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Where is today's Madam C.J. Walker?

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Women entrepreneurs have a powerful role model when they consider Madam C.J. Walker. One of our nation's first female self-made millionaires, her story of combining herbs to develop and manufacture a hair pomade, of empowering tens of thousands of women as sales agents for her products, and of establishing a beauty school to teach beauty techniques (and provide economic empowerment for even more women) are the stuff of legend. She was not only an entrepreneur, but also a philanthropist.

She "lived large," owning two cars and a sprawling estate, Villa Lewaro in Irvington, New York, but she shared her wealth (Black millionaire Harold Doley purchased Villa Lewaro in 1993. It is a National Historic Landmark). She was possessed with an amazing self-confidence that served her well in business and in life.

Madam (as she is called by her great-granddaughter, A'Lelia Bundles, the keeper of the family history and author of books about her ancestor (*On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C. J. Walker*), *Madam C. J. Walker: En-*



Madam C.J. Walker was an icon and a pioneer for African American business-women. One of the first self-made female millionaires in America, Walker stands as a role model for all women to follow. (NDG Composite by David Wilfong)

trepreneur (Chelsea House, 1991; revised 2008), *Madam Walker Theatre Center: An Indianapolis Treasure* (Arcadia Publishing, 2013)), was a character!

She changed her name from Sarah Breedlove to Madam C.J. Walker to provide herself with a "classier" sounding name, and to help prevent white people from calling her "Aunt", as they called so many African American women. She didn't want whites calling her the demeaning "Aunt" (to close to

Mammy, for my thinking), nor did she want the patronizing attitudes of Black men to affect the way she went about her business.

For years, she sought the opportunity to speak at Booker T. Washington's National Business League, but was denied. As legend goes, she went to one of the meetings and took the mic and made her speech, despite official denial. Why should she not have spoken? She was one

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Texas Chooses its leading actor

NDG's View

What an exciting time it has been over the past several months leading up to the Texas Primary elections.

With the candidates (actors) showing off their very best "I promise" faces, allowing us those rare glimpses into the "windows of their souls" when convenience befit the moment, and, of course, a tug or two of emotion could be collected and recorded for

further resume building.

What an exciting time of smiles and baby kissing, new generation photo-ops (selfies), and, at times, seemingly, never ending awkward applause rendered by hopefuls to their candidates (actors) of choice.

Yes, an exciting time in history where candidates (actors) come before us in various settings, such as, intimate (maybe intimidating) town halls, pre-scripted debates and cer-

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Kelsey Jones

Back on June 26 - July 2, 2014 in *North Dallas Gazette's* People in the News, we informed you that Ms. Kelsey Jones was one to watch. Forward today for Women's History Month 2016, we were correct. Kelsey is a sophomore at Dallas Baptist University (DBU) with a major in Broadcasting and a minor in Youth Ministry.

Kelsey has been on the Honors List at DBU every semester and was honored in the Fall of 2015. She is a part time employee for the City of Farmers Branch, Texas at the Recreation



Center as a Fitness Attendant.

Kelsey still volunteers at the Voice of Hope Ministries in West Dallas in their after school program for kids to be introduced to the gospel of Jesus Christ early

in life.

Kelsey is a Spoken Word Artist/Poet; she aspires to be a local News Anchor and a Motivational Speaker incorporating poetry that she writes into her speeches.

Kelsey is not all work and no play. She's on DBU's Intramural Basketball Dream Team; they won the Championship two years in a row. She is also a 1st degree Black Belt in American Karate and enjoys dancing.

Mark and Tammye Jones are her proud parents; she has an older brother, Leland, her church family at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton, Texas and Senior Pastor Terrance Woodson,

to help cheer her on.

When asked what made her faith in God so strong and trusting, Kelsey stated that with the temptations teenagers face in their young lives, many would believe that it is a chore to stay pure; definitely when pursuing a higher education and attending a University with plenty of distractions for every young believer, however that is incorrect, she said.

"Generally, I minister to my fellow peers in every day conversation, a majority of them are tuned in to every word that passes my mouth, but of course there are those that once they hear me

speaking about God, they completely shut me out.

"Unashamed Impact has provided a way for this technology generation to be exposed to the gospel, while scrolling on the internet. In the next few years I envision becoming an Unashamed Impact Representative for the city of Dallas full time.

"Despite the negativity in this world, my mission is to be a positive light to each person that I encounter. DBU produces prestigious religious disciples into mainstream from Pastors and Ministers; I strive to follow in their footsteps."

"When those same friends that tuned me out, see my

motivational tweets on Twitter, it grabs their attention. I am also a part of the phenomenal group, 'Unashamed Impact,' which is a global movement of young adults, she said.

Romans 1:16 and I Timothy 4:12 are her favorite theme verses. Kelsey is still a bright star that God will continue to use for His Kingdom. She has faith in God, she knows that He will lead and guide her through her college years and her life.

Kelsey is slated to perform as a spoken word artist at the open mic scheduled for April 2 at LifePoint Church.

Jurnee Smollett-Bell

Jurnee is an award-winning actress and activist of rare talent and conviction. She joined the cast of NBC's critically acclaimed series, "Parenthood," for its 5th season after co-starring in the most recent series of HBO's "True Blood." Jurnee also starred recently in Tyler Perry's film "Temptation." The film was Perry's biggest grossing box-office hit outside of his "Madea" brand.

Jurnee was also seen in the last two seasons of NBC's Emmy Award Winning series, "Friday Night Lights"



alongside Connie Britton and Kyle Chandler. Shortly thereafter, she starred opposite Jim Belushi and Jerry O'Connell in CBS', "The Defenders."

Jurnee starred in "The

Great Debaters" with Forest Whitaker and Denzel Washington, who also directed the drama. In addition to receiving rave reviews, the film was nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Picture and Jurnee won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Motion Picture. She made her breakthrough performance at the age of 11, starring in "Eve's Bayou" opposite Samuel L. Jackson for which she won the Broadcast Film Critics Award for Best Youth Performance and was cited by Interview Magazine as one of the five Hollywood stars

to watch in the new millennium. Other film credits include starring in "Roll Bounce," "Gridiron Gang," and "Beautiful Joe" with Sharon Stone. Her past television appearances include roles on "House," "E.R.," "Strong Medicine," "NYPD Blue," and Jurnee closed out the 2009 series of "Grey's Anatomy" with a performance that received critical acclaim everywhere.

Jurnee began her television acting career at the age of four with a recurring role on "Full House," later reviving the character for a season of "Hangin' with Mr.

Cooper." She followed by starring on the 1994-1995 ABC comedy "On Our Own" with her real life sister and four brothers.

In addition to acting and singing, Jurnee is an activist and the youngest board member of Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA), a nonprofit organization working in the U.S and South Africa to combat HIV/AIDS, advance human rights, and educate and empower children orphaned by AIDS as well as other at-risk youth. Jurnee has been involved with ANSA since the age of 11 and in 2006, became

ANSA's pioneer presenter for Positively Speaking, a program of the Los Angeles Unified District HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit that brings people infected or affected by the disease into middle and high school classes to tell their own stories and lead discussions.

In 2010, Jurnee completed an official U.S. mission for the U.S. State Department in which she was sent to Botswana, Swaziland and South Africa to conduct workshops with women and youth about activism, empowerment and HIV/AIDS.

