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Community service is a family legacy for GISD Trustee

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

Garland Independent School District (GISD) is gearing up for its May 7 school board elections. Three seats are up for re-election: Places 2, 3 and 4. Garland ISD serves residents living in the Garland, Sachem, and Rowlett communities. According to the District's website, there are 58,000 students presently enrolled across its 71 campuses.

Incumbent, Linda Griffin of Garland is vying for the Place 3 seat. Griffin is running against opponent Jody Luna, also of Garland. But this is just the latest chapter of service Griffin has devoted to the Garland and Dallas communities.

Griffin is no stranger to public office as she has successfully held a Board of Trustee seat since 1998. Within her tenure, she has served as board president, vice president, and assistant secretary and is currently serving as board secretary.

In her 41 years as a Garland resident, Griffin is also known for her various community involvement and associations with faith-based, national and local charitable organizations.

"I was born into a family of community people. I saw everyone in my family care for everyone in the community-fed people, clothed people, housed people in the com-



Linda Griffin has spent over 40 years serving the Garland and Dallas community.

munity. As a result of that, I have a love for people and especially a love for children," she adds.

The daughter of the late Joe and Helen Reed, her family instilled this love for community and service. It continued with her late husband, and now their son Reuben Lael Griffin, is picking up the mantel. For numerous years Reuben, a gospel music artist, has led the community Youth Choir for the Annual Martin Luther King celebration each January.

Griffin co-founded St. Mark Baptist Institutional Church in Garland along with her late husband, Dr. Roosevelt A. Griffin, where he served as pastor until his death in

2009. St. Mark honored Griffin in March of last year for her 33 years of service.

Although she is not one to seek acclaim, as a trailblazer, her walls and shelves are filled with honors. Leadership Service Award (Texas Association of School Board); Committee Chairman Award (Garland Chamber of Commerce); Leadership and Service Award (PTA Texas Caucus of Black School); and the Speak your Name Award (National Association of Business and Professional Women Garland Board of Trustee) are just a few of the honors Griffin has received throughout her tenure as a public servant.

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COMMENTARY

Black America's unholly trinity: predatory lending, poverty and health

By Charlene Crowell

For more than a decade, state and local consumer advocates have challenged triple-digit interest rates on small-dollar loans like payday and car-title. To their combined credit, 14 states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to limit interest and fees to about 36 percent.

Despite these successful efforts however, the vast majority of the nation still lacks state regulation to protect consumers from

predatory lending's debt trap. Consumers of color and those of modest means who need just a few hundred dollars are often the financial prey that payday lenders love.

Now a diverse coalition of Christian leaders are proclaiming that payday lending is not just a legal problem, but a moral one as well. The group also has new data that broadly and consistently supports payday and car-title re-

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Andres Correa

Andres Correa, an attorney at Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst and Fellow with the LatinoCLD's Leadership Academy, was honored by his peers as a "2016 Texas Rising Star" by Super Lawyers magazine (as published in Texas monthly). A trial attorney who focuses on business litigation, Andres is licensed to practice law in New York and Texas, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Andres attended college



thanks to Texas House Bill 1403 - the 2001 law permitting certain undocumented immigrants and long-term visa-holders who were raised in Texas to attend college while paying in-state tuition.

Through pushing for its passage in the state legislature, Andres drew the attention of administrators at the University of Texas at Dallas who ultimately selected him for the McDermott scholarship. Today, Andres has represented multi-national corporations, small businesses, nonprofits and cities in various types of disputes involving breach of contract action. He also volunteers to provide pro-bono legal assistance.

"My success as a business litigator stems from the educational opportunities I was given by this country," said Correa. "The Texas law is the only reason college became affordable. I have been

blessed with an immigration experience that resulted in rewarding educational and professional opportunities. Now, I feel the need to ensure that I contribute to extending those same, quintessentially American opportunities to all who seek them."

Born in Santiago, Chile, Andres immigrated to New Orleans and ultimately to Dallas, where he attended the University of Texas at Dallas as part of the inaugural class of the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program. He earned his law degree, cum laude, from New York University School of Law, where he served as an Articles Editor on the Law Review, a term-

time clerk for the Honorable Richard J. Holwell, Co-Chair of the Latino Law Students Association, and President of the Mock Trial Team.

"Andres is a bright young lawyer who represents what's achievable through access to higher education," said Jorge Baldor, LatinoCLD Founder. "Our success as a state depends on whether we invest in the talent within our communities so that they may reach their fullest potential. His story proves that Texas' law on in-state tuition is working for our communities and our state."

Andres is a part of the LatinoCLD's inaugural Leadership Academy class - a

year-long educational and leadership training program for promising leaders interested in serving their community through policy roles and elected office. He co-founded and presided over the Eugene McDermott Scholars Alumni Association, which won UT Dallas' Green and Orange Award for Alumni Service. He currently chairs its Community Service Grants Committee. Andres is a partner at SVP Dallas, which provides support to promising Dallas-area nonprofits, and is a member of the UT Chancellor's Centurions Council, which provides advice and counsel to the UT System Chancellor.

Dr. Joan Buchanan Hill

The Dallas Foundation Board of Governors elected James "Jim" M. Moroney III as chairman and also welcomed four new members at its annual meeting in March. Mary K. Suhm, Dr. Joan Buchanan Hill, Lydia Addy and Elizabeth Horchow Routman began serving their board terms immediately. The Board guides the work of The Dallas Foundation, the state's oldest community foundation, which manages over \$300 million in assets and awarded about \$56 million in grants in 2015.

"We are thrilled to have



such depth of community experience on our board," said Mary M. Jalonick, president and CEO of The Dallas Foundation. "Our new governors bring a mix of expertise that will make us even more

effective and innovative as we work to improve the quality of life in North Texas."

James "Jim" M. Moroney III is the chairman, president and Chief Executive Officer of A. H. Belo Corporation and publisher and Chief Executive Officer of The Dallas Morning News. He joined The Dallas Foundation Board of Governors in 2010. He also serves on the boards of the Associated Press, the International News Media Association (INMA) and the State Fair of Texas. Moroney has an MBA from The University of Texas at Austin and a degree in American Studies from Stanford University.

Dr. Joan Buchanan Hill is Head of School for The Lamplighter School in Dallas, a private, nonsectarian elementary school that enrolls approximately 450 students in pre-K through fourth grade. Before coming to Dallas, Dr. Hill was Lower School Director at Columbus School for Girls in Columbus, Ohio. She has a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania with an emphasis in educational leadership. She serves on several national and local boards, including the National Association of Independent Schools, the Dallas Arboretum and the Perot

Museum of Nature and Science.

Former Dallas City Manager Mary K. Suhm has won numerous awards for her leadership in the public sector. She started a three-decade career with the City of Dallas as a branch librarian and finished as its chief executive, managing about 13,000 employees and a budget of \$3 billion. As city manager, Suhm focused on strategic investments, such as the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the Pavaho Pump Station and Klyde Warren Park, that enhance the city's cultural life and its tax base. She is an independent con-

sultant and serves on several local boards, including the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Children's Health and the Dallas Historical Society.

Two governors, Anne Motesenbocker and Carol R. Levy, retired from the board in March after serving six years each. J. Puckett, the Foundation's former chairman, will continue to serve for another year as Immediate Past Chairman.

