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# A call for action to honor the dead buried in Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery

By Jackie Hardy  
NDG Contributing Writer

Concerned Irving residents are once again frustrated by the condition of Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery located at 1525 Hard Rock Road on Highway 161.

"This cemetery has been forgotten and why I don't know. It needs to be cleaned because right now it's dangerous to go out there," commented Irving resident, Gail Fields.

Per Fields, overgrown grass and wildlife habitation are some of the many issues facing the cemetery.

Fields joined a small band of Irving citizens including resident Jammie Simon, community activist, Anthony Bond, former Irving City Councilmember Sharon Barbosa-Crain, and business owner of the Chateau on Wildbriar Lake, Diane Wheeler who are committed to regular care of the cemetery.

Shelton Bear Creek Cemetery is a burial place that predates the end of the Civil War according to deeds researched by Bond. It was awarded a historical marker by the Texas Historical Commission, a state agency for historic preservation.

According to the marker designated by the Texas Historical Commission,



Minnie Sheldon (Shelton), purchased 80 acres of land in 1879 for \$130, then the Shelton family donated the property for a cemetery. During the mid-1800s, African Americans were brought to the area as slaves, after the end of the Civil War many remained to begin their lives as Freedmen.

Through extensive research conducted by Frances James, who is known to many in the area as the "Cemetery Lady", Bond discovered

the graves belonged to former slaves.

"Really what that cemetery needs is an organization to take ownership of it, but right now the only time it gets clean or anything is done to it, is just when citizens or some people who have some relatives buried there take it upon themselves to go clean it up," declared Irving Councilmen Dennis

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## Black America's resilience will keep us struggling forward

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.  
President and CEO, NNPA

But today we are all called to be vigilant, persistent and resilient.

Nobody said that the road to freedom, justice and equality would be easy. In the wake of the results of the national elections across the United States, it is crystal clear that the aspirations, hopes and dreams of 47 million Black Americans are neither in vain or hopeless. We have been disappointed before. We have been joyous before.

As one of our sacred freedom songs refrains in an upbeat, "Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom...ain't gonna let nobody turn us around...Got a keep my mind, spirit and soul focused on freedom...no matter what happens...we gonna keep on marching...we gonna keep on shouting...we gonna keep

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## Nicolas Figueroa

El Centro College has awarded seniors Nicolas Figueroa and Alfredo Rodriguez OneMain Financial Completion Scholarships, enabling them to complete degrees in Business Administration and an Associate of Science in December 2016.

"I try hard in my studies," said Figueroa. From graduating 11th at his high school to now earning a 3.7 GPA at El Centro, he strives to always do his best. He said the OneMain Financial Completion scholarship will help him finish his associate degree and then transfer to The University of Texas- Austin and



major in Finance. "Then I plan to be financial analyst."

"I'm a current student at El Centro College completing the ultimate requirements to transfer to Baylor College of Dentistry or Texas Woman's University," said Rodriguez.

"Your financial support has helped me tremendously to accomplish these requirements and be able to transfer fall of 2017. Because of this scholarship, Rodriguez was able to complete a week shadowing a dental hygienist.

The Completion Scholarship, funded by OneMain Financial and administered in five community colleges by reform leader Achieving the Dream, provides \$3,000 to students who are close to finishing their degrees.

Figueroa was born in Mexico and came to the states at the age of three. He grew up speaking Spanish at home and English at school and is fluent in both lan-

guages. He also grew up loving to learn at school; his mother, whom he says is his biggest fan, enrolled him in the Head Start Program at a very young age and he quickly became a top student.

"Growing up in a traditional Mexican home where the father is the only bread winner, and mother the housewife, I had to face some hardships." By the age of eight, he began working with his dad every weekend from before sun up until after the sunset. Figueroa said his dad wanted him to know what laid ahead if he didn't get an education. "His whole purpose was to make me value an education, and I

guess it did work."

Rodriguez came to the U.S. six years ago and currently lives with his brothers and mother. His parents separated when he was in ninth grade and his father has not helped financially support the family. "One day I told him I wanted to attend college; he told me I was not made to go to college."

"My journey has not been easy, but I am glad because it has made me the person I am today," Rodriguez said.

El Centro College was selected to participate in the completion scholarship program through a competitive process, based in part on its recognition of the financial challenges students face in

completing their studies and the need for financial interventions that will help ensure their success.

"I hear incredible stories all the time about students making hard choices in order to continue their studies, including skipping meals, rationing gas money and picking schedules to minimize the cost of trips to campus," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, President and CEO of Achieving the Dream. "I'm so pleased to be working with OneMain Financial and El Centro College to remove financial hurdles that could have stopped exceptionally dedicated students from completing their degrees."

## Tiffany Dale Hunter

November marks the beginning of National Entrepreneurship Month and observes National Philanthropy Day, two causes that are close to the heart of Tiffany Dale Hunter, award-winning business owner, philanthropist, speaker and new author of her first book, "Dawn of a New Day: A 21-Day Inspirational Journal to Renew Your Faith, Mind & Spirit."

"As an entrepreneur for 10 years, I understand the importance of celebrating all entrepreneurs and the many sacrifices they make to bring



their passions and visions to life. It is so easy to focus completely on running your business without taking time to nurture yourself and others," said Hunter. "Several years ago, I made a commit-

ment to carve out time for myself and for giving back to the many organizations that are working daily to make an impact in the community."

As the heart behind Tiffany Dale Agency, a public relations and marketing company founded in 2006, Hunter has successfully thrived as an entrepreneur, while contributing her time, talent and resources to countless nonprofit organizations and charities. From working with past organizations like the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, the March of Dimes Tarrant County and the Jun-

ior League of Collin County, to serving on the host committees for the Dallas Women's Foundation's Annual Luncheon, The Girls Scouts of Northeast Texas Women of Distinction Luncheon and the KNOWAutism Foundation, she has cultivated her passion for business, while simultaneously giving back to the community.

"I am thankful to be in a position where I can use my innate skills and talents to impact the bottom lines of businesses, while also providing services for charitable organizations that do not have adequate resources to

increase awareness of the many services and programs that they provide to the community," said Hunter.

Most recently, Hunter released her first book: "Dawn of a New Day: A 21 - Day Inspirational Journal to Renew Your Faith, Mind and Spirit." A daily devotional, the book was originally written when she was deep in the trenches of running a start-up business. A very trying time, she was faced with many challenges and an array of emotions that many entrepreneurs endure such as fear, doubt, confusion and anxiety. It was during those emotional storms

that she discovered the importance of making time for herself by carving out 10 to 15 minutes each day to be still, to practice mindfulness, to journal, to express gratitude and to pray. What was intended to be just a few days of self-reflection, turned into a full year of journal entries that truly changed her life and her business for the better. "Dawn of a New Day" captures the first 21 days of her inspiring journey and through daily scriptures and motivational messages provides a way for entrepre-

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## Omar Washington

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Contributor

Omar Washington, a former professional baseball player with the Philadelphia Phillies and the Boston Red Sox is on a mission to increase minority participation in Major League Baseball.

It wasn't long ago that comedian and actor Chris Rock referred to African-American baseball fans as an endangered species, in part, because he said the game was a sport for the rich.

Earlier this year, USA Today released an updated report on the demographics of Major League Baseball,



which revealed that 69 of the 862 players on 2016 opening day rosters and disabled lists were African-American. Just eight percent MLB players are African-American.

Rock's comments and the raw numbers only serve to underscore some of the challenges faced by former

professional baseball star Omar Washington, who heads what he calls the most successful minority youth baseball academy in the nation, Citius USA.

"We have a rich history of moving young ball players to the next level to play college and, or, professional baseball," said Washington, who was drafted in 1990 by the Philadelphia Phillies and played for the Boston Red Sox during his career. Washington's son, Ty, plays for the Cincinnati Reds.

"There are trials and tribulation," said Washington. "The challenges of making things happen are always tied in with the economics of it and the biggest problem in dealing with the youth in our inner-cities is

finances, because parents are forced to choose whether to pay their rent, their car note or for their child to participate in baseball."

