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Local minister as a spiritual engineer helps those he serve build stronger relationship with God and others

By Jacquinette D. Murphy
NDG Contributing Writer

Civil engineers are noted for designing bridges and safe structures to help improve the access and quality of life for a city or a community. Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ (MACC) Senior Minister, Lamont Ross is not the natural engineer he once desired to be. However, he can look over the congregation week after week and see God's handiwork in the lives of the 350 congregants who are connecting to God through his divinely ordered sermons.



Spending time with family including (L to R) Andrew, William, daughter Chloe and wife, Stacy is vital to Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ Senior Minister, Lamont Ross. (Courtesy image)

Minister Ross has led the 90-year, very established congregation since 2015 and is described by others as a humble, dynamic orator and minister. As he reflects on his journey to the pulpit, he is an example of an ordinary man whose life plans were re-written by an extraordinary God.

Recently the *North Dallas Gazette* attended the groundbreaking MACC held for their current renovation project to commence its \$1.5 million expansion renovation project (see Sidebar story on Page 6).

A graduate of Dallas ISD's Skyline High School at age 17, Ross entered The University of Texas at Austin with a scholarship from the United States Air Force ROTC in pursuit of his desired career path to become a

Civil Engineer. That is until just before the start of his first college semester.

"Growing up, people told me that I was a preacher, but I never wanted to preach. I say God pulled me into the ministry, kicking and screaming," Ross shared. "In the summer before the start of my freshman year in college, I was asked to speak at a youth conference. I did and did not really think anything of it."

Ironically, the title of his message at this conference was "A Wake-Up Call is Overdue," and at the time Ross did not even realize how much this would relate to the following weeks of his life on the college campus.

"I was in my dorm room, and I became really unhappy, like a mild depression," he said. Ross found himself in his college dorm room writing out church sermons. "I soon realized that I was unhappy because I was not doing what God wanted me to do. He wanted me to preach and not be an engineer."

Embracing his higher calling, he eventually changed his major to complement this path for his life. Ross is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Degree in Communications Studies and also holds a masters degree in Theology from the Austin

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Roz Brewer

By Jennifer Warnick
Starbucks Newsroom

Fortune magazine has named Roz Brewer, chief operating officer and group president at Starbucks, as one of the Most Powerful Women in Business on its annual list.

Brewer, formerly CEO of Walmart's Sam's Club, has made the annual list several times in her career.

This year, she is one of 51 female executives ranging from Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg to Oprah Winfrey. This year's No. 1 is Marillyn Hewson, chief executive of-



ficer of Lockheed Martin, and many of this year's top spots are held by other female ceos from companies such as General Motors, Fidelity Investments, IBM, Anthem, Oracle, General Dynamics and YouTube.

Brewer joined the Starbucks board of directors in March 2017. Though she was hired to be chief operating officer of Starbucks later that year, she continues to serve on the board. Mary Dillon, also on the Starbucks board of directors and ceo of Ulta Beauty, is also on *Fortune's* list.

"She's just plain smart," said Melody Hobson, Brewer's fellow board member, earlier this year. "And in the world of Starbucks, she's just beginning - just sinking her teeth in. We're really, really lucky to have her in this role. I mean lucky."

Brewer was the first woman, and the first African

American, to lead a division at Wal-Mart. She says the limits society wants to put on her and the moments of indignation she's experienced only fuel her, like the time a boss told her she thinks she's smarter than she is, or the time a fellow executive mistook her for a staff member even after she clearly introduced herself as the CEO of Sam's Club.

"In some ways I have always felt like I'm cut out for this journey," Brewer said. "I've always been up for it from an athleticism standpoint. I like to stay up late, and I like to get up early. I knew I was physically and mentally prepared."

Tracey Brown, the incoming CEO of the American Diabetes Association, worked directly for Brewer at Sam's Club. She said she knew of Brewer well before interviewing with her.

"There are only a handful of African American CEOs of large, Fortune 500 organizations, so in my circles, Roz is legendary," Brown said. "When I met her for the first time, the thing that resonated most was the total lack of arrogance. She's just this naturally warm, authentic person who you feel a connection with immediately."

Brewer sees her directness as an investment. She's

worked in jobs where she did not receive feedback, and it usually meant she'd been "counted out."

"I am very open and direct, but never want to be mean or hurtful," Brewer said. "I honestly believe people deserve to know how they are performing, and that feedback is a true gift."

In a December 2015 interview with CNN, Brewer spoke about the importance of emphasizing diversity in corporate leadership and observed the lack of diversity among Wal-Mart suppliers. She said it was important to set an example, and to "nudge" business partners to do the same.

Kym Whitley

Actress and comedian Kym Whitley will be the honorary chairperson of the 17th Annual Sister to Sister Fitness Festival that brings awareness to the issues facing women of color who are impacted by breast cancer.

The festival will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road, Cedar Hill, Texas.

The festival features a 5K walk/run, onsite mobile mammography unit, cooking demonstrations from



chefs Cassandra Armstrong and Tavon Burrows, a Miss Fit and Fabulous Contest, exercise classes and education on breast health.

Both the number of women in the United States

acquiring breast cancer and dying from the disease is decreasing. However, women of color, specifically African American women, still are diagnosed after the disease has progressed, which leads to a 46 percent higher death rate, according to the American Cancer Society and the National Institute of Health.

Lack of information and inadequate health care are contributors to the disparities in survival rates for women of color, said Sylvia Dunnavant Hines, Celebrating Life Foundation founder and executive director.

"I started the foundation and the walk because too

frequently, women of color I knew would not discuss their illnesses, would delay seeking medical treatment and then they died too soon,"

Dunnavant Hines said. "The foundation encourages women to get annual mammograms and learn more about breast health. If they have breast cancer, who offer a variety of support services."

The National Institute of Health's National Cancer Institute surveillance estimates there will 266,120 new female breast cancer cases in 2018 with an estimated 40,920 deaths. The five-year survival rate is

now estimated at 87.9 percent. Unfortunately, that trend is not indicated in African American women, who have a mortality rate of 28.7 per 100,000 women, according to research between 2011-2015. The death rate for all races is 20.9 percent per 100,000.

"It is because of these devastating facts that we have got to be more aggressive in reaching our community about this disease. In poker when you place all your chips on the table, they say you are all in. This year we are asking the community to get all in," added Hines.

Whitley is mostly re-

cently known to TV audiences from the HBO series "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and the docuseries "Raising Whitley" on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), which premiered on April 20, 2013 with a total of 1.2 million viewers, making it the fifth most-widely viewed premiere in OWN's history.

KRNB's Daytime Radio Diva, Lynn Haze and WFAA's senior crime and justice reporter Rebecca Lopez are the Fitness Festival hosts.

For information on vendor booths and registration, please visit: www.celebratinglife.org.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Cosby spokesman salutes Geoffrey Owens, slams Hollywood

You know these boycotts of products and items dont hurt those that people boycotting intend to hurt. Cosby isnt hurt, he he swimming in cash from a million other products, head honchos at nike wont go hungry, it's the smaller, lesser known people who suffer for things beyond their control.