Founded in 1929, The Dallas Foundation is a public charity that works to improve life in North Texas by bringing together generous donors and effective nonprofits.

Lester Holt

Lester Holt, anchor of 'NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt,' has been selected as the 2016 Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

The annual award recognizes a black journalist who has distinguished himself or herself with a body of work that has extraordinary depth, scope and significance to people in the African Diaspora.

Holt was named the permanent anchor of NBC Nightly News in June 2015. The promotion made him the first black solo anchor at a flagship newscast of a major American television network. Since assuming the role, he has helped NBC



Nightly News maintain its ranking as the most-watched evening news program. He also continues as the anchor of "Dateline NBC," the network's signature newsmagazine and longest-running show in primetime.

As anchor, Holt has traveled across the world anchoring and reporting. He

anchored from Paris following the Charlie Hebdo massacre on January 7, 2015, that killed 12 and was on site after a series of terrorist attacks on November 13, 2015, that killed 135. Following the attacks in France, he conducted an exclusive interview with one of the commanders of the SWAT team that took down the terrorists inside Paris' Bataclan Theater.

He reported for "The Today Show" and anchored nightly from Havana as President Barack Obama made his historic trip to Cuba. He has also led NBC's political coverage by interviewing candidates, leading Super Tuesday primary coverage and moderating the NBC News and YouTube Democratic de-

bate.

A journalist for the last 35 years, Holt joined NBC in 2000 as an anchor for MSNBC. He later began anchoring the weekend editions of "The Today Show" and NBC Nightly News before his current roles. Holt also reported and anchored at the CBS owned-and-operated stations in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, which earned him several Emmy Awards and a Robert Kennedy Journalism Award.

Holt will be recognized at the association's Annual Convention and Career Fair, Aug. 3-7, in Washington, D.C. The NABJ Special Honors recognize the best journalism that addressed issues affecting the black community in 2015.

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Black women won’t celebrate Equal Pay Day until August 1

By Julianne Malveaux
 NNPA Columnist

The Sewall-Belmont House is located at the National Women’s Party in Washington D.C. It is one of the oldest houses near the United States Capitol, and was the house where Alice Paul wrote the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote. On April 12,

Equal Pay Day, President Obama designated the house the Belmont-Paul

Women’s Equality National Monument. The National Park System will manage the site, and a philanthropist has donated a million dollars to support the site and to provide some restorations to the house.

According to the American Association of University Women, a group that promotes equity and education for women and girls, “Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women’s earnings “catch up” to men’s earnings from the

previous year.”

But African American women earn a scant 63 cents to the average dollar a White man earns. A Black woman would have to work until around August 1 to earn as much as a man did in the previous year! As alarming as that fact is, it is equally alarming that few mention Equal Pay Day in a racial context. Ain’t I a woman?

It would have meant a lot to some African American women had President

Obama mentioned other inequality in passing. It would not have distracted from the important points he made when he designated the new monument.

After all, the press release from the White House talked about “America’s diverse history”. The disparate treatment of African American women is certainly part of that history.

To be sure, President Obama has done a good job

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form across 30 states where no current regulation exists.

‘Faith for Just Lending’, the official title of the faith-based coalition, released new poll results this week from interviews of 1,000 Christians. The survey found that Blacks are the most likely to know someone who has borrowed a payday loan (58 percent) or have borrowed one themselves (49 percent). Nearly a third of clergy and service providers (35 percent) who know consumers with payday or car title loans had provided money to help pay off or refinance payday or car title debt.

“Communities already suffering due to economic inequities are falling prey to these financial predators,” noted Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, a coalition member with Missouri Faith Voices and also the PICO National Network. “As a pastor, I have become aware of the cycle of shame . . . The real culprits are these unregulated profiteers who are extracting wealth from families. They are contributing to the poor health of communities and individuals.”

Further findings reveal:

- Nearly 90 percent of respondents felt payday loans “mostly hurt” borrowers;
- 84 percent witnessed an increased need for emergency assistance after a

payday loan was used; and

- The most common descriptions of payday loans were “expensive”, “harmful” and “predatory.”

“Exploiting the poor while pretending to serve them is a greedy and sinful business,” said Rev. Dr. George Mason, Senior Pastor of Dallas’ Wilshire Baptist Church and a member of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The coalition also stressed the need for consumers to have access to fair and responsible small dollars loans.

“Ethical lending is an honorable business,” noted Galen Cary, Vice-President for Governmental Relations with the National Association of Evangelicals, “but ensnaring vulnerable people in debt traps is not. We need just laws and regulations that meet legitimate needs while preventing the egregious abuses that are now committed by too many payday lenders.”

The Center for Public Justice, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., National Latino Evangelical Center for Public Justice, PICO National Network, the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission are also members of Faith for Just Lending.

Four lending principles

guide the coalition’s agenda and call for specific accountability standards for all stakeholders:

1. Lenders should extend loans at reasonable interest rates based on ability to repay within the original loan period, taking into account the borrower’s income and expenses

2. Government should prohibit usury and predatory or deceptive lending practices;

3. Individuals should manage their resources responsibly and conduct their affairs ethnically, saving for

emergencies and being willing to provide support to others in need; and

4. Churches should teach and model responsible stewardship, offering help to neighbors in times of crisis.

“Predation, poverty and poor health is the unholy trinity residing in impoverished communities,” concluded Dr. Gould.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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Parkland urges awareness, prevention of childhood sexual assault

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has designated April as National Sexual Assault Awareness month in recognition of the widespread prevalence of sexual assault nationwide. Sexual assault, including childhood sexual abuse, is an underreported crime. What often is overlooked, according to Melissa Reilly, Director of the Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/ Rape Crisis Center at Parkland Health & Hospital System, is how extensively sexual assault impacts a person's physical, emotional and social functioning.

"Sexual violence—including child sexual abuse—crosses all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds. Children are not immune from this type of assault," Reilly said. "Sexual assault continues to be a severely underreported crime. It's estimated that less than 10 percent of victims report their experience to the police."

In 2014 in the Lone Star State, more than 413,000 sexual assault crimes were reported. "In Texas, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday," Reilly stated.

The 10-step sugar detox plan

For adults who crave candy and ice cream almost as much as their children, the bad news on sugar continues to pour in.

Earlier this year, research into sugar's deleterious effects showed a connection to cancer, heart disease and diabetes. More recently, the American Dental Association reminded parents just how bad sugar is for their children's teeth.

"We think we're so advanced in 2016, yet when it comes to health and a nutritious diet, many of us have a long way to go," says nutritionist and juicing pioneer Cherie Calbom, who is known as "The Juice Lady."

The good news for par-



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Every person who walks in the door at Parkland is screened for abuse, whether it's physical, sexual or emotional. Parkland's VIP/Rape Crisis Center offers support to children, teens, adults and families by providing free counseling, 24-hour response for victims seen at Parkland facilities, and help finding emergency shelters, legal assistance and other services. Spanish-speaking staff is available and services in other languages are offered through interpreters.

"At Parkland, we address the medical, social and emotional needs of a sexual assault survivor. This comprehensive approach assists the patient in his/her recovery following the assault,"

ents is they can ferret out the sugar-laden products that may be hidden in their and their children's diets, and dedicate themselves to a healthy, sugar-free lifestyle, says Calbom, author of "The Juice Lady's Sugar Knockout." She offers her Sugar Addiction Quiz at www.juicelady.com/Juice/the-sugar-knockout.

