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Obama talks about the future of HBCUs, My Brother's Keeper at North Carolina A&T

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During a recent town hall discussion at North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, President Barack Obama said that historically Black colleges that are producing engineers, doctors and dentists serve as the foundation stone for building Black middle class wealth and success, and are also important to the entire nation.

President Obama answered audience questions about the future of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), his signature My Brother's Keeper initiative and social activism at the event hosted by "The Undeclared," an ESPN website dedicated to the exploration of sports, race and culture.

As the nation grows more diverse and educational opportunities that were once off-limits to Blacks are now more available, some have questioned the relevancy of HBCUs.

In 2011, the Obama Administration received sharp criticism after changes in the Federal Direct PLUS loan program, disproportionately affected Black students attending HBCUs, forcing many to either delay their dreams of earning a col-



Barack Obama took time out of his schedule to address issues of education, jobs of tomorrow and making a more positive future for young black men during a town hall meeting at North Carolina A&T University. (Photo: NNPA)

lege degree or abandon them altogether. Three years later, the Department of Education issued updated guidelines that were praised by higher education advocates and included less restrictive credit requirements for the loan program.

Obama said that the challenge with the Parent PLUS program was that some of the loans offered were "particularly expensive" and left too many students deeply in debt without graduating.

"The notion was to try to improve

the way in which young people were financing their educations," said Obama. "Part of the challenge here is to make sure, not just that [students] enroll in college, but that [they] graduate from college."

Obama said that HBCUs receive \$4 billion a year from the federal government and noted that Pell grant funding to HBCUs increased by 150 percent, while he's been in office.

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Four things Obama can do for Blacks in his last 100 days

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The countdown to President Obama's last one hundred days began on October 13. Already, the President has committed to spending his waning days in office by campaigning for Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for President. Indeed, he has put his legacy on the line, telling Black people at his last Congressional Black Caucus dinner that he will

be personally insulted if folks don't get out to vote for Hillary. Instead of staking his legacy on the results of the November elections, however, President Obama might be better advised to improve his legacy by taking bold actions in these last days of his presidency.

What might he do to positively affect the African Americans he far too frequently scolds? For

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Elder Carl E. Patten, II

Elder Carl E. Patten, II is a native of Memphis, TN.; he spent his youth growing up as a Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist. Patten earliest Christian experiences were attending church with his grandparents who were active in ministry. At the age of 13, he asked if could go to the altar because he felt the pull of God on his life.

It was at this time, that he first experienced the saving power of Christ and secretly joined a church.

Due to Elder Patten's limited access to church as a kid, he learned to vary his



practices based on whether he was attending religious services with his parents or grandparents.

While in college, Elder Patten was able to fully experience God for himself.

And, as a junior, he answered the call of God to a life in ministry.

During this period, his testimony became, "that you should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Elder Patten preached his first sermon later that year. Two years later, he would move to Atlanta, GA to attend Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary.

He is an active participant in the Atlanta community. He's passionate about seeing those around him achieve their dreams and full potential. Elder Patten

was ordained in 2007 by the late Bishop Chandler David Owens.

Elder Patten serves at Cathedral of Faith COGIC in SW Atlanta. His spiritual father, Administrative Assistant Arthur F. Mosley, has allowed him to operate as Missions Director, President of Ministerial Staff, Trustee and Preacher's Roundtable Coordinator and recently appointed him to lead the Men's Ministry.

In addition, he operates in several other ministries at Cathedral, including media, church strategy, and leadership development. Within the North Central Georgia Jurisdiction under

Bishop J. E. Hogan, Elder Patten serves as the Vice President of Missions and as a member of the ordination board.

Ministry has allowed Elder Patten to perform global missions in Ghana, South Africa, Malaysia, and India. In addition, he supports international missions for Nigeria, Brazil, and Haiti for his local ministry.

In 2015, Elder Patten was appointed Vice President of Finance for COGIC World Missions. In this role, Vice President Patten has fiscal responsibility for \$1M+ budget that impacts 82 countries.

Elder Patten strongly be-

lieves the value of education and its ability to change lives and perspectives.

He has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), M.Div. in Hebrew Bible from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), and M.B.A. from Emory University, Goizueta Business School.

He continues to volunteer with, support, and give back to the academic communities that have shaped him while helping others

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Wendell Pierce

HOUSTON, TX — The National Black Book Festival in Houston has confirmed actor and author Wendell Pierce is a featured author this year. Pierce is renowned for his appearances in the films, *Selma* and *Waiting to Exhale*, and the highly-acclaimed TV shows, "The Wire" and "Suits."

He is also author of the NAACP Image Award nominated book, *The Wind in the Reeds: A Storm, a Play, and the City That Would Not Be Broken*. This will be Pierce's first year appearing at the Festival and his appearance



time will be on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m.

Entertainment manager and author Mathew Knowles is also a featured author for this year's event. Knowles, whose book is titled *The*

DNA of Achievers: 10 Traits of Highly Successful Professionals, is best known for managing the career of his daughter, Beyonce, and the powerhouse girl group Destiny's Child, and his appearance will be on Saturday, Oct. 29 @ 10:00 a.m.

Other featured authors for 2016 NBBF include:

- ReShonda Tate Billingsley – Author of 30+ Christian fiction novels and teen novels, whose book, *Let the Church Say Amen*, was adopted for a BET feature film. She is an NAACP Image Award winner for her book, *Say Amen Again*, and is co-founder of Brown Girls

Books publishing company.

- Victoria Christopher Murray – Author of 20+ Christian fiction novels and teen novels. She is an NAACP Image Award winner for her book *Stand Your Ground*, and is co-founder of Brown Girls Books publishing company.

- Omar Tyree – NY Times best-selling author of 20+ novels, including *Fly Girl*, *What They Want*, *Sweet St. Louis* and *All Access*

- Wahida Clark – NY Times best-selling urban fiction author of *Every Thug Needs a Lady*, *Justify My Thug*, and *Thuggz Valentine*
- Carl Weber, NY Times

best-selling author of more than 15 novels, including *The Family Business* (1, 2 and 3), *The Man in 3B*, *Choir Director*, and *Grand Opening*

- Valerie Wilson Wesley, Best-selling author whose titles include *Playing My Mother's Blues* and *When Death Comes Stealing*, also writes paranormal mysteries under the pen name *Savanna Welles*. Her books for children include the *Willimena Rules!* series.

- R. M. Johnson, Author of several best-selling novels, including *The Bishop* series, *The Million-Dollar Divorce*, and *The Harris Men*.

- Maureen Smith, Award-winning romance author of 24 novels and 3 novellas, including *Wicked Games*. She also writes under the pseudonym *Naomi Chase*.

General admission is free to the public and includes all author exhibits, featured author sessions, workshops, seminars and entertainment. Special events where food is served require a ticket purchase.

For more information, visit the Festival web site: www.nationalblackbookfestival.com or call the National Black Book Festival headquarters at 1-800-340-5454.

Orrin Hudson

ATLANTA (BlackNews.com) — Orrin Hudson, two-time World Open speed chess champion, non-profit leader, and author of the Amazon Best-Selling *One Move At A Time, How To Win At Chess And Life* recently appeared on The Tom Joyner Morning Show – the nation's #1 syndicated urban morning show, broadcast in 105 markets, reaching more than eight million people.

During the morning's segment, Hudson talked about his role in helping promote the recently released Disney Studios chess-oriented film, *Queen of Katwe*, which stars Oscar award-winning actress



Lupita Nyong'o. He also announced that *Be Someone*, a unique non-profit program that he founded in 2001 to help teach underprivileged youth to think strategically, plan effectively and build self-confidence, will be going on the road to reach more young people at risk of making the

wrong moves in their lives.

He credits the game of chess of literally saving his life when he was a youngster and now he's paying back.

The former Air Force veteran and Alabama State Trooper has a simple message that resonates with his young audiences: "Learn to think before you act: heads up, pants up, grades up, and the most important, never give up."