Still, Washington and his staff have maintained a willingness to stick to it.

With the rising cost of all-important tournaments that aspiring baseball stars must participate in, Washington estimates that he's spent over \$27,000 of his own money to ensure that his young players were able to compete and showcase their skills.

Citius USA began in Texas, but has now expanded to New York, Florida, California and

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# Trump won the election, but white supremacy won't win forever

By Julianne Malveaux  
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I began election night with exuberance. I was among the many who forecast a Hillary win. The only disagreement among my circle was how big the Hillary rout would be. I thought she'd get at least 300 electoral college votes, and hoped that she'd thump Trump by getting as many as 340, holding him to less than 200 electoral college votes. The tables were turned and Trump was the one doing the thumping, with the electoral vote count estimated to be 290-228 (at this writing, final counts were not in). Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote, garnering around 600,000 more votes than Donald Trump.

White folks won the day

for Trump in an amazing showing of White solidarity. Trump took 58 percent of the White vote, but did not get a majority vote from any other racial/ethnic group. Only 8 percent of African Americans voted for Trump. He did better among Asian Americans (29 percent) and Hispanics (nearly 30 percent). White people repudiated Hillary Clinton and embraced Trump as one of their own, despite his racist, misogynistic, and jingoistic rhetoric.

Hillary Clinton counted on White women, especially college-educated White women, to save the day. Clearly, they were not with her. According to Edison Research exit polls, Trump won 45 percent of college-educated White women and 62 percent of

White women non-college graduates. Trump won 53 percent of the total White female vote. The college-educated White women's narrow vote for Clinton did not overcome the overwhelming support other Whites gave him. White women valued culture and class over gender. Many of them are the mothers, daughters, sisters or wives of the White men who gave Trump 63 percent of their vote.

Hillary Clinton failed to energize the base, or transcend the indifference that too many voters felt for her. Turnout was only 56.8 percent, just one percent higher than 2012, and lower than the 58.2 percent turnout in 2008. More than 95 million people who were eligible to vote didn't show up to the polls.

The Republican vote was similar for Trump and for Mitt Romney, the last Republican Presidential nominee. Democrats turned out in much lower numbers for Clinton than they did for Obama. Why? Voter suppression is part of the answer. There were nearly 900 fewer voting places in 2016 than in 2012. Further, states like Wisconsin, which Hillary lost by less than a percentage point, introduced new voter ID laws between 2012 and 2016. Clinton lost by less than 2 percent of the vote in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

People of color were more likely to be affected by voter suppression measures than Whites. In Durham, North Carolina,

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on marching down freedom's road.”

You have heard me affirm before within the printed and digital contours of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) that our collective sense of righteous optimism and moral imperatives were really never based exclusively on one event or one defeat or even one victory. Ours is a long protracted struggle for freedom and equality.

Our brother freedom fighter, writer and author, James Baldwin, once told me, “We have to look at the future without a moment to blink, with our heads unbowed with a transcendent determination always to rise above the cynicism of the day and never let giving-in to wrong creep into our souls...for nobody knows or even cares about our suffering if we ever stoop to be silent or indifferent after the bloody lash of history has once again hit out bare backs.”

On election night, November 8, 2016, the entire world waited for the elec-

tion results into the wee hours of the next morning. Black Republicans were overjoyed and repurposed. Black Democrats were dismayed and disappointed. Black Independents were challenged and confused. But interestingly some of our elders as well as many of our young activists that night and morning gained renewed strength to fight on for another day and era of progress.

We will continue to pick up our pens to write and speak truth to power. We will continue to publish in the grand tradition of motivating and informing the masses to be ever aware of what's happening now. Every day brings teachable moments and lessons. The National Black Voter Poll, done by Howard University's interdisciplinary group of faculty and student scholars and the NNPA turned out to be the most accurate when it came to the Black American vote across America.

Voting in our communities is not just a right; it is a

historic and contemporary responsibility. As we prepare to enter 2017 with a new political regime in the White House, each of us should ask, “What can I do to help improve the quality of life of my family and community?”

How can I and those who I trust in the solidarity of the struggle for freedom and empowerment work together to increase the economic development of the communities in which we reside? How can I contribute to ensuring that our children receive the highest quality education pre-K-12 to college and post graduate? How can I help raise awareness about the healthcare issues that specifically impact our communities? How can I make a positive difference to make our world a better place?

We have come too far to even contemplate resigning, giving up or throwing-in the towel. President-Elect Donald Trump has been given the opportunity and responsibility of a lifetime. Will the United States go forward? Or will the nation go backward? The answers to

these critical questions will not be limited to what President Trump will do or not do. Each of us will also contribute to what the future holds.

From my perspective, Black America must do what we have always done. Speak out. Stand up. Keep fighting for freedom, justice and equality with renewed vigor, faith and energy. Resilience is in our DNA.

My optimism is based on the enormous progress that we have made in our long movement for freedom in the U.S. and throughout the world. I refuse to join the chorus of the cynics who think erroneously that we are at that apocalyptic time, when the world is about to end as a result of the elections last week. That is not the truth. We must keep struggling forward. As Maya Angelou reminded us, “We shall rise...and we shall continue to rise”...again and again.

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# Study finds most seniors do not have life-saving CPR training

NEW ORLEANS — CPR increases the chance of survival after sudden cardiac arrest, yet knowledge of this life-saving procedure is low in many communities, especially among older adults, according to separate studies presented during the Resuscitation Science Symposium at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2016.

In two studies — one in the United States and the other in Denmark — older adults emerged as an overlooked demographic and a target area for improved CPR training. Immediate CPR can double or triple chances of survival after sudden cardiac arrest.

In the American study (Presentation 18), a random digit dial telephone survey of 9,022 respondents age 18 and older found that only 18 percent reported that they were currently trained in CPR delivery — via either conventional CPR or chest



compression-only approaches. About 65 percent said they had received CPR training at some point.

According to the survey:

- Higher education level was linked with a 43 percent increased likelihood of ever being CPR-trained.
- Higher household in-

come was linked with a 7 percent increased likelihood of ever being CPR-trained.

- Compared to younger adults, those age 50 and older were 50 percent less likely to be CPR trained.

In fact, there was a steep drop in the likelihood of having CPR training after

age 50.

"Cardiac arrest occurs among people in their 50s and 60s, and most cardiac arrests occur in the home, yet that is the population that is poorly trained or has not kept up with current training," said Benjamin Abella, M.D., M.Phil., senior study author and director of the University of Penn's Center for Resuscitation Science and an associated professor of Emergency Medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia.

"If we expect one of the key links in the chain of survival to be the bystander response, including the use of automatic external defibrillators and the delivery of CPR, then we really need to better understand what gets bystanders to act, what gets bystanders to learn and refresh their CPR skills and the current ways to seek training in any given community," he said.

In the Denmark analysis

(Presentation 229), 99 questionnaire responses from adults over 65 years old, found reluctance among the elderly to perform CPR. The biggest barriers were lack of knowledge and a fear of doing harm to the person under cardiac arrest.

If they witnessed a cardiac arrest:

- 85 percent of respondents said they would be willing to call the Emergency Medical Services (EMS);
- 35 percent would provide rescue breaths;
- 36 percent would give chest compressions;
- 35 percent would use an automated external defibrillator (AED); and
- only 15 percent said that they would be willing to do all of the above.

"We do believe there needs to be a special focus on the elderly," said Lise Qvirin Krogh, lead study author and research fellow at Arhus University Hospital's

Research Center for Emergency Medicine in Denmark. "Calling the EMS is a very big step in the right direction, but they can help the victim much more by also starting CPR."

The study sample was small and the data was collected from members of leisure clubs who may be more active than the general elderly population, Krogh said. But the research is a start in identifying areas to improve the quality of bystander delivery of CPR among elderly.

"It was surprising that among these respondents it was only about 35 percent who would actually start CPR," she said. "The willingness to perform CPR is very dependent on the knowledge about CPR. With this study we can get closer to strategies to increase the knowledge about CPR and focus CPR training among the elderly."

