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# Despite unequal treatment, Black women will rise

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Many women's organizations commemorate Equal Pay Day, which this year was April 5. It meant that women, in general, would have had to work all of 2016, and until April 5, 2017, to earn the same amount of money that a White man earned in 2016. Few will recognize July 31, 2017, the day that the pay for African American women catch up to the 2016 earnings of White men—seven extra months. Hispanic women will have to work until October, or nearly 10 extra months, to earn the same money White men earned last year.

I wonder about our "women's coalitions" when majority women's organizations, like the National Organization for Women, are basically silent on Black Women's Equal Pay Day. I wonder how much Black women's issues really matter to majority women's organizations. It matters when they want to present a multiracial, multicultural "united front" at a Women's March, but less so at other times.

The lesson, Black women, is a lesson some sisters remember from 1991, when Anita Hill testified during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. People had all kind of explanations for Hill's testimony, most of them woefully wrong and



*Women in general, and Black women in particular, have been building careers in areas generally reserved for men, and will continue to do so despite obstacles.*

viewed through a lens, darkly. Led by feminists Elsa Barkley Brown, Deborah King and Barbara Ransby, more than 1500 women raised enough money to pay for an ad in the New York Times on November 17, 1991. The ad, titled "African American Women in Defense of Ourselves" (AAWIDO), reminded Black women that no one should speak for us, except us. No one can be relied on to defend us, except us. And no one can be depended on to celebrate us, but us. No one can lead advocacy for our equal pay, but us.

I'm not dismissing our allies—"woke" men of color, especially Black men, "woke" White women and other women of color—I'm just

saying we can't count on everybody to be woke. Evidence: How much noise did majority group's make on Black Women's Equal Pay Day?

And in the Reign of Ignorance, there is likely to be even less noise, as the House Appropriations Committee has actually proposed defunding a program that collects salary data from employers. Without the data, we won't know the extent of pay discrimination. We know plenty now. We know that Black women earn 63 cents for every dollar paid to White men; White women earn 80 cents for every dollar White men make. We know that Black women in Louisiana earn the least compared

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## Hon. Lela D. Mays

Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration (S.T.A.C.) court graduates from 2008 and 2012 will meet the police officers that arrested them as far back as 2001 and share their successes since their arrests. This will take place at the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building, 133 North Riverfront Blvd, 2nd floor, Dallas, Texas 75207, on Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m. with opening remarks from Honorable Gracie Lewis and the Honorable Lela D. Mays followed by Proclama-



tions/Resolutions presented by Dallas County Commissioners Court and Sen. Royce West. Then 27 participants will walk across the stage to graduate from the program.

Also on the program is

Dionne Cheshier, 2012 S.T.A.C. graduate, Dionne is president and CEO of CNA Associates, an enrolled agent, and certified tax resolution specialist. Karen Green, Founder and Director of Haven of Love. Karen is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse which led her down a negative path of self-destruction. She now visits jails and prisons mentoring to the broken and lost.

From a life of repeated felonies and failed attempts at drug or alcohol rehabilitation, Dallas County Courts' S.T.A.C. Program seeks to transform lives and help defendants re-enter so-

ciety as productive citizens, ultimately saving county taxpayers millions, and possibly saving their own lives.

The 12-18 month program is about accountability and was developed to transition defendants back into the community after treatment. In addition to ongoing meetings with probation officers and court officials, defendants take intensive outpatient treatment classes, attend Narcotics and/or Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and are tested frequently for drugs and alcohol use. They are required to maintain employment, complete probation requirements and work

community service hours as well as pay back any related court fines and fees.

The S.T.A.C. Court in Dallas County was established in January 2007 by Judge Lela D. Mays. Judge Mays and Judge Gracie Lewis preside over the Court. The S.T.A.C. program serves as a problem-solving court, known as a "drug treatment court," with intensive supervision for defendants on felony probation returning from inpatient treatment for drug or alcohol addiction. Since inception, more than 1,600 defendants have graduated the program.

Based on an innovative

program first developed in Miami, Florida in 1989, the drug court concept received widespread attention as an effective treatment strategy for drug-involved criminal offenders. The term "drug treatment court" refers to a specialized docket designated to handle cases involving non-violent drug-abusing offenders through an intensive, judicially monitored program of drug treatment and rehabilitation services. The State of Texas offers numerous specialized courts that focus on addiction, mental health issues, juvenile and family issues and those that have been commercially exploited.

