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Civil Rights Leaders Announced Campaign To Confirm Loretta Lynch As Attorney General



In the wake of a deadly police shooting in North Charleston, South Carolina that killed Walter Scott, the nation's top civil rights leaders held a press conference Saturday, April 11 at 10:15 a.m. in New York City to announce a campaign to urge Senate leadership to immediately call for a vote to confirm Loretta Lynch as Attorney General. It has been nearly 150 days since Lynch was nominated by President Obama to replace Eric Holder as Attorney General. Further delay will only lead to greater uncertainty among law enforcement officials across the country in implementing common-sense law enforcement reforms at the local, state, and federal levels.

Leadership from national civil rights organizations - including National Action Network President (NAN) Rev. Al Sharpton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) President and CEO Cornell William Brooks, National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial, among others - called for the end to a historic delay to confirm the nation's top law enforcement official. Reports indicate Lynch has the votes necessary to be confirmed as Attorney General.

The press conference was held on the final day of the 17th annual NAN Convention in New York City, with a panel discussion to follow. This year's annual convention arrives on the heels of a series of events that shined a bright light on the racial and civil rights challenges still plaguing America.

Modern Streetcar Creating New Link To Downtown Dallas



Streetcar travel between Oak Cliff and Downtown Dallas is back after a nearly 50 year absence, connecting a historic community via a state-of-the-art electric vehicle and a free ride.

The modern era of Dallas streetcar service resumed April 13 with a 1.6 mile route from downtown's Union Station to Oak Cliff's Methodist Dallas Medical Center. This marks the first phase of Dallas' modern

streetcar system. DART is overseeing the city of Dallas project.

"Our track record with DART Light Rail and the Trinity Railway Express gave the city of Dallas confidence that we also could successfully design, build, operate and maintain the Dallas Streetcar," DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas said.

"Dallas is taking another notable step forward in its efforts to build an efficient, reliable and connected transportation network that helps grow the region's economy and connects hard-working families to jobs and opportunity," said FTA Acting Administrator Therese McMillan. "We're calling on Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill that will make more projects like the Dallas Streetcar a reality."

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News You Ought To Know

New Eastfield College Arts Collective presents Arts in Action showcase April 23
The Visual, Fine and Performing Arts disciplines at Eastfield College will launch The Arts Collective, a collaboration celebrating the talent and creativity of the college's student body, during next week's Literary and Fine Arts Festival. To unveil its exciting new brand, The Arts Collective will host Arts in Action featuring Jazz Under the Stars, a showcase featuring all of the arts disciplines in a single event on Thursday, April 23, from 5-8 p.m. in the lower courtyard. For more about the Literary and Fine Arts Festival: <http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/lfaf/>
For more information, please contact Judith Dumont, Associate Dean of Arts & Communication, at 972-860-7026.

Parkland stroke program recognized with AHA Stroke Gold Plus Award
Parkland Health & Hospital System's efforts in diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients earned recognition in the form of this year's Stroke Gold Plus-Target: Stroke Elite Award through the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

The award places Parkland in a prestigious group of hospitals in the nation that participate in Get With The Guidelines and Target: Stroke. And, it comes just months after the Texas Department of State Health Services re-designated Parkland as a Primary Level II Stroke Facility. The designation is for Parkland's ongoing commitment to providing quality care for stroke patients. The importance of stroke prevention is the focus of Stroke Awareness Month, which is observed yearly during May. According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.



HILLARY CLINTON TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 2016



(AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics on Sunday, making a much-awaited announcement she will again seek the White House with a promise to serve as the "champion" of everyday Americans.

Clinton opened her bid for the 2016 Democratic nomination by positioning herself as the heir to the diverse coalition of voters who elected her immediate predecessor and former campaign rival, President Barack Obama, as well as an appeal to those in her party still leery of her commitment to fighting income inequality.

And unlike eight years ago, when she ran as a candidate with a deep resume in Washington, Clinton and her personal history weren't the focus of the first message of her campaign. She made no mention of her time in the Senate and four years as secretary of state, or the prospect she could make history as the nation's first female president.

Instead, the video is a collection of voters talking about their lives, their plans and aspirations for the future. Clinton doesn't appear until the very end.

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The 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report shows that the levels of contaminants in Dallas' water meet or are below the amounts allowed by law.