## Carrollton vet clinic continues annual food drive with a twist

All Creatures invites its clients and local residents to bring in human food or pet food donations (many pantry clients have pets) for Metrocrest Social Services. The cans of corn, jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal are weighed on the pet scale in the All Creatures vet clinic lobby and a chart is updated showing the weight of all the donations.

All of the food donations are taken to Metrocrest Social Services at the end of November. Then in December, All Creatures, with the help of the pet food makers, will donate an equal amount (in pounds\*) of Hill's and Royal Canin Pet Food to Operation Kindness — the no-kill animal shelter in Carrollton, Texas.

Last year, over 900 pounds of food was collected. The goal of the Food Exchange this year is to collect and do-



donate 1000 lbs. of food. So even if you aren't one of our clients, feel free to bring your food donations to All Creatures Veterinary Center at 2525 E Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton, TX 75093 (NW corner of Hebron Pkwy and Marsh Ridge Rd). Your human food donation will do double duty by helping the cats and dogs at Operation

Kindness. [www.operationkindness.org](http://www.operationkindness.org)

A list of commonly needed items from Metrocrest's website: Peanut butter, Canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Flavored rice & pasta "helpers" & "ronis", Breakfast Cereal, jello & puddings, personal hygiene and household items. More info can be found at [www.metrocrestservices.org](http://www.metrocrestservices.org)

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voting machines weren't working, and a judge ruled to keep the polls open longer to compensate for the broken machines. Clinton lost North Carolina by less than 4 percent. How many more might have voted, but for broken machines and other chicanery?

How many spent hours in line, and how many had to leave lines because they had to go to work?

Hillary Clinton ended her campaign with more than \$50 million in the bank! Might some of that money have made a difference in energizing the base? Could more people have been put on payroll as organizers in battleground states, especially North Carolina and Pennsylvania? Should grassroots organizers have received more resources? Lots of fingers can be pointed in this post-election analysis, but analysis notwithstanding, Trump won. It hurts to write that reality down, but

it is a reality we will all have to grapple with for four years.

Part of the ugly reality is the realization that too many of our fellow citizens have embraced a racially divisive candidate whose rhetoric has unleashed hateful speech and attitudes. *The Detroit News* reported that students in Oakland, Michigan blocked pathways of Latino students coming to school, shouting, "build the wall." These children are emulating their elders, including the "President-elect." The nonpartisan education news website, [the74million.org](http://the74million.org), has reported that "election-related" school violence is on the rise in the wake of the Trump victory.

Donald Trump was able to tap into the angst that too many Whites felt during the Obama presidency, and he was able to win the presidency in the name of White solidarity and White supremacy. It seems incon-

gruous that a rich, privileged, urban businessman should become the voice of the working class disgruntled, the rural neglected (Trump got 62 percent of the rural vote), and White women. But this is the new reality: the triumph of White privilege and hate rhetoric.

Whites are just 40 percent of the population in California, a state that gave Hillary Clinton 61.5 percent of its vote. And the Census reports that by 2044 there will be no majority group in our nation. White folks might as well enjoy Trump while they can, but time and demographics are on our side. White supremacy won't reign forever.

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# Garland selects Rick Vasquez as new Assistant City Manager

Managing Director Rick Vasquez has been chosen to become Assistant City Manager for the City of Garland. Rick joined the City earlier this year as Managing Director of Development Services.

"In his relatively short time with the City, Rick has



proven that he has the knowledge, skill-set and temperament to succeed in this challenging role," said

City Manager Bryan Bradford. "Rick will continue to be primarily focused on the development area."

Rick brings a wealth of experience to the executive team, which also includes Assistant City Manager John Baker. Rick has more than 30 years of municipal

land development experience.

He has worked with large and small municipalities throughout Texas facilitating the implementation of community revitalization, economic development, and transportation and housing programs.

Rick recently led the development of a sustainable and business-friendly development code for the City of Galveston.

He guided the development of a commercial corridor and entertainment district form-based code and transportation plan to trans-

form the City of South Padre Island into a walkable, pedestrian-oriented tourist destination.

Rick earned a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University and is a Certified Public Manager.

## DART 'Stuff a Bus' program benefits those in need

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus operators and police officers will be collecting "Stuff a Bus" donations of adult socks, blankets, canned food and un-

wrapped toys for children. The annual event benefits hundreds of Dallas area children, elderly and families in need.

Bring your donation to the

DART stuff a bus at the Mockingbird Station parking lot, 5465 E. Mockingbird Lane, Friday, Dec. 2, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two DART employee

campaigns, "Santa Cops" and "Comforting of the Souls," benefit as a 40-foot long bus is filled with your donations. The Northwest Bus Division's "Comforting

of the Souls" donates the new adult socks and blankets to area nursing homes while toys and food help families in need through the DART Police Department's

"Santa Cops."

KKDA-FM "K-104" sponsors DART's "Stuff a Bus" campaign and will be doing a live broadcast at the Mockingbird Station event.

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Webb of Irving Place 3, who has sponsored clean-up efforts in the past.

Simon, a descendant of Minnie Shelton, feels there is a lack of appreciation of the historical significance of Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery, especially among the younger generation.

"Young people of Bear Creek don't realize how much history is there," he states.

Simon also shared his wishes for the City of Irving to respond much like Denton County has, who according to the Denton Record-Chronicle, appropriated close to \$20,000 to St. Johns Cemetery, a burial site located near Pilot Point that has an estimated 490 African-Americans, some former slaves.

Wheeler, a business owner near the cemetery, also shares Simon's sentiment and feels the City of Irving needs to bear more responsibility in helping to care for the cemetery.

Webb believes the location of the cemetery also attributes to the problem with the lack of upkeep as well as knowledge that the cemetery exists.

"It's unfortunate where it is located because very few people know of its existence," he adds.

"The only way you can get to the cemetery is to come through this property (Chateau on Wildbriar Lake), and that's another issue. I

would like for somebody to build a way that we can get through the cemetery without going through private property," Fields suggests.

Webb advised he has directly spoke with the developer looking to build residential properties that would neighbor the cemetery; and according to Webb, plans are being made to allow better access to the cemetery.

"There is a 60 home development that is about to be approved right to the north of the Chateau, and part of the development is a cul-de-sac that dead ends right up next to the cemetery, and the developer is going to work with the City to have some type of capability to access the cemetery from that cul-de-sac after that development is done," stated Webb.

Bond has also led several efforts in cleaning up the cemetery, but those efforts are in vain due to the lack of having a functioning Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery Association.

"The biggest change that has to take place is people within the community have to care more, and I made a pact with those people buried there, and it was like those people were crying out to me to not let their final resting place be desecrated like that," Bond shared.

Makini Shaku, a member of the West Irving Improvement Association, has also helped in the past with clean

up efforts. She agrees with Bond that the people within the community of Bear Creek need to take a vested interest in the overall upkeep of the property.

"With Bear Creek being one of the oldest black communities established by free slaves in the state of Texas, I find it very interesting that people who really appreciate the history are not from Bear Creek. It's really an odd dynamic," sentiments Shaku expressed on the disconnect from those who have ancestral ties to the cemetery.

With the cemetery located on private property, it limits what the City can do regarding oversight. Eddie Bloomfield is the current owner of the property. The family took ownership of the land the cemetery sits on in the late nineties according to Blake Bloomfield, son of Eddie. He also advised he has been handling his father's business affairs for some time now.

"My father is in bad health and is elderly," claims Bloomfield.

Former Councilmember Barbosa-Crain believes the best way to address the perpetual issues facing the cemetery is the City works something out with the current owner in the hopes to make the cemetery public property.

"It is my opinion that it should be cared for in a better way than it is currently being cared for," she shared.

"It's my opinion that everyone would be benefited

from a practical and historical perspective if Mr. Bloomfield should dedicate that property and allow it to no longer be under his ownership; perhaps its own ownership however the state law would allow that to be done," she suggests.

Bloomfield advised *North Dallas Gazette* that the idea of deeding the property over to the City of Irving may be something his family would consider, but it is not a decision he is looking to make right now as he expressed his priority is overseeing personal matters relating to his father's health.

