenged woman with a dog, and a soccer pitch, to which the village’s few children flocked.

Soccer was everything in Borg – mostly because there was little else.

Britt-Marie hated soccer. She hated her predicament, too, but someone had to clean the rec center. Someone had to give the kids somewhere to go, and step up as “coach” for their

soccer team. Eventually, someone had to look at Britt-Marie and really see her...

What kind of a book do you have when you spit your coffee halfway across the table on page 6 and cry a little, fifty pages later?

A really good one, that’s what.

Put this wonderful novel in your hands, and “Britt-Marie Was Here” will slyly tickle your funny-bone, while author Fredrik Backman simultaneously wrings your heart out with both fists. Hilarious and wrenching: it’s that way, partly because of the story itself and partly because of the phrase-

ology used to tell it.

Readers won’t have to try hard to love the title character in this book, either; Britt-Marie is proper to a fault, but for a most painful reason, and Borg’s feisty misfit residents are perfectly created for her. Those who’ve come to love Backman’s quirky characters, in other words, won’t be disappointed at all.

“Britt-Marie Was Here” should be your Book Club’s next pick. It’s the novel you’ll carry around because you can’t bear to quit it. If you love a tale that will leave you happy-sighing, it’s most certainly the book you should look for.

Jerk hamburgers make for a tasty treat at Memorial Day festivities

Whether you have friends or family coming over this upcoming weekend or on Memorial Day, this quick and easy recipe is the way to go.

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- 2 slices of cheese (optional)
- 2 tomato slices
- PREPARATION:**
- Mix ingredients and form into burgers and place on grill. Heat the grill and grill

both sides. Melt the cheese on top of the burgers. When the burgers are done, toast the burger buns and add toppings. Enjoy!

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June 1, 7 p.m.

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June 6-10, 6:30 p.m.

Parents, our theme this year for Vacation Bible School (VBS) for age 3 through adult is "I've Got Talent: Showcasing My Work for Jesus". Call the church for details or see a minister after morning service on

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