Below is Calbom's solution: a 10-step detox plan that parents can work on with their children to eliminate sugar in both their diets.

1. Avoid all sugar. If you can do it for 30 days, you can change your lifestyle. During this time, avoid

Reilly said. "After a sexual assault, victims experience different emotions including fear and depression, notice changes in their behaviors and often feel disconnected as they have difficulty trusting others."

In addition to psychological and social impacts, sexual abuse often leads to medical problems for victims which are often overlooked. A 2015 report titled "Health and Well-Being: Texas Statewide Sexual Assault Prevalence Study" compiled by the University of Texas at Austin found that physical, mental and emotional problems that limit activities are nearly twice as prevalent among sexual assault victims (41.3

percent) than among non-victims (26.5 percent). Sexual assault victims are almost twice as likely as non-victims to suffer from asthma (20.9 percent versus 12.5 percent), frequent headaches (21 percent versus 11 percent), irritable bowel syndrome (9 percent versus 4.2 percent), and chronic pain (20.3 percent versus 9.9 percent).

2. Cut caffeine intake. There are multiple benefits to cutting back on your caffeine, including the temptation to use sugary creamers and accompanying sweets along with actually causing sugar cravings.

3. Skip foods that turn to sugar easily. This includes wheat and other grains, alcohol and starchy foods like white potatoes.

4. Enjoy healthy smoothies. Healthy smoothies that include dark leafy greens like kale or chard make you

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The study stated the financial impact to the Lone Star State of sexual assault is conservatively estimated at \$8 billion annually.

Pediatricians at Parkland also are urging awareness of the importance of vaccination to protect all children, including those who are victims of sexual assault, from the health risks of human papilloma virus (HPV).

Donna Persaud, a Parkland pediatrician, stated, "More than 80 percent of the population will be infected at least once in their

lifetime with HPV, the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI). In most cases, HPV goes away on its own and doesn't lead to health problems, but it can cause cervical and other cancers that are serious health risks."

In February, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the HPV vaccination schedule, recommending that 9- and 10-year olds receive the HPV vaccine if they have a history of sexual abuse. Previously, the CDC recommended that the vaccine be administered to boys and girls between the ages of 11 to 14.

"HPV vaccines offer the best protection to girls and boys who receive all three vaccine doses," Dr. Persaud said. "It is most effective when administered to pre-teens to allow time for their bodies to develop an immune response before they are exposed to cancer

risks."

"Educating the community about the prevalence of sexual assault is one way to help prevent it," Reilly said. "We want individuals, families and the community to know about the resources available to them. The theme of this year's campaign is 'Prevention is possible.' Promoting safe behaviors, healthy relationships and equitable policies will help keep everyone, including children, safer."

If you or a loved one is in an abusive situation and needs immediate assistance, call the Parkland Rape Crisis Center 24-hour hotline at 214.590.0430. To make an appointment with a counselor or find out more information about Parkland's services, please call the VIP/Rape Crisis Center at 214.590.2926. To find the Parkland COPC health center nearest you, go to www.parklandhospital.com.



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Oak Cliff Chamber is celebrating 96 years at April 30 gala

The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce will host its 2016 Gala & Auction: Soaring to New Heights, April 30, from 6 – 10 p.m. at the Hilton Anatole. Chris Arnold, Game Night Emcee for the Dallas Mavericks, will be

the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

The Oak Cliff Chamber's 2016 Gala & Auction: Soaring to New Heights, is the chamber's largest fundraiser of the year and the biggest event in the southern sector

of Dallas. Attended by over 500 of the region's most elite and friendly people, this black tie event will feature a star-studded evening packed with both a live auction and a silent auction, dinner, music and entertainment,

games and prizes. This year will also include a car raffle.

Created in 1920, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest and most active chambers in the Dallas area. It does not receive grants or funding from any

entities; therefore, it depends upon its fundraising activities throughout the year to not only accomplish its goals of providing programs and services that stimulate sustainable growth and development in the Oak Cliff

area, but to also keep the Chamber's operations running smoothly.

The Chamber depends heavily upon its annual Gala & Auction event, as it is the biggest fundraiser of the year.

Reliant customers raises more than \$450,000 for EarthShare of Texas

As Earth Day approaches, Reliant is celebrating the results of the Reliant EcoShare program that has raised more than \$450,000 for EarthShare of Texas to support over 35 of the most respected environmental and conservation organizations in the state, including The Nature Conservancy of Texas, Galveston Bay Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Also, kicking off on Earth Day, April 22, and lasting through June 3, the public is invited to share their Lone Star point-of-view on social media by using the hashtags #FromWhereIStand and #ReliantOneOfAKind. For every photo showcasing the state's natural beauty, Reliant will donate \$5 toward EarthShare of Texas, up to \$5,000.



Over the past four years, thousands of Reliant customers have been a part of EcoShare, a simple and affordable program that helps Texans give back to the many organizations that comprise EarthShare of

Texas while supporting the reduction of their own carbon footprint. Through the program, customers have supported the purchase of nearly 92,500 metric tons of carbon offsets, which represents a verifiable reduction and offset of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide generated as a result of using electricity or driving a car. Reliant's customers' support of carbon offset purchases is equivalent to taking almost 18,000 cars off the road for a year.

"Reliant's EcoShare program has made a lasting difference for the National Wildlife Federation," said Meg Haenn, deputy director,

South Central Regional Center at National Wildlife Federation. "Each dimension of our mission has been directly touched by donations from Reliant customers – from conserving and restoring our region's environment to facilitating the relationships between people and their backyard wildlife. Donations from Reliant are helping us protect and restore declining monarch butterfly populations in Texas through our school and community based programs. We appreciate Reliant making it easy for customers to participate in the program and look forward to our continued involvement with the program."

New and existing Reliant customers can join the EcoShare program, choosing one of two options: EcoShare Gold, priced at \$5.95 per month, includes a \$2 donation to EarthShare of Texas and 1,000 pounds of carbon offsets each month; and EcoShare Silver, priced at \$3.95 per month, includes a \$1 donation to EarthShare of Texas and 500 pounds of carbon offsets each month.

"Earth Day is about shining a spotlight on actions each of us can take to be good stewards of the environment. Through our ongoing partnership with EarthShare, I am pleased with the impact we are making and how we are enabling our customers to simply and easily take a step toward caring for the natural resources we are blessed to have," said Elizabeth Killinger, president of NRG Retail and Reliant.



NTTA ZipCash customers can now pay online

The North Texas Tollway Authority now offers ZipCash (Pay by Mail) customers monthly electronic billing – an easier and faster way to pay bills. Skip the walk out to the mailbox. Go electronic and get an email with a link to your monthly ZipCash bill delivered straight to your inbox instead.

Now it's easier to keep track of and pay your NTTA ZipCash invoices. Electronic billing gives you immediate access to your ZipCash bill, whenever and wherever you choose to view it – 24/7. More than 2700 ZipCash customers have already signed up.

NTTA always recommends customers use Toll-

Tags for the most convenience and lowest cost, but for those who prefer using ZipCash, electronic statements are the next best thing.

