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# For Black contractors the road to prosperity is long and slow

By Nicole Scott  
NDG Contributing Writer

A recent *Dallas Morning News* review of contracts allocated by DISD and their breakdown by ethnicity reveals an age-old impasse, African-American businesses are receiving a paltry fraction of the pie. To those who have been on the front lines of the fight against disparity this comes as no surprise. African-American contractors received \$90.1 million, or 7 percent, less than half of what Hispanic owned businesses pocketed from the available \$1.36 billion of funding for the 2008 bond program.

Dallas ISD Trustee Dr. Lew Blackburn says the findings that African-American firms did not fare well in this recent bond were not surprising to him as he has long been skeptical as to whether Black contractors were on equal footing with their counterparts.

“We notice that over the years the African-American firms are getting less and less each year. We have more Hispanic firms that are being chosen and even more than that we have [White] women owned businesses that are getting the majority of the M/WBE (Minority and Women Business owned Enterprises) contracts,” Blackburn stated.

With such strong African-Ameri-



While Black workers have carried the load for many projects in varying fields, getting opportunity on the contracting side has been difficult. (Photo: John H. White / Wikimedia)

can representation on the Board, observers are surprised and wonder why it is not resulting in greater opportunity for African-American contractors. Certainly Black firms should have to earn contracts, however, the perception is a diverse Board should bring about a more equitable outcome, specifically for those who have historically been locked out. Dr. Blackburn indicated there are other factors inhibiting Black owned firms from securing contracts. A significant factor is the loss of points during the scoring process in the awarding of contracts.

“Twenty percent of the score is based on M/WBE participation. A lot of our African-American firms seem

to think because they are a minority firm they should qualify for those points. When a minority firm bids on their own without bringing another minority to the table then they in effect disavow 20 points,” Dr. Blackburn stated.

Charles O’Neal, former President of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, stated the problem African-American contractors are dealing with is even much broader than the one Dr. Blackburn defines. He claims the issue is systemic and goes back to African-American firms historically being excluded from the table.

“Let’s say, for instance, 1998 there

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## Gregory J. Vincent

(Hobart and William Smith Colleges) President Gregory J. Vincent '83 officially began his tenure with Hobart and William Smith Colleges on Monday, July 17, receiving a warm welcome from the campus community. The day began outside Coxe Hall where students greeted him as he walked into his office for the first time. Planned events throughout the day included phone calls with alums and parents; meetings with faculty, students, staff and local elected officials; a visit to the Geneva Boys and Girls Club; and a Geneva community re-



ception.

"I am thrilled to return to my alma mater in this role and excited to work in collaboration with the Hobart and William Smith community as we advance the Colleges," says Vincent. "I do so

with immense gratitude for the opportunity to give back to a place that means so much to me."

In April, Vincent was named the 27th President of Hobart College and the 16th of William Smith College. A national expert on civil rights, social justice and campus culture, he served as UT Austin's Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement, W.K. Kellogg Professor of Community College Leadership and Professor of Law. He is the first alumnus to serve as president of Hobart and William Smith.

Vincent is a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boulé) where he serves as

the Grand Sire Archon-Elect (President-Elect). He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., serving as national chair of the Commission on Racial Justice.

Vincent's extensive career is distinguished by his commitment to equity and justice. At UT Austin, he presided over the university's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, now regarded as a national model. Under his leadership, the division has grown to encompass a \$50 million budget with more than 400 employees and 50 units, as well as 400 local and regional partners, who help connect the university's resources to communities

across the state, particularly those facing significant challenges in accessing education.

For his service and community engagement, Vincent has received numerous awards and recognitions, notably the Educator of the Year Award from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, the Distinguished Service Award from the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence (CADE) of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and the Distinguished Service Award from the Moritz College of Law.

The Austin NAACP and Austin Area Urban League

presented Vincent with their highest honors, the De-Witty/Overton Freedom Award and the Whitney Young Legacy Award for committing himself "to raise awareness and educate the community on the importance of diversity and inclusion." In recognition of his leadership, the City of Austin made June 13, 2017 Dr. Gregory J. Vincent Day.

Vincent attended public schools in New York City and graduated from Bronx High School of Science. A 1983 graduate of Hobart College, he holds a law degree from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and his doctorate from The University of Pennsylvania.

## Derrick Johnson

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

In Baltimore at the NAACP's annual conference the historical civil rights group announced the selection of Derrick Johnson as the interim president and CEO. Johnson formerly served as vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors as well as State President for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP.

"I am thrilled to announce that my friend and colleague Derrick Johnson



has been appointed to interim president and CEO. I could not think of a better, more battle-tested or more qualified individual to guide the NAACP through this transition period," Leon Russell, Board Chair-

man of the NAACP said via a statement issued.

Many hope Johnson will help to steer the civil rights to a more nimble organization able to respond to the questions that can arise from a single tweet or Facebook live video.

It troubles supporters such as NDG's senior columnist Ed Gray to see others led the charge in recent years on topics such as police brutality. In his recent column, Gray posed the question if the NAACP is still relevant.

"Derrick's longtime service with the Association will allow him to take

decisive action to deal with daily challenges. He will also serve as the primary spokesman for the NAACP. I have every confidence in Derrick and will support him in this new endeavor every step of the way," Russell added.

This sounds good but does the organization need someone who simply addresses challenges the same old way or someone with a new vision?

When the NAACP surprised many by dismissing Cornell Williams Brooks in May, they promised a "system-wide refresh" and Johnson was appointed to

handle day to day operations. Groups such as Black Lives Matter dominated the headlines during the presidential election in 2016 and with so many organizations vehemently opposing the policies of President Donald Trump.

The president declined an invitation from the NAACP to appear at the 108th annual conference this week.

"It's extremely unfortunate that during these pressing and urgent times, the President has chosen to turn his back on the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization -

though I must admit, his refusal to attend our convention is not totally unexpected," Russell said on Friday.

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization.

Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Carrollton Chatter comments: No Fear, All Passion: The Battle to end Carrollton's agreement with ICE

It sure is interesting that since 2008, under Obama for 8 years not one person came to City Council to complain or anything about 287G. Trump is elected and it's oh my, we must protest.

Fact, the 287g is a program that allows access to a ICE database by a trained officer to verify if someone who is an undocumented immigrant, that has been arrested for an of-

fense such as DWI, DUI, felony, burglary, murder, theft. Only after an arrest for a crime will the data be ran to verify past criminal activity. Only then is ICE called based on the current and or previous crime.

Do you think it's ok to keep wanted criminals in the city of Carrollton who potentially have repeated criminal activity?

Regardless of their citizenship or not, are you not concerned for yourself and your family with criminal activities in your city?

The only time a person is arrested is if they commit a crime. Carrollton has

a outstanding record on stops with strong statistics to verify the stops and ICE calls. They are a very small percent.

-- Lisa Sutter  
Former Carrollton  
Council Member

Lisa IMO if a person of questionable citizenship is arrested then yes check them, its the ignorant, racist people who single out Mexicans an call for door to door citizenship checks that cause an uproar.

-- Paul Duran

Great article, Thurman.

-- Sharon Barbosa-Crain

I am mad at this entire event. When Steve Babick was on council he was the ONLY person who requested this topic be brought to the city's agenda and discussed.

Why hasn't Kevin held a town meeting to discuss and educated people on SB4 and 287g? He promised to this during the election.

I am NOT saying to get rid of it or keep it. I am not saying I am for it or against it. I am saying the

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**Lose your plantation mentality, remove Confederate symbols**



**Straight Talk**  
**Ed Gray**  
NDG Senior Columnist

I and other historians led by Dr. Michael Phillips, collectively named "The Committee of Scholars" have engaged in probably the last Civil War battle in Dallas County. Wait a minute there have been no Civil War battles in Dallas County. However, if we are led to believe the numerous monuments, the South indeed has won the Civil War.

The Civil War fought between 1861-1865 has been romanticized by movies such as "Gone with the Wind", and statues that glorify the defenders of slavery and white supremacy as sentinels of America.

Through my studies and research at Southern Methodist University we have cataloged dozens of streets, monuments, and schools named after Confederate leaders. From the implicit to the explicit, the bias is clear, Texas is more southern than western.