## Olakunle Akinboboye, MD

North Babylon, NY (BlackNews.com) -- The American Board of Internal Medicine, ABIM, has announced the appointment of the first Black American, Olakunle Akinboboye, MD as chair of the Cardiovascular Disease Board.

The appointment of Akinboboye by the 81-year old ABIM, is the first by the body to have a black Chair of the Cardiovascular Disease Board since its inception in 1936.

The Cardiovascular Board is charged with certifying all deserving cardiologists in the United States.



The Board which comprises 12 members from all over the country is charged with the responsibility of conducting, certifying examination for all trainees in cardiology nationwide and also

carrying out periodic knowledge assessments of all practicing cardiologists in the United States. It is one of the specialty boards of the ABIM.

ABIM's specialty boards are where the frontline work, at the discipline-specific level is done with the roles to define, refine and set standards, perform oversight assessment, build partnerships and also responsible for the broad definition of their discipline across certification and maintenance of certification.

Dr. Akinboboye is certified in cardiovascular disease, hypertension and

sleep medicine, an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York. He is also the medical director of Queens Heart Institute/Laurelton Heart specialist in Rosedale, Queens, New York.

A past-president of the National Association of Black Cardiologists' (ABC), Akinboboye also serves as Chair of the Clinical Trials Committee of the organization. He also serves on the International Board of Governors of the American College of Cardiology as the liaison for Africa.

Akinboboye comes to the Cardiovascular Board chair with a strong pedigree. He received his medical degree from the College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and later completed his internal medicine residency and part of his cardiology fellowship at the Nassau County Medical Center, State University of Stony Brook.

He subsequently moved to Columbia University, where he completed his fellowship in cardiology with two years of dedicated training in nuclear cardiology and advanced echocardiography. He obtained a

master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University and also a Master's degree in Business Administration from Columbia Business School.

Commenting on his appointment to the Cardiovascular board chair, Akinboboye said that he is "proud to have the opportunity to chair this very important Board."

According to him, "unfortunately I am taking over the mantle of leadership at a point in time in which many cardiologists are openly revolting because of what

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## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### A Look back at NAACP's effective Silent Parade

I don't think I have ever heard about this before.

--Sandra R. Phillips via Facebook

### Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: Dallas, Lose Your Plantation Mentality and Remove Confederate Symbols

The statues need to be removed to a museum – no doubt. Also, more statues/memorials need to be constructed to recognize more of the occasions and individuals that made pos-

itive contributions to the history of the Dallas black community.

Also, when speaking of the formation of Dallas, my studies indicate that John Neely Bryan said that Indians occupied the land where Dallas was built when he first noticed it. Bryan is said to have left and returned the next year. Upon his return, he found the land unoccupied. He then started the city of Dallas on the land. To me; this sounds like a story with missing pieces. What really happened to the Indians? Is this another case where the Indians were

killed off before their land was taken with the real story never being told? Is this the real reason behind the insanity of John Neely Bryan in his later years? Just saying....

--Anonymous

Get over it. It is history, it happened. Are we then going to go back and force every community in America whose past we don't like to "get with the program?" This PC nightmare that the liberals have caused to take root in this country needs to be torn up by those roots.

--Abdullah Mikail MacKay via Facebook

Institutional racism should never have been allowed to take root in our country, but at least we are beginning to stop honoring it. I have NEVER understood why there were monuments to Confederate soldiers and the cruel naming of schools for Confederates which was really confusing for me. Treason is rarely praise worthy, especially if it was in support of buying and selling people for hard labor.

--Sandra R. Phillips via Facebook

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# To be young, Black, and in education

By Nicole Sahbaee  
Special Contributor

Soon I will be closing my time as a summer intern at the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and beginning my final undergraduate year at Howard University. I’ve learned more about public education at the National Alliance in two months than I have in the past year.

However, even though I work for a charter school advocacy organization, I do not consider myself pro-charter. I am also not pro-district. Truthfully, I’ve heard many arguments that support charter public schools and many that support district schools – all with valid points and facts to back them up.

So, when I began to find myself truly confused, I did what I always do. I looked up what Black people are saying about this. Black opinion + my own thoughts = a solid case to base my life decisions on. While it may not be the most mathematical equation for success, it works for me. I googled “Black leaders charter schools” and felt a small sense of relief come over me because I was going to get an answer.