There are two ways for customers to "opt-in" for electronic ZipCash billing:

- Scan the QR code printed on your statement (example below) with your smartphone
- Visit NTTA.org to enter your ZipCash Account ID and unique PIN found at the top of your statement.

Visit NTTA.org to see how easy it is to sign up for Electronic Statement Delivery or visit NTTA Video to view an instructional video.

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feel good in the long term and can help eliminate the urge for sugary snacks and excessive caffeine.

5. Power up with protein. Eggs, nuts, fish and other meats balance blood sugar and insulin.

6. Eat your veggies. Non-starchy vegetables provide your body with much-needed vitamins that also will cut your urge for unhealthy, sugary snacks.

7. Drink eight glasses of water a day. Sufficient pure water keeps you hydrated,

reduces headaches and constipation, and flushes out toxins.

8. Supplement your diet. GTF chromium, L-Glutamine, B vitamins, Zinc, Magnesium and Vitamin C assist your body in various ways to overcome sugar cravings.

9. Sleep well; sleep enough. Lack of sleep messes with your hormonal balance and contribute to feelings of hunger.

10. Fight sugar cravings with fat. Healthy fats like

avocados and fish make you feel full and satisfied.

"Beware of sugar in places you might not have expected, like tomato sauces, salad dressing and marinades," Calbom says. "Make a habit of studying labels."

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.



"Crown Castle is proposing to collocate antennas at a centerline height of 84 feet on an existing 90-foot tall monopole communications tower at the following site: 4001 South Robinson Road, Grand Prairie, Dallas County, TX 75052; 32°40'30.005" north latitude and 97°0'51.003" west longitude. Lighting is not expected to change. Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Katherine Upham at (512) 519-9388 during normal business hours. Comments must be received at 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704, ATTN: Katherine Upham within 30 days of the date of this publication."

College heroes visit Herfurth Elementary

Students at Garland ISD's Herfurth Elementary School recently received a visit from some heroes. But not the kind that wear capes. The campus partnered with Junior Achievement (JA) of Dallas to bring in college crusaders armed with life skills.

"JA's College Heroes program teaches students about jobs, city operations, finances, family roles, entrepreneurship and more," said Principal Jessica Hicks. "Tailored to each grade level and offered in both English and Spanish, it is a memorable way for students to learn

these skills needed for the future."

Herfurth's superhero subs spent the entire day with their classes, eating lunch, playing at recess and, of course, imparting important information.

"What does it take to start a business?" asked one men-

tor. "An idea. A building," answered Herfurth students.

"What about quality employees?" the mentor replied.

Junior Achievement hopes to visit more Garland ISD campuses. For more information, visit the organization's website.



P-Tech program coming to Seagoville HS

It's official: a P-TECH (Pathways to Technology Early College High School) will open in Seagoville High School next fall.

The Texas Education Agency on Tuesday formally approved Dallas ISD's request to open the P-TECH inside Seagoville High School. The approval, which is provisional, will become official this summer.

Meanwhile, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has named Superintendent Michael Hinojosa to the state's first P-TECH Advisory Committee. Hinojosa is one of 13 members on the advisory council that will identify the specific goals and metrics for a P-TECH model in Texas and promote education and business partnerships across the state.

"I want Texas to lead by example by using the P-TECH model," Patrick said in a statement. "When you get the brightest educators and experienced industry leaders together, you get customized solutions for



A P-TECH (Pathways to Technology Early College High School) will open in Seagoville High School next fall. On April 12, the Texas Education Agency formally approved the request. (Photo Courtesy: Dallas ISD)

Texas students. The P-TECH model brings the best of both worlds and it ensures that our education system prepares our students for specific 21st century workforce needs across the state."

How does P-Tech work?

In collaboration with an industry partner—AT&T—and Eastfield College, the school will offer three pathways and degree plans for students:

Business Administration/Management

IT/Computer Information Technology

Network Administration IT/Software Programming

Students will be able to earn up to 60 college credit hours or an Associate's Degree of Applied Science through the program.

"P-TECH will be a game changer for the students, their families, and the greater Seagoville community because it would provide an opportunity for students to secure a well-paying job in a high-demand field out of high school," Dallas ISD Deputy Chief Israel Cordero said. "This school will prepare students for a very bright future."

As the industry partner, AT&T will mentor students and offer internships to students during their 11th- and 12th-grade year. The internships could potentially lead to full-time positions that would start with a competitive salary.

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TWC supports Career Pathway expansion

AUSTIN - In less than a single college semester, Texas adults can move from lacking basic employment skills to being on track for an in-demand occupation by participating in career pathway training programs. These programs will soon expand as a result of a \$500,000 Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) community college mentoring grant.

Supporting the state's Accelerate TEXAS initiative, TWC is funding a career pathway expansion project

through a grant to a consortium of colleges. The expansion project will support the development, expansion and success of Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) programs to provide integrated education and training to meet students' workforce readiness needs. Houston Community College (HCC) will lead the mentoring college consortium consisting of Alamo Colleges, Amarillo College, South Texas College

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LPGA swings into Irving on April 26

For the fourth consecutive year, Las Colinas Country Club will host some of the best female golfers in the world when the Volunteers of America Texas Shootout comes to Irving April 26 through May 1.

Volunteers of America, a national nonprofit organization, also recently announced it has extended its role as title sponsor for the next three years.

The tournament's defending champion and 2015 LPGA Player of the Year, Inbee Park, will compete in Irving against many of the biggest names on the LPGA, including Lydia Ko, Stacy Lewis and Michelle



Wie. The Tournament also includes the High School and College Shootout where the top high school and collegiate female golfers from across the country will vie for a chance to win a playing spot in the Official Tourna-

ment alongside their LPGA idols.

The High School and College Shootout was held March 16 at Las Colinas Country Club. Maddie Szeryk from Texas A&M and Cheyenne Knight from Alabama both shot a 73 and

earned spots in the tournament. Karah Sanford and Kristen Gillman both shot a 72 in the High School Shootout to earn spots in the tournament.

Volunteers of America, one of the nation's largest national providers of housing and programs for homeless veterans and their families, serves more than 2 million of America's most vulnerable each year by helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives.

For ticket and other tournament information, visit LPGATexasShootout.com. To learn more about Volunteers of America, visit voa.org.

Collin College's Taylor Jackson named an All-American

Collin College's Taylor Jackson of Frisco has been named an All-American Honorable Mention by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Jackson, a 5-6 sophomore guard, led the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJ-CAC) with 16 points per game, shooting 41.2 percent from the field. Jackson went 49-63 from the stripe in conference and 91-121 overall, for free throw percentages of 77.8 percent and 75.2 percent respectively.

Jackson recorded 114 assists and 85 steals throughout the Lady Cougars' 32-game regular and post-seasons. Jackson was also named First Team All-Region and



Taylor Jackson selected as an All-American for Basketball

NTJ-CAC Most Valuable Player.

"Taylor was a big reason why we won back to back conference championships," Lady Cougars Head Coach Jeff Allen said. "I'm very proud of how hard she has worked over the past two years."

North Texas Teen Book Festival returns

Teen literature fans, hang onto your bookmarks – popular authors will rain down on Irving this April for the second annual North Texas Teen Book Festival (NTTBF).