In the past, the relationship between Bond and Bloomfield has had its share of conflict due to Bloomfield hanging a for-sale sign on the property of the cemetery this past summer.

"Because it had a lot of visibility, I set a sign up there, but because the community had an issue we took it down; we did not want to cause any problems to anybody," responded Bloomfield in regards to the controversy behind the for sale sign he posted on the fence around the cemetery to promote the sale of nearby lakefront property his family owns.

Bond advised he fought to have Bloomfield remove the for sale sign by petitioning the City of Irving and he hopes the recent actions that occurred with the owner would serve as a wake-up call to those within the community of Bear Creek.

"Every time that property changed hands, and it changed hands maybe two or three times between 1845 and 1995, the cemetery was excluded and demarcated in the deed saying that this land is a slave cemetery and can only be used for that purpose," informed Bond.

According to the Office of the Secretary of State Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 22 of the Texas Administrative Code under Rule 22.6 of Historic Texas Cemeteries states: "The Historic Texas Cemetery designation may be removed only by action of the Commission or by an order of the court of proper jurisdiction removing the dedication or permitting the removal of the cemetery and the return of the land to other purposes. A transfer of ownership does not result in a removal of the dedication."

Barbosa-Crain further advised there was an interesting development occurring within the City of Irving; the Council could be voting in December on creating a new department.

"That department would be called the Department of Art and Culture, and it is taking our existing Irving Arts Center Department and expanding it to include museums and other historical designations identified from time to time. It could easily be that this cemetery could be part of this or we can even initiate through the City through our Real Estate Department, a contract with the

property owner," she adds.

Wheeler hopes something is done soon to protect the memories of those buried at Shelton Bear Creek and is committed to helping those efforts.

"We support anyone that will hold our hand and allow us to help in the ways that we can, but we are not able to do it on our own. They deserve the honor from us," stated Wheeler.

A call to action is what many of the individuals who have committed much of their time and energy already to the upkeep of the cemetery hopes will happen from those in both the private and public sectors.

A meeting to discuss the formation of the Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery Association in addition to discussing the upcoming clean-up efforts is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at Bear Creek Community Church, located at 2700 Finley Road, Irving.

On Nov. 19, there will be another opportunity for residents to come and volunteer their time to clean up the cemetery. The clean-up efforts will begin at 8 a.m. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Anthony Bond at 214-830-6719.

"Those are our ancestors that paved the way for the rights and privileges we have today and all of us owe them a debt of gratitude and the least that we could do is have their final resting place be clean," states Bond.



## Discovering District 6 in the Dallas ISD



**Joyce Foreman**  
Dallas ISD  
District 6  
Trustee

Did you know that District 6 in Dallas ISD has a vast array of programs to support and develop any number of interests your child might have?

Whether you want to give your child the opportunity to get a head start through our no-cost pre-k programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, study at a magnet school at Mark Twain Leadership Vanguard Academy, learn Spanish through the two-way dual language program at T.G. Terry or Jimmie Tyler Brashear, study STEM-based curriculum at D.A. Hulcy STEAM Academy or Kimball, or pursue college credits and an associate degree through Carter's collegiate academy, there's a program to suit your child's academic needs and interests.

Because District 6 schools know and under-

stand the value of developing students socially and emotionally, I encourage parents to work with teachers and administrators to identify social and extracurricular programs for your students like Carter's world-class choir and state champion track and field program or Kimball's award-winning Knight Train Band or multi-state title boys' basketball team. Consider Daniel Webster Elementary's Garden Club or Natural Science club and the many theatre, debate, robotics, chess, student council and tech interest groups available to students in District 6 schools.

So, I invite families and students to make plans to visit Ellis Davis Fieldhouse located at 9191 S. Polk on December 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the district's first-ever Discover Dallas ISD Fair where you can visit our schools, teachers, counselors and principals and learn all about the amazing programs Dallas ISD has to offer your child.

### Also in District 6:

District 6 Teacher of the Year Recognitions

Our teachers are some of the most impactful people with which our children will encounter in their lives. Their daily efforts are not without appreciation and notice. Please help me in recognizing the 2016 District 6 Teacher of the Year recipients:

- Constance Aduma, David W. Carter HS
- Marcus Barrientos, Zan Wesley Holmes MS
- Latonya Clark, Barbara Jordan ES
- Shawn Davis, Daniel Webster ES
- Constance Douglas, Mark Twain ES
- Gregory Duplessis, W.H. Atwell MS
- Sylvia Garrett, Jimmie Tyler Brashear ES
- Leslie Graham-Khalid, Birdie Alexander ES
- Anjeanette Hilliman, Robert L. Thornton ES
- Tiffany Hudson, DA Hulcy MS
- Sheri Jones, John Carpenter ES

- Irazema Lopez, Maria Moreno ES

- Ramicia Paul, Ronald E. McNair ES

- Stacey Ray, Umphrey Lee ES

- Mireya Rios, Thomas L. Marsalis ES

- Abel Robles, Martin Weiss ES

- Jaime Rosario Vargas, T.G. Terry ES

- Timothy Smith, T.W. Browne MS

- Anika Smith-Few, Thomas Tolbert ES

- Sharee Terry, Clinton P. Russell ES

- Mary White, Justin F. Kimball HS

- Arnoldo Zuniga, Leslie A. Stemmons ES

### GARDERE MLK

#### Oratory Competition

Each year, Dallas ISD crowns a winner for the GARDERE MLK Oratory Competition. In-school competition concluded this month.

The following District 6 students have advanced to the semifinal round:

- Mark Canyon, Ronald E. McNair Elementary

- Jordan Mays, Thomas L. Marsalis Elementary

- Makayla Mathews, Thomas Tolbert Elementary

- Natalie Salinas, T.G. Terry ES

The semi-finalists will compete next at 6 p.m., Dec. 6 in the Ada L. Williams Auditorium located in the district's administration building at 3700 Ross Ave. Finalists will compete at the Majestic Theatre at 11 a.m. Jan.13, 2017.

### Kimball to Host Family Night Nov. 17

Families of students at Justin F. Kimball High School are invited to attend a fun, free event featuring music, games, giveaways, and interactive activities. Watch performances from Kimball's Knight Train Band and preview other student-centered exhibits as well. Make plans for some family-friendly fun from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Nov. 17 at Kimball High School's 2016 Family Reunion Night. For more informa-

tion, contact Kimball High School at (972) 502-2100.

### African American Success Initiative Supports Family Enrichment

Families in the David W. Carter High School neighborhood are invited to attend the AASI and Office of Family and Community Engagement-sponsored Parents Matter Too info sessions held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 29 (Building Children's Self-Esteem) and Dec. 6 (The Birth Order Effect) at Friendship-West Baptist Church located at 2020 W. Wheatland Rd.

### Other News in District 6:

- Nov 21-25: Thanksgiving Break; students will return to classes Mon, Nov. 30

District 6 schools are doing wonderful things to encourage learning and growth for all of our students. Whether you are a parent, community member or alumni, take the time to get volunteer and get involved with your local school by visiting [www.dallasisd.voly.org](http://www.dallasisd.voly.org).

## Dallas Can Academy partners with Caring for Children's care van program

Dallas Can Academy students in need of immunizations will be able to receive the medical help they require in the first semester of the school year to keep them

healthy throughout the year, including the flu shot this year. The Care Van Program is powered by Blue Cross Blue Shields and provides immunizations and free

health screenings to the uninsured and medically underserved students within our communities. The Care Van Program has a fleet of 10 vans that visit schools and

other organizations in the communities where at-risk families live and work.

The Care Van Program has provided over 1.2 million immunizations to over 811,000

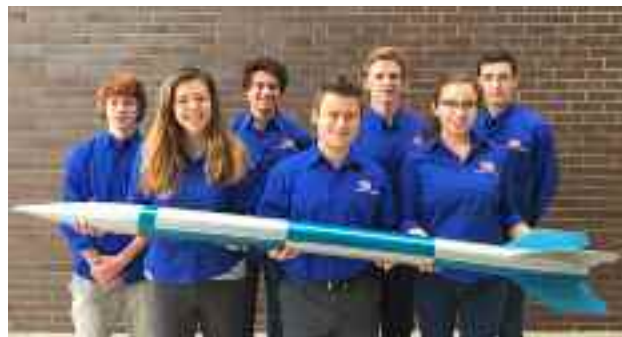
children and students. Immunizing children is one of the most direct, simple and least expensive ways to build healthier futures for families in Texas. Federal law re-

quires shots for students to enroll in school, if Dallas Can Students do not have these shots, the school and the immunization van will provide them.