I wasn’t going to have to wonder anymore because the Black leaders in education would tell me what their point of view is, why they have it, where the re-

search came from, and what they are going to do about it.

Looking back on this now, I’m aware that it sounds like I don’t use my brain to critically think, but we all do this in some form. In politics, people look up what the standard Democratic or Republican viewpoint is; in media people go to their favorite artist’s page to read their view; and in school, students go to their favorite teacher for their opinion.

As I began to read through the articles, I found topics about the NAACP and Black Lives Matter being pitted against Black leaders in education. I was pissed! So, two huge organizations that have Black prosperity at their core are at odds with Black education leaders and parents? I was so irritated that I closed the screen and went to deal with this confusion another day.

Weeks passed and I continued to gain information. I read the letter that had been written and signed by 160 Black leaders in support of charters, I watched clips of the NAACP’s special hearings on charter schools, and I researched teachers unions and their disdain for the charter movement. I turned over every rock I could find for some sort of answer.

Despite all the research

and opinions, I still could not figure out who was on the right side of history. I could not look to Black leaders in this situation because they are consumed with the politics of the district vs. charter debate, just like many others in education.

This isn’t the first time I found disappointment with Black role models – Raven-Symoné was a huge heart breaker – but this is too important to ignore. Every second that is spent focusing on which school is better or what should be the dominant structure is doing a disservice to our children. Our children are the ones suffering without a quality education and are then chastised by society for not meeting “the bar”.

I get that money, politics, and power are important, but we can’t afford to fight this fight with each other. We have no choice but to be unified. According to the Civil Rights Data Collection, black students are suspended and expelled at a rate three times greater than white students. This is something we should be focusing on. If our children don’t make it, that not only affects us but it is on us. The white school leaders that are trying to make change will be heartbroken if the years of work they put into improving public schools don’t pay off, but we will be

crippled.

This is not an attack on Black leaders today, this is a cry for help. I’m a 21-year-old intern, trying to graduate from college. I’m doing everything in my power to change the narrative for our children, but I don’t have the power, yet. Black leaders, I’m begging you to use your power to create. Create the schools for our children that also provide jobs for our people. Position it so that Black school leaders have the resources to train up our kids. If you are an organization with the words Black, African American, Negro, or Colored People in your title then this is your duty, this is your fight.

You don’t have to reinvent the wheel, just take a page from Pimp My Ride and make it better. At the very least, create a space for conversations to flow freely regarding the schools our children go to. We may never reach a consensus and that is okay. There are multiple different ways to learn, to teach, and to lead. If you can’t do it, use your resources to find someone who can. This isn’t a conversation I wish to pick up in twenty years when I am in your shoes and we don’t have twenty more years to wait. I don’t care what structure is used to educate our kids, we just need something that works.

## SB4 will cost Texas economy between \$9.2 and \$13.8 billion

AUSTIN – Texas’ racially discriminatory Senate Bill 4 (SB4) law will cost the state billions of dollars in revenue according to an analysis released this week by Texas Together, a campaign created by community and business leaders in opposition to the law.

Yesterday, an estimated 400 protesters marched at Fort Worth City Hall to urge the city to join several other major Texas cities in their lawsuit to fight the so-

called sanctuary city bill. SB4 is scheduled to become law in Texas on Sept. 1.

“The coalition urged Texans to stand together against discriminatory laws and legislation by calling on national groups to support the campaign to repeal SB 4.

Specifically, businesses are being asked to show their support by placing their business logos on the Texas Together website, sending letters to legisla-

tive leaders calling for repeal of SB 4, and placing We Support Texas Together window decals at their places of business to show opposition to SB 4. The Texas groups also are asking local, regional, and state governments to pass resolutions condemning the Texas racial profiling law.

Texas Together combines the collective economic and political power of businesses and our communities to win the repeal of SB 4.

Business groups that participated in Tuesday’s news conferences included the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Houston First, Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, San Antonio LGBT Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Bilateral African American Chamber, and the United Chamber of Commerce Corpus Christi,” Texas Together campaign said in a released statement.

# Sickle cell patients caught in the crossfire of war against opioids

By Leonard E. Colvin  
The New Journal and Guide  
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For the thousands of individuals who suffer from the effects of sickle cell anemia, pain is a common part of their lives.