Seventy five of teen lit's best-selling authors and popular novelists, along with thousands of their fans, will pack the Irving Convention Center, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd., for the biggest book festival in the region, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 23. At the event, readers can purchase novels, attend panels and have books signed by



authors including: James Dashner ("The Maze Runner"), Ally Carter ("Embassy Row series"), E. Lockhart ("We Were Liars"),

Gayle Forman ("I Was Here"), Sarah Dessen ("Saint Anything"), and Libba Bray ("The Diviners"). Attendees also can

learn about podcasting and BookTubing at panels fea-

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GARLAND
Mayor's evening in

Mayor Douglas Athas will host his next Evening In from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St. To

schedule an appointment, call 972-205-2400 or contact Mayor@GarlandTx.gov.

“Breath: Essence of Life” Granville Arts Center – Gallery Space

Faith Artists presents the art exhibit “Breath: Essence of Life.” Faith Artists members produce and promote visual art inspired by faith-based scripture. This exhibit is free and open to the public, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and during performances.

McKINNEY
MISD lowers tax rate

McKinney ISD, based on higher than previously estimated property value growth from the Collin County Central Appraisal District, combined with interest savings from completed Bond Refunding (Refinancing), will be looking to reduce the tax rate by 4.5 cents instead of the previously estimated 2 cents.

In addition, McKinney

ISD will be reducing the maturity of any authorized 2016 Bond Program, 16-17 fiscal year bond sales from 25 years to 20 years, enhancing an already aggressive debt payoff schedule.

RICHARDSON
Atmos Energy plants 19 trees in Lookout Park

Atmos Energy, Texas 811 and The Texas Trees Foundation planted 19 trees in Lookout Park as part of a “fueling cleaner and greener” communities initiative that kicked off Aug. 11, 2015. Atmos also has ordered a bench for the park, which will be placed along the trail that runs around the park's perimeter.

Aug. 11 is designated National 811 Day as a reminder to call 811 before digging, to avoid hitting natural gas lines. Atmos Energy pledged to plant 811 trees across Texas by the end of April 2016, National Safe Digging Month.



Kassandra Castañeda, a fourth-grader in the DISD, created this masterpiece celebrating the Dallas Area Rapid Transit. The work will be on display at the Dallas Museum of Art until May 1.

DART art contest winner announced

Kassandra Castañeda, a fourth-grader at Frank Guzik Elementary School in Dallas, is this year's Best of Show winner in Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) 2016 Student Art Contest.

Castañeda's winning artwork themed “DART to discovery” will be recognized as the best of more than 2,200 entries at a Thursday, April 28, ceremony to be held at the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) at 6 p.m. The artwork will be displayed on

the side of a DART bus traveling across the agency's 13-city service area through September.

The Dallas Independent School District student's winning entry along with various grade-level first, second, third place and honorable mention winners can be seen at DART.org/artcontest and on display at the DMA from Tuesday, April 12, through Sunday, May 1.

North Texas students from

kindergarten through 12th grade participated in this year's contest held annually to help promote the use of public transportation sponsored by DART and community partners Dallas Contemporary, Half Price Books, Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas Zoo and the DMA, along with media partners NBC-5, Telemundo-39, Dallas Morning News, Al Dia, Suburban Parent and DFW Familia.

Garland native serving aboard Navy's USS Santa Fe submarine

PEARL HARBOR - A 2010 Berkner High School graduate and Garland, Texas native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working aboard one of the world's most advanced nuclear-powered fast attack submarines, USS Santa Fe.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Nolan Killingsworth

Petty Officer 2nd Class Nolan Killingsworth is a machinist's mate (nuclear) serving aboard the Pearl Harbor-based submarine, one of 40 Los Angeles-class submarines making it the backbone of the submarine force.

A Navy machinist's mate is responsible for maintaining the mechanical side of the nuclear reactor propulsion plant.

“My job is interesting, but even more interesting is to be able to see different cultures and places that I would probably never get to see otherwise,” said Killingsworth.

With a crew of 130, this submarine is 360 feet long and weighs approximately 6,900 tons. A nuclear-powered propulsion system helps push the submarine through the water at more than 25 mph.

Attack submarines are de-

signed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; carry out intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. Their primary tactical advantage is stealth, operating undetected under the sea for long periods of time.

“Submarine sailors never cease to amaze me with their ability to complete complex missions in the world's most challenging environments,” said Rear Adm. Fritz Roegge, Commander, Sub-

marine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. “Continued U.S. undersea superiority is not possible without their dedication, expertise and professionalism.”

According to Navy officials, because of the demanding environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Submariners are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. The training is highly technical and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board. Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become “qualified in submarines” and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

“Our sub has a really good reputation for doing things the right way and doing things on time,” said Killingsworth. “It's a source of pride for all of us.”

Challenging submarine

living conditions actually build strong fellowship among the elite crew, Navy officials explained. The crews are highly motivated,

and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

“Serving in the Navy to

me is all about doing what I can to protect people back at home, so they can enjoy their life with a sense of security,” Killingsworth added.

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Win tickets to the SOLD OUT Black Violin show

Black Violin is an American hip hop duo from Florida composed of two classically trained string instrumentalists, Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste, who go by the stage names Kev Marcus and Wil B. Fans can hear them perform at The Kessler on April 30 - and NDG readers can win tickets for two! Visit on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details.

Since starting Black Violin a decade ago Wil Baptiste and Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylvester have performed an average of 200 shows a year in 49 states and 36 countries as far away as Dubai, Prague and South Africa, while appearing at official NFL celebrations for three Super Bowls and the U.S. Open in Forest Hills with Jordin Sparks.

Tickets for the show are sold out.

Beat the heat...



Summer is coming, celebrate with a FREE Smoothie on April 27 at your nearest Smoothie King location until supplies run out!

Tokyo Joe's offers a family-friendly environment and uncommon entrees

By NDG Diners

Tokyo Joe's in McKinney is clean, inviting, fresh, fast, healthy and kid friendly.

On our recent visit we were greeted with smiles and kind words from the employees.

The menu is easy to choose from and was price friendly for mom and dad's wallets. There are a variety of gluten free and vegetarian options with nutritional information posted in plain site.

One cool option was to go carb free and replace the rice with veggies for just \$2.

There is only one small suggestion: some of the spicy could have used a bit more kick. Come on we are Texans, and we like our food firey!

Bento boxes are a recent addition giving you the option to select sushi or gyoza, protein, sauce, rice and veggie. The spicy salmon poke bowl was particularly delicious. There is



a tea bar with many flavors to choose from. Families, young professionals and people of all ages were coming in and out and being serviced quickly with fresh, yummy afford-

able Japanese fare!

Tokyo Joe's has locations in Richardson and McKinney. The fast-casual asian-style restaurant offers a variety of rolls available in 4 or 8 pieces in-

cluding the:

California Roll: 100% Real Crab, Avocado, Cucumber

Spicy Tuna Roll: Seared Tuna, Avocado, Cucumber, Chili Sauce, Green Onion

Yo Roll: Salmon, Ahi Tuna, Mango & Avocado

Joe's Roll: Grilled Shrimp, Avocado, Cream Cheese, Cucumber

Veggie Tofu Roll: Grilled Tofu, Lettuce, LemonGrass Basil, Basil, Avocado, Cucumber, Sweet Chili Sauce, Panko Crumbs

And now the best news for last: On Monday nights you can enjoy 2 for 1 Sushi from 4 p.m. to close. Visit <https://tokyojoes.com> for more details!