A copy of the 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report can be obtained by calling Dallas' 311 Information Line or downloaded from the City website http://dallascityhall.com/departments/waterutilities/DCH%20Documents/2014_WQ_ReportMar30.pdf

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MY DAY: AN AMERICAN MORNING WITH CAROLYN KING ARNOLD



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Carolyn Arnold's love affair with the community started decades ago with reoccurring blackouts in her neighborhood for no righteous reason. She did some research, gathered her neighbors, called the utility company responsible, the City of Dallas and everybody had a 'come-to-Jesus-meetin'. The blackouts were due to archaic equipment that simply had to be replaced. From these humble beginnings she has remained a fierce advocate strongly addressing the tough issues. Carolyn adores her Mother

who at one time had to work two jobs. But sitting across from Carolyn, she is the typical older child. We all have matching DNA's. Self assured, decisive and in charge. The oldest of seven and the mother of four, Carolyn calls herself a 'new country girl', to-wit I repeated, sitting in front of a well-dressed lady (that's one with stockings on), "a new . . . country girl?". She replied with emphasis, "Oh, Lord, yes". Carolyn's parents moved from the city back to sixty(60) acres in Buffalo, Texas, and quite frankly, she has fallen in love with the relaxation, blessed quietness, rabbits, chickens, but not the pocket gophers. Gophers eat root, bulbs, plants while underground, and are well equipped for digging. We had a big laugh about the gophers on the ranch. Of course, there are deer, the ones with the bright eyes that light up the night. To add to the glee, she is learning to drive a tractor and pick okra. No ranch is complete without a tank. A private "lake" for fishing. That is coming.

Of the thousand of human interest stories I have written along with our television shows, a teacher is always mentioned somewhere in the mix of answers. Carolyn was inspired by a teacher in Civics. Civics, an unlikely subject. Civics can be boring because it teaches the value of being an active citizen and how our form of government works. The word "civic" is based on an ancient Latin word meaning "citizen". As I was listening to her, I thought this teacher was something special. He made the subject so visually interesting that imbedded in her core value system is civic mindedness and sharing with others the utter importance, duty and rights of citizenship. Thoroughly qualified, Carolyn is entering a new chapter and her background a litany of caring, listening, adapting and orchestrating are key components for future success.



Thanks for dropping by, Carolyn.

Ester Davis is an award winning writer and television talk show host. www.esterday.com or 214.376.9000

Reminder: 50th Anniversary of Davis Apparel Shop Monday, April 20, 2015. Early voting starts April 27, 2015

GREAT DESTINATIONS TODAY, MORE STOPS SOON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A

The starter line traverses the Trinity River corridor, which separates southern Dallas from the city's largest employment centers. Specifically, the project targets commuters in mixed-use districts adjacent to downtown and helps connect them to transportation choices available in the city center.

The second phase, which extends the route to the shopping and dining of Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District, is expected to be completed by early 2016. The third segment, currently in planning, will expand the streetcar line to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and Omni Dallas Hotel.

Dallas Streetcar is a 1.6-mile dedicated streetcar track that provides access for commuters in Oak Cliff to rail connections at Union Station in Dallas.

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Route and schedule information, along with vehicle photos are at DART.org/DallasStreetcar



Left to right are Gary Thomas, DART President/Executive Director; Mike Cantrell, Chair, Regional Transportation Commission; Mike Rawlings, Mayor of Dallas; US Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson; US Rep. Marc Veasey; Jim Crites, Executive VP, DFW International Airport; Rick Stopfer, DART Board Member.



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The Report Isaiah 53:1



REV. JOHNNY C. SMITH,
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The classic passage before us warrants our careful attention because it is of supreme importance, in that, it describes the unusual suffering that the suffering servant (Jesus Christ) experienced for you and me. Those of us who are familiar with God's word know that Isaiah Chapter 53 and Psalm 22 are excellent passages on the suffering ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Truly, truly He suffered the agony of being crucified for sinful mankind. His supreme purpose for invading humanity was to die vicariously for mankind, for St. Mark 10:45, says: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

His very death on the cross served sufficiently as a payment on our behalf to satisfy the righteous indignation of God Almighty! This princely writer, Isaiah, was so overwhelmed in his concern that "his report" (account) of the suffering servant would go unnoticed or attention would not be drawn to it (v.1). This report is indeed significant because of its supreme worth;

yet this report was rejected because the nation of Israel did not discern the value of the person of Christ nor His work of redemption on their behalf. My question to this reading audience is: "Do you believe the report?" Do you believe that our Saviour died on your behalf and that He was buried and rose again? (I Corinthians 15:3-4). Even though you may have lived a less than respectable life, you can still receive eternal life simply by believing the report. Don't reject Him and experience eternal separation from Him, for that horrible experience will be one of unusual pain and agony (Revelation 20:14-15). Jesus Christ bore all of the horror of being crucified for us that by faith in believing the report we might experience the joy of being saved.