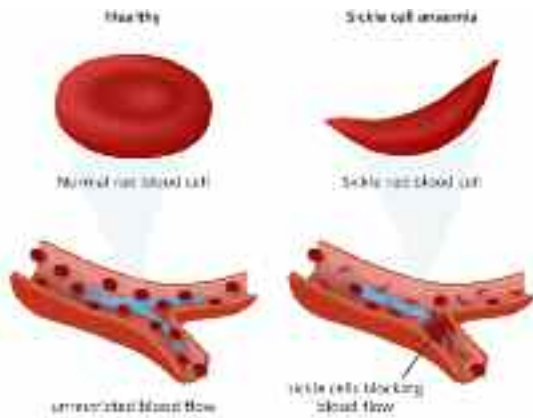
The inherited disease causes red blood cells of mostly people of African descent to deform into a sickle shape. This inhibits the red blood cells from carrying oxygen throughout the body, which can cause severe pain and organic damage.

So, many of those suffering from sickle cell anemia are prescribed a variety of powerful pain killer derivatives.

Their desire to receive relief may be viewed through the biased lens of racism and criminalization as a result of the opioid epidemic, and deter them from receiving care for their pain.

Many of these painkillers are equal in strength to oxycotin and oxycodone, which many people with sickle cell anemia have been taking since they were children.

They are also the same



drugs which are at the center of the nation's current opioid addiction epidemic which has been causing thousands of individuals addicted to these and other strong painkillers to overdose and die.

Thus, federal and state governments are seeking to pressure doctors to limit their prescriptions of such drugs to patients to curb the deadly trend.

According to Judy Anderson, the executive director of the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Hampton Roads, a growing number of people who are suffering from sickle cell anemia may be severely impacted by the government's effort to curb opioid addiction.

Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Hampton Roads is the leading advocacy group in southeastern Virginia for people suffering from the disease.

During a recent interview on the issue, Anderson told the Guide that doctors are being ordered to screen and review the prescriptions of people with sickle cell anemia, to determine the necessity of their use of the strong pain killers.

"These people are not addicted to these drugs," said Anderson. "They are dependent on them because of the pain they are experiencing throughout their lives."

"One lady who called the office Monday, July 10th, told me she took her last pain

pill the previous Friday," said Anderson. "Her doctor is reviewing her case and has not written her a new prescription."

Anderson continued: "Unable to get her pain meds, I am sure she will end up in a hospital, because she went to the emergency room to have her pain treated."

Anderson said that the woman is bedridden and has other ailments along with sickle cell anemia.

Recently, Anderson has devoted more attention to helping people like this woman and others who may be caught up in the government's effort to curb opiate addiction, by curbing the number of pain killer prescriptions doctors can administer.

Anderson said that doctors have been telling sickle cell anemia patients to buy 880 milligrams Tylenol or other over-the-counter pain killers to thwart their discomfort.

"But that is just like taking a baby aspirin," she said. "It's a band aid. It does nothing for these people."

Anderson mentioned one man who was recently released from a state prison.

He had no physician to contact upon returning to his community. He is one of the individuals her agency has been working with to help him get through this crisis.

Despite Anderson's efforts, the emergency room may be his only option for treatment. Further, even physicians in the emergency room, who may assume, because he is a young, Black male, that he is addicted to painkillers and may not treat him effectively.

Anderson said that in April 2016, in the wake of the growing opioid addiction

and related deaths due to overdoses, hospital emergency departments in Virginia received guidelines aimed at curbing opioid misuse and addictions.

There were 14 new guidelines issued by the state which directed doctors to avoid prescribing painkillers and to give patients no more than a three-day supply in extreme cases. These guidelines were endorsed by the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Associations and the Virginia College of Emer-

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they perceive as high handedness of the board over the years."

With this in mind, Akinboboye indicated, that his goal as the board chair is "to work with other board members to come up with assessments for practicing cardiologists that are fair, and not unduly burdensome."

According to a press release by Ricahrd J. Baron, MD President and CEO of ABIM, "We are honored to experience to serve the community in their disciplines and across specialties to offer more choice, relevance and convenience as they help to set the standards for excellent patient care."

Also, the Ibadan College of Medicine Alumni Association, North America, where Akinboboye also

served as president between 2004-2005 marked his appointment with an award for "exemplary professional services and outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine."