## NASA contracts with MHS engineering students to build an 8-foot rocket for upcoming national competition

The McKinney High School Flying Lions Rocketry Team has been awarded an eight-month unfunded NASA contract to design, build and launch a reusable high powered rocket and engineering payload to an altitude of one mile above ground level and recover both.

The team will travel to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama in April as one of only 18 high school teams selected for the program. At NASA, the MHS Flying Lions will compete in engi-



*McKinney High School Flying Lions Rocketry Team: (front row, l-r) Kathryn Lehocky, Alex Lehocky and Alexandra Macias; (back row, l-r) Eric Beights, Jason Beights, Kyle Myscich and Mitchell Palmer (not pictured: Harrison Chilton)*

neering design, target altitude, team spirit, model rocket display and webpage design. The NASA Student Launch program also in-

cludes 42 teams from major engineering colleges and universities from around the nation.

Members of the Flying

Lions competed last spring at the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) in Washington D.C. and finished in the top 25 in the nation. As a result, they were invited by the NASA Student Launch Program Office to submit a proposal for the NASA contract.

On October 14, the team received notification that their proposal had been accepted, and NASA is awarding them an eight month unfunded contract to design, build, test and launch a reusable high powered rocket and engineering

payload.

The mission designed by the team will launch a fragile payload one mile above ground level and return it safely to a specific location designated by NASA. The team proposed a launch vehicle that is 8 feet tall, 6 inches in diameter, weighs over 20 pounds and will reach one mile in 15 seconds while traveling over 650 miles per hour.

The launch vehicle will carry an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), designed and built by the students, that will be deployed from

the launch vehicle with the fragile payload attached. Then without human intervention, the UAV will distinguish between three landing zones, find the correct landing zone assigned to the team by NASA and land safely. The fragile payload and landing site will not be disclosed to the team until they arrive at the launch site in April.

The project uses real engineering processes and tools. The students will model the designs using

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## Irving ISD's Barton Elementary earns recycling award

The City of Irving presented Barton Elementary School with a special award for leading the pack in recycling. As part of the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration, one Irving ISD campus is chosen and recognized based on their recycling ef-

forts from the previous school year.

From August 2015 to July 2016, the students of Barton went to work and collected 86,240 pounds of paper, which equates to 102 pounds per student. That amount represents a total of

733 trees saved. The City and Keep Irving Beautiful hosted an awards ceremony today to congratulate Barton students for being so planet-friendly and commemorated the occasion by planting a red oak tree in the school's courtyard.



The Green Team of Barton Elementary School, alongside their advisor Jose Torres and principal Kelly Giddens, celebrate the school's Arbor Day award given by the City of Irving and Keep Irving Beautiful on November 11.

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mechanical design software, create engineering drawings, run and analyze computerized flight simulations, solve complex math problems using algebra, trigonometry, geometry, calculus and statistics, submit test reports and build and launch sub-scale and full-scale test vehicles while presenting and defending their findings to a group of NASA engineers over the course of eight months.

These reviews are similar to the NASA engineering design lifecycle process and include design, testing, manufacturing, safety, schedule, budget, financing and educational engagement information through the progression of the project. Upon completion of the contract deliverables and a successful flight readiness review, the team will be invited to share their designs and fly their mission at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville Alabama on April 5-9 in front of a crowd of over 1,000 distinguished guests from NASA and other aero-

space companies.

MHS senior Kathryn Lehocky, who serves as the team's project manager says, "The team is very excited to be awarded this contract. We are flying a very difficult mission, and we are competing against some of the best schools, colleges and universities in the United States. We have a highly motivated and talented team of future engineers that are looking forward to the challenges."

The McKinney High School NASA Team is made up of eight young women and men from the McKinney High School Engineering Club.

Kathryn Lehocky - Mission Director/Program Manager

Alex Macias - Safety/Propulsion

Eric Beights - Launch Vehicle/Flight Dynamics

Alex Lehocky - UAV Avionics/Software

Kyle Myscich - Flight Systems/UAV Structures

Jason Beights - Fragile Payload/Manufacturing

Mitchell Palmer - Ground Support/Vehicle Recovery

Harrison Chilton - Flight Conditions/Data Collection

You can follow the MHS NASA team and the three MHS TARC teams on Facebook (MHSEngineeringClub), Twitter (@TARCFlyingslions), Instagram (tarflyingslions) and their website (<http://mhsengineeringclub.com>). To learn how to help the teams raise \$40,000 for the MHS Engineering Club through individual and business sponsors please contact the MHS Engineering Booster Club at [MHS.EngineeringBoosterClub@gmail.com](mailto:MHS.EngineeringBoosterClub@gmail.com).

The NASA Student Launch is a research-based, competitive, experiential exploration activity. It strives to provide relevant, cost-effective research and development of rocket propulsion systems. The project offers multiple challenges reaching middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the nation.

For more information please visit the district website.

## Irving Chamber hosting 85th Texas Legislative Send-Off

The Irving Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 85th Texas Legislative Send-Off on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the NYLO Irving/Las Colinas located at 1001 W. Royal Lane. Guests are invited to join fellow business leaders to hear from Texas state delegation about their priorities for the upcoming Texas leg-

islative session.

The registration will begin at 4 p.m. with a reception, followed by the start of the program at 4:30 p.m. The currently confirmed legislators are:

- The Honorable Kelly Hancock, State Senator District 9

- The Honorable Don Huffines, State Senator District 16

- The Honorable Royce West, State Senator District 23

- The Honorable Rafael Anchia, State Representative District 103

- The Honorable Rodney Anderson, State Representative District 105

- The Honorable Matt Rinaldi, State Representative District 115

## Plano seeks resident feedback on Projects

Plano is known for its natural beauty, and the Plano Parks and Recreation Department wants to ensure it stays that way for the next 25 years.

They're inviting all residents to attend one of two community meetings regarding the City's program

to preserve the future of our public trees.

Hearing from the public is crucial to the development of a successful Urban Forest Master Plan. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 1

Pecan Hollow Golf Course at 4901 East 14th Street 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 14 at Pecan Hollow Golf Course, Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 West Parker Road. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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**ALLEN  
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holiday expo**

The WISE Holiday Gift Expo/Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Heritage Ranch Golf & Country Club in Fairview.

- 10 AM - 2 PM: Gift Expo/Shopping

- 11:30 AM: Luncheon & Style Show featuring Dillard's fashions for men & women

Enjoy shopping with our unique vendors, view glamorous party fashions and feast on a holiday buffet.

The luncheon is \$30 for members. Non-members and guests are \$35.

Vendor Tables (includes one complimentary lunch) are \$60 for members and \$80 for non-members.

**GARLAND  
Garland Symphony  
continues concert  
series on Nov. 18**

Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) presents Concert II of its 2016-17 season, Symphony Goes Wild. Pianist Stephen Beus will perform Chopin's Piano Con-



certo No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21 at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Purchase tickets at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or by calling 972-205-2790. Learn more about GSO and view their 2016-17 season schedule at GarlandSymphony.org.

**Clothing recycling  
contest benefits  
schools**

Unwanted clothing and shoes piling up? Recycle unwanted textiles from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, 1426 Commerce St. Be sure to tell the drop-off center staff which Garland elementary school you'd like to

support with your donation. The school with the most material collected will be awarded a check from World Wear Project! Learn more by calling 972-205-3500 or visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com.

**LEWISVILLE  
Holiday grease  
roundup returns**

The City of Lewisville and Upper Trinity Regional Water District are partnering to participate in the 3rd annual North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup, which runs from Monday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 3.