Appearing on The Tom Joyner Morning Show was one of the most rewarding interviews in my career," said Hudson. "Tom Joyner is an all-time legend in radio broadcasting, so to be able to talk to him about my background, *Be Someone*,

and my organization's goals is something I will never forget."

During an earlier interview, Hudson described his game of choice as "the board of education," and talked about how he teaches kids to think strategically, one move at a time via the game of chess. In the interview, he refers to the chess board as the "board of education" and says "it's not about blame, it's about aim."

Hudson has been featured on CNN, *Good Morning America*, and *People Magazine*, and was even honored by the FBI, which awarded him with the 2013 FBI Director's Award for Community Leadership.

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This is why increasing diversity in healthcare is essential for the black community

By Dr. Patricia Maryland
NNPA Guest Columnist

Diversity is good for communities, companies and our nation. A plurality of viewpoints, experiences and beliefs has the potential to foster both understanding and innovation. And in the healthcare field, the need for diversity is evident every day. Providers in the U.S. serve people from all walks of life, and each patient's personal background plays a significant factor in the way care is delivered.

There's no such thing as a one-size-fits-all approach to keeping people healthy. That's why it is critical for healthcare organizations to have leaders who reflect the diverse populations they treat, and who understand that different communities can have different health needs – leaders who know,

for example, that breast cancer tends to appear in black women at a younger age, and in more advanced forms, than in other racial and ethnic groups; and who are committed to eliminating disparities when it comes to prevention, detection and treatment of this disease.

We need leaders who understand the foundation of person-centered care is trust, and who are acutely aware of the need to broker trust in African-American communities where, historically, the healthcare system has been underutilized for a number of reasons.

Unfortunately, the reality today is both women and minorities are underrepresented in healthcare leadership positions. While almost 80 percent of healthcare workers are women, they accounted for just 43 per-

cent of hospital executives in 2014. Last year, a mere 11 percent of executive leadership positions at U.S. hospitals were held by members of minority groups, and in a 2015 survey of healthcare executives, less than 20 percent of respondents said that minority executives were well represented in management teams.

There are myriad reasons for the shortage of women and minority leaders in healthcare, but one glaring challenge is the lack of a strong talent pipeline. Simply put, women and minorities continue to be significantly underrepresented in the business and clinical areas from which healthcare organizations usually draw their executives. African-Americans, for example, make up just over three percent of practicing physi-

cians nationwide, and a 2014 survey of 5,300 MBA candidates in the United States found that only six percent identified as Black.

Working toward greater representation of women and minorities in healthcare leadership roles is not only the right thing to do, it's also a care imperative. Consider that 32 percent of hospital patients in the U.S. belong to racial and ethnic minorities, and that each patient experiences the healthcare system differently based on his or her unique history, environment, cultural background and personal beliefs.

If healthcare providers are serious about offering culturally competent, community-based solutions, having leaders who can implement organizational

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one thing, he might step up the pace of the pardons and sentence commutations for nonviolent drug offenders, who are disproportionately African American. In 2011, then-Attorney General Eric Holder said there were as many as 10,000 federal drug offenders that could be released. While President Obama has offered pardons and commutations, only a fraction of those whose sentences could be commuted have been. For whatever reason, the Department of Justice has moved at a snail's pace with commutations. President Obama could direct Attorney General Loretta Lynch to bring more pardon applications to his desk. He would make a tremendous impact if the number of nonviolent drug offenders with sentences pardoned or commuted were closer to 10,000 than 1000.

President Obama might also consider a posthumous pardon for Marcus Garvey, the Jamaican-born activist and founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Associ-

ation (UNIA). At its peak, UNIA had millions of members in 1100 chapters in 40 countries. Garvey was wrongfully convicted of mail fraud and deported from the United States in 1923. Garvey was really only guilty of loving Black people and organizing us. President Obama could lift up an organizer, correct a historical wrong, and signal that he is not as indifferent to Black people as he sometimes seems. Such a small gesture would go a long way toward contributing to his legacy.

The President might also consider the request from The Institute of the Black World 21st Century to appoint a John Hope Franklin Commission on Reparations. He could do this by executive order and the commission could potentially hold a few hearings in the month after the November election. This would be a small gesture, but it would go a long way toward continuing an important conversation about the origins of our na-

tion's wealth gap.

President Obama could also use an executive order to direct unspent Department of Education funds to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). What if he directed at least \$1 million to each HBCU, pushing Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Acting Executive Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs to go to each federal department to release unspent funds for contracting and scholarship opportunities? These dollars would make a great difference, especially at our nation's smallest, private HBCUs. The president made important points in his recent visit to North Carolina A&T State University at a gathering hosted by ESPN's “The Undeclared” and led by anchor Stan Verrett. He could combine talk with action by aggressively addressing HBCU issues as his term winds down, making amends for the ways his administration treated HBCUs earlier.

President Obama has lots of unfinished domestic and foreign policy matters, and there will be numerous de-

mands in these last 100 days for him to address a plethora of issues. As a lame duck, he has limited tools – the executive order and the bully pulpit. Congress may return after the November election chastened, especially if Republicans lose the Presidential race, and inclined to cooperate on some legislative matters. It is more likely, however, that they will continue their obstruction to anything President Obama proposes.

Still, President Obama has the power to do more both symbolically and substantively in these last days of his Presidency. I'd urge him to consider some of the things he can do to address the African American community that has steadfastly supported him, even when he has not been so supportive of us.

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Is your stress causing your partner to get fat?

Stress isn't good for you, but it's not good for your spouse, either. For older married couples, one spouse's long-term stress can cause the other's weight gain.

Researchers looked at how the negative quality of marriage can be detrimental for weight gain — possibly leading to obesity — when couples 50 and older are stressed. The results varied by gender.

The study specifically focused on chronic stress, which is an ongoing circumstance occurring for more than a year and threatens to overwhelm an individual's resources, such as financial problems, difficulties at work, or long-term caregiving.

Participants came from the nationally longitudinal Health



and Retirement Study at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. The sample included 2,042 married individuals who completed questions about their waist circumference, negative marriage quality, stress levels, and other factors in 2006 and 2010.

Greater negative quality ties as reported by husbands

exacerbated the effects of partner stress on both husbands' and wives' waist circumference.

Interestingly, lower negative quality ties reported by wives exacerbated the effect of wife stress on husbands' waist circumference, says Kira Birditt, a research associate professor at ISR's Survey Research Center.

For the increased risk of obesity, 59 percent of the husbands and 64 percent of the wives were at higher risk of disease in the study's first assessment, and 66 percent of husbands and 70 percent of wives were at increased risk at the study's conclusion.

About 9 percent of the participants showed a 10 percent increase in waist circumference, which represented an average increase of four inches or more over four years.

"Marriage has powerful influences on health," says Birditt, lead author of the study in the *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. "The stress experienced by partners, and not the individual's stress, was asso-

ciated with increased waist circumference. This effect of stress was even stronger in particular spousal relationships."

Husbands usually experience lower negative marital quality and thus greater negative feelings may be less expected and more harmful. Because women tend to report greater negative marital quality, low levels of negative marital quality among wives may be an indicator of a lack of investment in the marriage.

Other researchers from the University of Michigan and from Wilfrid Laurier University in Canada are coauthors of the study.

Source: University of Michigan and Futurity.

You're never too old to dream

It may be a teen dream to become a rock star and while many have lived the dream, none have done so quite in the manner of Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney and Bob Dylan all three of whom are now among the ranks of mature American citizens, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

In fact, says AMAC, Jagger, who is 73, McCartney, who is 74, and Dylan, who is 75, still have what it takes to draw mega-crowds as was evident at the Desert Trip rock music festival staged recently in Indio, CA. Organizers say that some 150,000 fans, many of them Baby Boomers, cheered on the trio of septuagenarians. Of course there were a few younger "classical music" fans in attendance as well.