Reggie Dupard

Former SMU Running Back, Reggie Dupard, is included in the group of six inductees to the 2016 SMU Athletics Hall of Fame. Dupard has been chosen for a focus of athletic alumni who have made a positive impact in the community. He will be recognized for his non-profit work with Texans Can Academy, where he is currently employed as the College Career Coordinator. He also volunteers with two other nonprofit organizations, Fit & Faithful Living and The Boys & Girls Club.

Dupard is known as one of the greats in SMU Foot-



ball history. As a running back from 1982-85, Dupard helped the Mustangs cinch both an SWC Championship and a National Championship in 1982. He earned All-Conference honors and was named an All-American. After being drafted in the first round

by the New England Patriots in 1986, Dupard played five years in the league for both the New England Patriots and Washington Redskins.

Currently spending his days employed with Texans Can as their College Career Coordinator, he focuses on preparing students for college and making sure they succeed once there; not only in their classes but in their integration into campus life and after they graduate and enter the workforce.

Dupard says the most rewarding aspect of his job is, "to empower students and make sure they have the tools and resources

they need in order to succeed in college and their careers. Our jobs don't stop once the students receive their diplomas from Texans Can, we want to see them move on to bigger and better things beyond high school."

Prior to attending SMU, Dupard came from John Curtis Christian High School in River Ridge, La.

He was selected 26th overall in the 1986 NFL Draft, only one spot behind his college teammate Roderick Jones. Dupard played for the New England Patriots until he was traded to the Washington Redskins midway through the 1989 NFL season.

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Blackonomics: Hypocrites, Hucksters, Histrionics and Hype

By James Clingman
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Aren't you tired of the rap and clap sessions by political wannabees and their respective contingents? I know I am. The so-called “debates” are downright insulting and embarrassing, especially on the Republican side, reminiscent of a stand-up comedy show, or “throwing shade” as young folks say. Over on the Democratic stage (Or should I say in their “ring?”), what was a fight has turned into a face-saving swan song for Sanders since he was, in his own words, “decimated” in South Carolina. Black folks strike again!

With all the money these candidates have in the bank this “theater of the absurd” could go on for months, and when it's all over Black folks will have not moved one inch toward real empowerment. Unless we get serious about our own economic and political future,

by establishing our political platform and being willing to promote, support, and leverage it, Blacks will continue to be relegated to the clown ring in this current political three-ring circus. We will be the diversions, the ones who turn the lion's attention away from the performers, the clowns who turn the bull's ire away from the bull rider by yelling and then jumping into a barrel.

The “Yo Mama!” debates in the Republican ring are really not debates, in case you have not noticed; they are rap sessions, Ronald Reagan séances, and pseudo-patriotic diatribes, repeated ad nauseam by guys who swear they are the answer to our problems. The only one who has any kind of real record of having actually solved a few political problems is John Kasich. But he's so far behind the others that a victory for him is very unlikely.

Over in the Democratic

ring we have two combatants who offer condescending words and platitudes directly to Black folks, as opposed to the Republicans who say absolutely nothing to Blacks. The Dem candidates rail against the business establishment and tell us that we really need more jobs to solve our problems. I don't know how they expect to bring us more jobs, which are created by private businesses, when they are constantly denigrating business. It's just hype. By the way, why do you suppose the Black candidate, Willie Wilson, has been invisible?

Post Super Tuesday shouting matches about who cares for Black people the most now dominate, as though being embroiled in these kinds of discussions will move us forward. Top that off with MSNBC's U-turn in firing, demoting, or exiling their Black Barack Obama-can-do-no-wrong hosts and we have a real firestorm on our hands,

don't we?

Aren't you tired of being hustled and huckstered? Aren't you tired of the hype and the political histrionics? Those of us who are absolutely tired of it all have made a commitment to DO something about it. First of all, we refuse to be swayed by patronizing pundits and condescending candidates. It matters not what they say; their actions are what matters.

Understanding how the system works with regard to what they said versus what they do when they get into office, why are many of our people spending inordinate amounts of time arguing over whose plantation is more comfortable? Rather than organizing ourselves into a voting bloc that must be reckoned with and leveraging our votes, we end up acquiescing to political parties and their selected candidates. Rather than asking

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tainly media-guided Q&A's specifically selected and approved by the candidates' PR agent.

They come before us spewing their plans of how to make our home, America, better for everyone who walks with her soil under the soles of their feet. Indeed, they come with well intentioned plans to propagate citizens into a predetermined and presupposed ideal of how they envision and intend to make our home better.

Each candidate (actor) stands before us presenting their well rehearsed monologues one-by-one, hoping (possibly praying) that the audience shows its gratitude and love for them by applauding (voting) their cause.

And because they are actors auditioning for the role of lifetime, and with the stage being their home, they move to seek and solicit those in the audience who've been captivated by

their performance to carry on their message of a better America.

Now in understanding our role in this theatre of democracy, the question becomes what message have we heard from our candidates, and are we being responsible in sharing in what we've heard?

As Democratic voters here in Texas, we have spooned and chosen via the democratic process, Hillary Clinton, as our candidate (actor) of choice. As Texas democrats, we've said to the audiences all over America that we have heard, and agree with Hillary Clinton's ideals to make America better for every citizen and future citizens. We've let it be known to all that we will stand behind Mrs. Clinton, we have applauded her.

Yet, when the question is posed, “what have we heard?” from Hillary Clinton, the answers become rhetoric from her mono-

logue. Meaning, she is very presidential, as she should be due to her eight years in the White House during her husband's tenure as our national leader.

She knows the proper places to stand on stage, she knows when to speak as the spotlight reminds her that all eyes are on her, and she, certainly, without any doubt knows her lines which have been pre-scripted for many, many years prior to her auditioning for the leading role of President of the United States of America.

So, again, what have we heard from Hillary Clinton that would make our America better?

Have we heard, or even been assured, and reassured that our children will be protected from hate-filled individuals who hide behind the badge? Do we know how she plans to return our jobs back to America that her husband began exporting during his tenure?

Has she shown or expressed to our people that she truly, truly understands

the disparity in which we live that heightens the poverty, food deserts, homelessness, and lack of quality education, legalized loan sharking via Payday and Title companies?

Can she understand or is she aware of the genocide that is taking place among our people which starts with the public educational system's pipeline to prison, and slowly whittles away at our self-preservation to sustain our families, our physical and mental health and our communities? Has she vowed to uphold the Affordable Care Act which has allowed so many to have the medical insurance we all deserve?

What is her plan to make America better? What are we applauding? The famous actor in the mighty and challenging role; Or the actor who is talented enough to execute their plan, and to serve all people of America equally, in the role of the mighty and challenging office of the United States of America?

Ditch the sugar during national nutrition month

Type “sugar” and “culprit” into your favorite search engine and you’ll find no shortage of health reasons to knock sugar out of your diet.

For example, three authors argue in the British Journal of Sports Medicine that, despite ample exercise, too much sugar consumption can still leave you fat. That’s in addition to new studies published earlier this year that indicate too much sugar triggers brain defects, liver disease and breast cancer.

“The toxicity of excessive sugar consumption is well-documented, yet it’s so prevalent in our packaged foods that we may be digesting it without knowing it,” says nutritionist and juicing pioneer Cherie Calbom, who is known as “The Juice Lady.”