We all know the Dallas myth of origin, that Dallas had no reason to exist. That it was founded on a river, and in a few short years Dallas would become the largest city in Texas, by the late 1800s. It was a city more eastern than Fort Worth which is where they claim the west begins.

Sounds good except it is not true, Dallas was founded as a commercial outpost for trade, and an efficient way to accumulate wealth was through slavery. Dallas supported the secession from the United States of America in overwhelming numbers, was

sympathetic to southern customs.

In 1896, Dallas first honored its Confederate sympathies by erecting the first outside statues of art commemorating its gods. The gods of white supremacy, the leaders of the ill-fated Confederate States of America.

I and several other scholars, wish to write history correctly, instead of whitewashing it incorrectly. The statues have a place in our history, in a museum where the history of the Confederacy can be told in black and white. Pun intended.

Perhaps it's the history of the Confederacy with its hero, General Robert E. Lee mounted on the horse that we can learn about his barbaric attitude toward the African-Americans he enslaved. The stern visage of Lee that stands guard over Lee Park is a reminder of a bygone era. As African immigrants wed at Arlington Hall which is a replica of the former Virginia home of General Robert E. Lee, I wonder if these wedding guests realize black Dallasites were once forbidden to enter the park.

The City of Dallas administers Lee Park along with the Lee Park and Arlington Conservatory. This consortium is a coalition of the Dallas Southern Memorial Association, Turtle Creek Association, Oak Lawn Forum, The Oak Lawn Committee, and The Turtle Creek Guild. The park is ingrained into Dallas history and social circles.

Though the park was not always named Lee Park. The park was originally named Oak Lawn Park and according to southern customs and Dallas city ordinances, African-American citizens were not allowed entrance. Lee Park has always been

one of the premier parks in the Dallas Parks system.

Lee Park originally named Oak Lawn Park was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt, who in a show of support for white supremacy, and the lost cause of the Confederacy extolled the virtues of one of its foremost leaders. Oak Lawn Park was then, as it is now, a symbol of southern genteel and charm honoring a traitorous, rebel army, hell bent in a sanctimonious display of white supremacy.

Confederate monuments are not only at Oak Lawn Park, they are also embedded into Dallas history at Pioneer Park Cemetery. The Confederate monuments have had a long history in Dallas with its resting place at the Pioneer Park in downtown Dallas.

Generals Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, and Stonewall Jackson, and Confederate President Jefferson Davis were originally located at what is now Old City Park, formerly Sullivan Park. The dedication of the Confederate statues occurred in 1896 and was witnessed by several Confederate veterans, and several thousand Dallas citizens.

The Confederate Memorial, an obelisk quartered with the statues of the Confederates, bear silent witness to Dallas' history regarding its treatment of African-American citizens. This monument was moved from City Park in 1961 to its current location adjacent to the Dallas Convention Center. The move was made because of the construction of RL Thornton Freeway.

Today there is a debate on whether to remove these statues in their coveted places of honor in Oak Lawn Park and Pioneer Cemetery to a more fitting location. Historians

like myself believe that these statues must come down.

Ironically there is a Confederate Cemetery in South Dallas off Malcolm X Boulevard. Perhaps these monuments would be relocated there, the irony of the moment for this historian cannot be overstated. In a fitting end indeed, this would be a most ignoble defeat for the lost cause.

Perhaps they belong in a museum where historians can teach the history of these men who once disavowed allegiance to the United States. This might be a proper destination for a cause that is un-American. Wherever the trip for these symbols of hatred, they must be moved.

We must not be politically correct, but morally correct, slavery is the African-American's Holocaust. Though we cannot deny slavery existed, we certainly can deny the defenders and protectors of slavery a place of honor in the halls of history.

I am Ed Gray and this is straight talk.

Gray has an Associate of Applied Sciences, from El Centro Community College. He also has Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, from Southern Methodist University, a Masters of Liberal Studies in History, from Southern Methodist University, and is currently a doctoral student at Southern Methodist University in the field of Human Rights.

Ed Gray is one of the founders of "The Committee of Scholars", the Dallas-Fort Worth academic professors and graduate professionals in history. The Committee of Scholars is currently leading the fight to remove Confederate symbolism in Dallas, Texas.

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city needs to discuss this and Kevin needs to keep to the promises he made while running for mayor.

-- Liz Castaneda

We lived in Northern VA at the time of the peak immigration round ups. Not long after, our county suspended participation. Why?

Our jails were overcrowded and you know what happened? Drug peddlers and other less violent US citizen criminals were released to make room for nonviolent, relatively law abiding albeit illegal immigrants. Crime rates actually went up significantly. With limited police time and jail space, I'd

personally rather see a focus on getting people actively committing crimes off our streets first (US citizens or illegal, crimes are crimes) then address overall immigration issues.

-- Sarah Goldstein

Because all illegals are from Mexico, right? What an ignorant and low key racist thing to say! People

conveniently forget that immigrants come from all over the world. SMH

-- Erika Gonzales

They all forget, if you go back far enough they too are anchor babies

-- Paul Duran

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# Tips to help keep the home canning experience a lot safer

(CDC) Home canning is an excellent way to preserve garden produce and share it with family and friends. But it can be risky—or even deadly—if not done correctly and safely.

It's summertime and time to harvest the delicious produce you've been growing. You may be thinking about home canning as a way to preserve your garden goodies. But beware! If home canning is not done the proper way, your canned vegetables and fruits could cause botulism.

## What is botulism?

Botulism is a rare but potentially deadly illness caused by a poison most commonly produced by a germ called Clostridium botulinum. The germ is found in soil and can survive, grow, and produce a toxin in certain conditions, such as when food is improperly canned. The toxin can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death.

You cannot see, smell, or taste botulinum toxin—but taking even a small taste of food containing this toxin can be deadly.

## What's a low-acid food?

Low-acid foods have a pH level greater than 4.6, which means they are not acidic enough to prevent the growth of botulinum bacteria. Examples are:

Asparagus, Green beans,



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Beets, Corn, Potatoes, Some tomatoes\*, Figs, All meats, Fish and seafood. (\*Tomatoes require added acid – lemon juice or citric acid – for safe home canning.)

## What are the symptoms of botulism?

Botulism is a medical emergency. If you or someone you know has symptoms of foodborne botulism, see your doctor or go to the emergency room immediately.

Symptoms may include the following: Double vision, Blurred vision, Drooping eyelids, Slurred speech, Difficulty swallowing, A thick-feeling tongue, Dry mouth, Muscle weakness.

## How can I keep myself and others safe when it comes to home-canned foods?

Many cases of foodborne botulism have happened after people ate home-canned, preserved, or fermented foods that were contaminated with toxin. The

foods became contaminated because they were not canned (processed) correctly.

You can take steps to protect yourself, your family, and others when it comes to home-canned foods by following these tips:

1. Use proper canning techniques.

The best way to prevent foodborne botulism is by carefully following instructions for safe home canning in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. Do not follow recipes and cookbooks that do not follow the steps in the USDA guide, even if you got these items from a trusted friend or family member.

2. Use the right equipment for the kind of foods that you are canning.

Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid foods. Foods with low acid content are the most common sources of home-canning related botulism cases.

Low-acids foods include almost every vegetable, some fruits, milk, all meats, fish, and seafood. See box to the right for examples. Do not use boiling water canners for low-acid foods because they will not protect against botulism.

Always use a properly sized pressure canner that meets USDA recommendations for pressure canning [3.61 MB] when canning low-acid foods. Contact your state or county extension service to find out if your pressure canner meets USDA recommendations.

## Make your home-canned vegetables, meats safe

Use a recommended pressure canner that holds at least four one-quart jars sitting upright on the rack.

Be sure the gauge of the pressure canner is accurate. Gauges may be checked at many county Cooperative Extension offices or contact the pressure canner manufacturer for other options.

Clean lid gaskets and other parts according to the manufacturer's directions.

Vent the pressure canner before pressurizing and follow recommended cooling steps.

Use up-to-date process times and pressures for the kind of food, the size of jar, and the method of packing food in the jar.