Cervical cancer screening could be less frequent, start later

By Karen Feldscher
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Women may only need cervical cancer screening every five to 10 years — instead of every three years, as currently recommended —

and may be able to start screenings later in life, according to a new study from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

The researchers found that women who have been vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) require

less-intensive screening because HPV causes almost all cases of cervical cancer. Accordingly, the risk of these women developing cervical cancer is quite low.

The study appears today (Oct. 17) in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*

(JNCI).

"This analysis enabled us to examine what would happen if we shifted from the current way we screen for cervical cancer — essentially, recommending the same type of screening for all women — to screening that takes into

account whether women have been vaccinated against HPV and therefore face a substantially lower risk of cervical cancer," said Jane Kim, professor of health decision science at Harvard

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strategies that meet patients where they are and advocate for the needs of diverse populations is mission critical.

Not only is this approach good for patients, it's good for the continued strength and sustainability of healthcare organizations. In a 2015 survey of healthcare

executives, 72 percent reported that diversity enhances care equity, 71 percent believed cultural differences within management teams foster successful decision-making, and two-thirds said diverse leaders can help an organization reach its strategic goals.

To take advantage of

these benefits, healthcare providers should consider a number of measures to boost the share of women and minorities in their executive ranks, from making stronger efforts to advance female and minority candidates from within to promoting healthcare management as a career among diverse audiences. And all along the talent pipeline, it's

critically important to communicate an inclusive organizational culture — one that ensures diverse candidates are welcome and successful at the organization.

As an African-American woman, I know the road to the C-suite can be a difficult journey, and even uncertain. But a willingness to take risks and step outside one's comfort zone is critical for

aspiring executives. Embracing one's role in an unfamiliar or challenging environment is the only way to grow and gain respect from senior leadership.

When it comes to diversity among healthcare leaders, we have much more work to do. But if organizations commit to pulling the best and brightest diverse talent to the top, and if

promising minority candidates continue to strive upward, we can create a healthcare system in which our leaders better represent the backgrounds and interests of the patients we serve.

Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, is the President of Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer of Ascension Healthcare, a division of Ascension.

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The president also expressed concerns over state-level budget cuts to higher education that have had a significant impact on the financial stability of HBCUs.

"Unless state legislatures pick up some of this slack, there's only so much the federal government is going to be able to do to fill the void through loans, because ultimately loans mean debt and it adds up and people can get into trouble," said Obama. "If you're really concerned about more resources for HBCUs then

you better vote. If you don't vote, you won't have any say in the decisions that are made in state capitals or in Congress about the support that you receive."

Obama also talked about the future of the My Brother's Keeper initiative (MBK), a program that was launched to address the unique challenges facing young men and boys of color.

Obama said that the central principle of (MBK) is to have some adult who is taking interest in the young

men, "to have somebody that is showing them here's an alternative here's a pathway here's an opportunity that you can seize and you are worth something and you are important and you are a leader."

Obama added: "It doesn't take a lot to transform the lives of young men."

MBK has partnered with organizations like the National Basketball Association and major corporations like Sprint have committed to make sure that one million young people have broadband Internet access to start closing that digital gap.

Obama said that 250 communities and cities have launched local MBK programs.

"Some cities are doing better than others, some corporate citizens are investing more than others and we want everybody to get involved," said Obama.

When asked about what it takes to manage the challenges of raising a family and a successful career, Obama admitted that balancing professional achievement and family is something that he and the First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama have had

to wrestle with.

Managing those responsibilities is particularly burdensome on the mom, said Obama.

"There's no doubt that Michelle carried a greater burden than I did, particularly, because the nature of my work required a lot of travel," said Obama, adding that soon-to-be dads must understand the level of commitment required to balance work and family responsibilities successfully.

He said that it was important to understand, that if you're going to have a real partnership, you have to

give and not just take and you have to be there and present at home.

"On my deathbed I will not remember any bills I passed, I will not remember any speeches I gave, I will not remember getting the Nobel Prize," said Obama. "What I will remember is holding hands with my daughters and taking them down to a park. That's one thing I know, that on my deathbed, that is what I will remember and if you approach life with that attitude then you're going to appropriately invest in what is most important."

DeSoto Parks and Recreation department earns NRPA National Accreditation

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recently announced that the DeSoto Parks & Recreation Department has received accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). With the announcement, DeSoto Parks & Recreation joins an elite group of 155 park and recreation agencies across the nation who has achieved accreditation.

"This national accreditation of our Parks & Recreation Department is another major milestone for our City," said DeSoto Mayor Curtistene McCowan. "The honor of being ranked among the 'best of the best' is a testament to the outstanding leadership, dedication and hard work of our administration, staff and community partners" said Mayor McCowan. "Special commendations go to Renee Johnson and her team for establishing and maintaining a standard of excellence for programs and services that meet the needs



There were big smiles all around as DeSoto learned that they were approved for the CAPRA accreditation. Pictured here from left, DeSoto Senior Center Manager Nathan Busby; Recreation Specialist Roderick Turner; Recreation/Civic Center Supervisor Kevin Moore; Managing Director M. Renee Johnson; Mayor Curtistene McCowan; CAPRA Visitation Committee Chair Gregory Mack; and Parks Operations Coordinator Danny Johnson.

of our diverse community."

National accreditation through CAPRA signifies that the Department employs national best practices in all facets of the organization. It is an extensive, multi-year process which includes the completion of an application and detailed self-assessment report as well as a site assessment conducted by the agency and the Commission. Accreditation requires agencies to respond to 151 stan-

dards representing elements of effective and efficient park and recreation operations.

"The DeSoto Parks & Recreation Team is committed to providing a premier park system by implementing the best management practices and establishing an elite agency to serve our citizens," said M. Renee Johnson, Director, DeSoto Parks & Recreation Department. "Our citizens deserve the pursuit of excellence."

The DeSoto Police Department has been accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1993 and recently underwent a re-accreditation. With the announcement of the Parks & Recreation Department accreditation, DeSoto is now one of only three local government agencies in the North Texas area to have two accredited departments.

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Black Chamber, community bids farewell to Samuel L. Brown

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce announced the passing of their long-time supporter and Board member Samuel L. Brown. Describing him as one of the organization's staunchest advocates, Brown served the Chamber for more than 30 years. The positions he held included, Chairman and several other pivotal roles for the organization to assist in establishing programs and relationships the Chamber believes has stood the test of time.

The Chamber's current Chair Darren L. James issued a statement sharing, "Sam, as he was known, continued to support the organization throughout in



immeasurable ways.

His leadership and communication demeanor will be missed, but his legacy of service and commitment to the Dallas Community at large is profound and provides an example we can all live by."

Samuel L. Brown's wake is Thursday, Oct. 20 at Friendship West Baptist Church. The funeral is Friday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. again at Friendship West Baptist Church.

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Chan School. "We found that continuing intensive screening among HPV-vaccinated women yields excessive costs and harms with little to no health benefit."

Since 2012, major guideline-making organizations have recommended that all women in the United States be screened for cervical cancer every three years beginning at age 21 with a Pap test (which checks for abnormal cells in the cervix), with the option of switching to a combination of Pap test and HPV testing (known as "co-testing") every five years beginning at age 30. However, current U.S. guidelines don't differentiate screening recommendations based on a woman's HPV vaccination status.

The Harvard Chan researchers developed a disease-simulation model to estimate the risks and benefits of various screening protocols. Their model projected the health and economic ef-

fects of three different types of HPV vaccines that are currently approved for use, two of which have been available since 2006. The goal was to pinpoint screening strategies that would provide the biggest health benefit in the most cost-effective way.

According to the model, women with the lowest risk of cervical cancer — those vaccinated with the new "nonavalent" HPV vaccine (HPV-9), which targets seven types of HPV that cause nearly 90 percent of all cervical cancers — would need screening only four times, every 10 years starting at age 30 or 35. Women vaccinated with earlier versions of the HPV vaccine — the bivalent and quadrivalent vaccines (HPV-2 and HPV-4), which target two HPV types that cause roughly 70 percent of cervical cancers — would need screening every five years starting at age 25 or 30.