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But with vigilance you can ditch the sugar in your diet, says Calbom, who tackles the subject in her newest book, “The Juice Lady’s Sugar Knockout,” and she offers her Sugar Addiction Quiz at www.juiceladycherie.com/ Juice/the-sugar-knockout. She says March, which is National Nutrition Month, is the perfect time to start. A few ways to begin include.

- Pick the right day to start. A birthday or celebration dinner is not the best time to commit to a new diet. You’ll eventually develop the willpower to navigate through special events, but it’s not a good idea to start with an unusual challenge.

- Go cold turkey. Studies show sugar is as addictive as cocaine and heroin, so it’s not something you can

ease into or pursue in half measures. If you eat a little less to gradually eliminate it from your diet, you’ll keep getting triggered into wanting more sweets. You have to completely let it go.

- Scrutinize every label. We are naturally inclined to crave sugar, which is why manufacturers try to smuggle it into their products. The only way to root out sugar in all its forms – soups, condiments, breads, etc. – is to read grocery labels carefully. The sooner sugar is mentioned, the more that’s in there.

- Make emergency snack

packs. Whether shopping, traveling or at work, you don’t want to be caught hungry without a healthy option. Plummeting blood-sugar levels will make it that much harder to resist sugar-laden treats. Nuts and seeds, veggie sticks, turkey jerky and apples are among the healthy options.

- Take time to de-stress. Stress causes spikes in cortisol, a hormone that makes you irrationally hungry, leaving you susceptible to sugar-laden snacks. When stressed, take a long, deep breath in for five seconds, hold, and then let it out to a

count of five. Deep breathing is said to activate your vagus nerve, which properly regulates metabolism.

“There is much more you can do to break sugar addiction,” Calbom says. “It’s very doable, but you must commit to it!”

Cherie Calbom holds a Master of Science degree in whole foods nutrition from Bastyr University. Known as “The Juice Lady” (www.juiceladycherie.com) for her work with juicing and health, she is author of 31 books, with millions of copies sold worldwide.

Parkland clinic empowers patients, improves health

In 2009, an innovative pilot program began in one of Parkland Health & Hospital System’s outpatient specialty clinics that quickly improved quality and safety outcomes for the four individuals who were part of the initial program to better serve those on complex antibiotic therapies. Today, thousands of patients have benefitted from services offered in Parkland’s Outpatient Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT) clinic. And, an added benefit has been the reduction in hospital stays and a savings to the system in the millions of dollars.

A four-year study recently compared outcomes of Parkland Memorial Hospital patients who either self-administered long-term IV antibiotics (S-OPAT) or had their long-term antibiotics administered in a traditional health care setting (H-OPAT). The results were published in the Feb. 3,

2016 edition of NEJM Catalyst. It is the first research on this topic to be published in the U.S. The study found similar or better outcomes for the group that administered their own antibiotics, a practice that is rare among hospitals. The study compared 944 uninsured patients who administered their own IV antibiotics with 224 insured patients whose antibiotics were administered by healthcare workers, analyzing 30-day hospital readmission rates and mortality. According to the study results, the self-administered group had a 47 percent lower rate of 30-day readmission.

“These are patients who would have historically been in the hospital for another four to six weeks with IV antibiotics,” said Kavita Bhavan, MD, Medical Director of the Infectious Diseases OPAT Clinic at Parkland and Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas South-

western Medical Center. “Our patient model is unique in that we are teaching our patients to safely self-administer IV antibiotics by gravity at home in a resource-limited safety net setting.

“Low levels of literacy and non-English speaking patients are among the challenges we face in caring for our patient population. Physicians have traditionally viewed these barriers as cause for concern and felt patients are safer completing therapy in a traditional healthcare setting,” Dr. Bhavan said. “What we have learned from this experience, however, is that empowered with the appropriate skill set, patient investment in the self-care process was both safe and effective and resulted in better clinical outcomes than standard of care.”

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Carrollton pet photo contest returns for second year

The City of Carrollton has opened a photo contest for locals to showcase their favorite furry friends by submitting photos of their pets for entry into a 2017 wall calendar.

Last year's contest proved a success with more than \$2,000 raised from photo submissions and sponsorships. All proceeds will continue to benefit the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center (2247 Sandy Lake Road).

"We are so grateful for the overwhelming response from the community and hope to continue that success into the contest's second year," said Carl Shooter, Animal Services Manager. "We still have some 2016 calendars available for purchase at a discounted rate."

The contest will feature one Grand Prize winner whose pet will receive the coveted calendar cover along with other sponsorship goodies including a free wall portrait from Kim Ortiz Photography, as well as 12 winners whose pets will grace the pages of each month for a total of 13 winners.

All winners will receive a free calendar at the conclusion of the contest and a free professional photo session for their pet.



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Participants can enter multiple photos of as many pets as they would like, but individual pets are only eligible to win one month. Each photo entry is \$5 and all entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, August 1.

Photos should be in a high resolution digital format and sent to photos@cityofcarrollton.com or City Hall, c/o Marketing Services (1945 E. Jackson Road, 75006). Mailed in or dropped off photos must be on a CD or a memory stick; no paper photos. Include with photo submission: animal's name, optional photo caption, owner's name, phone number, and email address.

Cash or check payments can be

made in person or mailed in to City Hall, Marketing Services. Electronic payments can be made online at cityofcarrollton.com/petphotocontest.

The contest is open to everyone from amateurs to professionals. Photo submissions will be judged on composition, creativity, and cuteness! Furry friends only, no humans please. Winners will be announced in August.

"Last year, we saw some great photos, but I know there are even more creative moments to show off. We loved the themed photos, the seasonal shots, the Carrollton scenery, and even the holiday-inspired pictures; we just want

good pet photos," Shooter said.

The City will launch the sale of the calendars at the Saturday, September 10 Pooch Pool Party at Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex (1334 Rosemeade Parkway). Look for updates to

the contest at various events throughout the year.

Visit cityofcarrollton.com/pet-photocontest for more contest details, entry information, photo requirements, sponsorship opportunities, and payment options.

Dallas native earns Senior Sailor of the Year

(Navy Office of Community Outreach) MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Petty Officer 1st Class Roy Teague from Dallas, serving aboard USS Laboon (DDG 58) earned Senior Sailor of the Year for 2015.

The Sailor of the Year Program recognizes superior performance of enlisted personnel emphasizing outstanding achievements, exemplary personal conduct and military bearing, and demonstrated initiative in the performance of duty. This program also motivates personnel to strive for improvement in their assigned duties and leadership.

"This is truly a humbling experience and a true testament to all the great leadership I've had over the course of my career," said Teague.

As a hospital corpsman, Teague is an independent duty



Petty Officer 1st Class Roy Teague

corpsman and senior medial representative onboard the ship. He is directly responsible for the medical care of over 300 Sailors.

Located in Norfolk, Virginia, USS Laboon is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer named for Father John Francis Laboon, a captain in the Chaplain Corps of the Navy.

Teague, a 2003 graduate of Cedar Hill High School, has

served in the Navy for 12 years. He is currently enrolled at George Washington University. He is the son of Joyce Norman, of Dallas and Roy Teague, Sr. of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The Navy has given Teague an opportunity of a lifetime.