In an exclusive interview, Akinboboye admitted that although cardiovascular disease is largely preventable, it is still the leading cause of death globally due to bad eating habits and lack of regular exercise. The cardiologist also attributed many cases of the disease to genetic triggers.

On the increased risk of cardiovascular disease from consumption of processed meat, Akinboboye proffered increased consumption of fruits and vegetables.

According to him, men are more prone to die of cardiovascular disease than women because in the re-

productive years, women enjoy some protection from the disease due to high levels of estrogen in their system, adding however that when estrogen in the female drops after menopause, heart disease spikes in women.

For a disease that falls in the realm of pre-existing conditions, the Cardiovascular Board chair expressed regret that, "in the greatest country in the world, people should not be forced to choose between paying for food and paying for their medicines," adding that, "I strongly believe that we have an obligation to make healthcare affordable to our less privileged fellow citizens."

For more details about the Queens Heart Institute, where Dr. Akinboboye is the medical director, please visit [www.queensheartinstitute.com](http://www.queensheartinstitute.com) have Dr. Berns, Dr.

Akinboboye and Dr. Udden - three highly regarded physicians with significant clinical.

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## Black Tie Boxing a knock-out affair gala fundraiser reaches 25-year milestone

It was a gem of an idea in 1992 when the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links Incorporated decided to create a fundraiser to support their mission of community service. On August 19th at the Omni Dallas Hotel, 555 S. Lamar St., the organization will open the doors at 6 p.m. to Black Tie Boxing, A Knock-Out Affair - Round XXV. The gala has evolved over the years – casino games have been added and advance purchased raffle tickets have replaced the silent auction – but the professionally sanctioned boxing that follows dinner and dancing remains the focus of the evening.

“This is a milestone for the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.” said Chapter Presi-



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dent Billie Hawkins. “To think that we have been able to sustain this event for a quarter century is a testament to the commitment the membership has to the community programs supported by our Black Tie Boxing gala. The funds raised support our scholarship programs and, this year, helped us expand our

signature program, Link-ED2STEM Enrichment Program and Summer Camp.”

The Link2STEM Enrichment Program provides elementary and middle school students with mentoring and field experiences that focus on careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics

(S.T.E.M.) as well as exposure to professions that include S.T.E.M. applications. This year, the Link2STEM program, in a unique public, private collaboration with The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), Arlington Independent School District (AISD), the Boys and Girls Club of Arlington, and several area business sponsors, included opportunities for college students from UTA.

The UTA students provided the middle school Link2STEM participants from AISD and the Boys and Girls Club with hands-on STEM learning experiences in the classroom and on field trips. The UTA students, who are engineering and business majors, received stipends for their

work as student teachers and apprentice internships from business sponsors.

“The stipends gave the college students an opportunity to earn a little extra money, use their education to teach and encourage young people to pursue careers in one of the STEM areas, and jumpstart their careers with internships that exposed them to professionals in their field,” Hawkins said.

Honorary Chair for A Knock-Out Affair: Round XXIV Black Tie Gala is Joseph Faust, public relations director for BNSF Railway. The Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter chairs for the event are multi-generational members Faye Barksdale, Marnese Barksdale Elder and Morgan

Faye Mangana.

Raffle prizes include a Couple’s Retreat at one of 14 Omni Resorts including airfare, tickets to the AT&T Performing Arts Center, and the weekend use of a Mercedes Benz.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each, 3 for \$50, 6 for \$100, and 15 for \$200 and can be purchased in advance from chapter members, online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-knock-out-affair-round-xxv-black-tie-boxing-raffle-tickets-33103173483](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-knock-out-affair-round-xxv-black-tie-boxing-raffle-tickets-33103173483) or during the Black Tie Gala. Winners need not be present to win.

For more information on the Black Tie Boxing Round XXV go to: <http://midcitieslinks.org/fundraiser.php>.

## Nominations for Dallas Foundation’s leaders in philanthropy closing soon

Nominations for The Dallas Foundation’s Good Works Under 40 Award (GWU40) are now open. The Dallas Foundation is searching to discover the most committed, skilled and passionate volunteers in North Texas under the age of 40. The grand-prize winner will receive a donation to his or her charity of choice, and the next four finalists will receive grant checks for their respective organizations.

This year, a new award

will be included in the selection process: the People’s Choice Award. This award will be given to a recipient determined by a public vote, giving the community a chance to honor one of the five finalists. The winner of this award will also receive a donation to the charity of his or her choice.