-- Felicia Divina
Via Facebook

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-- Bev Ann Cortese
Via Facebook

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-- Don R Winkler
Via Facebook

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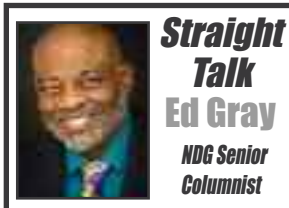
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'Amber, You Are Fired!'



Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

On my Sept. 22 edition of The Commish Radio Show broadcast, I was one of the few African-American leaders to publicly criticize Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall for not terminating Officer Amber Guyger. It was patently obvious to me the police officer who shot and killed Botham Jean needed to be terminated. The department's slow reaction was not surprising for Dallas leaders.

The truth of the matter is many of our leaders, black or white do not want to change the status quo. This is not about color, it is about power. The outcome for police shootings of civilians is generally a blue line of guarded supremacy. This supremacy was extended to Amber Guyger, by those in charge of the police. Institutions generally do not act in a manner or submit to conditions which would weaken the institution.

For many Black commu-

nity leaders who previously embraced Chief Hall, to now criticize the first black female police chief was sacrilege. Behind closed doors and in hushed tones they wished Chief Hall would pull the termination trigger and end the street protests because the street protests are bad for the image of Dallas. As if in a concerted effort to let this thing die down, both sides watched anxiously as the world turns.

The old Dallas way of business and politics is simple, wait out the protests. These protests are led by folks generally marginalized. The protestors, for the most part, hold no social, economic, or political clout. Therefore, the marginalization of these protests makes any effort of real change in Dallas unlikely. As a result, Amber Guyger remaining on the payroll was problematic.

Unlike the police killings of the past, this was an international incident. Botham Jean was a citizen of St. Lucia, an immigrant in a strange land who still succumbed to an all too familiar death. In the eyes of

the world, a United States policeman who admittedly killed someone was not arrested, there was no justice.

Throughout the years, the deaths of local Dallas citizens at the hands of the police, and the subsequent no billing of officers, the acquittal of a policeman, and light sentencing of a guilty policeman, has made the Dallas Police Department suspect. The continued employment of Amber Guyger became an indictment of a system many felt is corrupt, and unchanging since the 1973 death of 12-year-old, Santos Rodriguez at the hands of policeman David Cain.

Santos was murdered in cold blood, and the first reaction of the Dallas Police Department was to stonewall it, does it sound familiar? The irony is that the national premiere of the documentary, "Santos Vive," by filmmaker Byron Hunter, chronicling Santos Rodriguez's death premiered in Dallas under the backdrop similar to Santos murderer. Amber Guyger was perceived to be poised to virtually get away with murder, just as Officer Dar-

rel Cain, who served very little time, did for the death of Santos. Amber Guyger killed someone, was subsequently arrested because of community protest, yet she remained on the police department's payroll. Soon it became apparent community protest was required to change her status.

The inconvenient truth matter is the police like many other organizations often circle the wagons to protect each other. After all, it is said they are a fraternity.

Chief Renee Hall terminated Amber Guyger because she was pushed by popular opinion to bend to the will of the people. A people united in the cause of freedom will make leaders redraw lines designed to protect their institutions. The politicians listen to the will of the people when social activists galvanize the will of the people to act. Only then will politicians be forced to take action.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

Ed Gray was a member of the search committee that appointed Chief Renee Hall in 2017.

Sensible Immigration Policies

By Congresswoman
Eddie Bernice Johnson

The overwhelming majority of people that legally immigrate to the United States make tremendous contributions to the industrial, economic, artistic, scientific, political and intellectual life of our country.

Many arrive seeking employment or educational opportunities. Once they are working, they become invaluable taxpayers.

In the absence of sensible immigration reform by the Republican-controlled Congress, the Trump administration has implemented practices that are hostile to immigrants, and that are not in the best interests of the long-term interests of our society, or its people.

Hospitals, in particular, are feeling the effects of

short-sighted immigration practices. A number of institutions complain that they are having difficulty filling positions. Other businesses, such as hotels and those in the leisure industry, are experiencing difficulty finding employees.

Their dilemma can be traced to barriers being placed in the way of legal immigrants by the administration. The process of obtaining work visas has become cumbersome, and many foreign job applicants have decided to seek opportunities in countries other than the U.S.

The denial rate for H-1B visas has recently been as high as forty-one percent, and there have been burdensome requests by the government for additional information from those seeking work visas, according to

immigration experts and employers.

The H-1B program, designed to attract workers with specific skills, has long been a target of anti-immigration forces.

In the summer of 2017 legislation was introduced in the Senate that would have decreased legal immigration by nearly fifty percent. Sponsored by two Republican Senators, the proposed legislation, supported by the White House, has stalled in that chamber.

The value of foreign-born workers cannot be understated. Legal immigrants start nearly twenty-five percent of new technology companies in our country, and file more patents than native born Americans.

Foreign-born medical students are more likely than their U.S. born counterparts

to become internal and family medicine doctors. The number of students from foreign countries for those specialties has decreased during the first two years of the Trump administration.

Many who had intended to work and study in the U.S. have chosen countries such as Canada to relocate to, taking their talents and their energy with them.

No one can blame these student professionals for deciding to reside elsewhere. Not many people would work in environments where some government leaders suggest that they are not welcome.

A sensible immigration policy is in the best economic and security interests of our country. The administration and Congress should work together to create one!

Talking about suicide – what to say, how to say it

Not long ago, talking about cancer was a social taboo. ‘Polite’ people referred to it as ‘the C-word’ in whispered tones. The same code of silence surrounded the subject of suicide. People struggling with thoughts of ending their own life or those who had lost a loved one through suicide felt isolated, or worse, judged. Suicide was rarely discussed frankly and openly.

But with suicide rates climbing to alarming levels and affecting people of all ages in the U.S., the door has opened for meaningful conversations about this difficult and misunderstood topic. In June 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that suicide rates increased by 25.4 percent from 1999 through 2016, when nearly 45,000 Americans took their own lives.

The recent deaths by suicide of two celebrities put this mental health threat on the front page. Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain appeared to have it all – fame, success, wealth. Yet each fought depression for years, battles they ultimately did not win.

September is Suicide Awareness Month and behavioral health experts at Parkland Health & Hospital System say that speaking about suicide is more important now than ever before.

“Talking about suicide is necessary and helpful, but most people don’t know



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how to do it. Depression and mental illness are not well understood by most people. In addition, what we say or don’t say - and how we say it - can have a huge impact,” said Celeste Johnson, DNP, APRN, PMH CNS, Vice President of Behavioral Health at Parkland. “We want to encourage use of language that does not stigmatize people who die by or attempt suicide.”

Most of us grew up hearing or reading that someone has ‘committed’ suicide, Dr. Johnson said. That word commonly describes criminal acts, like robbery, murder or treason. Using it to describe a person who attempts suicide or dies by suicide instantly conveys the message that suicide sounds like a crime.

Instead, she suggests using a neutral term to describe the act, such as ‘died by suicide.’ “Having a mental illness or experiencing depression and emotional pain is not a crime. Our language needs to reflect that,” Dr. Johnson said.