At birth, we came here lost (Romans 3:23, 3:10) but our God loved us so much that He provided a way of salvation through His matchless Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8, 6:23). Jesus Christ left the throne of heaven to dwell with sinful mankind because man was in need of spiritual help. He came as a heavenly missionary seeking lost humanity, for St. Luke 19:10, says - "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." In closing, don't be among the many victims that underestimate the value of "the report" given by the prophet Isaiah seven years before the Messiah's birth. Certainly, during His first advent, the Messiah has wrought a great redemption for mankind, and mankind is responsible for the revelation that has been offered (Romans 10:9-10).

May God Bless!

A Little Bit of Faith: Can You Forgive?



BY COLLEEN WHITE

Most of us walking around are wounded people. We may have been hurt by a close friend, we may have been betrayed by a family member, or we may have been lied on by someone at work. Whatever the reason, we have been hurt. The problem comes, however, when we are unable to forgive those who have offended us. We may think that we are hurting them. But the longer we walk around carrying the weight of unforgiveness, we are really hurting ourselves. We may become gloomy, or we may constantly think about how we can get that person back. We probably have placed ourselves in a prison because we are not able to get beyond what was done to us.

Yet, the most important reason why we should forgive people is that our Heavenly Father has forgiven us of our sins. In the book of John it says, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29) Plus, in the book of Matthew, it tells us that if we are willing to forgive others, our Father will forgive us too. "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14).

This is why it is so important to forgive people. This doesn't mean that you have to become best friends with them, hang out with them, and send cards to them for every holiday. It simply means that you are willing to forgive them of their transgression whether they ask you for forgiveness or not.

I know this is easier said than done, but if you give it a try, I guarantee that you will feel the weight of the world lift off of your shoulders. Let's see if we can forgive someone this week. Go ahead give it a try. It'll be okay. Amen? Amen.

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Blacks Missing Out on 'Obamacare' Savings

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
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Even as health care costs continue to cause concerns for the poor, nearly 40 percent African Americans and about half of Whites didn't know that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) can help those that need it the most to cover some of those costs.

According to the new report by the Alliance for a Just Society (AJS), a national research network that analyzes health issues including Medicaid, prescription drugs, and insurance industry practices play a major role in coverage savings.

In the report titled, "Breaking Barriers: Improving health insurance enrollment and access to health care," researchers detailed the stories of 1,200 low- to moderate-income earners, living in 10 states (California, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, and Texas). Six of those states refused to expand Medicaid programs using federal funds, effectively pushing many poor people into the coverage gap and limiting their access to health care.

The AJS report said that the rejection of Medicaid expansion in those states remained the most significant barrier to health care for the poor and African Americans.

In the report, Linda Quick, the president of the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association, said, "Trying to convince legislators with economic arguments has NOT persuaded the supposedly 'business-oriented' chambers-of-commerce-backed legislators about Medicaid expansion. Their objection is clearly ideological, not practical."

Most states - 28 and Washington, D.C. - have expanded Medicaid and Blacks accounted for 16.7 percent of the marketplace enrollees and Whites made up 62.9 percent of the enrollees. The second enrollment period just ended in February 2015 and 11.4 million Americans have signed up for private health insurance coverage through marketplace exchanges.

But cost technology and lan-

guage access created barriers that made it more difficult for some to register, especially poor people of color.

According to the report, less than half of the African American respondents had e-mail addresses (49.3 percent) and only 47.7 percent had Internet at home, below the national average, compared to 64.8 percent of Whites who had e-mail addresses and 77.5 percent with Internet at home.

Antron McKay-West of Upgrade Mississippi, a youth development and community group, said that it's so rural, most people can't imagine life there.

"Most people don't have Internet, if they do, it is very slow, it's not the technology most are used to," McKay-West, who grew up in the Mississippi Delta, said in the AJS report. "During enrollment, some people were told to just go to the library and use the Internet. In the neighborhood where I grew up, the library is 15 miles away."