"Over the years, I've learned how to lead great Sailors and inspire them to make the U.S. Navy a career," added Teague.

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National education leader visits Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy

Geoffrey Canada, the former CEO of Harlem Children's Zone who was profiled in the documentary "Waiting for Superman," got a first-hand look Thursday at the great work happening at Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy.

Canada is a rock star in the national education world, according to the Dallas Morning News. Teachers at BOMLA were noticeably excited to see him as



Geoffrey Canada, visited Dallas ISD's all-male school named for Barack Obama. He was in town to give a keynote speech at Commit's annual scorecard release.

he toured the campus and saw classes in action. Canada visited BOMLA to see how the campus is closing the achievement gap for students of color

from low-income families. In speaking on education, he credited the great teachers who, while might not be national household names, make a positive impact on their students.

"I think there are a lot of heroes in education that should be celebrated who look like you and are not in your history book," he said.

Canada was in town to give a keynote speech at

Commit's annual scorecard release. Commit is a local non-profit that compiles a scorecard with data on how Dallas county students are progressing through their education career.

During his keynote speech, Canada told the hundreds of attendees about his work with Harlem Children's Zone and the critical importance of helping all students suc-

ceed, regardless of their background and socioeconomic status. And, like he did at BOMLA, Canada shared some practical advice, regardless of a person's professional calling.

"You're not as smart as you think you are, but you're not as dumb as you think you are," Canada said. "Surround yourself with people smarter than you."

Free College Fair March 19th Hosted by One Community Church

One Community Church will host a College Fair on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, located at 2400 Highway 121 in Plano. The event is free and open to the public. Representatives from more than 20 colleges, universities and organizations within the state and from across the country will be on hand to meet with local high school students and their parents to share information

and resources about their respective organizations.

The event will include workshops for parents and students. There will be information on the application process, education tax breaks, college savings funds, and applying for scholarships. There will be a dedicated panel for students to discuss common questions and expectations as they navigate college life. All seniors will be entered

into a drawing for a book scholarship paid directly to the school.

Also, students will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a variety of representatives from various professional organizations, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other exemplary institutions, for example: Arlington Baptist College; Christ for the Nations Institute; Collin College; Dallas The-

ological Seminary; Dillard University Florida A&M University; Florida State University; Grambling State University; Clark Atlanta University; Huston-Tillotson University; Inroads; Jackson State; National Black MBA Association - DFW Chapter; Michigan State University; Paul Quinn College; Prairie View A&M University; TCU; Texas A&M University - Commerce; Texas College;

Texas State University; Texas Wesleyan University; Texas Woman's University; UT Dallas; University of

North Texas; among many others.

Please register online at www.visitonecc.com

VA North Texas improving wait times for veterans

During the first week of March, 2016, VA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) began releasing several administrative report summaries related to a subset of 77 already completed and publicly known investigations into wait times at specified VA facilities to include the following Texas facilities: Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Harlingen, Houston, San Antonio, and Temple.

both of the OIG completed investigations related to VANTHCS/Dallas facilities, the OIG did not find

any evidence of intentional manipulation of appoint-

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DFW Golf Show this weekend

Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas is hosting DFW Golf Show this weekend March 11-13. Golf fans will enjoy the three-day golf extravaganza. They will offer news on the latest trends for 2016 as well as spotlight the latest tools your favorite golfer will enjoy.

New to the show this year and they are expecting it to quickly become a crowd favorite, is the Golf Show Retail Golf Equipment Sale Zones which will feature everything for your bag: clubs, apparel, shoes, accessories, bags and equipment. They are boasting nearly 5,000 square feet stocked full of golf equipment.

Special guest speakers include Jeehae Lee, a former professional golfer and the Director of Business Strategy for Topgolf. Previously, Jeehae has worked at GlideSlope and IMG Golf. At IMG Golf, Jeehae represented LPGA golfer Michelle Wie and worked closely with marketing teams at global brands. Jee-



Jeehae Lee

hae also played professional golf for five years before her IMG days. She dedicated the majority of her time on the LPGA Tour but also spent part of the 2010 and 2011 seasons playing on the Ladies European Tour, which allowed her to travel to and compete in 24 countries. Her professional experience gave her exposure to the golf industry from a unique angle. She holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Yale Uni-

versity and received her MBA at the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania in 2015.

The schedule is Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the prices are Adults - \$12 Seniors (60+) - \$10 Kids 12 and under - Free \$1 off - distributed to local golf courses (off the \$12 general admission ticket price)

For more information visit dfwgolfshow.com.

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ments or access data. The OIG identified that refresher training of some schedulers was needed in some areas.

While the OIG found no intentional wrongdoing, the organization acknowledged that these reports demonstrated the need for standardized training on scheduling. As part of "MyVA" transformation, VA has worked to improve our employee experience by working to modernize and enhance our scheduling processes in Vista, and leveraging industry to explore other potential commercial solutions. They also believe they have strengthened leader and management training through a focused "Leaders Developing Leaders" program, and adopted "Lean" as the centerpiece methodology for their process improvement

effort. They have also ensured that all employees involved in scheduling are retrained, while improving processes and updating scheduling software.

The VA believes they are making lasting improvements in access to VA care by expanding capacity, focusing on staffing, space, productivity and VA Community Care. Staffing at the facility is up—including 65 new physicians and 225 new nurses. Other improvements include:

- activated over 100,000 square feet of renovated and new space over the last couple of years related to patient access, staffing and expanding VANTHCS capacity to our patient population.

- they are addressing our parking deficits with two parking garages currently under construction that can

accommodate 1400 vehicles. The 400 car garage will be dedicated for patient only parking.

- Over the last couple of years, VANTHCS has made significant investments of over \$100 million including High Tech/High Costs clinical equipment to bring the latest technology advancements to our patient care environments in Imaging, Nuclear Medicine, MRI, Cath and EP Labs.

- they have increased referrals for care in the community over 75% in the past two years. In FY 15 we purchased approximately \$72 million dollars' worth of care in the community to better serve Veterans.

Clinical production is also up across VANTHCS. At the current rates they expect an annual increase for FY16 in the number of patient encounters of 19% and a 25% increase in RVUs (a standard measure of workload) as compared to FY14.

Nimitz High School student named One Irving Scholar Athlete

The Irving ISD Athletic Department, in conjunction with the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, ESPN and Toyota of Irving, recognized Alli Jones of Nimitz High School, as the February One Irving Scholar Athlete of the Month.

Jones, a senior, is a three-year starter on the varsity softball team and is a member of the Viking Crew. She takes advanced classes in English, math, science and history, and is involved in her community, volunteering at Irving Cares Food Bank for several years and participating in March for Respect and the Teddy bear drive.



From left, Clint Roddy, Irving ISD athletic director; Deeanna Williams, Nimitz High School head softball coach; Alli Jones; her mother, Tracy Jones; Dexter Freeman with the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce; and John Fleming of ESPN Radio.

Athletically, Jones led the 2014-2015 softball team in batting average, with a .571 in district and .514 overall and was

named Offensive Player of the Year and academic all-district. She leads the teams with 14 doubles, 12 RBIs and 21 runs scored.