Stigma, fear and igno-

rance about mental illness often inhibit people from asking for help when they need it and can also prevent us from reaching out to people suffering in silence.

“There’s a myth that asking someone if they are thinking about hurting themselves will somehow encourage them to follow through. In fact, the opposite is true. Research has shown that asking kids and adults about suicide does not increase risk and instead lets the person know that you are concerned. How can you help someone if you don’t know what they’re feeling?” said Kimberly Roaten, PhD, Director of Quality for Safety, Education and Implementation, Department of Psychiatry at Parkland and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

In 2015, Parkland became the first health system in the nation to administer a universal suicide screening program to identify persons at risk and help save lives through early intervention. The program screens not

only adults but also youth, ages 10 to 17, regardless of their reason for seeking care. Since initiating the program, more than 2 million suicide risk screenings have been completed with patients in the Emergency Department, Urgent Care Center, inpatient units and Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) health centers.

Dr. Roaten said everyone should be aware of potential suicide warning signs:

- Feeling like a burden
- Being isolated
- Increased anxiety
- Feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Increased substance or alcohol use
- Looking for a way to access lethal means such as a firearm
- Increased anger or rage
- Extreme mood swings
- Expressing hopelessness
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Talking or posting about

wanting to die

- Making plans for suicide

If you are worried about someone, speak up, Dr. Roaten advised. “Let them know you’re concerned. Ask when they started feeling this way and whether they’ve thought about getting help. Let them know they’re not alone, that you’re there for them.”

What shouldn’t you say? “Dismissing their feelings with responses like ‘Your life is good, why would you even think of suicide?’ or assigning guilt by saying, ‘How could you do that to me or your family – that is so selfish!’ makes the person feel judged and misunderstood. Try instead to be an active and sympathetic listener who reassures them they are not alone,” Dr. Roaten said. “Most importantly, get help from mental health professionals.”

“There are many resources, from suicide crisis

hotlines to mental health providers at Parkland and throughout the community who stand ready to help,” Dr. Johnson said.

Suicide crisis lines include:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Suicide prevention telephone hotline funded by the U.S. government. Provides free, 24-hour assistance. 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline – Free, confidential 24/7 helpline information service for substance abuse and mental health treatment referral. 1-800-662-HELP (4357).
- Suicide & Crisis Center of North Texas 24/7 crisis line. 214-828-1000. Or text “CONNECT” to 741741 to reach trained, caring volunteers.

For more information about Parkland, visit www.parklandhospital.com.

Boss Women Who Brunch hosts 2nd annual Boss Women Of The Year Awards

Dallas-based organization invites Corporate Gals and Side Hustlers of the world to be a part of the second annual “Boss Women of the Year Awards” where the community comes together to entertain, enlighten and inform.

As a curator of networking experiences, Boss Women Who Brunch is committed to helping millennial women cultivate their dream careers by providing tips and tools

from professionals and encouraging the community to participate.

“I’m on a mission to change the way women connect through experiences,” said Marty McDonald, Boss Women Who Brunch founder. “This is our biggest event to date with significant keynote speakers and brand activations to truly allow women to grow their tribe.”

The event helps to initiate

and maintain unity among corporate and entrepreneur women. It honors those who are masters of their field and have paved new roads.

The “Boss Women of the Year Awards” will take place from 5 p.m. - 9 pm. on Saturday, October 20 at W Dallas located at 2440 Victory Park Lane Dallas, TX 75219. Tickets are \$175 and can be purchased

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North Texas Giving Day caps off its 10th anniversary

Infuses North Texas with more than \$48 million

The 10th annual North Texas Giving Day powered by Communities Foundation of Texas has generated a record-setting amount, wrapping the 10 days of scheduled giving and 18-hour giving extravaganza with more than \$48 million and surpassing last year's total of \$39 million.

Donations came from all 50 states and 27 countries. All 20 counties received donations.

Additionally, for the first time, donors could pledge volunteer hours and com-



Workers prepare food for distribution at the Hunger Busters Volunteer Event (Photo: Can Turkyilmaz)

mitted more than 430,000 hours, the equivalent of more than 200 full time em-

ployees for a year.

Since North Texas Giving Day began in 2009, more

than \$240 million has been donated to area nonprofits on North Texas Giving Day.

"As we embarked on our 10th year, we had big dreams for what this day could bring to North Texas, and we are over the moon about surpassing expectations," says Dave Scullin, president and CEO of Communities Foundation Texas, presenter of North Texas Giving Day. "More important than the number of dollars raised is the number of lives that now can be improved thanks to everyone

who gave today. Clearly, these results reinforce that no one cares more about their community than North Texans. And a special thanks to the generous sponsors and donors—this day would not be possible without your steadfast support!"

Thousands of people from all corners of the region celebrated the day of giving at Donation Station and volunteer events in Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Denison, Fort Worth, Irving, Mansfield, McKinney,

Plano, and Richardson with prizes, performances, proclamations, and concerts.

The full list of results (sortable by organization name, total gifts or total dollars) and prizes is listed at <https://northtexasgivingday.org/leaderboard>. Individual nonprofits' numbers listed do not include bonus and prize funds. Results on the website are subject to final review and verification. Updated totals should be available after October 31.

Mesquite Police Department joins Neighbors app to improve public safety

The Mesquite Police Department announced it is joining the free mobile app Neighbors to enhance its efforts to communicate with the community on public safety news and information. Police Chief Charles Cato said, "The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing identifies Technology and Social Media as one of the fundamental pillars for effective crime reduction while building public trust. We feel the Neighbors app is a new tool we can add to our toolbox of resources to

keep Mesquite safe."

Mesquite citizens can download the free Neighbors app on their smart device via iOS and Android at <http://download.ring.com/mesquitepd> and join their neighborhood area. Participants can use the free app to monitor neighborhood activity, share crime and public safety-related information as well as receive alerts from the Mesquite Police Department. The free app uses information, video and photos captured through home security camera sys-

tems provided by Ring. Citizens do not have to purchase a Ring product or subscribe to any service to participate in the public safety app. Ring security system products use existing home Wi-Fi network to create a grid of security around a home, and become activated when someone approaches the door or comes in a range of a security camera.

Cato explained his department will actively monitor

the app for crime activity and use it as an investigative tool. He stated, "This program will empower us to expand our network of surveillance in Mesquite neighborhoods and work together with residents to keep Mesquite safe. The Neighbors app has been instrumental in catching package thieves, preventing burglaries and keeping neighborhoods safe around the country."

Cato also reminded the public of the department's existing Community Video Partnership that encourages properties in the city with private security systems to register with the police department. He stated, "We are asking residents and businesses across the city to register their privately owned surveillance systems so we will know the location of cameras that may assist our officers in their investi-

gations." The department will notify participating property owners about a crime in their area and request them to review their video footage for any tips or leads, enhancing the investigative process. The department will have no direct access to the surveillance systems. To register a private security system, residents and businesses can visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CommunityVideoPartnership.