Last year Katie Schlieve, co-founder of One Wing Foundation, was chosen from 55 nominees as the winner of the GWU40

Award. She has worked tirelessly to provide resources for the medical, physical and grief recovery of parents who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or an infant. Schlieve has continued to further her work this past year with her prize of \$10,000 for One Wing Foundation.

“Dallas is a very giving city, and we have a multitude of engaged, passionate volunteers serving on the frontline of our com-

munity,” said Mary Jalonick, president and CEO of The Dallas Foundation. “Good Works Under 40 was designed to honor those young heroes who are improving our future and inspire their peers to make a difference.”

Candidates must be no older than 39 years of age, and they must not receive compensation for their charitable work in the community. Candidates can be nominated by board members or staff at the organi-

zations where they volunteer or by their peers. Candidates may nominate themselves. The deadline for applications is Aug. 14, 2017. The winner will be announced at a reception on Nov. 8, 2017.

Applications will be reviewed by the 2017 Good Works Under 40 Committee, chaired by Meg Boyd. The committee, along with past finalists and winners, will kick off this nomination season with a service project at Texas Scottish

Rite Hospital for Children.

“It is always such a joy to be part of the Good Works Under 40 process,” said Boyd. “The caliber of nominees just gets better and better each year. These young professionals are truly transforming lives in our community. We’re looking forward to reviewing this year’s round of applicants.”

Award guidelines and the application form are available [dallasfoundation.org](http://dallasfoundation.org).

## The 9th annual North Texas Giving Day is set for Sept. 14

The nation’s largest giving day returns to North Texas for its 9th year on Sept. 14. Communities Foundation of Texas’ North Texas Giving Day has generated \$156 million for the community over the past eight one-day events, drawing support from all 50 states and 39 countries worldwide and breaking five national records. Last year’s event raised \$37 million, with 1,280 Dallas County-based nonprofits benefiting from \$22.7 million in North Texas Giving Day donations.



“In the last two years, \$110,000 to help serve over 4,000 children across North Texas,” said Bill Chinn,

president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Dallas, a Dallas County-based nonprofit. “North Texas Giving Day is a fantastic opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of children in one day.”

New this year, North Texas Giving Day kicks off a week early by offering scheduled giving starting Sept. 7. A launch event, Celebration of Giving, will kick off the community movement at Communities Foundation of Texas on Sept. 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additionally, this year

many nonprofits are raising their own supplementary 1:1 matching funds to augment bonus funds and prizes raised by CFT and to further boost donations. Donations up to \$10,000 made Sept. 7 - 14 to the 2,500+ nonprofits listed on the site will be amplified by the general bonus funds and prizes. Nonprofits with matching funds will be shown on their own leaderboard on [www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org](http://www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org) so donors can follow their favorite nonprofit’s progress throughout the day.

“The incredible energy and outpouring of support that this community generates each year on North Texas Giving Day is nothing short of remarkable,” said Dave Scullin, president and CEO, Communities Foundation of Texas. “Communities Foundation of Texas is honored to power this vast community-building effort that raises important funds for the nonprofits serving our region.”

To see details for other events, go to the “Events” tab on [www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org](http://www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org).

# Education policy experts 'disappointed' by some ESSA state plans

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Contributor

Education policy experts have expressed serious concerns about some of the state plans submitted under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

President Barack Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) into law in December 2015. The law replaces the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act; states will begin implementing ESSA in the fall.

Erika McConduit, the president and CEO of the Urban League of Louisiana, said that some ESSA state plans have failed to take into account the academic performance of historically disadvantaged students.

There's also a lack of clarity on how many poor-performing schools would be identified as needing improvement, or what actions would be required to show they've improved, said McConduit, who served as one of the policy experts that recently reviewed more than a dozen state education proposals that were submitted to the Department of Education.

"While [we] do believe that states obviously have a vested interest in wanting to advance the outcomes of students, there is cause for concern when it comes to accountability," McConduit said.

Federal oversight has always provided a layer of ac-



countability, ensuring there are checks and balances; those protections may no longer be available under some of the plans that been reviewed, which worries education advocates, like McConduit.

McConduit, who holds a mass communications degree from Howard University and a law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, said that as states transition from NCLB to ESSA, education advocates don't want to lose any ground that has been gained in closing the achievement gap between Black and White students.