3. When in doubt, throw it out!

If there is any doubt if safe canning guidelines have been followed, do not eat the food. Home-canned and store-bought food might be contaminated with toxin or other harmful germs if

- the container is leaking, bulging, or swollen;
- the container looks damaged, cracked, or abnormal;
- the container spurts liquid or foam when opened;
- the food is discolored, moldy, or smells bad.

If the container or the food inside has any signs of contamination, throw it out! If any of the food spills, wipe up the spill using a solution of 1/4 cup bleach for each 2 cups of water.

Never taste food to determine if it is safe. Do not taste or eat food that is discolored, moldy, or smells bad. Do not taste or eat food from cans that are leaking, have bulges or are swollen, or look damaged, cracked, or abnormal. Do not taste or eat food from a can that spurts liquid or foam when it was opened.

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## West Nile case confirmed in Garland

The Garland Health Department (GHD) received a report of a laboratory confirmed human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in an individual who lives on Highercrest Drive (near the intersection of Lyons and Bobtown roads). This is the first confirmed human case reported in Garland in 2017. The resident was diagnosed with West Nile fever, the less severe form of WNV infection.

Thus far in 2017, WNV has been detected in 13 mosquito samples trapped by GHD. The presence of the disease in mosquitoes means that transmission to humans is possible throughout the city, so residents are urged to

take preventive measures. Residents can view a map here depicting areas where WNV has been detected and subsequently sprayed to reduce the adult mosquito population. Spraying activity also can be found on Garland's Facebook and Twitter pages.

WNV rarely causes severe illness or death, but residents should remain vigilant and take precautions to minimize the risk of exposure. To protect yourself from exposure to WNV, limit outdoor activity during evening and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most active. While outdoors, wear light-colored, long-sleeve clothing, and use an insect repellent containing

DEET, according to its label directions. Most importantly, residents should take measures to eliminate any standing water on their property, such as birdbaths (clean them twice per week), pet water dishes, clogged rain gutters, tires and buckets. Containers that can hold water for just a few days can breed mosquitoes. Report to the GHD any standing water that you are unable to eliminate on your own.

If you have questions or would like to report standing water, please call GHD's mosquito control hotline at 972-205-3720. Further questions about WNV should be directed to 972-205-3460.

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## Student science and tech champs head for research-driven SMU summer camp

(SMU) – The adventure continues July 30-Aug. 4 for 46 Texas Science and Engineering Fair winners from across the state at a free, residential camp hosted at SMU and taught by some of its most prestigious faculty members.

Thanks to a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education's 2017 Governor's Science and Technology Champions' Academy is being offered at no cost to the participants. The goal of the grant is to encourage promising students to pursue careers in science and technology. Students will get to choose their own focus: drone-powered research, cyber security, fossil research and exhibit preparation, micro-robotics or geothermal heat mapping.

"These students will get to spend a week living on campus and working on cut-



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ting-edge research with SMU professors and students," said Heather Hankamer, director of K-12 outreach in the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education in the Lyle School of Engineering and president of the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair. "Can you imagine preparing fossils for an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution with guidance from a world-renowned paleontologist, or building micro robots under the supervision of an international nanotechnology pi-

oneer? It's going to be exciting."

Best visual opportunities for the news media will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 1-3. The five research teams will present their findings at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, in the SMU's Hughes-Trigg Theater.

Student research teams will include:

### Sea Monsters Unearthed

Students will work with Louis Jacobs, SMU professor of paleontology and one of the world's foremost au-

thorities on dinosaurs, mososaurs and other prehistoric creatures, in preparing fossils related to the tectonic opening of the South Atlantic Ocean and the prehistoric separation of Africa and South America. The fossils will be part of an exhibition for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., where they will be viewed by as many as 7 million annually.

### Building and Controlling Micro Robots

Students will work with SMU international micro/nanorobotics and biophysics pioneer MinJun Kim to study and build micro robots, formulate fluid mediums for them to travel through, then control the micro particles through a series of different devices. Students will perform a comparative study between the different micro robots, evaluate their performance,

and be introduced to basic image processing techniques to extract position and velocity data from the micro robots.

### Hardware Hacking

Almost all integrated circuits contain a set of four pins – a test port – that can also serve as a backdoor for hackers who want to steal information from the chip, overwrite memories, or maliciously reconfigure a device. Jennifer Dworak, associate professor in SMU's Lyle School of Engineering will lead students as they design their own systems to protect a piece of hardware from intruders, and test the efficacy of their systems by trying to hack into each other's boards.

### Drone Communications

Unmanned Aerial Systems, better known as drones, offer a new perspective on wireless research. Students will be using drones and programmable

smartphones to develop and perform measurement-based studies around the Dallas area to collect key wireless data, such as received signal strength and location.

### Geothermal Heat Collection & Mapping

Maria Richards, who directs SMU's renowned Geothermal Energy Lab, will work with students in measuring heat flow - the movement of heat from within the earth to the surface, which allows scientists to understand (among other things) the difference between average annual weather patterns at a location. The group will collect temperature readings from various campus locations, compare historical data, and learn about the impact of buildings on the heat at the surface of Earth. Students will use the Geothermal Lab equipment for temperature logging.

## Kids' University aims to inspire both dreams and diplomas

Starting with the littlest graduates in red, dozens of children from ages 4 to 15 in colorful caps and gowns were able to experience their own university graduation.

In this case, it was Kids' University.

Now in its 22nd year, the weeklong educational camp hosted by The University of Texas at Dallas and the Dallas nonprofit Rainbow Days aims to expose children experiencing homelessness to a college campus. This summer, the program drew 323 children from local emergency and transitional housing programs and domestic violence shelters.

Family and friends clapped and cheered for the



Rachel received congratulations at the Kids' University graduation ceremony from Dr. George Fair. (Photo: UTD)

graduates as they walked across the front of a classroom to get their diplomas. Graduates received high-fives from commencement speaker Tory Grant and handshakes from Dr. George Fair, vice president of diver-

sity and community engagement and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

The festivities marked the end of the camp, but officials hope that for the students, the ceremony is just the beginning.

"Graduation is an important part of the Kids' University curriculum," said Fair, who leads UT Dallas' involvement in the camp. "We want children at Kids' University to experience the excitement of earning a degree or a university in the future."

Kids' University features a variety of activities and classes including robotics, science, art, bullying prevention, team building, a visit by therapy dogs and a magic show. Partner organizations provide classes, including a session about bugs by the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

Eight-year-old participant

Brooklyn said that graduation was one of her favorite parts of Kids' University.

"I also liked the team-building," she said after receiving her diploma.

Kelly Wierzbinski, director of Rainbow Days' Family Connection program, said the ultimate goal of Kids' University is to help homeless youths learn about potential career opportunities, how to set and attain goals and understand the value of education.

"We want the children to believe in their futures and that they do have a purpose in life," Wierzbinski said. "It isn't on accident that we have the camp on a college campus full of students.

They begin to realize more opportunities exist for them beyond what they see in their immediate lives."

At the graduation ceremony, Wierzbinski encouraged the students to consider returning to UT Dallas as college students.

"Dr. Fair believes in you and invites all of you to come back here to school someday," Wierzbinski told students at the ceremony.

After earning her diploma from Kids' University, De'Laysha, 11, said she already is thinking about future graduations.

"I want to come here when I go to college," De'Laysha said. "I'm going to study science."

## Two area churches team up for combined effort to 'Feed the Community'

According to 2016 documents received from the city council, Dallas has more than 27,300 residents with full-time jobs living in poverty. This number is greater with those only able to work part-time. Pleasant Grove has one of the highest populations living in poverty

therefore; many struggle to feed their families. Positive Reflections Ministries in partnership with Pleasant Zion Missionary Baptist Church sees the need for more food pantries to assist families in the southern sector.

Saturday, July 29th the

two organizations will band together to "Feed the Community" with meat, produce and canned foods at Pleasant Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1910 N. St Augustine Rd Dallas, TX 75217 from 11am to 2pm. This is the second month for the "Feeding the Community."