The researchers also found that screening with HPV test-

ing alone would provide similar health benefits and value as a Pap test or co-testing, because the HPV test is highly sensitive and can more efficiently identify women who are likely to develop cervical cancer.

One limitation of the study is that it modeled scenarios in which women were fully vaccinated in pre-adolescence (as recommended) and fully compliant with screening protocols. The researchers noted that future studies should take into account actual vaccination uptake rates in the population and data on screening compliance in vaccinated women as these data become available over time.

Other Harvard Chan School researchers involved in the study included post-doctoral research fellow Emily Burger, programmer Stephen Sy, and research scientist Nicole Campos.

The study was supported by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

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David W. Carter High School is on the rise

Preliminary data released by the Texas Education Agency showed that 210 (91 percent) of Dallas Independent School District campuses met state standards, up from 190 schools in 2015 and 184 schools in 2014.

In all four categories calculated by the TEA—student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness—Dallas ISD outperformed thresholds set by the state.

In September, the Texas Education Agency released accountability and performance ratings for every school in the state based on recent student performance data. The Carter Feeder Pattern was rated “Met Standard” across the board—a rating that reminds us that our dedication, commitment and hard work is paying off for students in District 6.

The Texas Education Agency announced that 68 percent of Dallas ISD campuses have earned at least one academic distinction designation, up from 60 percent



of schools in 2015.

Distinctions are designations awarded to campuses based on high achievement in areas such as reading and math. The designations are awarded to a campus based on how it performed compared to other schools with a similar size and demographics. Up to seven distinction designations can be earned for:

- Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading;
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics;
- Academic Achievement in Science;
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies;
- Top 25 Percent: Student Progress;
- Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps; and
- Postsecondary Readiness.

In addition to the “Met

Standard” rating many District 6 schools received distinctions:

- Carter High School received a distinction in Post-Secondary Readiness in State Accountability Measures (according to the TEA’s review of schools in the state).
- Gilliam Collegiate Academy received distinctions in Reading & English/Language Arts, Math, Student Progress, and Post-Secondary Readiness.
- T.G. Terry ES received distinctions in Reading & English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Student Progress, and Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Adelle Turner ES received distinctions in Reading & English/Language Arts and Social Studies.
- Umphrey Lee Elementary School received four distinctions in total for English Language Arts/Reading, Science, Student Progress and Postsecondary Readiness.
- Ronald McNair received a distinction in Student Progress.
- D. A. Hulce received four

distinctions in Mathematics, Student Progress, Closing Achievement Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness.

• Birdie Alexander, Martin Weiss, Mark Twain and W.H. Atwell all met standard.

Congratulations to all of the administrators, teachers, faculty, staff, parents, partners and community for your efforts to make our schools in District 6 some of the best available in Dallas ISD. It takes a village and your work is evidence of the progress taking place in our schools and for our students.

In other District 6 News:

Carter Collegiate Academy receives huge uniform donation

Mr. Maurice Miller of

Measured for Success has pledged to donate blazers with the Carter Collegiate Academy crest to all students in Carter Collegiate Academy, a donation of approximately \$ 7,000.

William Hawley Atwell

Law Academy

Atwell Middle School is one of 11 Dallas ISD middle schools participating in restorative practices, formerly referred to as restorative discipline, which is designed to proactively address disciplinary and behavioral issues before they escalate. Middle school classrooms that used restorative practices last year saw a 64-percent reduction in in-school suspensions and a 70-percent reduction

in out-of-school suspensions.

MLK Oratory Competition to kick off in October

Fourth- and fifth-grade students at 25 district schools are working on original essays that they will recite during the first round of competition in the Gardere M.L. King Jr. Oratory Competition in October.

The first-place orators from each of the participating campuses will be invited to recite their essays at the event semi-finals to be held at district headquarters in December. From there, the finalists will recite their essays before a public audience and a panel of professionals in January at the Majestic Theater.

DISD Career Certifications skyrocket

The number of career certifications received by Dallas ISD students has increased by more than 3,500 percent since 2009–2010, and students like Damian, a senior at W.H. Adamson High School, are benefiting.

Damian is in Adamson High School’s automotive technology program and plans to become a Porsche Master Technician. Thanks to the program that provides students with hands-on experience repairing and learning about cars, Damian has a big head start as he races toward his dream.

“This program has helped me in leaps and bounds,” Damian said. “Every class teaches me something I didn’t know and that I can use down the road.”

Adamson has partnered with Eastfield College to offer dual-credit automotive technology classes, meaning students get high school and college credit at the same



Damian (left) and Esmeralda are students in Adamson High School’s automotive technology program. (DISD)

time.

Through the program, students will be able to get up to 18 college credit hours, an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) student certificate, and Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

Adamson’s automotive classes are part of Dallas ISD’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. From hospitality and tourism to manufacturing and floral design, Dallas ISD’s CTE

program has rapidly grown in recent years.

Much of the CTE program growth can be attributed to House Bill 5 that was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013. HB 5 requires students to earn an endorsement while they are in high school. Most of the endorsement options are CTE related.

Between 2009–10 and 2015–16, the number of career certifications received by Dallas ISD students rose from 177 to 6,438.



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Irving Fire Department prepares for new developments

The department broke ground in April on its new Fire Station 12, and in July, construction began on the state-of-the-art Irving-Grand Prairie Fire Training Facility near State Highway 161 and Belt Line Road. The department also is increasing its fleet this year by adding two 100-foot tiller-ladder trucks, one of which will be assigned to Fire Station 12, while the other will be assigned to Fire Station 3.

Completion of Fire Station 12 is anticipated in



Artist rendering of the new Fire Station 12 set to open in March.

March. The 12,000-square-foot facility will be located at 2995 Regent Blvd. in north Irving, near the Hack-

berry Creek subdivision. The new station's location was selected to reduce response times in and around

the Hackberry Creek, La Villita and Valley Ranch neighborhoods. In 2013, studies were conducted that revealed this area lacked the proper coverage to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard on response times. According to the NFPA, the first piece of fire apparatus must arrive in four minutes or less, while the total response of 15 firefighters must arrive within eight minutes. The study showed Fire Department response times in the area were two

to four minutes later than the requirement, a problem the new Fire Station 12 is expected to fix.

The station will house an Advanced Life Support ambulance, a 1,500-gallon-per-minute fire engine and a ladder truck. According to the Fire Department, ladder trucks are an invaluable asset to the city, given the current and future development of high-density areas. With the help of these highly maneuverable tiller ladder trucks, firefighters can gain access to residents

in need of help.

The addition of Fire Station 12, the Irving-Grand Prairie Fire Training Facility, and the fifth ladder truck placed at station 12 will be the final components required to propel Irving to an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 1. Irving's current public protection classification is a rating of ISO-2. The station is funded through \$3.9 million in bond funds that Irving residents approved in the 1999 and 2006 bond elections.

Plano cracks Top 3 in *Money* magazine's 'Best Places to Live'

What do you see when you look up at Plano's western sky? Lots of cranes — and the constellation of office buildings they're planting on the horizon.

Thanks in part to corporate tax incentives, Plano is already home to J.C. Penney and Frito-Lay, as well as a regional hub for Bank of America, PepsiCo, Cigna, and Intel. They'll be getting new neighbors soon, with Toyota moving its North America headquarters in next year and Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, and Fannie Mae importing part of their operations. With



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200,000 jobs and another 20,000 expected within five years, Plano isn't just living up to its nickname, "A great

place to do business." It's giving Dallas, 20 miles south, a run for its corporate money.

What makes Plano a great place to work is that it's also a great place to live and raise a family. It has the lowest crime rate of any Texas city and some of the lowest taxes in the region. On a \$301,850 home (the median in 2016), the annual property tax is about \$6,000.

Tre Wilcox moved from Dallas to Plano last year because he thought his daughter, Alexis, 15, would flourish right along with his cooking-class business. "Kids play in the streets until the lights come on," says Wilcox. "If Alexis forgets her key, the neighbors al-

ways let her stay in their house until I get home. There's definitely that sense of community."