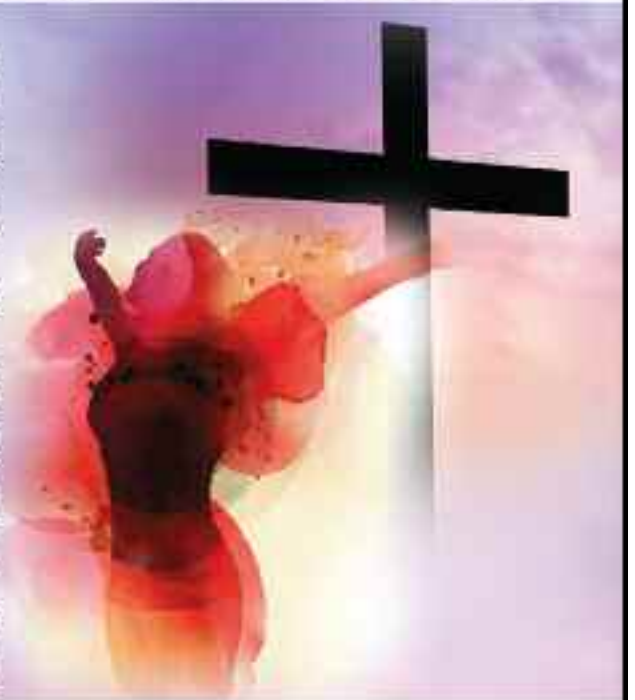
ANNUAL ADOLESCENT AND LADIES SYMPOSIUM

The THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL 2016 ADOLESCENT AND LADIES SYMPOSIUM will be held at the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ, 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, Texas on Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Symposium is designed to assist preteen girls, ages 9-12, adolescent misses, ages 13-18, and adult ladies, ages 19-up, to more effectively combat the social and generational issues that confront them today.

The Symposium highlights the knowledge, understanding, competencies and skills that they will need to deal with these issues from a Biblical perspective.

The Symposium theme, "THRIVING FOR A DISCIPLINED BODY IN JESUS", includes two General Sessions and sixteen Small Group Workshops that will give participants an opportunity to become actively involved in the subject. Participants will also learn productive skills that will enable them to avoid worldly practices. The Symposium is FREE and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and door prizes. Children under 9 years of age cannot attend.



Spaces for workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, according to registration. Popular workshops fill fast! The Early Registration Deadline is April 27, 2016. Go online for Workshop Sessions and Early Registration details at: www.gacoc.org or call 972-644-2335 for more information.

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Criminal is a good action story, but misses the emotional mark

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

So now we know what Ryan Reynolds will likely look when he is hits his senior years: a grizzled Kevin Costner. The two co-star in a very high octane, cover your eyes sometimes Criminal. We all love a good top government secret action flick and on the action Criminal delivers in spades. It is the attempt at emotion this is off the mark. Ariel Vromen, Israel born direc-



Kevin Costner looks in the memory but sees Ryan Reynolds in Criminal.

tor, clearly was not in touch with his feminine side. Reynolds plays Bill Pope, a CIA agent living in London who is handling a hacker who could shut

down the U.S. military with the click of a button. But unfortunately (don't tell his number one fan, Sasha Obama) he gets killed on the job. His crazy boss played well by Gary Oldman, reaches out to grumpy mad scientist Dr. Franks (Tommy Lee Jones) who has spent 18 years figuring out how to take someone else's memories and implant them in the mind of another person. And guess who gets to be the first human trial. Yes, a criminal

that is so crazy (Costner's Jericho) he feels no more remorse about killing a man than you would killing a fly.

The action in this flick is edge of your seat good, but the attempt at emotion will make you scream.

The "let's make Frankenstein a gentle monster" thread is fine as Jericho struggles to deal with the fact he is developing "feelings." What was astonishingly distracting was the decisions of Pope's wife, played by Gal Gadot. A man

ties you up and goes to your daughter's bedroom and somewhere along the line you decide to believe his fantastic story and the three of you are making waffles together? Um, interesting choices for a mother.

If Criminal simply stuck with the action this would be a much stronger movie. Costner and Oldman deliver serviceable performances. Enjoy the drama, but if you buy the attempt at feelings, you probably need your head examined.

CBC applauds placement of Harriet Tubman on \$20 bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G. K. Butterfield (NC-01) and Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee made the following statement after Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew announced plans to replace President Andrew Jackson with Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill:



ical accounts of American history. They made strides towards voting rights and more freedom for Americans. Brave leaders such as Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, and Alice Paul are symbols of our democracy that deserve much needed recognition amongst many others."

"I applaud the Treasury Department's decision to feature Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill, women's suffrage leaders including Sojourner Truth on the \$10 bill, and civil rights lead-

ers including Martin Luther King Jr. and Marian Anderson on the \$5 bill," said Rep. Maxine Waters.

"These depictions on our nation's currency are

long overdue and will show the world the remarkable progress our country has made on the road to equality. The Secretary's decision recognizes the important contri-

butions of women and people of color to our society. I look forward to the circulation of these bills so that we can all feel the weight of history in our hands."

signs will represent a more inclusive America by finally representing women, many of whom have been absent in important histor-

"It brings me great joy to learn that the United States will honor abolitionist Harriet Tubman by placing her image on the \$20 bill," said Chairman Butterfield. "An African American woman, former slave, freedom fighter, and leader for women's rights, Ms. Tubman was a true visionary who is most deserving of this recognition. Ms. Tubman was dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans until her death in 1913. Her legacy continues to impact all Americans to this day and will live on for generations to come.

"Furthermore, the \$5 and \$10 bills will also feature new historic images that remind us of the activists that have made America a more perfect union," said Chairman Butterfield. "These de-

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This marks eight consecutive years T-Mobile has been the only US wireless provider to receive this award.

“We are dramatically changing an industry and our employees make sure

every day that we're doing it the right way,” said John Legere, president and CEO of T-Mobile. “I'm not surprised — but very proud — that T-Mobile is the only US wireless provider on the list.”

As America's Un-carrier, T-Mobile has shaken up the wireless industry, freeing customers from onerous contracts, packing in more services like free music and video streaming, and unleashing more ways to uti-

lize its incredible service.

Millions of people have joined the revolution: T-Mobile had 33 million customers before launching its Un-carrier initiatives in 2013 and surged to more

than 63 million in 2015!

The full list of the 2016 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at worldsmoethicalcompanies.ethisphere.com/honorees.

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In addition to gaining recognition for her public service, Griffin holds or previously held committee leadership positions and memberships for several boards and organizations throughout the area. They include: Advisory Council Chairperson of Garland Corps of Salvation Army; Chairperson of the Garland Steering Committee; and Life Member of PTA Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

Griffin discussed the satisfaction she derives from serving as Chairperson of the Garland Corps of Salvation Army. It is their commitment to helping the community during times of hardship, such as the help they provided after the devastating tornado in December of last year.

“It gives me another opportunity to give back to the community and try to provide and give to people when they have unfortunately fallen on difficult times,” Griffin shared.