Last month, 272 people were fed with boxes of groceries to feed their families. The goal is to double that amount this Saturday. This initiative will continue to be held monthly. No one will be turned away.

Positive Reflection Ministries (PRM) is a big sup-

porter in helping families to thrive. The non-profit's mission is to make positive, sustainable changes to improve accessibility to a broad range of quality education and services that empower families, schools, and communities.

PRM and GGFC are

breaking the cycle of hunger in our communities. They invite all those needing assistance to please come Saturday July 29th. For more information please contact PRM Executive Director Re'Gine Green at (214) 609-7222 or PRM President Alice Bertrand at (469) 684-2041.

# Statewide accountability measures modify district assessment

By Courtney Borchert  
NDG Special Contributor

Texas public school districts are in the process of interpreting state and federal requirements regarding school assessment, accountability and the impact that these measures will have on those that they serve. The preliminary stages for this plan were set into motion by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) enacted in 2015, but that foundation has been shifting in the Texas legislature in order to accommodate ongoing feedback.

Texas has experimented with an unofficial public school accountability system that ranks district and campus performance using A-F rating labels. The



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work-in-progress model has been used as a pilot evaluation tool to gauge a district's competence in postsecondary readiness, closing achievement gaps and student performance and progress on statewide standardized tests.

Opposition emerged after initial district grades were posted, citing a lack of fair-

ness and accuracy. According to committee reports, it was evident that Texas schools cannot be accurately depicted by a single letter grade alone. The amendments to House Bill 22 compromise by giving grades to each evaluated domain, but still include a summative rating score determined by the Texas Commissioner of

Education.

Local education agencies that receive Title I funding will juggle annual improvement plans while adjusting to the new accountability system that will go into effect August 2018. The upcoming school year will now include a district equity plan as a part of an ESSA requirement. Districts must strategize how they will address achievement gaps and teacher equity amongst low-income and minority students.

"If you look at some of the schools where there are predominantly African-American children, we're struggling with equity," Dallas Independent School District Trustee Joyce Foreman said.

Foreman believes we are

headed in the right direction when it comes to meeting students' needs. She is excited to address the equity piece holistically and wants to also include the equity of resources in the classroom, like technology and facilities, into the conversation.

Taylor Hill, a teacher at Albert Sidney Johnston in east Oak Cliff, views teacher equity and test scores as a few pieces of a large puzzle. Hill's concerns with accountability stem from the emphasis on standardized testing, where in the new system performance on statewide tests can influence up to 50 percent of the student achievement domain rating.

"I don't think it's realistic if you're teaching fifth grade and one of your students is

reading on a second grade level," Hill said. "You have to work miracles to bring a kid up a year in their reading comprehension, and the schools want to push for more than that," Hill said.

Some of Hill's students are bouncing back and forth between family member's homes or are experiencing other factors that may place students educationally at-risk, which she says affects their ability to learn and concentrate.

"They have all of this going on in their lives and then when they come to school we have to slam them with information, for things they're not ready for because you know that there's a test that measures your school's accountability," Hill said.



Robert Duron, associate executive director, TASB Governance Services and Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foreman

## Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foreman finalizes leadership training

Dallas ISD trustee Joyce Foreman has earned the designation of Master Trustee upon completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). During the fifth session, June 22-24, school board members in the 2016-17 Leadership TASB class made presentations of their team's findings following year long research.

Class participants researched each of the titles in the federal law known as Every Student Succeeds Act. Their research focused on the law's topics that include education for disadvantaged students, English language learners, 21st-century schools, training for school leaders, impact aid, and education for homeless students.

The Leadership TASB

class met in conjunction with TASB's Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth. More than 1,000 new and veteran school leaders received extensive training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts, and picked up valuable ideas from district showcases and networking opportunities. After the graduation cere-

mony June 23, participants joined the ranks of more than 800 school board members statewide who are Leadership TASB alumni.

The 2017 Leadership TASB class, composed of 33 school board members, represents Texas school districts of all sizes and property wealth. Participants who completed all required elements of the study program earned Master Trustee sta-

tus, the highest designation recognized by TASB.

Leadership TASB is sponsored in part by H-E-B. TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.3 million public school students.

## UNT College of Engineering adds computer science executive master's degree

DENTON (UNT), Texas – The University of North Texas College of Engineering is now offering an executive master's degree in computer science, exclusively available at the UNT New College at Frisco. The degree, with concentrations

in data science and cybersecurity, is designed for working professionals with at least two years of experience who want to build upon their expertise.

"This unique program will allow students to explore and strengthen their skills in

the ever-growing worlds of security and data science," said Barrett Bryant, professor and chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. "As part of this degree program, students also can earn professional certifications or stand-

alone professional development credits."

Classes are offered in three eight-week sessions during evenings for flexibility. The program's location at the Frisco off-site facility makes it easily accessible to North Texas professionals,

placing it in one of the fastest-growing areas in the country and home to the \$5 Billion Mile.

"We want access to this degree to be as convenient as possible," Bryant said. "We want to accommodate busy industry professionals so

they can earn a high-quality degree while networking with other students who are experts in the field."

For more information on the degree and admission requirements, visit the computer science graduate catalog.

## We are all responsible for the success of our students

By Lynette Monroe  
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Popular opinion, suggest that caregivers, educators, and students have an equal role to play in the academic achievement of students.

However, according to an annual survey of "Black and

Latino Parents and Families on Education and Their Children's Future" facilitated by the Leadership Conference Fund, Black and Latino parents do not feel that educators, or more specifically the system in which these educators operate within, are upholding their portion of responsibility to their children.

Everyone needs to be concerned about accountability and school performance, specifically for Black and Hispanic students.

In 2014, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) projected that public school enrollment would decrease for White students

in the United States; the decline in enrollment has resulted in a majority-minority public school system.

That means that national education laws must be culturally competent, taking into account the changing demographics of the public school system. Furthermore, although minorities account

for the majority of students enrolled in public schools, our nation's schools remain extremely segregated. In March 2016, "The Atlantic" reported that "in 90 of the largest 95 U.S. cities, more students of color than Whites attend school with mostly poor or low-income peers." Researchers at the

Stanford Center for Education Policy Analysis found that the single-most powerful predictor of racial gaps in educational achievement is the extent to which students attend schools surrounded by other low-income students.

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# A continued look into Carrollton's coordination with ICE enforcement

By Nolan Adams  
NDG Special Contributor

Last week we took a look at the history of Carrollton's unique partnership with Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE). This week's continued coverage will spotlight the group of local activists and their effort to encourage their mayor and city council terminate the agreement before the Senate Bill 4, known as the anti-sanctuary cities ban goes into effect Sept. 1.

Former Carrollton City Councilman Jeff Andonian provided insight into why Carrollton entered such an agreement, to begin with. According to Andonian the decision to enter a 287(g) agreement was merely a knee jerk reaction to Farmers Branch's ban on renting to illegal immigrants in 2006. He explained that the council was concerned about the ramifications of a large influx of undocumented immigrants may



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have in Carrollton.

This agreement has been renewed again and again, with no public input or awareness. Over the entire course of my community activism in Carrollton, the only residents who have been aware of this agreement were residents who faced deportation under this agreement. They were all deported while working to obtain citizenship, and every one of them has secured legal residency status since.

I discovered the 287(g) by accident when I mistakenly downloaded a copy from the city's website of the nineteen-page agreement giving Carrollton officers the authority to detain and deport undocumented immigrants. After a great deal of research, I presented my findings to Carrollton city council. When the city council disregarded my recommendation to end the agreement, I began to organize the community with my wife Megan. Eight months and

ten trees worth of event flyers later, I was working alongside an amazing group of men and women, organizing the "Rally Against the Carrollton 287(g) Agreement with ICE" held before the City Council meeting on July 11.

I arrived at city hall later than expected, but the crowd was already gathering. Rubén Salinas, a fellow Carrollton activist, grabbed me by the shoulder to whisper in my ear, "There are men in military gear here, Nolan. Do not tell anyone else, just be aware. I don't want others to be scared off." I nodded. Rubén wasn't kidding. The group was outside in military fatigues. They were equipped with a 'Kek' flag — the symbol of the alt-right group 'Kekistanis' — and their faces was covered with black and yellow bandannas. I felt nothing but shame for my city and fear for the safety of its people. Naturally, the press conference was moved to

the area opposite of the 'Kekistanis'.