DART Police to host National Night Out Oct. 2

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police Department will host its eighth annual National Night Out on Tues., Oct. 2.

The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the parking lot of police headquarters, 2111 South Corinth Street Road, Dallas, located at Illinois Station on DART's Blue Line.

The occasion is free and cosponsored by the Zoo Creek Park Neighborhood Association who invites everyone to come out and meet DART police, fare enforcement officers, staff and their neighbors.

Enjoy fun for the entire family with health and well-

ness literature, crime prevention and safety information, food, beverages, music and the chance to see specialty equipment used by law enforcement.

Free face painting and haircuts (with student ID) will also be provided to kids along with lots of giveaways.

Now in its 35th year, National Night Out is designed to help build strong relationships between children, families and the police by sending a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods, like Zoo Creek Park, are organized and fighting back.

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Dallas ISD is on the rise



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The beginning of the 2018-19 school year came in with great news for Dallas ISD!

Dallas ISD has earned a grade of B in the state's first-ever A through F grading system, which is a reflection of the hard work of our students, teachers, staff, and administrators. Sixty-

six percent of Dallas ISD schools scored a B or higher under the new grading system. I'm very proud of the fact that 10 of the schools in District 6 achieved a B score or higher. It gets even more exciting, because Dallas ISD is home to six of the 12 schools that achieved the highest-possible score on the 2018 STAAR test, according to TEA.

The district also had 36 schools earning the maximum number of academic distinctions awarded by TEA, including the follow-

ing schools in District 6:

- Jimmie Tyler Brashear Elementary School
- Umphrey Lee Elementary School

These gains shown across the district are another indication that Dallas ISD students are making progress towards narrowing the achievement gap between the district and the state. While there is more work to be done, the recent accomplishments definitely show the district's dedication to Dallas' future.

I would like to thank

everyone at the campuses for their outstanding work and remarkable commitment. This is a team effort, and together, we will continue to rise.

In other news:

- September is Attendance Awareness Month, and the Attendance Improvement and Truancy Reduction Department is challenging students to "Show UP" and have perfect attendance this month. Students with perfect attendance, will have the chance to enter a prize drawing con-

ducted per each Trustee district. I'm looking forward to seeing District 6 students achieving perfect attendance not only during this month, but throughout the entire school year, because every day counts! We encourage you to also join the Attendance Awareness Month initiative via social media by using the hashtag #showupdallasisd.

Mark your calendar for the following important dates:

- Parent Conferences: Monday, Oct. 8 – High

Schools

Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Middle Schools

Thursday, Oct. 11 – Elementary School

• Fair Days:

Friday, Oct. 12 – Elementary (Secondary Student Holiday/Staff Development Day).

Friday, Oct. 19 – Secondary (Elementary Student Holiday/Staff Development Day).

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Institute of Theological Studies and a masters degree in professional counseling.

Now, at 40 years old, Ross is reflecting on the handiwork of God and counting his blessings.

"You see the hand of God, and you can't predict what God will do. I never thought I would be a preacher. I never thought that I would be a preacher in a church where I grew up, and I never thought that I would marry someone who grew up at this church. You never know what God will do," Ross observed.

Although he may not have the career of designing physical structures, he is still connecting others to resources and helping them to build

stronger and more meaningful relationships. On Sundays, he stands in the pulpit ministering to the spiritual needs of the congregation. During the week, he and his wife, Stacy are working in their own areas of the community in their own way. She works in healthcare as a surgery center nurse. Minister Ross, who is a licensed therapist and professional counselor, also works provides counseling in partnership with a few organizations in the Dallas area.

"I work with [middle and high school] children that have been impacted by divorce as a part of an organization that has nine-week, small groups sessions for

children and their families," explained Ross. "I wanted to give back, make an impact and touch lives outside of the church setting."

Ross is also a seminar director and trainer at PREPARE/ENRICH, an organization designed to equip therapists, clergy and marriage educators with the tools needed for marital and premarital counseling. Finally, he provides spiritual counseling for the members of the church.

While there are so many areas of ministry in which one could serve, the family and youth ministry is where Minister Ross is most closely involved. He served as the Family and Youth minister at the East Side Church of Christ in Austin, and also at

the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ just before assuming the role of senior minister.

"Life is all about connections and our ministry is all about connections. As Christians, we first and foremost need to be connected to God, and when we get that connection right, then everything else will fall in place."

Serving in the home first

The Rosses are in their twelfth year of marriage and knows the importance of keeping their own family connected to God and to each other. They have three children ages, 10, seven and eight.

"I make sure that my family is not neglected. My family is my first ministry," said Ross. "I give each one

their own individual time, and then, we also have family time," said Ross. "We have family game nights and travel together as a family, making memories, and have arcade nights."

With two sons, Ross shared that he also spends a little time on the court in the park playing basketball, or working as the assistant coach for one of the basketball teams. With his daughter, he spends time with his daughter getting all dressed up for the annual daddy-daughter dances.

"I try to make sure that I am there for my children. I want my children to see me as their dad before they see me as a preacher."

Ms. Ross supports the work that God has placed in her husband. "As for many wives, it can be challenging to raise a family while the husband fulfills his obligations at work. However, it became easier to handle when I realized that his work is of the utmost importance. I want to assist him in fulfilling his calling."

MACC is getting a makeover

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

In the heart of South Dallas, for 90 years the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ (MACC) stood on the corner of Marsalis Avenue and E Grover C Washington Ave. not only as a church, but as a way of life and a symbol for the people of Dallas. To celebrate its anniversary, the church held a groundbreaking ceremony to commence its \$1.5 million expansion renovation project.

"We will be building a foyer and an atrium to bet-

ter serve out community and our members," Lamont Ross, Senior Minister, Marsalis Ave. Church of Christ said.

The Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ was established in 1928, but the congregation starting meeting at its current location since 1974. At that time the congregation moved from South Dallas to South Oak Cliff when the community was transitioning from predominately White to mostly African-American. Today, the area around the facility is split between African-Americans and Hispanic, and the church

ordained its first Hispanic deacon to embrace the changing demographics.

Members of the church,

the banking community, city government, and

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(Left to right) Shepherd Jewel Manzy, Shepherd Howard Aldridge, Senior Minister William Lamont Ross, Shepherd Richard Thomas, and Shepherd Byron Bradford. The empty shovel represents Shepherd Harold Cannon, who was instrumental in the expansion process, unfortunately he passed the week before the ground breaking.

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Arlington

A Free Networking Event will be held on Sept. 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bar Louie, in Arlington. This event will be hosted by the Young Black Entrepreneurs Networking and Development Group. The event is free all night and will include food and drink specials. Please bring plenty of business cards to pass with you to pass out while meeting new friends. For more details contact Antoine White at 314-630-4465.

Dallas

The **Candidate's Forum** will be held on October 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Life Cen-

ter, in Dallas. This free event will allow attendees to discover candidate views, hear the candidate platforms, and obtain information on Voter ID requirements. They will be able to hear from candidates from U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative Districts 3, 24, 32, Texas Governor, Texas Lt. Governor, Texas Attorney General, Dallas County District Attorney, State Senator Districts 8, 16, State Rep. Districts 66, 67, 70, 89, 102, 103, 107, 112, 113, 114, and State Board of Education, District 12. For more information, please contact dfwforum2018@gmail.com or 214.452.7835.