She helped to spearhead policies effecting change within the District such as the creation of the Board Operating Procedure Booklet, which was designed to serve as a resource in helping guide administration/staff on how to conduct school business as well as serve as a resource to provide trustees' overall procedures and processes. Griffin also played an integral role in implementing an Exchange Program that sent students and teachers to Taiwan.

“I am the Trustee that leads at the highest number of continuing Ed hours, so with that I prepare myself to serve by attending seminars, conventions, and conferences”, she stated when asked about her qualifications.

Having committed much

of her life to public and community service, Griffin has also held positions within the corporate sector. Her career, often as one of the first African American women in leadership roles included, working in senior management within the Information Technology division of Allianz of America, an insurance company.

“I stay pretty current on technology and that was one of the reasons I got on the Board to give my information technology expertise to the District and I am pleased to look back on all the accomplishments that we have made in technology in the District; not just because of my leadership, but because of my understanding of technology and the complexities of systems and programs,” she shared, pointing out how her professional background has helped serve the District well in the area of technology improvements.

Griffin continues to pursue a life in public office because she wants to continue her motto of service to help implement change that is “Always Benefiting Children.”

“I want to stay on the Board to see the blended classrooms develop where we have desktops, laptops, iPads and then we have software that's installed on our network in the District. And the greatest thing is to see how those things all blend together to ultimately increase student performance.”

“Every day I walk by faith and it is the direction that I look for and the greatest thing my faith does for me in this elected position is to have no respect of person, but to treat all of our children, all of our community, all of our citizens the same—my faith allows me to

love everyone and especially God's children.”

After receiving a designation as a Master Trustee through the successful completion of the Texas Association of School Board Members Leadership Program, Griffin believes it's important that she keeps herself educated in order to understand the needs and issues affecting her District.

“I want to see the continuous expansion of Pre-K and early childhood programs.”

Other issues she is campaigning for includes:

- College and career readiness programs
- Successful digital upgrades of classrooms
- Increased high school

graduation rates and getting students to the next level of their education

Better career opportunity and advancement for District employees

Fiscal responsibility and accountability

“It's a great time to be a student or a parent of Garland ISD just because of the things we are doing,” she adds.

Griffin is most proud that the Garland ISD team “works together as a community,” and she hopes to continue that work of championing for all children.

For additional campaign information, visit her Facebook page.

Early voting starts on Monday, April 24 with the election scheduled for May 7.

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and the Tarrant County College District.

Accelerate TEXAS is the state's initiative to help adult students acquire basic skills and progress on a pathway toward a high-demand occupation.

As mentors, the college consortium members will assist at least 10 other community colleges or adult education providers throughout the state in establishing career pathway programs, similar to the successful models operated by HCC and the other members of the consortium.

These programs have proven successful because they concurrently enroll learners in contextualized basic education courses, such as reading and math at the same time they are learning high demand skills such as welding. Contextualized content is more relevant and meaningful to students and results in quicker learning. Using this method, students are often able to complete training programs in one semester or less which gets them into a new career more quickly and at a lower cost.

"These efficient career pathway models will equip individuals with the soft skills, literacy and technical skills needed to efficiently secure a job," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Congratulations to the members of the consortium for their commitment to demonstrating the effective scaling of these highly effective models."

The career pathway program expansion supports the mission of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX initiative to equip 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 with a cer-

tificate or degree by 2030. When programs integrate training and adult education for completion within a single semester, HCC has found that 80 to 90 percent of the time the students go on to obtain a post-secondary credential.

TWC's AEL programs expand opportunities supporting workforce training efforts and align occupational skills with today's high demand jobs. Individuals interested in TWC's AEL program can visit www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/adult-education-literacy.

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in addressing the issue of equal pay and fair treatment of women in the workplace. His first piece of legislation, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, gave women a longer time to sue for workplace discrimination.

He has also created a National Equal Pay Task Force and, through executive order, prohibited federal contractors from discriminating against workers who discuss their pay. In the non-federal workplace, employees can be disciplined, or even fired, if they discuss their pay. Indeed, the reason there are such gaping pay gaps is because there is so little transparency about pay.

From legislation he has supported, and discretionary acts he has taken, President Obama would likely do more to close the gender pay gap were there a more cooperative Congress. Clearly, pay equity is not a priority for this Congress.

President Obama has been an aggressively pro-family President. From his support of an increased minimum wage, to his advocacy for paid sick leave (including an executive order for federal contractors), to his support for better overtime regulations, the President has strongly supported workplace fairness.

It takes nothing from his strong commitment to women, though, to ac-

knowledge that African American women earn less, and that Equal Pay Day comes much later for them (and for Latina women, who would have to work until November 1 to earn the same amount a man earned last year) than it does for other women.

Surrounded by three intelligent and beautiful African American women – Michelle, Sasha and Malia – it would be impossible for our President to be unaware of the challenges that African American women face. While I am aware that this President prefers not to deal with race matters, in this last year of his Presidency, he ought to consider

doing so. There are few consequences for this action.

President Obama does not mind using Black women as a throwaway line in a speech. At his University of Chicago Law School conversation, he defended his nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court.

He rather vapidly said that some people expected him to pick a "Black lesbian from Skokie," a comment I found offensive and condescending. If Black women can be fodder for a silly off-the-cuff remark, surely we ought to get enough serious policy consideration for our pay equity issues to be addressed.

August 1 is Equal Pay Day for African American

women. We work harder, longer, and for less remuneration than other women do. What are we going to do about it?

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist based in Washington, DC. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available at www.amazon.com and www.juliannemalveaux.com.

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April 25, 7 p.m.

Join us in Monday School as we grow in God's Word and learn what God has to say to us.

April 29, 7 p.m.

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"And he sent a man before them - Joseph, sold as a slave." - Psalm 105:17

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What does it take for a person to become a true Joseph? It takes years of preparation and testing to be, "A True Joseph." It takes what God is allowed to use. Read the Story of Joseph in Genesis, Chapters 38 through 46.

A true Joseph is one who is a provider both spiritually and materially for those in the Body of Christ. It is a person who understands that he is simply a manager of all

that God has entrusted to him.

It is a person who has humility and a broken and contrite heart before God. But, how does God prepare modern-day Josephs?

Modern-day Josephs are prepared through their own trials. It is often through the adversities of life, visions, relationships and broken dreams.

These are the things that try people the most. These are the things God uses to allow the Josephs of our day to be proven by the Word of the Lord. Once proven, God brings them out of their prisons and uses them mightily for His purposes.

Joseph went through his own trials - not because of any failure, but because of an incredible calling: to save and provide for an entire nation.

God had to prepare this man with 13 years of broken dreams and humble circumstances in order to break every ounce of pride and self-will.

God could not afford to

have a 30-year-old steeped in arrogance and pride running an entire nation.

The story of Joseph came to mind when my granddaughter Tyanna finally decided, after many urgings from her mom Sheila and

others, to seriously consider taking a week of her summer to travel to Honduras on a church mission.

When Tyanna was a baby it was prophesized that she would do a great work for God. When she was in pri-

mary and elementary schools she learned Spanish.

And, at Hebron High School she is perfecting her Spanish and taking other courses to prepare her for college and beyond.