That's even more remarkable given that many residents are, like Wilcox, new in town. Those transplants have helped make Plano remarkably diverse. About 43% of residents are non-white, and 80 languages are spoken in its well-regarded schools. Almost 95% of high school graduates pursue higher education. Last year, Plano High's robotics team even went to a world championship event.

While Plano has an eye on

the future, it's also embracing its past. The city's Great Update Rebate program offers up to \$5,000 for renovations to moderately priced homes 35 years and older. Downtown, which had lost much of its charm after World War II, is a destination again. Galleries and restaurants line the brick-paved streets, and there's a new outdoor stage in McCall Park. "We have 300,000 residents, but I'm always running into people I know," says Stacey O'Mahony, a middle-school teacher. "I feel like Plano is the largest small town in America."

Sixth annual SlingFest comes back to Plano this October

TheLab.ms announced the 6th Annual SlingFest will return to Plano's Oak Point Park on Oct. 30, continuing its tradition of ruthless pump-

kin destruction. SlingFest is a fun, family friendly event where teams are invited to bring their own trebuchets, catapults, ballistas and other

pumpkin chunking devices in contests of accuracy, distance and funky flings. SlingFest is presented by Plano Magazine and TheLab.ms, with all fes-

tival proceeds benefiting TheLab.ms, a Plano maker-space.

"Last year was our first year in Plano, and we broke

records in distance and attendance," said SlingFest organizer and TheLab.ms board member, Tommy Falgout. "We are excited to be ex-

panding the event this year to include food trucks, vendors and craftsmen. We expect to see some old rivalries and

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McKinney celebrates Texas Arbor Day with free tree giveaway

The City of McKinney encourages residents to plant trees with its annual Share the Shade event in celebration of Texas Arbor Day on Saturday,

Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Share the Shade takes place on the east lawn of the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St.

Residents can share the shade by receiving one of 100 lacebark elm trees given away on a first-come, first-served basis at the event. Trees are

limited to one per household. A valid driver's license or identification with a McKinney address is required.

"Trees provide shade for

homes, remove air pollutants, provide a home for wildlife and so much more," said Emily Braht, McKinney Landscape Architect/Arborist.

"They are important for more than aesthetic reasons. Trees are vital for sustainable community growth, economic vitality, and public health."

DFW commuters can earn rewards as an I-30 Insider

North Texans who commute on I-30 between Dallas and Fort Worth can become "Insiders" and earn rewards for trying alternative commutes by registering at www.i30insider.com. Rewards can be earned starting Oct. 1 through April 28, 2017, while supplies last.

After registering with Try Parking It, the Dallas-Fort Worth region's commuter ride-match and trip-logging website, users should join the I-30 Insider Challenge. Commuters will earn points for logging alternative commutes along I-30 during morning and evening peak

periods and points will accumulate to be exchanged for gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, online retailers and more.

Registered commuters will also receive full benefits of www.TryParkingIt.com, such as carpool matching, finding mentors to help navi-

gate the transit system or safely walk or bicycle to work, and tracking the resulting benefits of using alternatives to driving alone. Users also earn separate prizes and merchandise discounts through Try Parking It donated by G.R.E.E.N. Partners.

Commuters who carpool or vanpool and use the recently-opened TEXpress Lanes on I-30 can also receive rush-hour discounts on tolls. Drivers will need to get a TollTag through the North Texas Tollway Authority and download the Drive On TEXpress app available in the App Store or

Google Play.

North Texas commuters who don't use I-30 or can't switch to an alternative commute are eligible to be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Amazon gift card when they register for Try Parking It and take a survey on the I-30 Insider website.

STATEWIDE Early voting begins on Oct. 24

Early voting starts on Oct. 24 - Nov. 4. Times are as follows:

10/24 - 10/28 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
10/29 (Sat.) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
10/30 (Sun.) 1-6 p.m.
10/31 - 11/4 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CARROLLTON Annual Mother-Son Monster Mash

Boys, don't forget your Mummies! Buy your tickets now for the 6th Annual Mother Son Monster Mash, to be held Saturday, October 22 at Creekview High School (3201 Old Denton Road) from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The event is g'hosted by the Carrollton Police Officers Association and there will be tons of howling fun! Attendees are invited to come as they aren't and wear a favorite kid-friendly costume. Activities include a kid-friendly haunted house, the opportunity to meet police officers and firefighters, dancing, bounce houses, games, and snacks. No dads or daughters please; this is a



special time for moms and their sons. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/monster-mash.

GARLAND Fall Festival at Firewheel

Firewheel's Fall Festival will be held Oct. 22 from 2-5 p.m. at 245 Cedar Sage Dr. in Garland. A free, safe event for children and their parents. Lots of candy, smiles, and fun for the whole family. Games, inflatables, pony rides, candy, petting zoo, & more!

There's no charge for admission, but soda and water available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Simon Youth Foundation.

Garland Ranked Eighth for Families

Move.org recently named Garland the eighth best city for raising a family, citing its low crime rate and affordability. With six recreation centers and more than 40 parks, the city is a favorite for families who want to enjoy the outdoors without ever leaving the city. Move.org analysts based their list on the 100 most populous cities in the U.S.

McKINNEY Library upgrades to new Koha online system

The McKinney Public Library System upgraded to a new online catalog system on Monday, Oct. 17 known as Koha, an open-source Integrated Library System (ILS) used by thousands of libraries worldwide.

Users will experience easy browsing on all device types including smartphones, computers and tablets with the new responsive design.

The catalog website,

www.mckinneytexas.org/librarycatalog.

LEWISVILLE Call for artists for MCL Christmas show

Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater is now accepting applications for its Christmas art show. "Pretty Paper" is a holiday art sale exhibit intended to encourage shoppers to purchase works by local artists.

Artists wanting to exhibit and sell art during the "Pretty Paper" show can submit up to five pieces for consideration. Number of pieces actually permitted per artist will be determined by total number of submission and available space. Although this is a holiday art sale, the subject does not have to be holiday themed.

Interested artists can pick up an application at MCL Grand, 100 N. Charles Street, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artists also can email Aaron Kays at akays@cityoflewisville.com. Applications are due by Oct. 21.

Richardson Masons hosting Open House on Oct. 23

Richardson DeMolays and Richardson Masons will host an open house on Sunday, Oct. 23, at Richardson Masonic Lodge. It will introduce the public to the inner workings of the Lodge, answer questions about Masonry and other Masonic groups' membership and discuss reasons why Masonry is the oldest fraternity in the world, with its origins in the Middle Ages.

The open house is 2-4 p.m. at Richardson Masonic Lodge, 528 Lockwood Lane in Richardson. There is no admission charge.

Attendees are asked to wear business casual clothing. Children are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

The Lodge shares its

building with a number of affiliated organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star, which is open to women; the Order of Rainbow for Girls, which teaches important lessons in morality and conduct to girls between the ages of 11 and 20; and the Order of DeMolay, which teaches lessons in leadership, civic duty, scholarship, and clean living to boys between the ages of 12 and 21.

DeMolay is a youth leadership organization, building young men of character. It's dedicated to making young men better people and leaders.

Men continue to join Masonic Lodges today to enjoy fellowship with other

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NCBW womens advocacy group takes the lead

Led by Ms. Mia Johnson, a long time youth advocacy champion, a new group of DFW advocates has joined a national movement to reinvigorate civic social responsibility by creating a proactive relationship to both public, private, and non-profit corporate power. The 100 Black Women Charter Membership Interest Mixer Campaign seeks to extend the opportunity to lead through service within the Dallas Fort Worth Community which has come to national attention via recent events and is expected to take a lead in the US on various community policing is-



Mia Johnson NCBW DFW President Elect

sues. The goal is to harness the power and influence of African American Female Leaders in public, non-profit, and private for profit corporations in the DFW social economic community for the chartering of this effective community advo-

cacy group.