Lewisville and UTRWD residents can bring their used holiday cooking oil and

grease to the Steven L. Bacchus Public Services Center, 1100 N. Kealy Avenue, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Thanksgiving's fried turkeys, buttery foods, and gravy can be hard on pipes and sewer systems. When fats, oils, and grease are washed down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes, hardening and building up until they cause clogs and sewer backups. This can cause sewage to overflow into homes, streets, and local waterways. Whether the repairs are in your home or in the street, it can be costly and inconvenient.

**Neighborhood  
services recognizes  
volunteers**

The City's Neighborhood Services Department will hold a "Cookies & Coffee" Holiday Reception on Thursday, Dec. 1, 6-7 p.m., at Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street, to recognize

the efforts of all its volunteers.

All Neighborhood Leaders and other volunteers who have worked to meet the goals and objectives of the "Thriving Neighborhoods" Big Move in the Lewisville 2025 vision plan are invited

to attend. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, Nov. 23, to Yolanda Wilson at ywilson@cityoflewisville.com, or by calling her at 972-219-3736.

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**Rep. Eric Johnson filed bills to address police shooting reporting and workplace equality**

Representative Eric Johnson filed five important pieces of legislation including 2 key employment bills: House Bill 225, prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in the State of Texas and House Bill 290, that would prohibit pay discrimination for comparable work based on gender and would prohibit employers from requiring an applicant to provide their salary history.

"When an entire class of citizens starts off at a lower pay due to the evident dis-

crimination, by requiring them to provide their salary history, the inequity perpetuates, with the group unable to ever catch up," said Representative Johnson.

He has additionally filed 3 crucial public safety bills including House Bill 291, which would allow the City of Dallas to opt out of the open carry bill from the 84th Texas Legislature and House Bill 235, which would establish a grant program for law enforcement agencies that comply with police shooting reporting requirements that were mandated by Represen-

tative Johnson's House Bill 1036 from the 84th Texas Legislature.

**Texas Police Shooting Reporting**

The final public safety piece of legislation Representative Johnson filed is House Bill 245, which would create an enforcement mechanism for the police shooting reporting bill to ensure that all law enforcement agencies report instances of officer-involved shootings or else lose their Criminal Justice Division grants that are adminis-

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**Plano named 4th Best City in America for veterans**

Wallethub.com has named Plano one of the best places for veterans.

The report compared 100 cities and was based on 21 key metrics, ranging from "percentage of military skill-related jobs" to "hous-

ing affordability" to "availability of VA health facilities." Plano ranked 4th overall.

According to the Wallethub.com report, Plano has the lowest unemployment rate among veterans,

as well as the lowest percentage of veterans living in poverty.

Plano also ranked high in categories including veteran income, housing affordability, educational opportunities and low crime rate.

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# The Hip Hop Nutcracker one night only on Dec. 23

Eisemann Center Presents The Hip Hop Nutcracker at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas on Friday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 pm in the Hill Performance Hall. A holiday mash-up for the entire family, The Hip Hop Nutcracker, a contemporary re-imagination of Tchaikovsky's timeless music, sets out on its second national tour following the



success of last year's sold-out inaugural tour across the United States and Russia. The Hip Hop Nutcracker is

an evening-length production performed by a supercharged cast of a dozen all-star dancers, DJ and violinist. Through the spells cast by the mysterious Drosselmeyer, Maria-Clara and her Nutcracker prince travel back in time to the moment when her parents first meet in a nightclub. Digital scenery transforms E.T.A. Hoffmann's story of a palace of sugary plums into a romance set in

1980s Brooklyn. The dance work celebrates love, community and the magic of New Year's Eve. The Hip Hop Nutcracker is directed and choreographed by Jennifer Weber, artistic director of the all-female hip-hop crew Decadancetheatre in Brooklyn. It is adapted to today's New York by Mike Fitelson, executive director of United Palace of Cultural Arts

(UPCA) – the work's original producer – and includes hip-hop interludes remixed and reimagined by DJ Boo and an on-stage electric violinist. Tickets are \$39-\$56 and are available for purchase online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons.

# Bruno Mars coming to the American Airline Center next fall

LOS ANGELES – Grammy Award winner and world-renowned, multi-platinum selling singer/songwriter/producer/director/musician, Bruno Mars, revealed details behind his massive upcoming global headline tour – The 24K Magic World Tour (pronounced twenty-four karat magic world tour). The magic will begin March 28 at Antwerp, Belgium's Sportpaleis and will travel throughout Europe through June with shows set in London, Paris, Madrid, Zurich, Copenhagen, Berlin and more.



Tickets for The 24K Magic World Tour, produced by Live Nation, go on sale on Monday, November 21.

Buy tickets at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). The 24K Magic World Tour celebrates Mars' eagerly anticipated new album, 24K Magic, set to arrive worldwide on Friday, November 18 on Atlantic Records. Pre-orders are available now via the Bruno Mars Official Store, with all pre-orders from the store receiving early access to tickets for The 24K Magic Tour.

The 24K Magic World Tour marks Mars' first full-length tour since 2013's hugely successful Moonshine Jungle World Tour, an international blockbuster that sold 2 million tickets worldwide across 155 sold-out dates. Mars – currently featured on the cover of Rolling Stone – is set for a number of high profile TV appearances, beginning with a

show-opening performance at the 2016 American Music Awards, airing live Sunday, November 20. Mars will next perform at the annual Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, airing Monday, December 5. The upcoming appearances follow Mars' recent set on NBC's Saturday Night Live, highlighted by performances of "24K Magic" and new album track, "Chunky."

The North American leg will follow kicking off July 15 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas and then visit over 45 cities across the US and Canada before culminating with a four-night stand at The Forum in Los Angeles. A full list of dates is below. For complete details, please visit The 24K Magic World Tour official homepage at <http://www.brunomars.com>.

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tered by the Governor's Office for one full year.  
"Without an enforcement mechanism, some law enforcement agencies are failing to comply with the reporting requirements, leaving the data we have obtained thus far on police shootings in Texas incomplete. This penalty is a necessary tool to ensure Texas can lead the nation in transparency in policing," said Representative Johnson.

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## Dallas Opera hosting Composing Conversations at Studio Movie Grill

For what they promise to be an evening filled with insight into the innovative approach of pioneering European composer and technologist Michel van der Aa, The Dallas Opera invites the public to a free event “Composing Conversations.” Keith Cerny, the Kern Wildenthal General Director and CEO of The Dallas Opera, will present the discussion. The evening will also include an announcement regarding a new collaboration with the composer.



The intimate setting of the Studio Movie Grill, 11170 N. Central Express-

way, (Dallas location, near Royal Lane) is the location for this unique program on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.; seating is general admission.

Michel van der Aa is known for combining musical theater and multimedia in often-astonishing ways, as demonstrated in excerpts from his critically acclaimed *Sunken Garden*, *The Book of Sand*, and

*Black Out* (which premiered in this year’s Forward Festival, presented by Dutch National Opera). He has been described as “one of the most distinctive of the younger composers in Europe today.” His ability to fuse music, text and visual images into a totally organic whole, sets him apart from nearly all his contemporaries.” (Andrew Clements, *The Guardian*)

Composing Conversations is an ongoing discussions series featuring noteworthy international composers.

The Dallas Opera presents this programming to showcase all types of opera composers, from grand opera to chamber.

This series is intended to introduce some of these great talents to the public and to potentially ignite interest in new operatic works.

## Dallas Black Dance Theatre hosting free Thanksgiving performance

The community is invited to take a peek Behind the Scenes of Dallas Black Dance Theatre’s five performing companies. A part of an annual Thanksgiving holiday tradition for many families, Behind the Scenes free performances take place Thanksgiving week. The performances are

scheduled for Nov.21-22 at noon in the Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) studios at 2700 Ann Williams Way in the Dallas Arts District.

Hosting on Monday, November 21, DBDT and DBDT: Encore! dancers will offer a glimpse of their rehearsal process and per-

form excerpts from their upcoming repertoire. The aspiring performers in the three Dallas Black Dance Academy ensembles will show off their talents on Tuesday, November 22.