Recently, McConduit worked with a group of education policy experts organized by the Collaborative for Student Success and Bellwether Education Partners to review state accountability plans.

The Howard University graduate also took part in the Education Trust's "ESSA Boot Camp II: Advocating for Equity and Achievement in ESSA Implementation," which focused on rating systems for schools, and sup-

port and improvement for struggling schools.

McConduit said that it's difficult to say that ESSA will be successful across the board.

"What we have seen in the peer review process—not all states have submitted and we're looking at a fraction so far—some [state officials] have really focused on designing [good] plans," she said. "We've also been disappointed with some states who really did not resolve critical details in advance of submitting their plans."

As a reviewer and a leader of a civil rights organization, McConduit said that she worked deeply on Louisiana's plan, making sure that certain components were included. McConduit said that she was disappointed to see how some states did not move to flesh out thorough plans.

"We know there are gaps, historic gaps, where there have always been groups of students left out of the mainstream," McConduit said.

According to the National Center for Education Statis-

tics (NCES) ESSA requires, "each state to create a plan for its statewide accountability system. In particular, ESSA calls for state plans that include strategies for reporting education outcomes by grade for all students and for economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and English learners."

NCES also said that, "states must specify a single value for the minimum number of students needed to provide statistically sound data for all students and for each subgroup, while pro-

tecting personally identifiable information (PII) of individual students. This value is often referred to as the 'minimum n-size.'"

The selection of smaller minimum n-sizes would ensure that more students' outcomes are included in a state's accountability system, but smaller n-sizes can also increase the likelihood of the inadvertent disclosure of personally identifiable information, education officials said.

"I'm cautious about these larger n-sizes," McConduit said. "Our goal is to make sure all these students are counted."

McConduit noted that she was heartened by the fact that states continue to place a strong weight on academics, while also including new measures of school quality, like the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses and college entrance exams, students earning industry certifications, and whether or not schools offer art and physical education.

McConduit said that those measures are "evidence of states, who want to see the needle move forward."

Learn more about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) at [nnpa.org/essa](http://nnpa.org/essa).

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# Popular Plano Arts group sets ambitious fundraising goal

The North Texas Performing Arts announces that it has established Fundraising Goal of \$200,000 from its "Friends & Family" targeted capital campaign effort. The Friends & Family program is focused on contributions of \$1,000 and below and will offer "sponsorships" of its mainstage seating chairs, "Honor Wall" stars and "Rogue's Gallery" featuring its performers.

Made possible through the generosity of a below-market lease grant from Starwood Retail Partners and the Shops at Willow Bend and with the support of the City of Plano, the

Willow Bend Center of the Arts will feature a twenty-five thousand square foot complex at the Shops at Willow Bend which will house the new Willow Bend Center of the Arts, home of the North Texas Performing Arts and its Plano Children's Theatre. The facility will feature two mainstage theatres, two black box theatres, two dance studios, rehearsal and practice studios, and set-build and costume space together with the offices of the North Texas Performing Arts.

"This program gives our family's, patrons and supporters the opportunity leave

their legacy in our new home" says Mike Mazur, Managing Director of the Plano Children's Theatre. "We intend to be at Willow Bend for a long time, and this unique program gives a family or patron the opportunity to secure their child's place in our history."

"Our sponsorship program allows a patron to commit now and pay over the course of the next year for a 'Mainstage Chair Plaque', an 'Honor Wall Star' both of which will be permanent fixtures in our new theatre or a metallic show photo up to an 11x14 size that enables patrons to

submit their own memory of their child's performance" says F&F Team Leader Lisa Chase. "We're kicking off this effort with our own 'Telethon' next month to be followed by a "Sneak Peek" event at the Shops at Willow Bend other exciting activities over the coming months until we get to our goal."

"We've built upon this theatre foundation for almost thirty years with hard work and dedication of our parents and patrons" says Founder Sara Akers. "We use the phrase 'managed by professionals but made possible by volunteers' and this program is just another ex-

ample of how very true that is for us."

"I'm very confident this team will get to its goal and am proud of all they have accomplished" says Project Willow Bend Fundraising Co-Chair Steve McMurray". Co-Chair Steve Flad echoes these thoughts saying "Our parents and patrons are wonderfully generous, and I know they will be excited to come out and show their dedication and commitment.