The DFW Charter Membership Interest Mixer is the first effort to obtain 35 solid committed charter member signatures by November 24, 2016.

The DFW Charter Membership Interest Mixer sessions will be at (session 1) 5:00 p.m., and (session 2) 6:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Clubhouse Exclusive Gated Luxury Community of Domain at Midtown Park, 8169 Midtown Blvd, Dallas, TX, 75231, (469) 301-2204, Limited Seating RSVP and Invitation Confirmation Required.

The group is currently seeking 35 signatures for a Charter with the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Organization.

These signatures would position us to be able to petition the National Organization for a Charter in November 2016, and officially begin operations of establishing the Dallas Chapter organizing committee in December 2016 with the intention of creating a proactive advocacy "corporate personhood." RSVP Invitations by contacting Mia at dallas100blackwomen@gmail.com.

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some new to help make this our best year yet!"

SlingFest originally started in 2011 when the city of Grapevine announced a Pumpkin Chunkin' event, which was later canceled. Tommy Falgout gathered some friends and started their own event in Pilot Point.

Two years later, they outgrew that field and moved to Cross Pecan Farms in Greenville, and then even outgrew that location to now settle into Plano. As Tommy explains, "Each year, we have gotten better trebuchets, more spectators, longer distance and bigger splats. I

can't wait to see what this year holds."

On October 30, teams will compete in three contests: Accuracy (hitting a target), Distance (the best distance so far is 500+ feet) and the Funky Fling (flinging non-pumpkin items; last year's most vile entrant was an actual squid).

Hours of the event are 12

p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Food will be provided by Gandolfo's New York Delicatessen and Oh My Kabob! food trucks and AmazeBallz Cake Balls. Local craftsmen and vendor booths will be onsite. Advance tickets are \$5 per person. Tickets on the day of the event are \$10 each.

For SlingFest information: Slingfest.com.



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Three things to see at the Dallas Video Festival

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

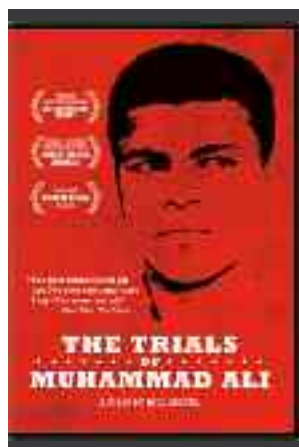
The 29th Dallas Video Festival currently underway until Sunday, Oct. 23 offers a wide spectrum of narrative and documentaries. Speaking with Bart Weiss, the festival organizer, he offered insight on a few must-see films.

Blur Circle, directed by Chris Hanson the Department Chair of Film at Baylor, leads the lineup on Thursday at 7 p.m.

In the story, a woman's son disappeared two years ago, and she has not moved on. Unable to face the possibility that she has lost him forever, she pursues every lead, regardless of how thin. Then she meets a man with a shrouded past, but the details of that past – and how she has responded to it – forces the mother to look at her life in an entirely new way.

"Her life has taken this dark turn. She wears the same clothes because maybe he will see her and recognize her. She meets this quirky, odd filmmaker, and confronts her own demons," Weiss stated.

Hoop Dreams is a leg-



endary documentary following the lives of two inner-city Chicago boys who struggle to fulfill their basketball visions of glory. It is Director's Cut is screening Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Angelika. The director, Steve James, has been making films for over 50 years.

When you consider modern filmmaking, "think about the technology changes," Weiss stated. He

encourages attendees to take the time to read the program booklet which features what he calls a beautiful essay in the program book.

Friday night's headliner film at 7 p.m. is **The Trials of Muhammad Ali**. When the legendary boxer passed away this summer on June 3, he was praised by many around the world. However, Ali was not always such a universally beloved figure.

"Folks forgot how controversial he was; this film reminds them of that," Weiss stated.

Ali's reputation was on the ropes when he refused to join the Army in 1967 and fight in the Vietnam war. Born in 1942 as Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr., he changed his name to Muhammad Ali in 1963, which did not endear him to many across the country.

Dallas Children's Theater presents two holiday classics

The holiday season brings two classics to the stage at Dallas Children's Theater (DCT). It's a "mixed nuts" celebration featuring two of the most famous and memorable plays around. First up, the Peanuts gang takes the stage in A Charlie Brown Christmas. Children will be introduced to the beloved characters from their parents and grandparents' childhoods complete with a live combo band on stage for every performance. In The Nutcracker, Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts celebrates 20 years of performing this most requested title. This magical interpretation is a sumptuous creation and a delicious holiday treat. Top



A stage adaptation of the famous Peanuts holiday special will be performed by the Dallas Children's Theater. (Photo: Karen Almond)

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Another Happy Winner



Allen Griffin, an employee for the City of Frisco, is set to enjoy DCT's presentation of Seussical courtesy of the North Dallas Gazette. Stay tuned to NDG on Facebook and Instagram for your chance to win.

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Eisemann Center presents 'What's Going On: The Marvin Gaye Experience' in Richardson on Nov. 12

"What's Going On: The Marvin Gaye Experience" will be presented at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 at 8 p.m. in the Hill Performance Hall.

"What's Going On: The Marvin Gaye Experience" invites audiences to celebrate the hits of the legendary Marvin Gaye. Brian Owens performs selections that span Gaye's music-making career. Early solo hits like "Can I Get a Witness" and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" share space with "You're All I Need to Get By" and other classic duets. No Marvin Gaye song list would be complete without classics like "Let's Get It On" or "Got To Give It Up."

As one of the pioneers of Motown, singer-songwriter and producer Marvin Gaye helped shape the sound of R&B music and is considered one of the greatest artists of all time. Owens is



Brian Owens will perform selections that span Gaye's music-making career at a special presentation in Richardson's Eisemann Center.

often referred to as the "second coming of Marvin Gaye" and has performed at the White House for First Lady Michelle Obama. He dazzles audiences with performances that are full of soul and love well beyond his peers of today and his refined style combining classic soul with a slight

modern touch is why audiences everywhere are calling him the new voice of American soul.

At its heart, Brian Owens' Marvin Gaye Experience is about preservation and upholding the tradition of true soul music. The show prominently features a suite of pieces from Gaye's

"What's Going On" album, which Brian counts as one of the most socially important artistic works in the history of American music. In light of recent events in and around Ferguson Missouri where he resides, Brian says the show also speaks to a heightened sense of urgency and the prophetic beauty of Gaye's 1971 work.

Tickets are \$38-\$53 and are available for purchase

online at www.eisemann-center.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn

Parkway/ Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2016-2017 Season include The Dallas Morning News, WFAA-TV, North Central Ford, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, UT Dallas, Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. and Raising Cane's.

New music festival announced for 2017

Fortress Presents, in partnership with the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth unveiled initial details surrounding the debut of Fortress Festival, a brand new premier music festival for North Texas. The inaugural weekend event will take place on April 29 - 30, 2017, in Fort Worth's internationally renowned Cultural District.

Fortress Festival will offer local residents, as well as music-lovers from across the country a new two-day event celebrating music and culture. Taking place in the highly respected Cultural District of Fort Worth, the first year fest will welcome to North Texas internationally-acclaimed headliners alongside some of today's hottest up-and-coming

music acts, as well as a variety of local artists and boundary-testing musical pioneers.

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth will serve as an official venue and promotional partner for the first year event. The festival will include two stages, one on the grounds of the Will Rogers Memorial Center and another on the reflecting pond at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

In addition to music, festival programming will take advantage of the diversity of venues available to create a cultural experience that will include multiple creative disciplines. Fortress Festival will provide North Texas with a festival comparable to any other major metropolitan area, while pushing the

overall festival experience into new frontiers for festival attendees of all ages.

Fortress Festival marks a milestone for the Fortress Presents team, a Fort Worth-based independent production and promotions company founded last year by Fort Worth native Alec Jhangiani, along with Ramtin Nikzad who also grew up in North Texas. Until their departure in June 2015, Alec and Ramtin previously helped establish the Lone Star Film Festival as well as the Lone Star Film Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that exists to cultivate an appreciation and understanding of the moving image as an art form and to showcase the City of Fort Worth to the world.