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FORT WORTH
'After Hours at the Kimbell'

Break away from spring cleaning and come to "After Hours at the Kimbell" on Saturday, March 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Renzo Piano Pavilion. Live jazz music will be provided by the Joey Carter Trio.

"After Hours at the Kimbell" is free for Museum members; nonmembers pay \$30 at the door. Admission tickets are required to enter the special exhibition.

IRVING

Library branches hosting events for tech-minded teens

The Irving Public Library is inviting tech-savvy teens to learn how robots are used in the medical field or try their hand at recording an Internet radio show. The library is celebrating Teen Tech Week 2016 through March 17 by offering a variety of events, games and workshops at each of its four branches. All events are free and are open to tweens and teens in grades 6 through 12.

MURPHY
Fix-a-Leak Week set for March 14-20

The City of Murphy is encouraging residents to actively participate in Fix a Leak Week by monitoring their homes for water waste from March 14 through 20, says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager and Chair of the Murphy Green Team.

"Fix a Leak Week is a national effort to help stop the wasting of water due to those small, easily-ignored leaks," she said. "If everyone took the time to fix the leaks around their homes, we could save a trillion gallons of water nationwide every year. It's an enormous amount of water that we lose."

One highlight of the week-long campaign is the Fix a Leak Workshops put on by Home Depot stores across the nation on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information on the Fix a Leak Week Workshops, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

RICHARDSON
GEICO to become Richardson's largest employer

This year GEICO will move approximately 1,700 employees into its new Richardson building, the former Fossil headquarters on Greenville Avenue. Join Zuraw and other members of GEICO's leadership team for an interactive conversation about GEICO's history, culture and the various functions it has here in North Texas. Zuraw will also explain the process of how outside vendors can do business with GEICO.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 from 11:30 am - 1 pm at the Richardson Civic Center (Richardson room)- 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Richardson 75080

SOUTH DALLAS
South Dallas Cultural Center celebrating contributions of Vicki Meek

The Friends of the South Dallas Cultural Center (SDCC) invite the public to join them in celebrating the



Friends and SDCC supporters are invited to celebrate 30 years of service to the arts community by Vicki Meek this Sunday. (Image: Facebook)

retirement of Vicki Meek. Join artists, cultural workers, community members, family and friends as they pay tribute to our local cultural icon and national treasure through stories and live performances. The event will be held at Dallas City Performance Hall at 2520 Flora Street, on Sunday, March 13 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Vicki Meek has contributed over 30 years of service to field of arts administration and they want to gather to thank her for the works she has done in cultivating cultural equity in Dallas and throughout the nation. The SDCC is asking guests to consider making a donation to The Center's Friends support group

to begin the Endowment Student Travel Fund benefiting South Dallas Cultural Center youth. Fourteen years ago, SDCC Manager Vicki Meek began taking graduates of the Summer Arts at the Center Program on learning experiences to places such as South Car-

olina to the Gullah Festival, and Senegal, West Africa.

These educational tours complete the educational experience for students who have finished the seven year summer program curriculum provided by the Center. They are seeking donations of \$30, \$300 and \$3,000.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the South Dallas Cultural Center. You can also make a safe online donation using PayPal account sending it to fosdcc@gmail.com. FOS-DCC is a 501C3 and all donations are tax deductible.

The event is free but RSVP is required.

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family members must prove a minimum of three times that they can administer an IV antibiotic through a peripherally inserted central catheter line. They must know how to prepare the antibiotic, hang the bag, flush the catheter line and administer the antibiotic. The process is repeated countless times over a four-

to six-week antibiotic treatment.

The self-administered antibiotics program saved 27,666 patient days at Parkland during the four years of the study – the equivalent of adding 26 beds.

"The hospital readmission rate is now lower among the patients who have been trained to self-ad-

minister IV antibiotics than among patients with insurance who receive home healthcare assistance," said Fred Cerise, MD, MPH, Parkland's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The uninsured patients go home earlier than they used to, and the hospital has saved nearly \$40 million."

Still, Dr. Bhavan credits the patients with the clinic's success.

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Win tickets to March 20 "I'm Still Your Mama" event

Snoop Robinson Presents "I'm Still Your Mama", a JF Bailey Production, written by Demarcus Bailey and directed by Snoop Robinson is on stage in Dallas for just two performances, both on March 20.

But NDG Readers can win tickets to the special performance, simply visit our Facebook page for more details.

The show stars Keith Robinson and Terron



Starring Keith Robinson, Terron Brooks and Lady J of K104! Presented and Directed by Snoop Robinson.

Brooks. Co-stars include Lady Jade, Danielle Roberson, Minerva Mar-

tin, LaZarius Jordan, Rai-son Thompson, Lakeysheya Bailey, Carl

Brown, Kay Holmes, La-keesha Williamson-Hogg, Cory Espie, and John Tay-

lor.

Life's realities begin when you realize bills need to be paid and kids need to be tended to. If life came with a "how to book" on how to take care of kids, the world would be a perfect place.

But unfortunately it doesn't life is driven by trial and error. "I'm Still Your Mama" is a story about how a single mother does any and everything she needs to do to take

care of her children and how her son disowns her because she didn't live up to his standards.

"I'm Still Your Mama" is on stage at the Eisemann Center located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson. The showtime on March 20 is 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for tickets visit eise-manncenter.com.

Watch the NDG website and Facebook page for more details!

NTPA and Plano Children's Theatre Awards Show on March 19

North Texas Performing Arts (NTPA), and Plano Children's Theatre (PCT), will host an evening of honor at their sixth annual AMPS (Achievement of Memorable Performances), Saturday, March 19, at the Plano Courtyard Theatre.

AMPS (Achievement of Memorable Performances) began in 2011, and was created to solely recognize outstanding performances of students who dedicate themselves on and off the stage through PCT. It also serves as a major fundraiser for the organization in order to continue providing a state of the art theatrical program and scholarships for those interested in the arts throughout the entire Collin County area.

In the past five years, over 3500 children have been honored with these awards and over 1,000 students are expected to receive accolades this year for their hard work in the 2015 productions presented by the organization.

"AMPS is a special time of year for us here at PCT," said Founder/Executive Director Sara Akers. "It is the brain child of Darrell Rodenbaugh - now Governing Board President. This year, we will recognize nearly 1,000 students. By participating in our program, stu-



dents experience the importance of integrity, respect, team work, discipline, responsibility, critical thinking, creativity, and loving one another. Everyone who participated in a 2015 major production will be recognized."

This year, PCT will also honor several individuals for their arts leadership in our City and our program. Frank Turner, Assistant City Manager of Plano, will receive the 2016 Lifetime Award for his visionary leadership to develop the Courtyard and Cox Theatre and making downtown Plano into an Arts District. "The arts express the essence of the human experience and no city can thrive without celebrating the arts," said Turner. The Courtyard Theater, Cox

Playhouse, McCall Plaza, Saigling House and all of downtown Plano are writing and telling the Plano story. While these places are important, it is the people who share them that make them treasured."

In addition, City of Plano's Mayor Pro Tem Lissa Smith will receive the 2016 Arts Advocate Award. Long term Board member Elly Marsh will receive the inaugural Legacy Award which is given to a Board Member who has shown leadership, initiative, and dedication to our mission. Elly Marsh won 2015 Volunteer of the Year "For the Love of Art" event sponsored by Art Centre of Plano.