Supply Hope will be hosted on October 18 from

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 4252 Cochran Chapel Road, in Dallas. This 4th annual evening event is to gather friends, funds, and awareness. Cocktails and bites will be featured at the event. It is suggested to dress in casual chic attire. For more information and questions please contact Kristin Simenc Kristin@hopesupplyco.org or 214-549-7469.

Garland

The **GARLAND GUZZLER 0.5K RACE** will be held on Sept. 29 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 520 W State St., in Garland. This is a chip timed event that will help people train for that marathon they may or may not ever run. Afterwards,



there will be an Oktoberfest-themed party afterward with live music, traditional and not so traditional Oktoberfest games and food and drink. Festivities will start at 3 p.m. and with the 0.5K starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp! To register for the race, visit [http://bit.ly/Gar-](http://bit.ly/GarlandGuzzler)

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Irving

What's Your Brand? will be held on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Irving Masjid ICI, in Irving. This year our topics will focus on identifying and maintain spiritual identity.

This is a ticketed event, and tickets can be purchased at www.irvingmasjid.org/conference. For more information visit Irvingmasjid.org.

Mesquite

National Night Out will be hosted on October 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eastfield College, in Mesquite. This event will also include the movie "CoCo." Free food is included in this family-friendly event on the lawn outside Building F. This event will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting this event and many more through October 15. For more information, contact jidecarew@dcccd.edu.

Irving celebrates College Week across campuses

Irving ISD celebrated College Week last week, and schools across the district promoted a college-going culture in a variety of ways. Students participated in dress themes such as "dress for your career" and "show your college colors." Teachers and

staff adorned bulletin boards and classroom doors with college colors and encouraging messages. Other college readiness gestures included:

- A district-wide College and Career Fair was held on Tuesday at Singley Academy.
- Houston Middle School

teachers donning college shirts lined the front entrance and cheered encouraging messages to students as they walked into the school Friday morning.

- The University of Texas at Austin donated 25 shirts to Nimitz High School AVID

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- Travis Middle School students sported shirts, bags and spirit cones donated by the University of Dallas.
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Dallas Cowboys need to quickly find their 'go-to' on offense

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO -- For those who wish to know the results of the Dallas Cowboys' game at the Seattle Seahawks last Sunday, all that's needed is to read the results of the Cowboys' game at the Carolina Panthers three weeks ago.

Different opponent. Different side of the United States. Same results.

The same way the Cowboys' offense sputtered and was badgered during their 16-8 opening-day loss to the Panthers is the way they sputtered as they were badgered during their 24-13 loss to the Seahawks. And as was the case against the Panthers, there was plenty of blame to go around after that debacle on the Pacific Northwest.

At this juncture in the Cowboys' 1-2 season, it's difficult to pinpoint whether the main issues are quarterback Dak Prescott's passing, poor play-calling by offensive coordinator Scott Linehan, or an offensive line that is struggling profusely without injured center Travis Frederick. Perhaps all of that has led to an embarrassing offensive performance



Cowboys' quarterback Dak Prescott might need heavenly help to get back on track (Photo: Keith Allison / Flickr)

that has seen the Cowboys score a total of just 41 points in their three games this season.

"We've got to find exactly our go-to -- our go-to in the passing game," Prescott said. "And not necessarily I'm speaking on a player.

"I'm just speaking on our go-to concepts, our go-to beaters, or whatever it may be that we can get to and we always know that's in our back pocket that can get us some yards, get us out when we're back up to the chain, get us back on pace."

Prescott was just 19-of-34

for 168 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions against the Seahawks. He also was harassed all day by the Seattle defenders, who sacked him five times.

"It starts up front protecting No. 4 (Prescott), and then executing," right guard Zack Martin said. "We've got to do a better job giving him time to let routes develop, to get the ball downfield and we just haven't done that this year."

During Prescott's rookie season in 2016, he completed 67.8 percent of his passes for an average of 229

yards per game with 23 touchdowns and just four interceptions. In the first three games this season he's completed 61.4 percent of his passes for only 166 yards per game with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

"He's certainly a part of (the problem), as are the 10 other guys (on offense) and as are every coach," coach Jason Garrett said. "We're all a part of this."

Garrett wouldn't say if Linehan's play-calling -- or lack thereof -- is the problem.

"We're not going to go down that road right now," Garrett said. "I have a lot of confidence in Scott Linehan. He's been an outstanding coordinator in this league for a long time, and an outstanding coordinator for us."

"I think it would be false for me to say this is about play-calling. What we need to do is get better on offense."

Running back Ezekiel El-

liott pinned the loss to the Seahawks on himself. Granted, Elliott rushed for 127 yards on just 16 carries in his best rushing performance of the season, but Elliott also committed some mind-boggling blunders that were critical in Sunday's game.

For starters, Elliott had a touchdown reception nullified because he stepped out of bounds and was (illegally) the first player to touch the ball after he got back inbounds. He also dropped a key pass and lost a fumble late in the game when the Cowboys were trying to stage a rally.

"I had terrible awareness of the sideline," Elliott said. "I've got to be better than that."

"I had a poor performance. I did well in the running game, but overall I dropped the ball. So that loss is on me."

While the Cowboys may appreciate Elliott's candor, they know all of their troubles didn't land at his footsteps.

"He does more good for us any time than bad," wide receiver Cole Beasley said of Elliott. "It's never one guy. It's a team effort."

"We just got to put it together -- all of us as a unit. Then we'll be OK."

The Cowboys also have to put it together on third down. For the season the Cowboys are just 8-of-34 on third downs, and that's a recipe for disaster.

"I've got to go back and look at this game on the tape and see exactly the reasons before I try to pinpoint one specific part of our game, or our offense, on why the third downs didn't work," Prescott said. "But we've got to do better converting those third-and-short first, and then keeping ourselves in third-and-short and not necessarily third-and-long."

Another thing the Cowboys know they must convert is their fair share of deep balls. However, for some unknown reasons, the Cowboys don't throw a lot of deep balls.

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county government supported the church to make the project possible.

One of the commitments the church made was to stay within the community. They had the option to go out into the suburbs and buy a piece of land to place their new building and call it home. The church stated this did not reflect their desire.

MACC has a threefold purpose as a congregation: Connecting to God. Connecting to one another as members of a common body, and connecting to the community.

"This is important to the community because as a

church we are seeking to connect to God, the church and the community," Ross said. "We want our church

to not only be a place where we worship, but also be a resource area where people can come in, learn more and utilize the facilities for community events.



Rendering of the future building. (Courtesy photo by : Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ.)

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New Thomas Jefferson exhibit in Dallas explores the slavery paradox

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

American history, especially African American history, is an intriguing yet contradictory concept. The ugly story of slavery is well known, but much more remains for discovery, and Dallas is one of the first to provide a renewal examination.

Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty is a groundbreaking traveling exhibit on display at the African American Museum in Fair Park from Sept. 22 until Dec. 31. The widely acclaimed exhibition chose Dallas as its first stop.

Over 300 objects of works of art, documents, and artifacts excavated from the plantation will be on display at the museum. There will also be a unique feature on Sally Hemings, famously known as Thomas Jefferson's slave and mother of six of his children. There is extensive debate over their controversial relationship with Jefferson.

This exhibit will also challenge how the author of the Declaration of Independ-



The new exhibit, *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty*, features not only hundreds of artifacts, but a list of names of the slaves held at Monticello. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins/ NDG)

ence, Thomas Jefferson, a man who called slavery "an abominable crime" yet wrote the famous words, "all men are created equal," could also own 607 slaves over his lifetime. In the age of Jefferson, slaves were not considered citizens and were deemed to have a three-fifths value of a person for taxation purposes.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet six slave families who lived and worked at Monticello. Their stories will delve into topics ranging from life as a slave during Jefferson's lifetime to their descendant quest for freedom.

The idea of the exhibit

began two years ago when Dallas City Councilmember Kevin Felder and Gayle Jessup White, Monticello's Community Engagement Officer and a descendant of Hemings and Jefferson shared a cab and discussed the idea.

"Later on we had dinner and talked about bringing the exhibition to Dallas," Felder shared during a recent media tour. "During dinner, I told her I was a close friend of Dr. Robinson, (Harry Robinson, Jr., President, and CEO of the African American Museum, in Dallas). I called him and told him I was sitting with Gayle Jessup White, a descendant of Jef-

erson, and ask 'would you be interested in bringing the exhibition to Dallas?' He said yes, and that was in July of 2016."

Felder personally felt the exhibition provides a launching point for a conversation needed throughout America in 2018.

"I'm especially excited that this accomplishment is beginning here in the City of Dallas," Felder said. "Out of all the issues we have here, I think this is timely that we have this exhibition and look at the history of slavery and the plight of African Americans that journeyed to America."

As stated in the press release, the exhibit brings individuals and families out of the shadows of chattel slavery, pulling from more than

50 years of archaeology, documentary research, and oral histories to fill in the critical human dimension missing from many resources on slavery in the United States.

According to the Jefferson Foundation's website, "Mulberry Row was the dynamic, industrial hub of Jefferson's 5,000-acre agricultural enterprise. As the principal plantation street, it was the center of work and domestic life for dozens of people — free whites, free blacks, indentured servants, and enslaved people. It was populated by more than 20 dwellings, workshops, and storehouses between 1770 and the sale of Monticello in 1831."

Several items from Mulberry Row are also on dis-

play at the Dallas exhibit. Many of the items found at the plantation were personal items such as a shoe, clothing buckle, and metal buttons, and other items from coins, animal bones, and locks.

"These are items that were exhibited with the department of archeology at Monticello," Tabitha Corradi, Collections and Exhibitions Manager at Thomas Jefferson Foundation said. "These are personal items that would have come from the enslaved dwellings and buildings."

It is a Smithsonian Institution exhibit that will be on display at Fair Park's African American Museum of Dallas from Sep. 22-Dec. 31, 2018. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com.

Football, music and comedy shows this weekend in Dallas

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

College and pro football fans have big games to attend in person this weekend in the Dallas Fort Worth area. There will be plenty of music, both at these games and concerts around town, as well as other entertainment choices. And then of course there is the State Fair of Texas kicking off.

Swing by Fair Park on Friday morning as Big Tex welcomes fairgoers to the **2018 State Fair of Texas**. Stay tuned for more details on the different events at this year's event. In fact, you can still win tickets to the fair which runs through Oct. 21. More details on the website.

Prairie View vs. Grambling Happy Hour and Pre-Game Party kicks off the big weekend on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Ice Lounge from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Come party at the pregame party before the big game. Visit [Eventbrite](http://Eventbrite.com) to reserve a table.

The **State Fair Classic** is the big game that many look forward to every year at the fair. It features the legendary HBCUs Prairie View vs. Grambling. Kick-off is at 4 p.m. at the Cotton Bowl. Not only do everyone want to see the teams play, but they are just as excited to see the bands from the schools. Congratulations to Marcelle Sisson and Roy Carter, both are winners from NDG for tickets to two to see the game in person.

Readers are invited to join our Facebook community for an opportunity to win tickets to upcoming events. After the game is over enjoy a post-game concert featuring **Morris Day & The Time**. The show kicks off at 8:30 p.m. on the Chevy Main Stage.

K Michelle and Jazmine Sullivan are performing live at the 2018 pool party and concert on Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. They promise this will be a performance to remember. More details at Dallas Southern Pride's website.

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill 20th Anniversary Tour is coming to The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory in Irving on Sept.

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Government-supported race discrimination suppressing black homeownership

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Despite the fact that the Fair Housing Act was passed by Congress more than 50 years ago, evidence now reveals that government-supported racial discrimination in home buying remains rampant across the U.S. - yet, with little legislative remedy or recourse.

This is the reason that members of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), a 71-year-old organization of Black real estate professionals, are pushing for Congress and policy influencers to take action after a NAREB-issued report and a panel of independent housing experts confirmed pervasive discrimination in homeownership.

"Trends leave us today with a Black homeownership rate of 41.6 percent - merely the same as it was just two years after the signing of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Yes, there are reasons," says NAREB President Jeffrey Hicks. "There has been decades of federal, state and local government supported discriminatory housing and housing finance policies, disparate lending patterns, redlining, and exploitation, resulting in unimaginable losses of wealth."

Hicks was giving opening remarks to an audience of hundreds of people assembled at a two-hour NAREB forum during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference (CBCF-ALC) in Washington, D.C.

"Let me be clear. We are here today assembled in this room to begin down a road to solutions identifying the key areas where policy changes can have a measurable impact and create a space for true democracy in housing allowing all people of our nation to climb up the middle class ladder to build wealth through home ownership," Hicks continued. "NAREB believes it is possible and doable."

Following Hicks' remarks, a string of policy ex-



U. S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.), member, House Financial Services Committee, assures action from a Congressional perspective. (Photo: Imagine Photography)

perts - including U. S. Rep. Gregory Meeks - agreed that the matter is dire. Startling findings documented in the 2018 State of Housing in Black America (SHIBA) report, commissioned by NAREB, undergird their sentiments.

According to the SHIBA: The gap in homeownership between Blacks and non-Hispanic Whites remained at 30 percentage points between 2015 and 2016, with homeownership rates of 42 percent and 72 percent respectively. This 30-percentage-point gap in homeownership is the highest it has been in the new millennium. Black homeownership is more than 7 percentage points below its peak, achieved in 2004, of just under 50 percent.

In the 10 cities with the largest Black populations, segregation remains extremely high with dissimilarity rates ranging from a low of .60 in Detroit to a high of .83 in Chicago. Washington, D.C. stands at .70. The dissimilarity index measures the extent to which Blacks would have to move to different census tracts in order to achieve an even geographic distribution of households by race throughout the city. Dissimilarity indices over .60 are generally considered high.