After a press conference (footage is available online), the council meeting began. It was standing room only. In a city like Carrollton, it's unusual for more than ten residents to attend. There was a discussion on if there was a need to call in the Fire Marshall to confirm the room's occupancy limits were not exceeded. The City Council proceeded to unanimously approve every item on the agenda, as usual.

Carrollton Mayor Kevin Falconer explained the rules of the public forum. "There's quite a few people today, so I'm going to be allowing two minutes. So please keep your comments brief."

The first to speak was Salvador Sarmiento, who traveled from our nation's Capital, where he serves as the Chair of the Washington D.C. Coalition for Immigrant Rights. He is also a national organizer with the

National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON).

"You are all responsible for what happens under the 287(g) program. The ICE 287(g) program is probably the most controversial, the most problematic, and there is a reason it's Trump's favorite deportation program." Across the room, heads were nodding in agreement. "As we've been saying for about ten years, the answer to the 287(g) is end it, don't mend it. Council, there is a reason why people are afraid to speak up. They are afraid." Salvador's admission of fear unified the room. One after another, people began to sign up to speak out against the 287(g).

The agreement is not without supporters, Carrollton Tea Party member William Collier spoke in support of the 287(g). He began by reminding a room

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was a bond issued if an African-American firm had been able to successfully be awarded a contract then, the likelihood that they would be qualified to access a contract under an upcoming bond would be enhanced," O'Neal stated.

The empirical data affirms O'Neal's assertion the disparity in African-American businesses being awarded their equitable share of state contracts is clearly a systemic problem. Since the inception of the Statewide HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) program in 1991, a 1994 study, which focused on the fiscal years of 1989-1993, found not only was disparity prevalent in all areas of state issued contracts with the exception

of Asian-Americans in the area of professional services and commodities but also discrimination. And of all the groups surveyed and interviewed African-American owned firms reported the highest incidence of discriminatory treatment as well as bid requirements. The study also found following the implementation of the HUB program all other minority groups, including White women, fared better except for African-Americans and Hispanics.

Fast forward to a 2009 study, of the \$2.95 billion in state prime spending awarded to HUB vendors, African-American owned firms received 0.63 percent, the second lowest preceding

Native Americans. The highest earnings, 3.87 percent, went to firms owned by White women, followed by Hispanic firms with 2.10 percent then Asian-American firms with 0.97 percent.

Dating as far back to 2006 businesses owned by White women have increasingly received the highest amount of M/WBE contracts awarded. Under a recent DISD bond program 19 percent, \$240 million, was awarded to businesses owned by White women. That is more than double the amount awarded to Black owned businesses. The biggest objectors to affirmative action relish in perpetuating the myth of unworthy or less than qualified African-Americans receive unearned opportunities. Opportunities, which they

claim, should go to Whites who are better qualified but are bypassed due to minority set asides. However, the aforementioned only validates the well-documented fact that since its inception White women have been the greatest beneficiaries of affirmative action.

In one survey, M/WBEs expressed the following complaints: inadequate enforcement of the HUB programs. Specifically, participants expressed concern that (1) HUBs are listed in HUB subcontracting plans but are dropped after the contract is awarded, and (2) good faith effort submissions are not reviewed or enforced.

Chairman of Black Contractors Association in Dallas, John Proctor says he and other African-American contractors have been ex-

tremely disgruntled and dismayed with the entire bidding process. Also with the lack of contracts awarded to African-American firms. Proctor, who has been a contractor for more than 16 years, says the experiences of Black owned firms with DISD have been "terrible."

"We have had African-American firms under contract [with DISD] and received absolutely no work. Several Black owned businesses that I know received contracts with DISD and never performed a dollar's worth of work and I'm concerned about them using those numbers making the public think that our contractors are doing work with them when we're not," Proctor stated.

The issue of disparity as it relates to African-Ameri-

can firms is not only troublesome for them but for the greater African-American community as well. When Black businesses flourish Black communities prosper.

"If the 250,000 Black owned business in the State of Texas were able to earn enough money, to maintain enough property, to hire one full-time employee, there would be absolutely no unemployment in Black Texas", O'Neal said.

It is also important to remember that these State contracts are made possible by tax dollars, tax dollars that African-American residents, as well as businesses, are paying with very little to no return. It is a very grim reality that O'Neal says has left African-American contractors "jaded."



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**ALLEN**  
**2017 Department of Labor Informational & Outreach Forum**

The 2017 Dallas Forum will be held at the University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center on August 17. Lunch is on your own, however there are two cafeterias located inside the T. Boone Pickens Biochemical building.

Please contact Ms. Moore by email at Moore.Charlotte@dol.gov if you have any questions.

**DALLAS**  
**5th Annual Back Packs 4 Brainiacs School Supplies Drive**

Support Hip Hop 4 Hope's Back Packs for Brainiacs School Supplies Drive and drop off supplies for underserved youth Saturday, August 12th, 2017, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm held at Red Bird Mall (3662 W. Camp Wisdom Rd Dallas Tx 75237).

**Texas Can Academy requesting donations**

In preparation for the new school year, Texans Can Academies wants to make sure every student starts the year with the uniform they



need to succeed by hosting a Uniform Fundraiser. A \$75 donation will provide one pair of pants, two shirts, socks and a belt for one student, but donations of any amount are enthusiastically accepted. The site to donate can be found here: <http://www.texanscan.org/countdown2class2017/>

Texans Can has a total of five schools in Dallas, and has helped more than 141,000 students throughout the state of Texas over the past 31 years.

**FRISCO**  
**Boards & Commissions Positions Open**

Interested in getting more involved with your city? We're looking for volunteers to serve on several city boards and commissions. This year, applications are only accepted online, via the new portal at [friscotexas.gov/boards](http://friscotexas.gov/boards).

Opportunities include serving on the city's Board of Adjustment/Construction Board of Appeals, the Com-

munity Development Corporation, the Downtown Advisory Board and more. Click the 'Vacancies' tab on the online portal to see the full list.

To qualify, you must have lived in Frisco for at least one year prior to applying and must be a qualified registered voter. Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2017.

**GARLAND**  
**Family Night Out**

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. This year, it's all about discovering the power of play with your local parks and recreation facilities. NRPA and the City of Garland are encouraging everyone to get out there to experience the power of play for themselves. Get ready to get your play on this July with the City of Garland and the National Recreation and Park Association by taking advantage of this free event that will have food available for purchase.

Saturday, July 29 at Central Park, 1310 W. Avenue F, enjoy fireworks, food trucks, games, and live entertainment from Downtown Fever.

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We have an obligation to advocate for accountability standards and to monitor school performance in a majority-minority public school system, where Black and Hispanic students disproportionately attend schools with low-income classmates.

One of the best ways parents, education advocates and community stakeholders can hold school officials accountable is by reviewing the "report card" in their local school district.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that data for each student subgroup is reported, a requirement previously exclusive to schools receiving Title I funding. States get to create their own accountability systems, using feedback from education stakeholders. If you're reading this article, there's a good chance that you're one of those stakeholders. An accountability system is just a fancy way of saying that states get to decide how exactly they determine if schools are effectively teaching students.

A major component of school reporting under ESSA will revolve around

student subgroup data. To date, states that have submitted plans for implementing ESSA have proposed that they will determine school effectiveness by including student subgroup data in overall school ratings. For example, if Black students are underperforming, the entire school would receive a lower grade.

States have also committed to lowering required group data size to ensure that small student subgroups receive equal attention. For example, in some school districts there may be a small population of Black students. Before the implementation of ESSA, if a school districts data size for reporting is 30 and there are only 25 Black students, those students would not be counted. However, lowering the data group size down to 10, as in the case in some states, allows for more comprehensive school evaluations.

And finally, states will also measure the effectiveness of their schools by dedicating more resources to subjects like art, physical education, science, and social studies. Other proposed in-

dicators like absenteeism, and school climate will add more substance to school rating systems. This encourages educators to prioritize other subject areas other than Language Arts and Mathematics.