The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions during the session. While the hour-long Behind

the Scenes performances are free, there is a limitation of 100 seats available in the dance studio, so it is important to RSVP by sending an email to [info@dbdt.com](mailto:info@dbdt.com).



## Turkey and politics is a recipe for disaster

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

Sharon Vecchiarelli, owner of to Nourish, a board-certified health coach, and a healthy living educator, reminds Thanksgiving hosts the little things matter when planning an inclusive festival holiday.

“Bringing gratitude to your Thanksgiving table in trying times involves the little things that make sure everyone feels included,” Vecchiarelli said. Let the children feel important by helping to set the table. Invite Aunt Sally to bring the sweet potato pie and Aunt June to serve her German Chocolate Cake. Little things like this allow each one feel special and create family memories.

Sharon Schweitzer, an international etiquette expert, author, and founder of Protocol & Etiquette Worldwide says, “For starters, just say

‘no’ to conversations about politics and the presidential election season. While it might seem difficult, biting your tongue may be a good idea if you don’t want to start a political brawl when everyone should be enjoying perfectly roasted turkey.”

Schweitzer indicates a single question can set the tone for the day. Simply ask each guest, young and old, to share what they are grateful for in 2016.

“It really helps set the mood for what this holiday is all about,” Schweitzer says. “Another way to have an attitude of gratitude is to stop and smell the roses. Due to our fast-paced lives, we tend to take things, and people, for granted. Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks, so thank your parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, coworkers and others who are a regular part of your life. Thank a member of the military or

law enforcement for all that they do so we can have our freedom.”

### Proactive gratitude

A spirit of gratitude sometimes requires more than words, rolling up your sleeves and helping others according to Schweitzer can help your family appreciate what they have.

A few ideas she suggests include, “You may also want to find ways to help others this time of year. Can you do a good deed for a stranger?” Also there are plenty people around us in need of help or friendship, perhaps your family can start the day serving at a soup kitchen or local shelter? Another idea she offers is, “Can you invite a recent widow, divorcee, or spouse of a military member who is alone this year to your home for Thanksgiving?”

To reach Schweitzer visit her website at [protocolww.com](http://protocolww.com).

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# Salary negotiations can help boost your income when changing jobs

By Nathaniel Sillin

Whether you're actively looking to make a move or being lured away by a recruiter, a new job offers many opportunities for growth. Discovering how different organizations run and tackling the learning

curve during the first few months is part of the fun, and struggle, of making a change.

Switching employers can also greatly benefit your financial future. While staying at the same job could lead to a modest annual raise, you might be able to

negotiate a much larger jump in pay when changing companies. Negotiating a job offer can be daunting, but consider what happens if you don't negotiate – you might wind up earning less than a hiring manager was willing to offer.

Do your homework to

find an appropriate salary range before negotiating. Whether you are a veteran or a novice negotiator, you may want to spend time researching before sitting down at the table. Keeping in mind that compensation can vary depending on location, look online for studies

or personal accounts that reveal the salaries of someone in a similar role.

Several for-profit companies compile and share compensation information online, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics has pay

data based on occupation and geography. You could also reach out to recruiters who focus on placing candidates in your industry as they're accustomed to dis-

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Chicago with a total of 63 teams that contain as many as 16 kids per squad.

"The tournament prices have risen to \$6,400 for a bunch of kids who can't afford it," Washington said. "We've been doing this for the last few years and you take a bunch of kids and their parents are worried about keeping their lights on, paying for their car that they need to go to work and then you tell the kid's parent that they need \$1,000 to play in a tournament."

Former Los Angeles Angels general manager Tony Reagins, who was appointed as Major League Baseball's senior vice president for youth programs, told the baseball news website, the Big Lead, that research has revealed that "the financial barrier is an important barrier participating" in the decline of the participation of African-Americans.

"For soccer or basketball at the early ages, the financial outlay may include just the cost of a ball and shoes (and a relatively inexpensive pair of shin guards for soccer)," the article said. "For baseball or softball, those costs can include a bat, a fielding glove, multiple pairs of pants, batting gloves, shoes, and a batting helmet, and a bag to manage and transport all of it."

The Big Lead article continued: "Once in the sport, the financial barriers for continuing in competition can escalate even more. This is particularly true as kids get to the 12 and 13-year-old age groups, when baseball begins to see the participation decline. Local community-based leagues may

have a relatively affordable entry fee, but once tournament baseball becomes a bigger part of the equation, fees escalate."

Tournament fees don't include hotel accommodations, gas and food money, as well as costs for any family member who desires to travel with the player.

Washington has resisted the temptation of calling on past or present superstars like Derek Jeter, Andrew McCutchen, Lorenzo Cain and others.

"I'm trying hard to help and, right now, we're the number one ranked minority-based organization in the whole country and with that you'd think those guys who have made it would look at this situation because of the economics and do something," Washington said. "I can't make them do anything. I would love to tell them to stop being naïve and that these kids are you. They are who you were once and they are striving to get the same opportunities that you got."

Even the various urban youth academies run by Major League Baseball itself have failed to flourish – or at least they've been unsuccessful in establishing a rapport with young African-Americans.

"The programs really are nonexistent for us in the areas that we are in," Washington said. "They don't consider the hardships that the kids go through and they don't address that at all. Those academies are not nearly enough to make a difference."

So, Washington continues to push on – seeking to hit

homeruns where he can, but taking it one base at a time, which he notes is the only reasonable alternative.

The goal of Citius USA is to improve the talent level of the minority youth and, in doing so, providing a platform to college or pro baseball for athletes at the high school level.

Mostly, Washington said he continues to promote sportsmanship, hard work, competitiveness, and knowledge and respect for the game of baseball.

"The competition we surround our players with is unmatched and it really gives our kids an edge,"

Washington said. "I bet you that 90 percent of Black kids in Texas, who have played professional baseball came through my organization."

Washington continued: "We are trying to do something here and we definitely want to make sure that we reaching out to help these kids. Our track record is really good; we have 75 kids who have been drafted out of the program and over 400 who are now in college. It's a strong program and we're doing it with very little because we're old school and these kids deserve this opportunity."



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# CURLS Girls Rule the World coming to Dallas Nov. 18

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) — CURLS, one of the pioneering and best recognized natural hair care brands in North America, brings to Dallas its CURLS Girls Rule the World, a signature program dedicated to empowering female entrepreneurship using mentorship as its foundation. Based in Frisco, Texas, CURLS will host 100 girls of color from



the Dallas-Fort Worth region, ages 12-18, at its CURLS Girls Rule the World: Em-

powering Entrepreneurs Luncheon on Nov. 18 at Pappas Bros. Steakhouse (10477 Lombardy Lane, Dallas, TX 75220). This event is being sponsored by its Founding Partner, Sally Beauty.

African American beauty pioneer and billionaire, Madame C.J. Walker, once declared, "I had to make my own living and my own opportunity! But I made it!

Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them!" This definitive sentiment characterizes CURLS CEO and Founder, Mahisha Dellinger, who is truly a "Modern Day Madame C.J. Walker." In 2002, after reaching a glass ceiling in Corporate America, Ms. Dellinger invested in herself and used her savings to start CURLS, LLC. Today,

CURLS is a multi-million dollar company that manufactures over 35 products sold internationally and domestically in Target, Wal-Mart, Sally Beauty, CVS/Pharmacy, Rite-Aid and Duane Reade, to name a few.

CURLS Girls Rule the World embodies Ms. Dellinger's "can do" spirit and works to empower

women and girls of color to take control of their destinies as well as exposes them to business resources that can assist them in doing so. In 2015, CURLS organically created a burgeoning online community for CURLS Girls Rule the World where young women were being empowered by each other through

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neers, philanthropists and everyday people who are going through difficult times to get their joy, happiness, peace and passion back.

"Being an entrepreneur has been one of the most rewarding, yet challenging experiences. Those on the outside looking in only get to see the fruits of my labor, not realizing that it often took years of sacrifice and overcoming obstacles to finally reach success," said Hunter. "My book, 'Dawn of a New

Day', is a way to let other passionate people know that they are not alone in the uphill journey of running a business, while keeping them uplifted, motivated and encouraged during those difficult circumstances that almost always occur when working for yourself."