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Two sister entrepreneurs took a leap on faith with their gourmet sauces and landed in the 'Shark Tank'

Philadelphia, PA (BlackNews.com) -- Four and a half years ago, Jorraj Beard, originator of Joyce's LuLu Bang, decided she was exhausted with her sauce options and decided to create a sauce of her own. Together with her eldest sister, Kelly Beard, the two have turned an amazing sauce into a business that has revolutionized the way people experience food.

Joyce's LuLu Bang, affectionately named after their late mother Joyce Beard and late brother Michael "Lulu Bang" Beard, has gone from a sauce whipped up in a small kitchen to a growing household name that now has a chance in front of a national audience.

Joyce's LuLu Bang Sauces are all guaranteed to enhance the flavor of any food, whether it's fish,



Ashley, Kelly, and Jorraj Beard of Lulu Bang Sauces, appear on an episode of ABC's "Shark Tank"

chicken, or beef, pasta, rice or salads. Crafted with the right combination of herbs and spices, Joyce's Lulu Bang Sauces come in four distinct flavors: Asian Persuasion, BBQ Fusion, Bourbon Marinade, and It's Just HOT. Each sauce has been tested against some of the best on the market and has received overwhelming responses from customers that LuLu Bang sauces are the absolute best on the market.

LuLu Bang owners, Kelly and Jorraj Beard, will present Joyce's LuLu Bang to the panel of ABC's hit reality show, Shark Tank on October 28, 2016 at 9ET/8CT to seek capital investment. The sisters will pitch to investor panel, also known as the "Sharks", which include fashion and branding expert Daymond John; technology innovator Robert Herjavec; billionaire and outspoken owner of the Dallas Maver-

icks, Mark Cuban; "Queen of QVC" Lori Greiner; and venture capitalist Kevin O'Leary.

The recipient of the 2015 and 2014 Emmy Award for Outstanding Structured Reality Program, the business-themed show returns to the ABC Television Network for its eighth season with 45,000 applicants applying hoping to appear. "We leaped out on faith," stated CEO, Kelly Beard. "My team thought I was crazy when I said we were going down to Miami to pitch for Shark Tank. While I knew the odds were stacked against us, I had an unwavering determination and knew that if nothing else we would make an impression. Little did I know, we would make it through every round of eliminations and have the opportunity of a lifetime to pitch our products to the

most influential entrepreneurs of our time."

Of course, the sisters cannot divulge what happened during the show, or else ruin

the surprise element for which Shark Tank is famous.

But, unlike many food dis-

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Jamba Juice Opens Whirl'd Support Center in Frisco, Texas (Photo: Business Wire)

Jamba Juice opens Whirl'd Support Center in Frisco

FRISCO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jamba, Inc. (NASDAQ:JMBA), a leading lifestyle brand with a passion for making healthful living fun, announced the opening of its Whirl'd Support Center in Frisco, Texas on October 17. The company will celebrate its relocation to North Texas and the opening of the newest Dallas area Jamba Juice location with a Whirl'd Tour: a week of fit and fun activities created for the community, including the chance to win Jamba Juice for a Year.

Frisco is one of the fastest

growing communities in Texas, and in America for this decade, and boasts a highly skilled workforce, strong infrastructure and desirable place to work and live.

"Frisco continues to be a leading hotspot for business development and I'm thrilled Jamba Juice selected Frisco as its new home," said Frisco Mayor Maher Maso. "We're excited this dynamic company is growing its business here and look forward to the energy Jamba Juice and its team will bring to our community."



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Three habits successful retirees have that are worth imitating

Americans are increasingly glum about the odds they will enjoy a secure retirement, and those concerns flow across generational lines.

New research by the non-profit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies reveals that 45 percent of Baby Boomers expect to experience a reduced standard of living in retirement. Meanwhile, 83 percent of Generation X workers anticipate they will have a harder time achieving financial security than their parents did and just 18 percent of Millennials foresee a comfortable retirement, the research says.

“Sadly, those results aren’t surprising because we often hear from people who have real concerns about outliving their money,” says investment advisory representative Joshua Mellberg, founder of J.D. Mellberg Financial (www.jdmellbergfinancial.com).

“A lot of this is because so many aspects related to a traditional retirement have changed. For one, people are living longer, which means they need either to save more money or find ways to make what they do save last.”

Other factors causing anguish are that pensions are a thing of the past for most

Americans, and there are constant rumbles about whether Social Security faces a bleak future.

But instead of fretting, Mellberg says, those planning for retirement should concentrate on trying to control the things they can. He says successful retirees often display three habits that are worth imitating.

- They live with some urgency. Instead of sitting idly by, successful retirees seize each and every day to stay healthy and happy. Mellberg says this can apply to all aspects of life, from what you do during retirement to the way you save money

throughout your working life. “A sense of urgency can call you to action, so you’re more likely to prepare for a great retirement,” he says.

- They retire based on their financial assets, not age. Traditionally, when people think about retirement, they pick a target age rather than a target amount in their portfolio. But that may not be the right approach. “While you might have a certain age in mind, it can be more worthwhile to create a retirement plan that’s based on your finances,” Mellberg says. “That will give you a much better chance of having enough money to last you the rest of

your life.”

- They aren’t afraid to take risks. In many cases, it is best to minimize risks – and that’s especially true with finances for those approaching retirement, Mellberg says. “But you also don’t always want to live your life on the safe and boring side,” he says. One way some retirees minimize their financial risk is to use a portion of their savings to purchase an annuity, which provides them a set amount of income for life, much like a pension. “Once you know your retirement income is in order,” Mellberg says, “you can be free to take some risks in other areas of

your life and pursue your lifestyle goals.”

“Retirement is supposed to be about enjoying yourself after a lifetime of work, not counting pennies as you try to survive,” Mellberg says. “People nearing retirement need to understand that there are steps they can take that will help put them in a more secure position financially so they can thrive and not just survive.”

Joshua Mellberg, president and founder of J.D. Mellberg Financial (www.jdmellbergfinancial.com), is an Investment Advisory Representative and licensed insurance agent.

Brookhaven’s job-oriented workshop series ends on Oct. 26

Brookhaven College’s Career Development Center has hosted more than a dozen job-oriented workshops in preparation for the fall 2016 Career Fair and beyond.

Career Survival Month began Sept. 27 and concludes on Oct. 26.

The job market appears to be improving, but navigating the ins and outs of find-

ing work has never been more challenging.

Brookhaven College’s Career Development Center recognizes that job-seekers are often inexperienced in their searches and, as a result, created this month-long event to help prepare them.

Topics that have been explored include, résumé building, interview skills,

job fair dos and don’ts, as well as soft skills like professional communication, etiquette, workplace conflict, leadership skills and more.

Participants who attend 5 of the 7 soft skills workshops will earn an Occupational/Workforce Skills Certificate.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops

and participants must register for each event individually.

ally.

To see the full list of

events and to register, visit tinyurl.com/BrookhavenPB.

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tribution companies, LuLu Bang has been in the hot seat before.

As one out of 800 manufacturers attending the Walmart Manufacturing Summit, Joyce’s LuLu Bang emerged one of 5 sauce companies with a northeast regional distribution deal. Also in Shoprite stores in the Philadelphia area, LuLu Bang is quickly becoming a household name.

Joyce’s LuLu Bang team will also host a “watch event” the night of the show at The Enterprise Center, located at 4548 Market Street, Phila, PA. Tickets can be obtained at EventBrite, search words, “Shark Tank Watch Party”.