Including other indicators for accountability decreases the impact of standardized testing in determining the academic advancement of students.

A simple Google search will help you locate your child's school report card; review it, paying close attention to student subgroup data. Hold your local education agency accountable by getting involved in your child's parent-teacher organization and by attending meetings held by your local school board.

For more information about the Every Student Succeeds Act, visit [npa.org/essa](http://npa.org/essa).

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full of immigrants what an immigrant was.

"Immigrants are people who come to this country through visas, which are formally known as green cards. Then you have the people that are being called illegal immigrants, which are not illegal immigrants. These are people who have entered our country through illegal means, deceitfulness, lies, and treachery," Collier said.

Kristian Hernandez, a prominent activist and community leader from the North Texas Dream Team, stepped up to the podium and served them notice: "In a city like Carrollton, which has a Latino population of roughly thirty percent, we know that the 287(g) program is just an excuse to

racially profile members of the community. I have been a lifelong Dallas resident, but as of two hours ago, I bought a house in Carrollton. So now it's my problem. And now it's your problem — because I'm in your city."

The steady stream of speakers continued. Each man, woman, or child that spoke their truth seemed to embolden the next. A woman who came with the Texas Organizing Project summed it up best, with Julio Acosta acting as her translator.

"I came here today because I am afraid laws like this will come to my city. I cannot tell you the whole story of how I came to the United States. The truth is, I

fled from a repressive government. Now I am surprised to find that the people of the United States support laws that make me feel like I've gone back in time," the speaker shared.

If we had never entered a 287(g) agreement, an estimated 940 families would never have been ripped apart. I say "estimate" because the only available data on arrests is from 2010 — the city has refused to release any other arrest data to the public. The data from 2010 serves as an explanation as to why Carrollton is the only city in Texas with this agreement: only two out of the sixty-seven people deported were accused of felony crimes. I say "accused" because there is no trial; there is no justice. In contrast, data shows an

alarming number of deportations occurred after traffic ticket warrants. These peo-

ple are not criminals. They are my neighbors. Deported feels like departed.

*Nolan Adams is the Founder of Carrollton Citizens' Movement.*



# The Bodyguard – The Musical is a musical trip down memory lane

NDG readers can WIN tickets to the Fort Worth show!

By Margaret Freelon  
NDG Special Contributor

I could not think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon in Dallas than reminiscing over a dozen songs from Whitney Houston including songs from the 1992 original soundtrack album for the movie of the same name The Bodyguard. The album, which defined an era, was certified platinum 17 times. For the stage production presented by the Dallas Summer Musicals the story takes us back to enjoy the story of Rachel Marron played by Grammy Award-nominated and multi-platinum R&B/pop recording artist and film/TV actress Deborah Cox, and her on



Dallas Summer Musicals

stage sister, Nicki Marron played by Jasmin Richardson. Even Frank Farmer, played by Judson Mills, who portrayed Francis Gage on Walker Texas Ranger and also appeared in over 35 guest starring roles on television for shows such as Law and Order and The X-Files, attempted to sing a couple of lyrics.

NDG readers can win tickets to see the show in Fort Worth on Tuesday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. Visit our Facebook and Instagram page for more details!

The Bodyguard – The Musical, a touring stage adaptation of the 1992 blockbuster film which helped to propel Houston into certifiable mega-star-

dom when she played opposite Kevin Costner. However, remember this is an adaptation of the movie so it does not follow the movie scene by scene. The opening scene will definitely get your attention and all the glitz and glam when the music starts will remind you that the true star of this musical is the music. Cox showed she could hold her own in the iconic role of Rachel Marron. Cox belted the show's well-known hits like "How Will I Know," "Run to You," and "I Will Always Love You" with ease and when she began to sing "Queen of the Night" the audience was ready to sing along.

The story looks at the sibling rivalry between sisters

Nicki and Rachel. Although Nicki is older and just as talented, the attention and fame are focused on Rachel which caused that green-eyed monster raises its ugly head and the jealousy intensifies when both sisters have eyes for the newly hired bodyguard. Without giving away the plot twist and turns of the musical, I will tell you that I feel Judson Mills carried the role of Frank Farmer better than Kevin Costner. In fact, I was waiting for him to do one of those classic Walker-Texas Ranger spinning kicks while protecting Rachel.

Do not attend the musical looking for it to help you make sense of the movie. Do not look for it to make

some deep political statement. The reason you should go and enjoy The Bodyguard – The Musical is to hear the music. The costumes, the set, the energy in the theater were electrifying and judging from the cheering and standing ovation served as evidence that The Bodyguard – The Musical is a riveting play that touched the soul of those who enjoyed the music.

The production continues in Dallas through July 30 at the Music Hall at Fair Park. Then it shifts west for a limited engagement at the Bass Performance Hall from August 1-6. Don't forget to enter for an opportunity to win tickets to opening night in Fort Worth!

## Win tickets to see Lionel Richie and Mariah Carey at American Airlines Center

Multi-platinum-selling artists, multiple Grammy Award-winners and music icons, Lionel Richie and very special guest Mariah Carey are touring together for the first time ever on the ALL THE HITS TOUR.

Produced by Live Nation, the 35-show date tour began on March 15 in Baltimore, MD at Royal Farms Arena and is visiting cities across North America including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver, Seattle, Oakland, Dallas and more.

Richie and Carey will take the stage in Dallas on Aug. 3 at the American Airlines Center. The Dallas show was originally slated for May, but had to be postponed. All tickets purchased for the original concert date will be honored for the upcoming show.

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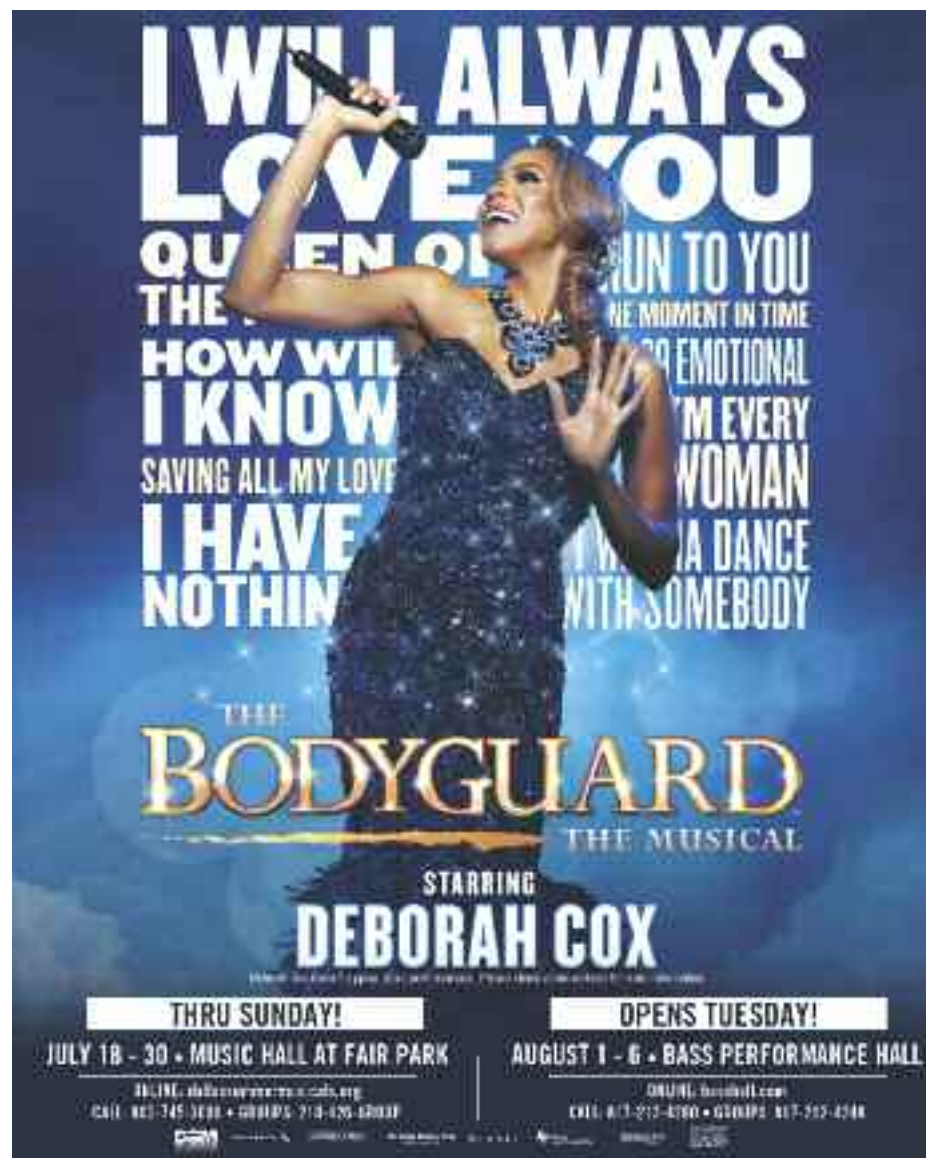
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In addition to writing countless hits over a career that has spanned decades, Richie is also known for giving back.