Another highlight that evening will be the recognition of PCT's therapeutic

drama program. The program was begun by founded, Sara Egelston Akers in 1997 with a special young man in mind, David Levy. During his years at PCT, David was Peter Pan, Willy Wonka, and many other colorful characters.

Despite his untimely death many years ago, the program has continued to flourish under the tender care of Nick Mann, a PCT teacher. Nick Mann has brought his talents, theatre degree from University of North Texas, and vast experience in the theatre to a

community that is often ignored in the arts. Nick will be recognized for his efforts by winning the inaugural 2016 David Levy Award given to someone in our organization who makes the impossible possible.

"The theatre is for EVERYONE," said Mann. "It gives those who often get pushed in the shadows, myself included, a chance to be in the spotlight and shine. Therapeutic Drama is their chance."

Prior to the event, PCT will hold a special after ceremony for their students

and families to celebrate all their great accomplishments on the stage. They will also hold an online silent auction that will extend past that night, ending

April 2, 2016. The auction includes special packages from local business, tickets to games, like the Dallas Mavericks, and gift cards to well known establishments throughout the Collin County area.

To see what programs and productions that are held by Plano Children's Theatre, families can go to www.planochildrenstheatre.org.



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DTC takes us *All the Way* (with LBJ)

By Jo Ann Ho
NDG Special Contributor

Last Saturday night's official opening of *All the Way*, written by Pulitzer-Prize winner Robert Schenkkan, drew a large crowd (including the playwright) to the Wylie Theatre. Directed by Dallas Theater Center's artistic director Kevin Moriarty, the co-production with Houston's Alley Theatre had already received outstanding reviews in that city.

The Houston Chronicle proclaimed *All the Way* a "fascinating portrait" of the Texas politician. Thrust into the Presidency when John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, LBJ proved to be a most capable Chief Executive. He was able to pull together representatives from both sides of the aisle to accomplish his goal of bringing equal rights to the country.

Using a combination of Southern charm, old-fashioned horse-trading, outright bullying, and even hints of blackmail, LBJ formed a coalition. Composed of Democrats, Republicans, Union leaders, and Black leaders like Rev. Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael, he pushed the Civil Rights Act through legislation in 1964. He even managed to keep scheming FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on a tight leash.

In the role of Lyndon Baines Johnson, Brierley Resident Acting Company member Brandon Potter does a masterful job of showing the complexity of the civil rights hero. While LBJ could be scheming and manipulative, Potter shows his humanity as he recalls growing up in poverty in rural Texas. His sincere belief that all people in this country should have equal rights helps fuel his ambi-



tion.

Also outstanding in *All the Way* are Shawn Hamilton as Rev. Martin Luther King, Kieran Connolly as J. Edgar Hoover, Hassan El-Amin as Roy Wilkins, Chamblee Ferguson as Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Alex Organ as Stanley Levison, and Steven Michael Walter as Walter Jenkins. In an interesting twist this viewer never saw coming, it's revealed that LBJ's trusted aide, Jenkins, had a secret personal life that threatened the Presidency.

It's important to pay close attention to this heavy-on-dialogue production, which runs almost three hours. It can be a tad confusing since, with the exception of Potter, everyone in the cast plays multiple roles. And there are a lot of different roles!

The impressive set design by Beowulf Boritt helps keep the timeline straight, if not the characters, as important dates are projected onto the massive white columns that serve as the backdrop. Lighting designer Clifton Taylor, projection designer Caite Hevner Kemp, and costume designer Jennifer Caprio also deserve praise for their contributions to the overall look of the production.

Looking back at these historic achievements, it's interesting to note that women's rights were apparently not up for discussion.

This is mirrored by the absence of female roles in *All the Way*. Besides Lady Bird, perfectly played by Leah Spillman, the only females in this large ensemble cast were Sasha Davis as Coretta Scott King and Brooke Wilson as Lurleen Wallace and Muriel Humphrey.

Alley Resident Acting Company members include Paul Hope as Howard "Judge" Smith, David Rainey as Rev. Ralph Abernathy, and John Tyson as Sen. Richard Russell. SMU students who are featured include Timothy Paul Brown as Bob Moses and Ms. Davis.

Also worthy of applause: Adam A. Anderson is an angry young firebrand as Stokely Carmichael; Michael Brusasco creates a compelling portrait of Gov. George Wallace; and Chris Hutchison gives a spot-on portrayal of Robert McNamara.

All the Way has extended its Dallas run through April 3, and tickets are on sale at www.DallasTheaterCenter.org or by calling 214-880-0202. There are numerous educational opportunities for history buffs who would like to know more about LBJ or his achievements.

DTC's "Come Early" sponsored by Wells Fargo, offers a free talkback with Hassan El-Amin one hour before the show. DTC's

Stay Late, presented by Dr Pepper Snapple, takes place following each performance, led by Steven Michael Walters.

In addition, DTC has partnered with The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza for a community conversation, "JFK-LBJ: Transition of Power" March 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the museum. Also, students who participate in Project Discovery are invited to experience The Sixth Floor Museum before seeing the show. It's estimated that half of the students participating in Project Discovery will see professional theater productions for the first time during the program.

For more information about any of these programs, visit www.DallasTheaterCenter.org.

Still delivering the soul...



Legendary vocalist Mavis Staples filled the Kessler Theater in Oak Cliff for two nights last weekend along with guest artist Nick Lowe. Staples shows no signs of slowing down at age 76. (Photo by David Wilfong)



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Small-dollar debt shouldn't mean big profits for predatory lenders

By LeeAnn Hall
and Glenn Harris

How can a corporation get rich off people who have almost nothing? That's the business model for a predatory debt industry targeting African Americans,

raking in billions by exploiting economic vulnerability.

It's time we stop this parasitic industry and demand the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) institute tough rules to end the small-dollar debt trap.

The debt trap catches people where they live, work, study and drive. With one-quarter of Black families having only \$5 in reserves, people have no financial breathing room. One domino falls - a cancelled shift at work - and

everything else falls, too.

When that happens, the payday and car-title lenders come calling with false promises. Instead of tossing a lifeline, they strip communities of over \$10 billion annually in interest and fees, trapping families in

debt.

The toll on African Americans is steep. According to the New York Times, "If you are black, you're far more likely to see your electricity cut, more

likely to be sued over a debt, and more likely to land in jail because of a parking ticket."

Conventional wisdom tells people the debt trap is

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of the most successful business people of her generation. She was one of the most generous philanthropists. She financially sponsored the anti-lynching campaign. Perhaps Booker T. Washington was being a sexist, or perhaps (it is sometimes said) he had an ideological opposition to a woman whose product was perceived as straightening hair.

By the way, Walker did not invent the straightening comb. Annie Malone, who preceded Madam Walker in making her fortune with beauty products and a beauty school that Walker attended, invented the straightening comb.

Whether Washington wanted Madam Walker to speak, she had the audacity to take the mic and say her piece. She noted that she had promoted herself from a washerwoman to a businesswoman, speaking to the fact that few were available to help her to achieve her goals and the goals of tens of thousands of other women. Her audacity, her self-possession, her activism were notable during a time when few women, regardless of race, promoted themselves, instead choosing to walk softly and speak quietly. Today, women like Cathy Liggon Hughes (TV/Radio One), Sheila Johnson (co-founder of BET), and Oprah Winfrey stand on her shoulders.