All of the Sharks live tweet during each new episode so we’re encouraging everyone to grab a jar and sit down at the dinner

table with LuLu Bang for dinner that night. They can then play along during our segment and ‘live tweet’ with each of the Sharks. Anyone

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McKinney ISD hosts interviewing event for students

The 2016 McKinney ISD Business Symposium is an important component of the MISD high school Interdisciplinary Study and Mentorship (ISM) Program. Perhaps best described as an afternoon of intensive speed-interviewing, the symposium will give each of the students in attendance an opportunity

to hone their communication skills while sitting across from McKinney professionals from a wide range of industries and disciplines.

The students are juniors and seniors from each of MISD's three high schools. Each participant gets in five or six interviews by the time they're done, and for or

some, this will help in the search for a career mentor. For others, it's a way to network and learn.

Students apply to be in ISM, and those in the program represent some of the most driven, career-focused students in the district. They focus on the career they're interested in, research it, find

a professional mentor and begin running hard toward that destination.

2015-2016 was the inaugural year for the program, and only seniors participated. This year, they've included juniors as well. Even in its very first year, ISM had a significant impact on the students involved in it.

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men who share similar values, including civic-mindedness, charity, support for public schools, support for the military, law enforcement, and other first responders, belief in God, and religious tolerance. Men participate in Masonry to become better

men by devoting themselves to Masonic teachings, thereby increasing in knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and leadership in their homes and in their communities.

Masonry has a rich history. Many founders of both the United States and the Repub-

lic of Texas were Masons, including George Washington, Paul Revere, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Douglas MacArthur, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin.

The first Masonic Lodge in Texas was formed in 1836, and there now are approxi-

mately 914 lodges in Texas with over 122,000 Masons.

Masonry invests in medical institutions such as Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, the Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston the Shriners Burn Institute in Galveston and other similar institutions nationwide.

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it off with a little melody and merriment as you wander through DCT's lobby Winter Wonderland. Make a date with DCT for a holiday season to remember!

A Charlie Brown Christmas, by Charles M. Schulz is based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson with stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer. It will be presented by special arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson from Nov. 18 through Dec. 21, 2016. It is recommended for ages 5 and up. Photo by Karen Almond.

Christmas time is here, and we're fortunate that it brings Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Snoopy, and the rest of the Peanuts gang to DCT! Charles Schulz's classic animated television special comes to life as you've never seen before. The young and the young at heart will be tapping their toes and oohing and ahing as the live combo band surrounds the audience

in a magical, memorable holiday spectacle. Make sure you're front and center as Charlie Brown and his friends discover the real meaning of Christmas!

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October 26, 7 p.m.

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October 30, 9:45 a.m.

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October 26, 7 p.m.

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"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." **John 21:6a**

The disciples were fishing. It was after Jesus had been crucified. Peter had gone through his most agonizing moment in which he had denied Jesus three times.

He had lost a friend. No doubt he probably wondered whether the last three years were a dream. What now?

Peter had been prepared three years, but he was not going out to preach; he was going fishing.

He had returned to his trade of days gone by. He had a level of experience with Jesus that no other human on earth can boast.

This was the third encounter he was about to have with Jesus after His resurrection. Jesus looked to Peter

and John in their boat and made a suggestion.

"Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." **John 21:6a.**

Now, if you are as seasoned in your fishing as these guys were, wouldn't you be a bit irritated if a stranger suggested that you simply put your nets over the other side to catch some fish?

Yet, we find that they took this stranger's advice. Once they were obedient, the Lord revealed Himself.

When they followed Jesus' advice, the catch was enormous - 153 fish in total. In most cases such a haul would have broken the net. Jesus invited them to have breakfast with Him - fish and bread; He had already started the fire.

I can only imagine that this scene would resemble some buddies going out and camping together.

There is so much that we are to learn in this passage about God's ways. As a

Christian believer, we must understand that after we have spent years with Jesus, this does not always mean we must leave our professions in order to fully follow Jesus.

Peter went back to his profession - fishing. It was here that Jesus asked him a simple question: Do you love Me and will you feed My sheep?

He didn't say to Peter, "Fishing is a waste of time for you now, Peter." This recommissioning was in the area of his original calling - his work.

We need not feel that we must go to the "mission field" to please Jesus. Our work is our mission field. We must, however, make a paradigm shift in our think-

ing about our place in the world.

We must have an overriding sense of mission and ministry that comes out of that work.

This is what is meant when we say that we must all be circumcised before we can enter the Promised Land.

When this happens, we can expect to see God fill the nets with His blessings. He wants to do this because He now owns the net, and He can trust us to manage it.

Give God the Glory - No matter how beautiful and handsome you are, just remember that Baboon and

Gorillas also attract tourists. Stop Boasting.

No matter how big and strong you are, you will not carry yourself to your Grave.

Be Humble. No matter how tall you are, you can never see tomorrow. Be Patient.

No matter how Light Skinned you are, you will always need Light in darkness. Take Caution.

No matter how rich and how many cars you have, you will always walk to bed. Be Contented. Life is short. Take Life Easy. WHAT A LIFE WE LIVE!



Dr. Terrell R. Bennett, his wife Jeannette and two sons, Terrell M. and Russell are members of Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton. He plays several musical instruments for the praise team and choir and he teaches his sons how to play the drums. Bennett has a MS degree and a PhD from the University of Texas at Dallas in Electrical Engineering.

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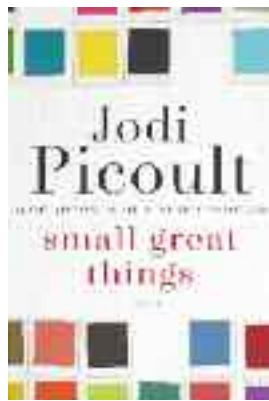
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You can't.

You've been told that before. At age four, you can't go outside in your underwear. At ten, you can't drink that. At fifteen, you can't go to the party. You can't have the job. You can't live like this. You've been told you can't a thousand times, maybe right, maybe wrong or, as in the new novel "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult, maybe because of your skin color.

Few noticed that Ruth Jefferson was awash in a sea of White.

Because of the urgency, the frenzy, the sheer joy of



new life in the Labor & Delivery department at Mercy-West Haven hospital, not many people noticed that Ruth was the only African American nurse on-staff. She was a good nurse, a mentor, and there was really no reason for anybody to

see her skin.

But Ruth felt that single-ness keenly in the comments made, the small slights, and the assumptions she was sure her colleagues made. Still, she loved her job and was too good at it to make too many waves – until shortly after Davis Bauer was born.

In many ways, Turk Bauer knew he was lucky.

He was married to Britany, the most beautiful woman he'd ever known, and they were about to be parents. Turk: White Supremacist, co-creator of LONEWOLF, skinhead, former leader of his own White Power organization

was going to have a child to bring up as a good Aryan warrior. He would raise his child right.

And it started by telling the nursing supervisor that Ruth Jefferson was not allowed to touch his son. No Black skin ever would, if Turk had anything to say about it, and a note to that effect went on the baby's medical records.

And that might've been the end of the issue, had Turk's son not gone into cardiac arrest. There might have been no discussion, had Ruth not been momentarily tasked with keeping an eye on the baby.

It might've been largely

forgotten, if the child hadn't died....

Are we all just a little bit racist? That's the uncomfortable, but necessary, question at the root of "Small Great Things."

Author Jodi Picoult wrapped a story around a nugget of news, and it's not a particularly relaxing thing: her stellar characterization – for Turk, especially – will make you squirm. He and his cohorts are given dialogue (beware!) that's laced with hateful words, and we're meant to dislike him intensely, in the courtroom and out.

Readers may also raise eyebrows at the friendship

between Ruth and her lawyer; there were times when it and some of the more minor plotlines seemed contrived (and not purposefully so). You'll be excused for overlooking that, however, because you'll be too busy enjoying the way Picoult peppers her story with precisely-right extras, a properly-unwound trial, and a perfect ending to this glued-to-your-hands novel.

Fans of Picoult, get ready, set, go. You know you want this book – just as you will if you're a lover of make-you-think novels. Start "Small Great Things" and you can't put it down.

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determine the academic path that will help them achieve their dreams.

The knowledge he has gained through these institutions has allowed him to

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