Lionel Richie was honored as the 2016 MusiCares Person of the Year, two days prior to the 58th Annual

GRAMMY Awards, in recognition of his significant creative accomplishments and career-spanning charitable work.

NDG readers can win tickets to this and many other of the hottest DFW events by staying tuned the to Facebook and Instagram accounts of the North Dallas Gazette.



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# NDG Book Review: *Sin of a Woman* is a rock-solid read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



Nothing's set in stone. Few things are. Lucky for you, there's usually a chance to change your mind or have a do-over. You can often get another go at something because few things are that firmly decided. As in the new book "Sin of a Woman" by Kimberla Lawson Roby, you can sometimes have a second chance.

More and more every day, Porsha Harrington got on Pastor Raven Jones Black's last nerve.

But Raven absolutely had to put up with Porsha, which was part of the problem: Porsha, inheritor of her fa-

ther's estate and mistress of Raven's then-husband-now-ex, had given Raven \$250,000 to start New Vision Christian Center. The partnership would make them both rich; Raven would be the church leader, Porsha would be the assis-

tant pastor, they'd both get paid from member contributions and tithes.

That is, as long as Raven could tolerate being near Porsha. Which wasn't long.

Years ago, Raven spent time in prison for embezzlement from the church belonging to her ex-father-in-law, Rev. Curtis Black. She'd also stolen some money from a loan shark, and she'd told huge lies all the way to the bank. But that was all coming around to bite her now, and she needed another scheme to get everyone off her back. If she could start with Porsha and make money doing it, well, all's the better.

So Raven just cooked up another lie.

Something was missing from Porsha Harrington's life.

She was single, for one. More than anything, Porsha wanted to be married with a family, a desire that was so strong, it shocked her. Something else shocked her, too: she realized, in prayerful moments, that the men she'd mostly chosen were married ones, and God just couldn't be happy about that at all. Instead, He seemed to be leading her to become more active at New Vision, and that made her heart glad. So did Dillon, the man she'd cheated with once,

who'd now turned over a new leaf himself.

God would point Porsha into the direction she needed to be. He had plans for her.

Too bad Raven did, too.

Oh, yes. Now there you go: a novel with scandal, back-stabbing, nastiness, prayer, gutter behavior, responsibility, and pure entertainment. That's "Sin of a Woman."

And yet, just because author Kimberla Lawson Roby has put one of literature's worst-behaved characters in a book that strongly features that character's delicious awfulness doesn't mean that the book

itself is horrible. No, readers will be surprised to see that, while this story is sexy and wonderfully outrageous, it's also rather tame; Roby veers away when the bedroom door closes, so there's nothing offensive here. The story is spicy, but it won't burn your eyes; one character even turns virtuous, which should tell you plenty. That obviously sets us up for a sequel, for which readers will hunger.

If you thought your summer was going to be boring, there's still time to change your mind: look for this novel and enjoy. For you, "Sin of a Woman" is rock-solid.

## Dallas Museum of Art celebrates record-breaking attendance

The Dallas Museum of Art ended its 2017 fiscal year with its highest attendance in a decade and the second highest in the Museum's history. The Museum welcomed 802,870 visitors in FY 2017, an increase of 10 percent since last year.

A key curatorial initiative of the year was the critically acclaimed presentation of México 1900-1950: Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo, José Clemente Orozco, and the Avant-Garde, which closed on Sunday, July 16, with a total of 125,894 visitors. The exhibition is one of the two highest attended of the Museum's special paid

exhibitions in the past decade and second only to the DMA's presentation of Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs in 2008.

"It is very exciting to have welcomed such a large number of visitors of all ages and backgrounds to the Museum to discover our collections, programs, and special exhibitions over the past fiscal year," said the DMA Eugene McDermott Director Dr. Agustín Arteaga. "Our local community, as well as visitors from all 50 states and 71 countries around the globe, came to experience the range of cultures and histories rep-

resented in our collections and programs. We're especially thrilled that the México 1900-1950 exhibition resonated so much with our diverse local audiences, many of whom had never been to the DMA before, and were eager to engage with these remarkable works of art. This encourages us to continue expanding our reach and invigorating our ties to our community. We thank all of our sponsors and supporters for helping us accomplish this exciting landmark."

A significant component of the exhibition's success is that is presented a new historical perspective on

the Mexican explorations of the avant-garde and the role artists played in the construction of a movement that attracted world's

attention. It highlighted over sixty great artists, of which 20 percent were female, beyond the well-known figures of Rivera,

Orozco, Siqueiros, and Kahlo. First exhibited at the Grand Palais in Paris,

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# The importance of a growing a child's education fund



**Dr. Daniel B. Prescott**  
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88 percent and school-based housing costs have risen 51 percent. For families struggling to find a way to pay for schooling beyond a mere high school diploma, this is a real problem.

So, how do families approach this problem? What programs are available to help us? And how can you begin establishing an education savings account for your children? We have answers.

If you haven't yet begun educational saving account for your child, you are not alone. It is estimated that as much as 44 percent of the population have nothing set aside either. Yet, that is. Depending on your child's current age, do whatever possible to begin this process early in their lives. Beginning at birth, saving just \$50 each month could become \$20,000 by the time he or she turns 17, assuming a seven percent return on investment.

Parents who set up an education fund for their child early in life and contribute to it monthly can avoid playing catch-up later. Keep the payments consistent by treating them with the same importance as your other household bills such as the mortgage, rent or utility bill.

Never get discouraged with the amount that you're able to save because the bulk of how your child's education will be paid for is not solely dependent upon your account balance. Statistics show that, on average, only 23 percent of the total cost of higher education will be attributed to what you can save. The remaining amount can and will be covered by alternate funding sources such as grants, scholarships, student loans and other forms of income.

Paying for the rest of school can come in many forms and there is much in the way of financial assistance if you know where to look and how to take advantage of available scholarships and grants. Every institution of higher education maintains their own financial aid office. If there is a particular school you're considering, plan a visit not just to the campus, but also to the financial aid office. There, you can make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a counselor, explain your personal situation and find suitable avenues to bridge the gaps in funding still needed.

Now it's time to consider where to send your child for higher education. While there are countless examples of worthy students who earned their way to a scholarship at a prestigious institution through merit-based means, this may not be a reality for you and your family. And that's fine too. If your child has the ambition to continue with school and receives either a high school

diploma or GED, a local community college should be your goal. There are multiple common sense reasons for going this route if the cost of education is an issue.

First, community college tuition is a fraction of the cost of attending a four-year

public or private college or university. Second, community colleges are just that-in your community, meaning that you can live at home instead of paying for student housing. Third, community colleges typically offer ex-

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In just a few short weeks, millions of parents in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will send their kids back to school. We all know that getting a good education is the most important thing one can achieve in life. And the more education we can provide our children, the better off they will be. There's only one problem. Education beyond high school has become very expensive.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there has been a tremendously steep rise in the cost of college. In just the past decade, the Consumer Price Index for college tuition and fees have gone up an average of 63 percent. The price of required textbooks rose

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## How women in leadership roles can change the workplace

As women have taken on greater leadership roles in the business world, it's paid off for both them and business.