And today, in time for Women's History Month, Madam C.J. Walker's products are making a comeback. Her historic formulas have been modified for contemporary use, with four formulas made available based on hair texture.

A'lelia Bundles has been supportive of the line which, as of March 4, is exclusively available at the Sephora cosmetics stores. I've not tried the products yet, but I can't wait to shampoo my hair with a little bit of history, with a product that derives from the formulas of Madam C.J. Walker.

The Madam C.J. Walker story takes on a special significance in these economic times. You may have heard that there has been an economic recovery, but if you are like most people in these United States, you haven't felt it. Incomes have hardly risen since 2009, when our current President took office. Not his fault - but that's not the point. The point is that too many peo-

ple are hurting, and some of the pain is joblessness.

Barriers to employment entry are high, especially for some young African Americans who, despite similar qualifications to their White counterparts, take much longer to find meaningful and remunerative work. If the labor market won't absorb these young people, African American entrepreneurs, the inheritors of Madam C.J. Walker, must. Where is the business leader who can create tens of thousands of sales agents and provide entrepreneurship opportunities for so many?

African American women are increasingly likely to take up the mantle of Madam C.J. Walker and start businesses. Younger women, especially, are motivated by job markets that they perceive to be unwelcoming.

While our colleges teach some educational fundamentals, they ought also be encouraged to teach entrepreneurship.

If job market continues to generate an official Black unemployment rate of around ten percent, and an employment population ratio of sixty percent (which means that just 60 percent of the adult population is working - it is closer to 70 percent for whites, then the need for black entrepreneurs is critical. In the name of Madam C.J. Walker, let's keep our entrepreneurial gene thriving!

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist based in Washington, DC. Her latest book, Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy can be purchased at www.julian-nemalveaux.com.

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Texas adds 31,400 jobs in January

AUSTIN – Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 31,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the tenth consecutive month of job growth for Texas.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in January, down from a revised 4.6 percent in December, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

The Education and Health Services industry added 11,500 jobs in January, representing the largest over-the-month gain since October 2004. Over the year, Education and Health Services gained 62,100 jobs. Leisure

and Hospitality employment rose for a 10th consecutive month with 7,300 jobs added in January. Manufacturing employment expanded by 4,300 jobs in January for the industry's largest over-the-month gain since April 2014.

The Amarillo Metropoli-

tan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.0 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 3.2 and 3.3 percent, respectively.

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their fault. That's untrue, but it's a convenient way for predators to trap customers in shame along with debt.

The debt trap is a systemic problem hurting people of all races but hitting African Americans especially hard. That's because African Americans have been specifically and historically shut out of policies that helped white families build nest eggs.

Take the housing segregation that blocked many Black families from home investments. The policies behind this segregation excluded African Americans from the country's most important source of family wealth.

The result is a racial wealth gap leaving Black families with 6 percent the wealth of white families. Along with this gap comes economic distress in Black communities that, as described by the Washington

Post's Emily Badger, "extends out the door of a family's home and occupies the entire neighborhood around it, touching the streets, the schools, the grocery stores."

Next to shops in Black communities you'll likely find a predatory payday lender that jacks up loans at interest rates near 400 percent. In Midwest cities, payday lenders bunch in African American and Latino neighborhoods at three times the rate they're found in other neighborhoods.

Payday lenders aren't the only problem. African Americans are also getting crushed under student loans, mortgages, medical debt and the fines cities charge to finance operations instead of taxing equitably.

Our financial system is segregated by race and class. Affluent white communities count on banks of-

fering wealth-building credit. Black communities have to count on debt predators that tap the few assets people have - or hope to have someday.

Once the industry ties people to debt, it sends debt collectors that call day and night, harass family members, and grab dollars they're not entitled to - leading to thousands of complaints at the CFPB against companies profiting in the hundreds of millions.

This points to a debt-industrial complex straddling Black communities. The debt of African Americans is that industry's wealth.

We can dismantle the racial wealth gap and achieve widespread economic equity. This requires dismantling structural racism and the segregated financial system, and providing true economic equity in everything from education to jobs, health care and income.

But we cannot wait until that work is done to tackle

the back-of-the-bus credit system preying on families now.

The CFPB is currently writing rules that, done right, will stop the debt trap in small-dollar lending by ensuring every loan is a loan that can actually be repaid - eliminating abuses like serial roll-overs and refinances, or lenders holding cars or bank accounts hostage.

The CFPB needs to hear from us all to counter pressure from predators and their congressional mouthpieces. Let's tell predatory lenders they have no business in African American communities.

LeeAnn Hall is executive director of the Alliance for a Just Society, a national network of community organizations working for economic, racial and social justice. Glenn Harris is president of the Center for Social Inclusion, a non-profit that advocates for racial equality.

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the candidates what they will do for us, we must present our demands to them, and rather than settle for lip-service we must have them sign an agreement signifying their support of our issues.

I can hear the moanin' and groanin' now. "Jim, they would never do that. So why ask them to?" That kind of defeatist attitude and subsequent surrender is indicative of why we are in the shape we are in today. If they refuse to support our demands, verbally and in writing, then why should we vote for them? What do we have to lose? Why vote for any candidate who does not support reciprocity for those who vote for him or her? That's just stupid.

We must stop accepting the hypocrisy of candidates who say one thing and do another; we must not get sidetracked by arguments among political hacks and commentators that mean absolutely nothing to us in

the scheme of things. We must stop doing our best impression of Pavlov's dog when they come to call on us. If nothing is funny, don't laugh; if you are not itching, don't scratch. We must change the silly way we

deal with politics by collectively leveraging something of substance in return for our votes. If we don't change, the hucksters, Black ones and White ones, will always win.

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James Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His latest book, Black Dollars Matter! Teach your dollars how to make more sense, is available on his website, Blackonomics.com.



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Join us in our Sunday Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen; followed by our Sunday Worship Services at Bolin Elementary School in Allen, Texas 75002 and bring someone with you, you will be blessed.

March 16, 12 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all, be prepared to grow.

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March 14, 7 p.m.
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March 16, 7 p.m.
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March 13, 10 a.m.

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March 16, 7 p.m.
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March 16, 12 Noon
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March is Women's History Month



Sister Tarpley

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Black women have always played a vital role in shaping American's history; I will continue to honor them in my column this month.

Sarah E. Goode was the first Black female patent holder. She was issued a patent on July 14, 1885 for a Folding Cabinet Bed. Miriam E. Benjamin was the second Black woman in history to receive a patent for a Gong and Signal Chair for motels on July 17, 1888.

Patricia Bath was the first Black female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention; an apparatus for ablating and removing cataract lenses.

Ruane Jeter invented a digital Toaster on April 14, 1987. Ellen Elgin invented the Clothes Wringer in the 1880's. Madeline Turner in Oakland, California invented a Fruit Press on April 25, 1916.

Henrietta Mahim Bradberry from Chicago, Illinois invented a bed rack which was an attachment to the bed that permitting air to

pass through and refresh worn clothes on May 25, 1943.

And, on December 11, 1945, the device operated pneumatically and was adapted to discharge torpedoes under the water surface (the Torpedo Discharger.)