More than 40 percent of Black enrollees and more than half of White enrollees didn't know which services were covered under their health plans and which services they would pay for out-of-pocket.

The report offered a number of recommendations, including expanding Medicaid in the 22 states that refused federal funding, ensuring that all health plans cover yearly check-ups, immunizations and screenings at no additional cost and measuring results by collecting data on by race, ethnicity, primary language, gender, disability, and sexual orientation. The report also recommended expanding school-based health clinics in underserved communities.

LeeAnn Hall, the executive director of AJS, said, "We will continue to fight to see that disparities are addressed and that these recommendations are put in place."

Gary Delgado, the author of the report and a longtime civil and human rights leader, said that the Affordable Care Act is a big, new house built on the old foundation.

"We're still not serving people of color," said Delgado. "We need to build a more inclusive health care system."

Facing 'Officer Friendly' While Black



BY LEE A. DANIELS
 NNPA COLUMNIST

Without the video, North Charleston, S.C. police officer Michael T. Slager would likely have gotten away with murder.

Without the video, we wouldn't see Officer Michael T. Slager have the, shall we say, presence of mind, to quickly retrieve what appears to be his Taser and plant it beside the lifeless body of Walter Lamar Scott.

Without the video, Officer Michael T. Slager would no doubt have quickly been coached on the techniques of making himself appear in news media interviews the victim of the lethal encounter with the Black man he killed, 50-year-old Walter Lamar Scott.

Without the video, the conservative punditocracy and talk-show jockeys would be raging that the dead man's action again proved that Black and Brown civilians are "waging war" on police.

But we have the video - one of the technological innovations that increasingly have helped suggest what people of color face from an alarming number of White cops - and the first-degree murder indictment of Officer Michael T. Slager.

And so we are faced with a long list of powerful questions: Why did Slager pull over Walter Lamar Scott's vehicle? Was it really for a broken taillight? Or was it because Slager, feeding off the power of his badge, wanted to show some Black person - any Black person - who's boss? What, then, was going through Slager's mind that led him to not give chase to the unarmed, slow-footed Scott when he ran, but quickly and calmly pull his gun and fire eight times at the fleeing man?

I think some part of the answer to these questions and the many others that must be asked can be found in a recent instance of a police encounter with Black teenagers that did not escalate to violence but was nonetheless revealing.

That incident - captured on a police car camera - occurred in Minneapolis March 18. Four Black teens of Somali descent, having just finished playing basketball at the YMCA, were driving

home when they were pulled over by the police for making a U-turn. The police ordered the youths out of the car at gunpoint and handcuffed them, while they searched the car and ran background checks on the car to see if it was stolen and on the youths to see if any had criminal records. They found nothing. None of the youths had a criminal record, and they were subsequently not charged.

But at the beginning of this hour-long ordeal, a police camera captured this exchange between one of the police officers and one of the youths he was handcuffing: "Plain and simple," the officer says, "if you [profanity] with me, I'm going to break your leg before you get the chance to run."

The youth responds, "I never said I was going to run." The officer answers back, "I'm just giving you a heads up. Just trying to be officer friendly right now."

"Can you tell me," the youth persists, "Why I'm being arrested?" The officer responds, "Because I feel like arresting you."

Is that it: that some White cops' need to show these "colored people" a White man can control their freedom whenever he "feels like" it? Is that the attitude that explains why Officer Michael T. Slager pulled over the vehicle driven by Walter Lamar Scott? In the aftermath of Scott's murder, some Black North Charleston residents have said that police constantly racially profile Black drivers there. Comedian Chris Rock's recent social-media posting of his being repeatedly stopped by police while driving near his suburban New Jersey home suggests that, for Black and Brown drivers, that otherwise legitimate police duty remains laced with racist intent.

Further, we can go down the long, long list of just recent, controversial White cop-black or brown civilian encounters and ask is that why so many of them have a palpable undertone of menace: Is it because the White cops are acting on their "feelings?"

A final question: How often does a Black or brown person's chance of surviving an encounter with a White cop come down to whether that officer or those officers have decided to be or not be "Officer Friendly" at that moment?

To put that another way: How often does it come down to whether the police officer or officers have decided at that moment to be a public servant of integrity, or a criminal?

Maya Angelou Is The Face Of The Newest Forever Stamp

BY JAZELLE HUNT
 NNPA WASHINGTON
 CORRESPONDENT

Less than a year after her death, Maya Angelou has been further immortalized on a U.S. Postal Service commemorative Forever Stamp.