Since the peak year of Black homeownership in 2004, Black gains have been eviscerated due largely to the failure of federal financial regulatory agencies to prohibit predatory loan products that were disproportionately peddled to affect Black consumers, as well as insensitive federal

policies that provide less assistance to Black households facing foreclosure than to non-Hispanic White homeowners.

Federal housing regulators have aggressively pursued lending practices that make access to homeownership more challenging than necessary for lower- and moderate-income and Black households.

More than twice as many of Black applicants (50 percent) applied for FHA-insured loans in 2016 compared to White applicants (23 percent). Conversely, fewer Black applicants (32 percent) sought conventional financing, half the rate of non-Hispanic White applicants (64 percent) seeking conventional financing.

Congressman Meeks (D-N.Y.), a member of the House Financial Services Committee, promised that Black homeownership - viewed as a key vehicle for Black wealth - will not be continually overlooked or purposely ignored by lawmakers. If Democrats win control of the House, Meeks hinted that the continued housing crisis in the Black community will be high on the legislative agenda.

"It is still the basic and most important and probably the biggest investment that people of color will ever make in their lifetime. And those of us in Congress learned our mistakes. We're going to fix it so that this will never happen again," said Meeks, whose congressional office sponsored the Sept. 13th forum.

The release of the SHIBA report coincided with a ro-

bust panel discussion. Experts not only expressed disdain for the status quo, but also outlined their views and policies that would remedy the racial discrimination in home buying.

Keynote speaker Richard Rothstein, senior research associate at the Economic Policy Institute, pointed out how Brown v. Board of Education, in 1954, abolished segregation in elementary and secondary school systems and gave rise to the civil rights movement with its marches and sit-ins to

abolish civil rights violations in other areas of American life. He illustrated everything from buses to lunch counters to public accommodations to water fountains.

"Yet, having done all this,

we've left untouched the biggest segregation of all," Rothstein said. "Today we have segregated neighborhoods all over the country and these segregated pat-

water fountains. See HOME, Page 12

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terms create the most serious social problems this country faces; including the achievement gaps between Black and White students, health disparities, and violence visited on African-Americans by police."

This has continued largely because people have accepted the myth that so-called "de facto" segregation is not because of government policies, Rothstein said. An example of "de facto" segregation would be White concentration in a particular school simply because the surrounding neighborhood is predominantly White.

"It's a myth that - unlike all the other segregations I've described, segregation in housing wasn't created by government," he said. "And we tell ourselves that residential segregation will happen by accident; unlike the other kinds of segregations I've described."

Rothstein concluded, "There is no such thing as de facto segregation. What we have in this country is a government-sponsored, government-created system of residential segregation, the history about which we have entirely forgotten. Because we've forgotten this history, because we've forgotten this myth we feel powerless to do something about it."

The audience applauded enthusiastically when Rothstein concluded that the first step must be "to disabuse ourselves of this myth" and false historic teachings... We need to do something about that first to create the beginnings of a new civil rights movement in order to continue the unfinished work of the civil rights movement of the 20th century. Once we've done that we can begin to have the kinds of conversations that's necessary."

Roosevelt Institute Senior Fellow James H. Carr, a co-author of the SHIBA report, illustrated, in a nutshell, how discrimination is embedded throughout the process by which most African-Americans seek

homeownership.

"If we've been racially discriminated against such that we don't have the wealth, then how can we all of sudden have the down payment of 15 and 20 percent? And if we don't have that down payment when we go for a loan, we then pay almost astronomical amounts of insurance and fees to compensate for the fact that we don't have the 20 percent down payment. Is that de facto or de sure? Is that disparate impact?" Carr quizzed. "Sounds like there's a problem. So the conclusion of sorts of the context for this year's report is simply this: Not only

have we not put into place remedies that are as powerful as the negative forces that have driven Blacks into this precarious financial state, but we're still having federal policies and actions that further drive us into a financial abyss."

The panel also included Lisa Rice, president and CEO National Fair Housing Alliance; Mark Alston, owner, Skyway Realty and Alston & Associates Mortgage Co., chair, Public Affairs Committee NAREB; Maurice Jourdain-Earl; managing director and co-founder ComplianceTech; and Alanna McCargo, vice president, Housing Finance Policy, Urban Institute.

Hicks concluded that

NAREB would be moving forward with a vigorous push for democracy in homeownership.

"We started this conversation by saying we do not see ourselves as just wallowing and discussing the problems and the history, but also talking about solutions, he said. He outlined three primary policy principles that "we believe we want to help push forward in this country."

They are, in part:

- * Promote homeownership as a high priority public policy with support for the mortgage interest tax deduction; creation of a tax-advantaged first-time

homebuyer down payment savings vehicle; and preservation of the affordable 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

- * Create "loan level equality," or the absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions; prevent biases or privileges in the mortgage origination process, and ensure consistent pricing and terms for similarly situated borrowers, with no penalties or higher prices based on neighborhoods, zip codes or census-tracts.

- * Create a federal accountability structure for the expanding non-depository lender market that will monitor their origination, pricing and lending prac-

tices to ensure practices are fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Rothstein, also the author of the book, "The Color of Law, a Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America", concluded that any successful movement must take place with the inclusion of both Blacks and Whites.


"We need allies," he said. "We can't progress in this area without a bi-racial movement, a new civil rights movement, which has always been bi-racial. And we need the bully pulpit of politicians like members of the Congressional Black Caucus."

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Sept. 28 Customer Service - Hiring Event

The Customer Service - Hiring Event will be held on Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all Dallas EZ-PAWN Locations. This role will give you the unique opportunity to interact with our customers on a daily basis, providing assistance with sales, enjoying the give and take of coming to a mutually satisfying agreement regarding pawn items such as jewelry, electronics, musical instruments, and more. Requirements for the Customer Service Representative (Pawnbroker) role include:

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Sept. 29 ICE! Exhibit Job Fair

ICE! Exhibit Job Fair will be held on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, in Grapevine. They will be looking for an attendant lead. This position would require to help assist the manager in the daily operation of assigned events, including supervision of event operations and box office staff. Schedule staff at proper levels for each event. Monitor performance of staff and provide any necessary feedback to management. Monitor cash handling operations. Answer guest inquiries via phone, personally or electronically in a prompt, courteous manner. Direct guests to proper location with clear instructions. Assist management in hiring, training, scheduling, evaluating, counseling, disciplining, and motivating and coaching employees; and serve as a role model. To apply and to find out more information please visit jobs.marriott.com.

Oct. 2 Beauty Job Fair

The Cosmetics and Beauty Hiring Event will be held on October 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at several locations. Macy's will be conducting on-the-spot interviews and extending job offers for open positions. Be sure to apply online before attending the event. You can learn more about the various types of em-

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October 4 Skychefs Event

The Job Fair / Open House will be held on October 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2120 West 33rd. St., in Dallas. Safety shoes preferred so they can give you a tour of the kitchen. They will be accepting Cooks

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October 17 Sales and Management Job Fair

The Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management, will be held on October 17 starting at 6 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, in Irving. They have over 20 years of experience in connecting candidates with hiring managers at companies ranging from small local businesses clear on up to Fortune 500 corporations. They will welcome you with a formal executive presentation in which each company will introduce itself and the opportunities they offer. You will then be free to meet with hiring managers from each company that has attracted your interest. At the same time, you will be able to network not only with various employers, but also with other sales professionals. Be sure to dress professional and bring plenty of resumes. For more information and to

register online visit job-openings.monster.com.