In addition, "Dawn of a New Day," which is dedicated to the memory of Hunter's mother, continues her mother's and family's legacy of entrepreneurship,

philanthropy and education. A percentage of book sales will help transform the lives of people, communities, and cities in the following ways:

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"Dawn of a New Day: A 21-Day Inspirational Journal to Renew Your Faith, Mind & Spirit" is available

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curring compensation.

The more data on your profession's compensation you can get the better, because you want to be able to make a fact-based request. Ask for too much and you risk being seen as unreasonable or out of touch. Ask for too little, and that might be all you get.

Job seekers often get stuck on who says a number first. While advice ranges, one thing is for certain – you don't necessarily want to use your previous salary as a starting point. Especially if your research reveals you're below the current market rate, you want your next offer to reflect the experience and talent you bring to the table. If you're being pressed to respond first, answer with the salary range you're aiming for during your job hunt.

Don't get stuck on money – keep the big picture in mind. It can be easy to fixate on the cash portion of your compensation when negotiating, but sometimes there isn't any wiggle room in the budget. Look at the big picture of your potential pay and benefits. Perhaps a lower-than-desired cash offer is offset by a generous retirement contribution matching program, great healthcare benefits, stock

incentives or bonus opportunities.

When the total compensation doesn't meet your expectations, try to think outside the box and give the hiring manager alternative options. You could request additional paid time off, the freedom to work from home one day a week or a professional development stipend. After all, flexibility and personal growth can be more valuable than money.

At smaller companies, you could ask for a quarterly lunch with an executive in your department or your direct supervisor. A lunch won't cost the company much money, but it could give you insight into the company's future, let you know which skills to focus on developing and strengthen your relationship with higher ups.

Back up your request with valid reasons. Aim to reinforce each of your negotiation requests with a valid, relatable and quantifiable reason. When asking for more money, point to experience or skills that distinguish you from other candidates. Less traditional requests, such as meetings with an executive, could be justified by your dedication to self-improvement and desire to stay in touch with

the company's needs.

Bottom line. While changing jobs and negotiating an offer can be a challenge, moving to a new company could accelerate your salary's growth. Before jumping into negotiations, take time to research the market, consider your overall wants and validate

your requests. Presenting a coherent argument can help win over a hiring manager and set you apart from other candidates.

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An old adage says, "God's answer to your prayer is seldom early, but it is never late!" If you trust Him, God will give you the grace you need when you're in His timing.

If you keep a right attitude and not allow bitterness or resentment to take hold, then at the right time, in due season (if you faint not); God will answer your prayers.

The answer may be "No, or something different from what you want or think, but

it will be for your best.

Habakkuk 2 tells us that God has an appointed time to answer your prayers so that you receive just what you need at just the right time to live victoriously and happily.

Wait for God's timing to bring these things about. Believe that He is at work in your life bringing about what He knows is best for you.

You may wish to ask for patience as you faithfully await His answer. Your situation will improve, but on God's timetable, not yours!

*"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."*

**Habakkuk 2:3.**

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After all, somebody needs to! Not a friend or family member seems to be volunteering for the job.

The devil will attack your

mind and will tell you that no one cares about you or your problem and will try to convince you that you are alone with this problem.

Instead of giving in to those evil thoughts, get your Bible and turn to scriptures

in the Word of God that guarantees you that your needs will be met.

Tell God that with the help of the Holy Spirit, you won't take back your problem. This is not an easy thing to do; but every time the problem comes to your mind, quote a scripture and praise God.

A pastor once told his congregation, you can't stop temptations and evil thoughts from coming to your mind, but you don't have to let them build a nest there.

The next time you're facing a problem, give it to

God. He has volunteered for the job and you can trust Him to do it well. After all, He really does care for you.

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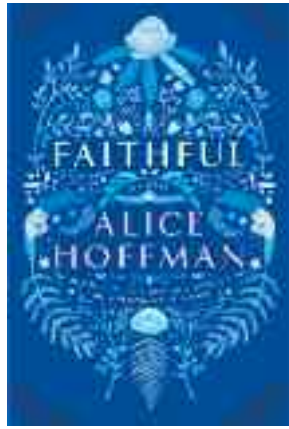
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The best years of your life.

That's what people tell you about high school. Remember those days, they say. They'll be the best of your life. But zits, mean girls, broken dreams, and broken friends aren't exactly best. Sometimes in high school, as in the new book "Faithful" by Alice Hoffman, the very worst things can happen.

Nobody thought it was anything but an accident.

The road was icy that night. Shelby Richmond was driving and she wasn't speeding. She never was sure why her best friend, Helene, sitting in the pas-



senger's seat, didn't buckle up like she usually did. Parts of the night remained sketchy, but the thing Shelby knew was that the car spun out of control and Helene was left in a coma.

Seventeen years old. Helene had a lifetime left, but she'd never live it. Instead, she lay in her childhood

bedroom, tended by volunteers, visited by people who believed her capable of bestowing miracles.

Seventeen years old. Shelby believed that she, not Helene, should be in the coma.

She cut her hair completely off. Buzz-cut, in fact, and she stopped eating. All Shelby wanted was to smoke weed and sleep while her mother flitted upstairs in their home and her father disappeared as often as he could. Her only friend, if you could call him that, was Ben, her dealer. And it was Ben she moved to New York with, after they graduated – a graduation Helene would never have.

In New York, Shelby got

a job and discovered that she liked animals. She worked her way up to manager of a pet store. Someone said she was pretty, so she grew her hair again, and she made a best friend. And Ben loved her, but she couldn't love him back. Shelby didn't deserve Ben. She wasn't lovable.

But was that true? Her dogs certainly adored her. Her mother never stopped loving her, fiercely. Her father tried (or so he said). And then there was the stranger who'd been sending postcards to Shelby ever since the accident... weren't inspirational, anonymous notes some form of caring?

In a small way, "Faithful"

defies categorizing.

Its plot is minimal: it's a story arc roughly set in a ten-year period of one woman's rather unremarkable life. Granted, not everybody does what author Alice Hoffman lets her character do, but what happened to Shelby, happens to others.

And yet, this story is singular. And it's impossible to stop reading.

There's a crispness in this novel that doesn't become too harsh; instead, it's comfortable, like an old year-

book.

After a few pages, in fact, it's almost as if we went to school with Shelby, or avoided her on the playground. We know her – and when Hoffman puts her in unique (yet not outlandish) situations, Shelby's actions are satisfyingly right.

Come to think of it, so is this whole book.

Mark it down; it should be your next Book Group pick. It should be on your bedside table. If you love novels, "Faithful" may be your best book this year.



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the sharing of their personal stories of triumph. In 2016, CURLS is bringing to life this online community by hosting a series of events where CURLS Girls can meet face to face and be more empowered to live the life they desire.

The program launched its CURLS Girls Rule the World: Empowering Entrepreneurs Luncheon in New York City in April 2016.

"We are so proud of our CURLS Girls Rule the World

program and our upcoming 'Empowering Entrepreneurs Luncheon' in Dallas," stated CURLS CEO and Founder, Mahisha Dellinger. "Having a mentor and being exposed to business resources to help me accomplish my dreams was something I did not have when I was a young girl.

"Being able to provide girls with the opportunity to meet successful women, who will stay in touch with them, is truly giving the girls a leg up in realizing that whatever

they dream is possible."

CURLS Girls Rule the World: Empowering Entrepreneurs Luncheon is an intimate and elegant event that will feature keynote speakers who will discuss how to succeed in business as well as share life lessons.

A main component of the luncheon will be its "Mentor Match Up," where girls will be paired with the program's "Celebrity Expert Mentors," who will have lunch with the girls and share their personal lessons in business and life.



## TOWN HALL MEETING Dec. 6

Representative Eric Johnson's Legislative Town Hall will be held on Tuesday, December 6th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Dallas County Schools Building. (5151 Samuell Blvd. Dallas, TX 75228)

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