An all-star assembly gathered to witness the first-day-of-issue stamp unveiling ceremony, held at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C. The at-capacity audience included First Lady Michelle Obama, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, musician Roberta Flack; two of Malcolm X's daughters, Ilyasah and Qubilah Shabazz, and other notables.

Melissa Harris Perry, who first came under Angelou's wing in the early 1990s as her intern at Wake Forest University, emceed the event. Former UN Ambassador Andrew Young gave the invocation. Singer Alyson Williams, who was introduced as Angelou's "personal songbird," performed the national anthem and the Black National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice."

"The truth is, this Forever Stamp registers the applause of tens of millions of readers over the world where the prose and poetry of Maya Angelou is translated in 17 languages and still counting," said author and educator, Eleanor Traylor, just before reading a passage from I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.

Traylor was on a short list of featured speakers at the ceremony, which included Oprah Winfrey, journalist, Sophia A. Nelson, and Nikki Giovanni and Sonia Sanchez, who each recited original poetry.

"On this past Saturday, her birthday April 4th, it would've been her 87th birthday," Winfrey said, adding that she had spent the day reading Angelou's poetry in commemoration. "I miss her so. I'm honored to be here, to stand as her daughter sister-friend at the unveiling of the Maya forever, Forever Stamp."

In the middle of her tribute, an area-wide power outage cut electricity to the theater, but Winfrey powered through a recitation of "Phenomenal Woman," without the microphone.

The image featured on the stamp is a reprint of the oil

painting portrait by Ross Rossin on display at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington. The portrait's unveiling, held the day after Angelou's 86th birthday last year, was her final public appearance.

"Today, this new Forever Stamp serves as a tribute to Angelou's humanity, and contribution to our nation," said Megan J. Brennan, postmaster general and CEO of the USPS. "You will notice that there's some other words on her stamp: forever and USA. It is the postal service's way of honoring and remembering those who left an enduring and indelible mark on our society, and who represent the best of America."

The featured words on the stamp, however-"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song"-have caused a bit of controversy. Although Angelou has used the line in her travels and has become widely associated with it as a result, the quote actually originated with another writer.

The Washington Post was the first major outlet to point this out. It also reported that USPS spokesman, Mark Saunders responded via email: "Had we known about this issue beforehand, we would have used one of [Angelou's] many other works. The sentence held great meaning for her and she is publicly identified with its popularity."

Currently, the USPS has no plans to alter the quote. Angelou's stamp is a commemorative one - as such, it will only be issued once and for a limited time. If the USPS does cease production and reissue the stamps with a different quote, this single batch will become an even more valuable collector's item.

After the actual unveiling, her son, author Guy Johnson delivered an original ode to his mother.

"I point to the life of a little Black girl from Stamps [Arkansas], whose words and actions we honor here today. With heart in hand she stepped out on His word and believed. She spoke out in clarion tones for justice and truth-and look at what the little Black girl from Stamps achieved."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

DCCCD hosts free information sessions about DACA/DAPA
 North Lake College, South Campus - Sat., April 11 - 1081 W. Shady Grove Rd. in Irving, 9 a.m. to noon
 Richland College - Wed., April 22 - Wichita Hall, room WH103, 12800 Abrams Rd. in Dallas, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Eastfield College - Wed., April 29 - 3737 Motley Dr. in Mesquite, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in room C118.
 El Centro College - Sat., May 2 - Student Center, 801 Main St. in Dallas (downtown), 9 a.m. to

noon
 Brookhaven College - Wed., May 20 - 3939 Valley View Lane in Farmers Branch, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in room H125 of the Geotechnology Building
 Mountain View College - Sat., May 30 - 4849 Illinois Ave. in Dallas, 9 a.m. to noon, in the Treetop Gallery, room W136.
 For more information, contact Perla Moline with DCCCD at 214-378-1771. Visit www.dcccd.edu/DAPA for details as well.

Mayor Mike Rawlings and Dallas Area Arts Organizations Kick-off Dallas Arts Week April 10-18, 2015

Mayor Mike Rawlings announces the third annual Dallas Arts Week, a celebration of our city's arts and culture. With over 100 arts and cultural events and activities, this is a great week to experience Dallas' rich culture and creative scene. On Wednesday, April 8, there will be an unveiling of the exhibition, SEVEN, a collaboration between students and staff of the Dallas County Community College District. Residents and visitors are encouraged to share their experiences as they sample our arts during Dallas Arts Week through various forms of social media by using #DallasArtsWeek.