This summer God is given Tyanna the privilege, honor and opportunity of joining her church, Freedom Life Church in Carrollton, Lead Pastor Kendall Bridges, the mission's team trip to Honduras in the Kid's Ark International program.

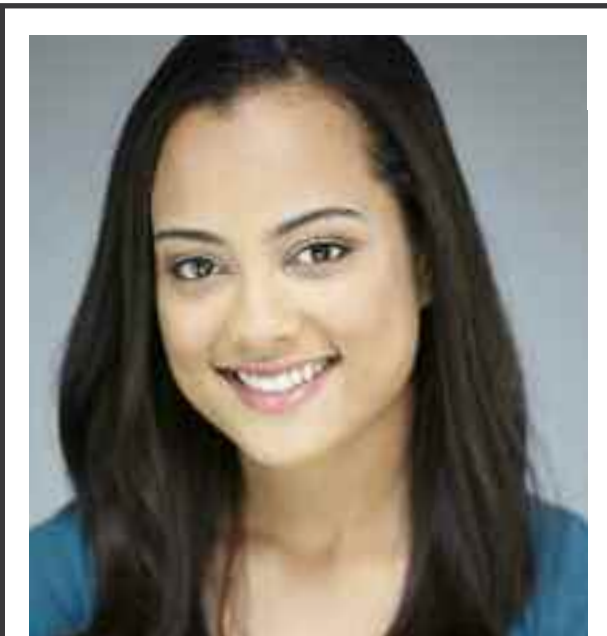
It is my belief that Tyanna is in the path that God is preparing for her to do a

work for Him in the future.

Tyanna's first trial, on Monday, April 11th, she was broadsided on the driver's side, she said that a big man snatched opened the door that was stuck and three ladies hugged her when she got out of the car and told her that every will be okay.

There was a policeman nearby who saw the accident; when Tyanna completed her talk with him she looked around to thank the man and three ladies and couldn't find them. God pro-

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Tyanna Lott, Sister Tarpley's first grandchild and only granddaughter, is a junior at Hebron High School with plans to attend University of Texas in Austin, Texas.

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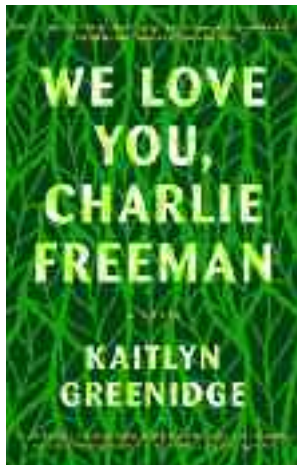
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NDG Book Review: We Love You Charlie Freeman

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



Anything's worth a try. Never done it before? Then give it a whirl, you have nothing to lose. You might actually like it. You might grow to love it. And then again – as in the new book “We Love You, Charlie Freeman” by Kaitlyn Greenidge, the experiment might go horribly awry.

The shiny new car just didn't seem right.

Nothing did, really. Leaving their home, moving to another state, having to make new friends, Charlotte Freeman hated it all. And this experiment her parents had gotten them into, well, no.

Her mother, Laurel, sure was excited about it, though. Ever since she was young, Laurel had been fascinated with sign lan-

guage, and she taught both her daughters to sign as soon as they were old enough to understand the motions. But a chimpanzee? A chimp the Freemans would raise as a child, while they taught it sign language?

Charlotte couldn't ever imagine spending the rest of her teenage years pretending that a chimpanzee was

her brother. She was leery of the “doctor” who ran the program, and of the ancient woman who'd founded the whole thing. They were white; the Freemans were black and Charlotte suspected that race had something to do with why The Toneybee Institute had hired her mother, but it didn't matter.

What mattered was that Charlotte and her little sister seemed to be losing their mother's love to a chimpanzee.

Nobody'd called Ellen Jericho by her real name in years. They all called her by her Star of the Morning name, Nymphadora, which was a name that made her proud, and which was the name she'd given Dr. Gardner when they first met.

They made their acquaintance because he'd been

bothering the town's children with his obsessive sketching. Her Star sisters asked her to ask him to stop, which Nymphadora did – brokering a deal with him to sketch her instead, in poses that he chose.

She didn't expect to fall in love with him, nor was she prepared to stumble upon the horrible reason why Gardner wanted her to pose unclothed. And more than 70 years later, Charlotte was equally surprised at what she discov-

ered...

For sure, “We Love You, Charlie Freeman.” is sharp as an axe.

Author Kaitlyn Greenidge doesn't just touch upon the issue of race, she tackles it and knocks it to the ground. This, while we squirm over what we see happening to the people in the story, and what we think is coming.

Yep, Greenidge is good at making readers uneasy.

That dis-ease, however, fully extends to the charac-

ter, Nymphadora, who's introduced with her Star of the Morning lineage in a way that made me wonder if this was a time-travel novel. It's not – but it took me a good long while to understand so.

Knowing that will make less of a struggle in reading this novel, and it'll help you to love it as much as I did. For a book with edginess, unrest, and just enough weirdness, “We Love You, Charlie Freeman” is worth a try.

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turing local and internationally known online broadcasters.

Event organizers added a symposium for teachers and a ticketed YA author luncheon on April 22. TheNTTBF has quickly become one of Dallas-Fort Worth's premiere literary events, solidifying Irving Public Library's reputation as the region's hub for YA author visits.

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• April 22 | YA Author Luncheon, noon to 1 p.m. Tickets are available for pur-

chase at nttbf.org.

Adult fans of YA literature are invited to a special event featuring conversations with authors E. Lockhart, Sarah Dessen and Ruta Sepetys.

• April 22 | Educator Symposium, 1 to 4 p.m. Registration is required. Free. Teachers, librarians and educators are welcome to attend an afternoon of accredited workshops entitled “Books, Books, Books: A Symposium for Educators @ NTTBF,” sponsored by Sam Houston State Univer-

sity and Region 10 and 11 Educational Service Centers. For details visit nttbf.org.

• April 23 | North Texas Teen Book Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. The public can attend author panels and book signings featuring more than 75 novelists, in addition to BookTubing and podcasting workshops. For the full line-up, visit nttbf.org.

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tected her and her Jeep in that accident.

When Tyanna called her mom, Shelia, to tell her about the accident, she told her that approximately 30 minutes prior to the accident that God had given her the thought to pray for her. Tyanna didn't get a scratch and her car could be driven. This is how my awesome God works!

Perhaps, Tyanna will meet other youth from different parts of the world that has a Joseph calling on their lives as well.

These youths will probably have humility of heart and a spirit unlike any others in our country. Each one will have his/her own Joseph story. Maybe it will change Tyanna's life and her view of the world.

She might see firsthand a phenomenon that is going on throughout the world. I believe that God is rising up these youthful servants to prepare for a worldwide global harvest of souls by the awesome demonstration of God's power working today

and in the future.

In preparation for this mission trip Tyanna has setup a Go-Fund-Me page on Facebook to help. Please read her information and consider supporting her trip. Remember, it is only what you do for God's work that will last throughout eternity.

Tyanna is willing to allow God to use her gifts and talents that He has so graciously given her for His eternal Kingdom.

Look for Tyanna Lott on Facebook and allow God to lead and guide you in this effort. I thank you and appreciate your consideration.

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