Virgie M. Ammons invented a Fireplace Damper actuating tool on September 30, 1975. The instrument opens and closes a fireplace damper and is intended to operate as a securing means to prevent fluttering of the damper due to wind.

Marie V. Brittan Brown invented the Video Home Security System that utilized television surveillance on December 2, 1969 (the same year that Sheila, my only daughter was born.)

Bessie Blount, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW II invented a device allowing amputees to feed themselves in 1951.

Sarah Boone invented the Ironing Board on December 30, 1887. Mary J. Reynolds invented a Hoisting/Loading Mechanism on April 20, 1920. Natalie R. Love invented a T-Top Roof Cover on May 5, 1992.

Marjorie Joyner from Chicago, Illinois, invented a Permanent Wave Machine, which could wave the hair of both white and Black

people on November 27, 1928.

Alice H. Parker from Morristown, NJ on December 19, 1919 invented a new and improved gas heating furnace. The invention provided a mechanism for regulating heat to be carried to various rooms in a building.

Valerie Thomas in 1980 invented an Illusion Trans-

mitter; this futuristic invention extends the idea of television, with its images located flatly behind a screen to having three dimensional projections appear as though they were right in your living room.

The U.S. Postal Service, through its Black Heritage stamp series has paid tribute to 30 Black leaders, inven-

tors, educators, scientists, entrepreneurs, entertainers, and athletes since the "First stamp in the series was issued on February 1, 1978 to Harriet Tubman."

This month, I proudly wear issued stamp pens, one of Opera Singer Marian Anderson that was issued in January 2005, and the other one dedicated on October 13, 2004, to focusing attention on Sickle Cell Disease. Stop by any post office and inquire about purchasing Black Heritage Stamp series.

Mary McLeod Bethune founded the National Coun-

cil of Negro Women; and what is now known as Bethune-Cookman College. Her stamp was issued March 5, 1985.

Before Aretha Franklin "Queen of Soul," we had Mahalia Jackson, known as "Queen of Gospel Music."

Mrs. Jackson received national recognition by appearing at Carnegie Hall. An active participant in the civil rights movement, she sang at the "March on Washington" in 1963 and at the funeral for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Little Miss Maddox Rose Mobley, our future Women's History Maker, parents are Trey and Margie; no other siblings

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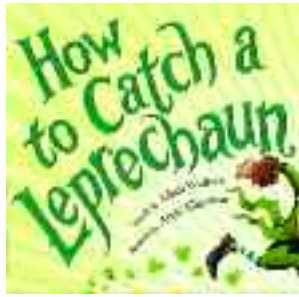
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NDG Book Review: *How to Catch a Leprechaun*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You're feeling pretty good today.

You're wearing your favorite shirt and your lucky socks, and they worked! On your way to school, you found a penny and then your teacher made you Class Leader for the Day. Yep, you're feeling lucky, so you might try to do something no one's ever done before. If that means you're going to attempt what's in "How to Catch a Leprechaun" by Adam Wallace, illustrated by Andy Elkerton, you'll need all the luck you can get.



Don't look now, but there's a Leprechaun outside your house.

He knows you're after him, but he's a crafty one. He's going to tease you with glitter and sparkly things but he'll do it when you're not looking. He'll paint your toilet, stop up the bathroom, and leave a mess

everywhere.

You're going to try trapping him.

But be careful: he's wise to big mouse – um, Leprechaun traps. They'll snap at his heels as he runs away fast with shamrocks trailing behind him. A cardboard box with a stick won't work, either – Leprechauns are too smart for that! And while you're trying to catch him, he'll still outsmart you by making mischief and causing trouble.

You can leave him treats, like you do with Santa. You can hope he leaves you something, like the Easter Bunny does. You can try to

trick him, like you would at Halloween. But a Leprechaun is much too slick for any of that. He's been "alive for 200 years." You think you're going to fool him after all this time?

He'll just laugh at you. He'll "twinkle toes" away with a "fancy pantsy dancy." Not even an engineer can catch a Leprechaun with a basement-to-attic trap. Not even with the newest computer program or the highest-tech robot. If you're out to catch a Leprechaun those things. Just. Won't. Work.

Unless, maybe...

Unless a "brilliant child,"

a genius kid might be able to figure out the trick or trap...

Before I read "How to Catch a Leprechaun," I'd never heard of this pursuit as tradition. It sounds fun, though, now that I know how wily a tiny green guy can be, and author Adam Wallace has lots of ideas on how to get the job done.

Leprechauns, apparently, are full of mischief and this book, with its catchy little rhyme, shows children the many ways they bring mayhem to a home. Kids may get a kick out of the challenge here, a nyah-nyah-can't-catch-me sort of taunt

that may spur their desire to try a trap that finally snares the prey.

Parents, I think, will enjoy every page of the bright, colorful illustrations by Andy Elkerton – and as you're reading this story aloud, note that while kids don't catch a Leprechaun, you'll never quite catch a full glimpse of one in this book, either.

If a new tradition is what you need in your family, 4-to-8-year-olds will love this one, and they'll love this tale. Get them "How to Catch a Leprechaun." It's a book they'll feel lucky to have.

Houston Mayor and Dallas County Judge lauded for standing up for immigrants

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins signed onto an amicus brief filed with the US Supreme Court in support of President Obama's executive orders known as DAPA and expanded DACA. The following is a statement from Michelle Tremillo, managing direc-

tor of Texas Organizing Project:

"We applaud Mayor Turner and County Judge Jenkins for being on the side of keeping families together, of being on the side of helping families prosper. Houston and Dallas stand to gain immensely from having hundreds of thousands of residents come out

of the shadows, so it is especially important that these leaders are stepping forward to support President Obama's executive orders.

"We're disappointed that the city of San Antonio and the city of Dallas are not on the list of signees. When it comes to defending the rights of our immigrant

neighbors, we need Texas' largest cities leading the way.

"Gov. Greg Abbott's political maneuvering is keeping our families under threat of deportation and separation. DAPA would

have given nearly 743,000 Texans temporary relief of deportation and work permits, which would help our economy by allowing them to contribute even more with their labor and taxes.

"On April 18, the US

Supreme Court will hear this case, and we are confident that they will rule in our favor. And when they do, we will be ready to help our community find the legal relief they so desperately need and deserve."

More than 3,100 will walk to create a world free of MS at Walk MS Dallas

More than 3,100 people are expected to raise more than \$452,000 to stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever at Walk MS: Dallas taking place on April 9, 2016 at Addison Circle Park. Walk MS is an opportunity for people living with MS and those who care about them to connect, join together, be inspired and raise critical funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Walk MS: Dallas is where friends, loved ones and co-workers team up to change



the world for everyone affected by MS. Participants can choose from 1-mile or 5k fully accessible routes.

In 2015 alone, more than 315,000 people in nearly 550 locations across the country walked to create a world free of MS, raising nearly \$50 million. Since

1988, Walk MS has raised more than \$920 million to fund critical research and life-changing services to help people with MS live their best lives. Walk MS is sponsored nationally by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

The event will take place April 9, 2016. The site opens at 7:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 8:30 a.m. at Addison Circle Park; 1-mile or 5k fully accessible routes.

For more information visit WalkMS.org, call 855-372-1331 or email fundraising@nmss.org.

Dallas Small Business Expo slated for May

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