2015 Empower Series Financial Workshop

You, your family & friends are invited to the April 18th 2015 Empower Series workshop entitled, "Rise or Die: Developing a New Consciousness & Habits for Self-Mastery to Strengthen Black America in the 21st Century and Beyond"
 Old habits die hard, as the saying goes. And one habit that most of us share-and find difficult to both notice and shake-is our tendency to run

"on automatic." Unconscious patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving are often the silent saboteurs of self-mastery in our personal and professional lives. Until we uncover and recognize patterns that have become habitual, we cannot achieve mastery-that state of being where actions are guided by awareness and intention rather than subliminal habit and reaction. The results are compelling,

rewarding, and powerful.
 Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015
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NEW LOCATION:
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Southwest Black Art Show April 24-26 At The African American Museum

The Southwest Black Art Show will be held Friday, April 24, 12N-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the African American Museum, Dallas. The SWBAS will present a quality experience for artists, collectors, galleries, educators, art professionals, and anyone interested in black fine art. The Southwest Black Art Show is committed to the exclusive presentation of art produced by artists of African and African-American descent. Our goal is to make the SWBAS a destination point where collectors come to find quality black art.

Mark Crow, Frank Frazier, Burl Washington, Jonathan Romain, Albert Shaw, Charles Bibbs are among the artists participating in the Show. The Southwest Black Art Show will also present a series of workshops for those interested in becoming collectors, but may not know exactly what to look for when viewing a work of art. The Show will feature presentations by seasoned collectors, scholars and gallery owners. Well-known appraiser, gallery owner and educator, Garbo Hearne will be a special

guest at the show. In addition, there will be hands-on activities for families and children throughout the weekend.

The Southwest Black Art Show was organized by a group of artists, art educators, collectors and curators from North Texas. The Honorary Steering Committee include local collectors, Attorney Renee Higginbotham-Brooks, Debra Peoples, and well-known artist Frank Frazier, whose goal is to make the Southwest Black Fine Art Show a destination point for collectors interested in obtaining quality black fine art. Fatima Marsh is the General Chairperson.

The Southwest Black Fine Art Show is offering three prizes. Two "Best in Show" awards for two participating artists who will receive a one-man exhibition at the African American Museum, Dallas and the South Dallas Cultural Center. Exhibitions will be scheduled within a two-year period at each of the institutions. A "Purchase Prize" will be given at the conclusion of the Show.

For more than 40 years, the African American Museum has

stood as a cultural beacon in Dallas and the Southwestern United States. Started in 1974 as a part of the Bishop College Special Collection, the Museum has operated independently since 1979. The Museum was founded in 1974 as a part of Bishop College and came to life under the vision of Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr., Founding President/CEO.

Located in Dallas' historic Fair Park, the African American Museum is the only museum in the Southwestern United States devoted to the collection, preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural and historical materials that relate to the African-American experience. The African American Museum incorporates a wide variety of visual art forms and historical documents that portray the African American experience in the United States, Southwest, and Dallas. The Museum has a small, but rich collection of African art, African-American fine art and one of the largest African American folk art collections in the United States.

THE WORD AFRICAN- AMERICAN

From the desk of a layman. By Gener Turner

The phrase African Americans came into existence by a North Carolinian Bigot, who named all black people African Americans, which is an ambiguous statement. This bigot made this statement in order to make all black People half American. An African American is an individual who was born in the country of Africa, and later came to America and applied for citizenship in this country. When that person becomes a citizen of this country, he become an African American with the meaning of being half American.

If you will notice all foreign people who applies for citizenship and becomes a citizen of this country or any country as far as that matter, he, or she is always known by their native country, being pronounced first. Example, Chinese American, Canadian American, Mexican American, Irish American, French American, Asian American, and so on, but I guarantee you when you look at any application you will never see British American on any application. All white people in America are known as White, or White American.

Now, we all know that all white citizens of this country came from the migration of British People who came from Great Brittan.

One thing demonstrated here is the fact, ALL British People who migrated here were British People, but all their children who were born here are American Citizens, not British Americans. When I comes to us Americans, half Americans, not really a full blooded American Citizens.