Oct. 17 Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management

The Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management will be held on October 17 starting at 6 p.m. at SharpHilton Garden Inn, in Irving. The event will focus specifically on sales, business development, marketing, Customer Service, and retail & sales management jobs, and offer you individual, face-to-face time with hiring managers from a variety of different companies.

For more information visit www.unitedcareer-fairs.com.

Oct. 17 Dallas Career Fair - Sales, Management, Business Development

The Dallas Career Fair-Sales, Management, Business Development will be held on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, in Las Colinas.

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October 3, 7 p.m.
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October 3
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October 3, 7 p.m.
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October 3, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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"But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:15).

The story is told of Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983) she was born in Amsterdam and raised in the Dutch Reformed Church. When the Nazis came to power in the late 1930s, Corrie and her family hid Jews behind a false wall in Corrie's bedroom.

In 1944, Corrie's family was arrested and sent to Ravensbrück, one of the worst concentration camps in Nazi Germany. There, Corrie's entire family died. Corrie herself was scheduled for execution - but she

was released shortly before the end of World War II because of a clerical error.

Corrie concluded that God had saved her for a purpose. She committed her life to preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, speaking in churches, tent meetings, and open-air rallies.

At one meeting in Germany in 1947, she taught on God's forgiveness. Afterwards, a man came up to her and introduced himself as a former Ravensbrück guard - but Corrie needed no introduction. She remembered him well.

He was notorious for his cruelty. "I've become a Christian since the war," he said. "I know God has forgiven me for the horrible things I did, but I would like to hear it from you. Could you tell me that you have forgiven me, too?" He put out his hand.

Corrie stood there for what seemed an eternity, unable to think of anything but the horrors this man had committed.

Then she remembered the words of Jesus that required her to forgive all sin. She silently prayed, "Jesus, help me!" . . . then she took the man's hand and cried out, "I forgive you, brother!" She later recalled, "I had never

known God's love as intensely as I did then." That was the defining moment in Corrie's ministry.

Over the years that followed, she took the Christian gospel to more than sixty countries around the world and changed hundreds of thousands of lives through her speaking, writing, and the motion picture, "The Hiding Place," based

on her life.

If we want to be used in a great way by God, we must be willing to forgive those who may be a great source a pain in our lives.

Is there someone who needs your forgiveness today? Thank God that He is the key to your happiness,

your life, and He is the key to your future.

God is knocking, open the door to your heart. Ask God to bless your heart and guide your every thought and move.

Ask God make you a blessing to others, in the precious name of Jesus.



Dallas Christian College Women's Basketball Team, Brian Smith, President and Mark Worley, Vice President, taking a day off from school to help Sister Tarpley by doing yard work, making, installing and painting a new shed door and painting a patio private fence. Donations are needed for the Women's Basketball Team because they freely give their time and supplies they purchase to the Metrocrest Seniors. Donations can be made to the Dallas Christians College Women's Basketball Team at www.dallas.edu or call 1-866-495-5172.

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North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**
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NDG Book Review: American Prison won't let you go

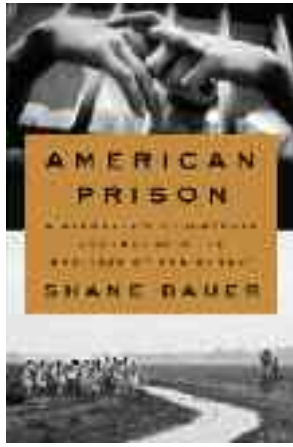
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You cannot escape.

You're stuck where you are and, though you'll rail and squirm, resist and rant, you decide in the end that there's little you can do but wait the situation out. Whether it's in mind or in body, welcome to confinement. As you'll see in "American Prison" by Shane Bauer, you'd best hope you're on the right side of the bars.

He had been a prisoner once, so the assignment wouldn't be unfamiliar.

Nine years ago, due to an innocent hike that went too close to the Iranian border, Shane Bauer was imprisoned for several months in Iran. It was a frightening situation that took awhile to shake; once home and anchored again, he was bothered by what he knew was happening in prisons here at home. In the fall of 2014, Bauer went to work undercover for Mother Jones magazine, to report on



American prisons-as-business.

For-profit prisons, he says, are nothing new.

During the Civil War, the north held most of the nation's prisons; for Southerners, the idea that a white man might be treated like a slave, shackled, working for free, beaten, was insulting. Even so, a handful of entrepreneurs saw ways of profiting off the crimes (real, embellished, and perceived) of others. Within years after Wars' end, private prisons were common, and often filled with Black inmates who were treated worse

than they were as slaves: as one prison guard indicated, slaves were worth money but if a prisoner died, you just got another prisoner.

With his own experience dogging him, Bauer applied for and accepted a guard job at a private prison in Louisiana. It paid very little – just \$9 an hour – and, because the corporation that owned the prison had cut staffing, it required mandatory overtime. The job included the usual guarding

tasks that Hollywood depicts, and others that might explain why many prisons offer counseling sessions for their guards. Bauer witnessed misogyny, racism, violence, and sexual harassment. And because he'd read a study on how jails affected the jailors, he wondered how it might change him, too...

There are so many different parts to "American Prison," one scarcely knows where to begin.

There is, first of all, the personal: author Shane Bauer writes of his reasons for going to prison undercover, including the preparation for it and the anxiety of his assignment as it happened. The job, as he indicates, is almost universally stressful from the outset, never mind having to hide within it. That stress heightens the tension and leads to a history of the business itself, which Bauer teases out within his narrative. Here,

be prepared for things that may make you wince. It's not easy reading.

And then there's the big picture: is jail a place to rehabilitate, or a place to please investors? Can it be both? Or neither? In the end, that's left for readers to ponder, though it's possible, even doubtful, that anyone's mind will be changed by this book. Even so, certainly, what you'll read in "American Prison" won't let you go.

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29 at 6:30 p.m. Fans are invited to come out and listen to all her greatest hits with your friends and family. Tickets available at LiveNation.com.


Forget if we are ready for some football, at 1-2 fans are beginning to wonder if the Dallas Cowboys are ready? Dwain Price points out this week that the offense has to get it together

soon. Otherwise the **Dallas Cowboys vs the Detroit Lions** game will not go well. Kickoff on Sunday is at Noon, tickets are still available.

Finally, if sports or concerts are not your thing then check out **Ali Siddiq Live at the Addison Improv** on Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. Details available at the website.



Food is a favorite draw for the State Fair of Texas. Tom Grace's Funnel Cake Bacon Queso Burger was a double winner – earning "Best Taste – Savory" and "Most Creative" for the Big Texas Choice Awards at the 2017 State Fair (Courtesy photo)



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