A study by the Peterson Institute for International Economics found that firms with women in the C-suite were more profitable. Meanwhile, the number of women-owned businesses grew 45 percent from 2007 to 2016 compared to just a 9 percent growth in the number of businesses overall.

But will all those women in leadership roles change the workplace culture to make it more female friendly – and does it matter?

“As a corporate anthropologist, I'm aware of the

recent shift in thinking surrounding how cultures should be restructured in order for women to thrive in the workplace,” says Andi Simon, author of *On the Brink: A Fresh Lens to Take Your Business to New Heights* ([www.simonassociates.net](http://www.simonassociates.net)).

“This has caused me to ask: What type of culture do women really want and is it that different from what men want, too?”

The results of her research were surprising, she says. It turns out, in many ways men and women want similar things in the workplace. Both prefer a strong clan culture that emphasizes collaboration, teamwork and a focus on people.

So what lessons does that hold for women who start their own businesses or are hired or promoted into leadership positions in existing businesses?

Based on her personal experiences, and what she's learned from female business leaders she has interviewed, Simon says some of the ways women can succeed when leading an organization and make the workplace more attentive to the needs of both men and women include:

- Create a culture that blends work and home. Simon talked with the founder of one company that intentionally took a whole-life approach and didn't force employees to choose

between work and family. “That company won all sorts of local awards for being one of the best places to work in the area,” Simon says.

• Encourage staff to be innovators. Often even the employees who think outside the box are reluctant to act outside the box for fear of repercussions if things don't work out quite the way they hoped. But for innovation to happen, Simon says, a good leader needs to empower employees to try new ideas.

• Be an adventurer, stay curious. If you expect your employees to try new ideas, you need to be willing to do so as well. Don't worry about failing, Simon says. “Keep tinkering and trying stuff and sooner or later

you'll hit upon your a-ha moment,” Simon says.

In her research, Simons says she's finding that the women who know how to create success are not just building better businesses; they are changing the way people work.

“The corporate cultures in women-run businesses reflect the personal beliefs and values of the women leading them,” Simon says. “And those businesses tend to be highly successful.”

*Andi Simon, author of On the Brink: A Fresh Lens to Take Your Business to New Heights, is a corporate anthropologist and award-winning author ([www.simonassociates.net](http://www.simonassociates.net)).*

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tremely flexible scheduling, allowing time to get or keep an income-producing job while you attend classes.

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## Texas launches program to recognize employers of veterans

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), partnering with the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and Texas Workforce Solutions Offices, announces the “We Hire Vets” employer recognition program to recognize Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans. Texas is home to more than 500,000 employers, many of whom have experienced firsthand that veterans are hardworking, motivated and disciplined team members who will bolster an employer's business. In 2016,

there were nearly one million veterans in the Texas labor force.

Through this program, employers whose workforce is composed of at least 10 percent military veterans are eligible to receive a “We Hire Vets” employer recognition decal to display on the employer's storefront as well as an electronic decal to display on the employer's website.

“The ‘We Hire Vets’ program recognizes Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar.

“These employers understand the knowledge, skills and the competitive advantages veterans bring to their businesses.”

Employing veterans creates a dedicated workforce with employees who know how to lead, build teams, and accept and meet challenges. Recognition of employers with veteran-friendly hiring practices is an important aspect of the Texas Operation Welcome Home initiative that assists recently separated veterans with employment and training opportunities.

Through the launch of the “We Hire Vets” employer recognition program, Texas is ensuring that it remains a veteran-friendly state. The program allows employers to apply for the recognition or be nominated by a local workforce development board or TVC partner.

“We Hire Vets” is a component of TWC's Texas Operation Welcome Home initiative, which was created under Governor Abbott's charge to identify gaps in services to Texas service members who are transition-

ing into civilian life. Texas Operation Welcome Home also includes a Skills for Transition program that helps separating service members who plan to remain in Texas, a Texas Transition Alliance to recommend and help employ best practices in providing workforce opportunities for veterans, and a Military Family Support program.

For more information on the “We Hire Vets” program or to download the “We Hire Vets” nomination/employer form, visit the Texas Workforce Commission website.

## Texas hits 12-month positive growth mark with 40,200 jobs added in June

AUSTIN – The Texas economy expanded in June for the 12th consecutive month with the addition of 40,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent, down from 4.8 percent in May. Texas' annual employment growth outperformed the previous two years with 319,300 jobs added over the year, bringing the state's annual growth rate up by 0.4 percentage points to 2.7 percent.

“Texas employers added 319,300 jobs over the past

year, with ten out of eleven industries adding jobs in the dynamic Texas economy,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC will continue to support strategies that boost the job creation efforts of Texas employers and equip Texas students and workers with in-demand skills.”

Education and Health Services recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month with 13,100 jobs added. Manufacturing experienced its largest over-the-year employment gain since July 2012 with 4,600 jobs

added in June and Mining and Logging employment expanded by 4,400 jobs.

The Amarillo and Austin Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.4 percent, followed by the Midland MSAs with a rate of 3.5 percent. The College Station-Bryan MSA registered a rate of 3.8 percent for June.

“All Goods Producing industries showed positive employment growth in Texas, including Manufac-

turing, which expanded by 4,600 jobs in June,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “The Texas labor force has continued to provide employers with the skills and expertise needed to keep the Texas economy growing.”

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## August 2

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where it was also one of their most visited exhibitions in fall 2016, the DMA was the exclusive U.S. venue for México 1900-1950. The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Secretaría de Cultura de México and curated by the DMA Eugene McDermott Director Agustín Arteaga.

The DMA published two editions of an exhibition catalogue, offered in English and Spanish. 5,500 copies of the illustrated catalogue, coordinated by the DMA and the Secretaría de Cultura/Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, were distributed. Bilingual content was offered throughout the exhibition galleries, part of an initiative which began last fall by the DMA to include multilingual content across a variety of formats for DMA exhibitions and installations.

The community support for México 1900-1950 was evident prior to the opening when the DMA raised over \$100,000 during its first crowdfunding campaign allowing the public to become part of the presentation of the exhibition. The campaign, Destination Dallas, helped support a series of public

programs and community events tied to the exhibition including numerous on-site programs for visitors such as 315 docent-led tours, after hour programs like the Museum's Late Night in May which saw over 2,700 visitors in six hours, and most of all it gave ownership to the crowdfunding campaign supporters. In response to strong public interest and enthusiasm, the DMA and the Latino Center for Leadership Development worked together to create a community celebration on what would have been

Frida Kahlo's 110th birthday with more than 5,000 people in attendance in only three hours.

Additionally, 12 DMA Family Days presented by 11 sponsors saw more than 37,000 people attending over the select Sundays. Approximately half of the visitors on DMA Family Days, which featured programs and free admission to the exhibition, identified as first time visitors to the Museum.

The DMA also welcomed a number of first-time visitors through its collaboration with the Latino Center for Leadership Development which

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in God's Kingdom.

You see Moses had not even begun to release plagues upon Egypt. He had not gotten started yet in his calling, and he was complaining about his circumstances.

There were many more encounters with Pharaoh to come, and many more plagues with no deliverances in sight.

Why would God tell Moses that He is going to deliver them and not do it?

It was all in God's timing. God never said when He was going to deliver. He just said He would. In the next chapter, we find Moses arguing with God about not being capable of the job God had called him to:

But Moses said to the Lord, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?"

Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh, king

of Egypt, and He commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 6:12-13).

Do you get the feeling that God was losing His patience? God had a good reason for His delays.

He said, "And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out My hand against Egypt and

bring the Israelites out of it" (Exodus 7:5).

God not only wanted the people of Israel but, also the Egyptians to know Him. It would be the greatest show of God's power on earth.

God often causes delays in our lives that we cannot understand. Sometimes it seems our obedience is not getting rewarded.

Jesus said He learned obedience through the things He suffered (see Hebrews 5:8). Imagine that - Jesus having to learn obedience.

What does that say for you and me? Sometimes God's delays are simply be-

cause He wants more glory in the situation, more recognition, more Christ-likeness in you and me through greater patience and obedience.

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