I cannot for the life of me see how our Black Leaders can stand before a nation of people and call themselves and others African Americans. People in Government Offices, News Commentators and many common call themselves African Americans, if you are Black and born here in America you are an American, and if by culture, you are considered a "Black American", it is so upsetting to me to see our real educated Black Leaders degrade the Black Nation of people by admitting to the name "African American".

This bigot" knew if he would put African American in writing that we would grab it and run with it,

Because of the hardships, trials, and tribulations we were

facing every day of our lives in this country.

But we must understand that we are as much American as anyone here. We are backbone builders of this country. Those buildings down town are there because of Black Slaves in this country. Those buildings down town are there because of Black Slaves in this country. Why do you say that Mr. Turner?

Here is why I say this, almost every owner of the sky scrapers down town was built with the money that was handed down from one generation to another until these buildings were built from their ancestors passed to them over many years because of money made because of slave's labor. These things will never be bought to the surface, because most of these owners do not understand how, or know how their forefathers came by so much money. But they are like I would be, who cares where it came from or how they obtained it. They left it to men and now I am rich, now I have the resources to build a building down town, and when I am gone it will be in the hands of my off springs. God Bless you real good, and may He ever keep you in His loving care.

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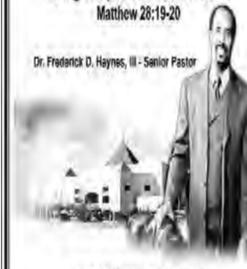
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DART, Uber Stepping Up "Complete Trip" Efforts
 North Texas travelers should find it easier to park their cars and let someone else do the driving thanks to an enhanced collaboration between DART and the popular car service, Uber.
 Following a successful trial during the Dallas St. Patrick's Parade, Uber and DART are helping travelers connect with the Uber application through DART's GoPass? mobile ticketing application. Now DART customers can reach the Uber app to order their car to begin or finish their transit trip through the "Events & Offers" section of the GoPass app. Both apps are available for Android and Apple smartphones through Google Play or the App Store.
 This type of connection makes it easier for travelers who begin or end their trips in places not easily served by DART to use a train or bus for the longest portion of their trip. Transit agencies across the country are trying to solve the "first mile/last mile" riddle and the DART, Uber collaboration is seen as one way to do that.
 To encourage people to try the new combination, Uber is offering a free first ride (up to \$20) to new customers. Transit customers can use the GoPass app to plan a transit trip and purchase a DART pass before arriving at the station or stop.
 Uber information is available at Uber.com and DART information is at DART.org.

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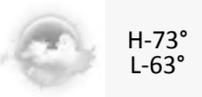
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Adrian Peterson Wants to Play for the Dallas Cowboys

by Nicholas A. Norman
Special to the NNPA from the Houston Forward Times



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson is reportedly set to meet with the NFL to discuss his potential reinstatement. Peterson was supposed to be eligible for reinstatement on April 15, so the league could be expediting the process.

If and when Peterson is reinstated, he will likely start applying more pressure to the Vikings in an attempt to force a trade.

Bleacher Report's Jason Cole reports that Peterson is looking to be dealt to either the Indianapolis Colts, Arizona Cardinals or Dallas Cowboys. Cole described the Cowboys as a "dream scenario" for Peterson.

Peterson's agent has made it perfectly clear that the 30-year-old run-

ning back does not want to continue his career in Minnesota. The biggest obstacle the Vikings will face is that very few teams will be willing to give up anything of significant value with Peterson carrying a cap hit of nearly \$13 million next season.

That said, the Cowboys did just agree to a restructured contract with Tony Romo that freed up a good amount of cap space. There was also an

interesting report about Jerry Jones not wanting to go past a certain dollar amount for DeMarco Murray in case the Cowboys were presented with an opportunity to sign a Hall of Fame-caliber player down the road.

Rumors of Peterson, who is from Texas, wanting to play for the Cowboys have existed for a long time. The only thing standing in his way is his team's asking price.

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Early Childhood Education is Critical



By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

Recently I hosted an educational summit in the 30th Congressional District that addressed the issue of early childhood education. Hundreds of participants, including administrators, teachers, school superintendents, parents and public officials attended the day-long event. At the close of the summit the solution was clear - we must provide children with access to all opportunities available in order to ensure their success.

The HighScope early childhood education approach was developed in 1960 by David Weikart in the Ypsilanti, Michigan elementary schools. Weikart became interested in evaluating at-risk students from low-income neighborhoods and found that the students performed poorly on district-wide, standardized tests. Weikart developed the Perry Preschool Project in 1962 which utilized the HighScope Curriculum, focusing on active learning, learning environment, and adult-child interaction.

The study of 123 children analyzed the effectiveness of the program by measuring adulthood outcomes in several categories. The data was clear. Students with similar backgrounds and socioeconomic status who did not complete the HighScope program were more likely to have experienced a teen pregnancy, received government assistance, or have participated in criminal activity.

I strongly urge all parents of young children to contact their local school district and enroll their children in early childhood education programs. On April 6th, nearly all of the schools in District 30 began registering students for these programs. There is still time to get students registered. Investing wisely in our children today will yield tremendous results in the future.

During his state of the union address in January of this year, President Barack Obama characterized the expansion of preschool programs for children as "ladders" into the middle class.

The FY2016 Presidential Budget Request included funding for several early childhood education programs that offer grants to model programs that provide education in low-income areas, and I am a strong advocate for those programs being included in the FY16 budget.

In Congress, I will continue to fight for more funding for preschool programs in Texas. I believe that educating young children is crucial, not only to personal success, but to the success of our nation.

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HILLARY CLINTON TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 2016

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"I'm getting ready to do something, too. I'm running for president," Clinton said. "Americans have fought their way back from tough economic times, but the deck is still stacked in favor of those at the top.

"Every day Americans need a champion, and I want to be that champion, so you can do more than just get by. You can get ahead and stay ahead."

It's a message that also made an immediate play to win over the support of liberals in her party for whom economic inequality has become a defining issue. They remain skeptical of Clinton's close ties to Wall Street and the centrist economic policies of the administration of her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Many had hoped Clinton

would face a challenge from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who has said she will not run.

"It would do her well electorally to be firmly on the side of average working people who are working harder than ever and still not getting ahead," said economist Robert Reich, a former labor secretary during the Clinton administration who has known Hillary Clinton for nearly five decades.

Unlike some of the Republicans who have entered the race, Clinton's video and new website are scant on policy specifics. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, for example, kicked off his campaign with a website and online videos that described his positions on an array of domestic and foreign policy issues.

Clinton also began her campaign for president in 2007 with a video, followed by a splashy

rally in Des Moines where she said, "I'm running for president, and I'm in it to win it." This time around, Clinton will instead head this week to the first-to-vote Iowa, looking to connect with voters directly at a community college and small business roundtable in two small towns.

"When families are strong, America is strong. So I'm hitting the road to earn your vote. Because it's your time. And I hope you'll join me on this journey," she said in the video.

This voter-centric approach was picked with a purpose, her advisers said, to show that Clinton is not taking the nomination for granted. Her campaign said Sunday she would spend the next six to eight weeks in a "ramp-up" period, and she would not hold her first rally and deliver a campaign kickoff speech until May.

Clinton is the first high-profile Democrat to get into the race, and she quickly won the endorsement of several leading Democrats, including her home state governor, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine.

Still, there are some lesser-known Democrats who are considering challenging her, including former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"During this campaign, it is imperative that Secretary Clinton, like every other candidate, address the great challenges of our time: the grotesque level of income and wealth inequality that is crushing our middle class," Sanders said.

The GOP did not wait for her announcement to begin their campaign against her. The

party chairman, Reince Priebus, has outlined plans for a broad effort to try to undermine her record as secretary of state while arguing that her election would be like giving Obama a "third term."

Republicans have jumped on Clinton's use of a personal email account and server while she was secretary of state, as well as her handling of the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, in his own online video, said Sunday: "We must do better than the Obama-Clinton foreign policy that has damaged relationships with our allies and emboldened our enemies."

Should she win the Democratic nomination, Clinton will need to overcome history to win the White House. In the last half-century, the same party has held the White

House for three consecutive terms only once, during the administrations of Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

As part of her launch, Clinton also will leave the board of her family's foundation.

The 2016 campaign is likely to be the most expensive in history, with total spending on both sides expected to well exceed the more than \$1 billion spent by each of the two nominees' campaigns four years ago.

This weekend, Clinton campaign fundraisers escalated their outreach to Democratic donors, who largely back her bid, with a flurry of phone calls urging them to donate as soon as possible. Her team on Sunday encouraged donors to become "Hillstarters" by raising \$27,000 for the campaign in the next 30 days.



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