The "Telethon" will take place during the evenings from 6-9 on August 1, 2, and 3 at the Plano Children's Theatre at 15th and Custer,

and will feature students and parents reaching out to potential supporters and patrons.

Friends & Family supporters and others will also take part in a special "Sneak Peek" event at the new Center of the Performing Arts site at the Shops at Willow Bend on August 8-9.

The Plano Children's Theatre and North Texas Performing Arts intend to move into the Shops at Willow Bend this Fall. For more information on program details and updates as this program develops, go to [www.ntpa.org](http://www.ntpa.org).

## Carrollton awarded for festival promotion; Efforts draw crowds to downtown

Carrollton – The City of Carrollton works to provide big-name entertainment every year so that music lovers, kids, and those young at heart can enjoy the annual Festival at the Switchyard held in Downtown Carrollton at minimal cost.

The City's efforts were recognized in July at the annual Texas Festivals & Events Association (TFEA) conference with four marketing awards. Carrollton walked away with a first place plaque for Best Promotional Poster, and brought home three second place Silver awards for the categories of Best T-shirt Design, Best New Promotion Activity, and Best Event Video Promotion.

These awards highlight the hard work and dedication put into the Festival event which was created eight years ago to promote Carrollton as a destination and give residents and visitors a chance to experience Downtown Carrollton. The TFEA organization represents the hundreds of festivals that celebrate the history, leg-



ends, culture, art, folklore, and natural beauty of the Lone Star State. It is also an affiliate of the International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA).

The 2016 Festival featuring headliner Bare-naked Ladies and opener ShinyRibs saw more than 30,000 people attend the daylong event filled with zip lines, face painting, karate kicks, and all day concerts—all of it completely free.

Carrollton's event makes it easy for the whole family to come out for a Saturday of pure fun without the price tag. Festival-goers need only to grab a few bucks of spend-

ing money for the delicious goodies and awesome treats from the various food and craft vendors and of course a Downtown shop or two!

The 2017 Festival at the Switchyard will feature headliners The Toadies and Everclear on Saturday, November 4. There is free parking and free admission to the event every year.

To stay up-to-date with the latest Festival at the Switchyard news, visit [carrollton-festival.com](http://carrollton-festival.com) or follow us on social media at [facebook.com/CarrolltonFestival](https://facebook.com/CarrolltonFestival) or [twitter.com/carrolltonfest](https://twitter.com/carrolltonfest).

## Local greek chapters hosting Joint Youth Open House on Aug. 12

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Zeta Chapter's Youth Auxiliary groups and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Theta Mu Chapter's Sigma Beta Club of Dallas will host a Joint Youth Open House on August 12 on Saturday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at The University of North Texas at Dallas for young ladies from primary grades through high school and young men 8 - 18 years of age.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Kappa Zeta chapter sponsors three youth auxiliary groups for young ladies from primary grades through high school:

- Archonettes are high

school-aged young ladies who demonstrate an interest in the goals and the ideals of scholarship, sisterly love, and community service.

- Amicettes are girls 9 to 13 years of age who are willing to strive toward the high ideals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and who demonstrate the potential for leadership in service to the community.

- Pearlettes are girls from the ages of 4-8 years old who are mentored by ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. to become outstanding leaders in the Dallas community and beyond!

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc, Theta Mu Sigma chapter

sponsors the Sigma Beta Club of Dallas for young men between the ages of 8 - 18 and offers men of Sigma a unique opportunity to develop wholesome value, leadership skills, and social and cultural awareness of youth at a most critical stage in the youth's personal development.

The event will be held at The University of North Texas at Dallas in Building 2-Founders Hall - Rm 138

Located at 7300 University Hills Blvd in Dallas.

To register please visit: [www.memberplanet.com/skzyouth/2017openhous](http://www.memberplanet.com/skzyouth/2017openhous).

## Texas AG's office offers law fellowship

AUSTIN – Attorney General Ken Paxton this week announced the Office of Attorney General is accepting applications for three paid law fellowships, including two newly named in honor of Gregory S. Coleman, the first solicitor general of Texas. The

application period is Aug. 1 through Oct. 1, 2017, for one-year fellowships that begin in the fall of 2018. Applications are open exclusively to military veterans for the first 48 hours of the job postings.

Fellows will work in the Austin offices of the solic-

itor general or in civil litigation. The Coleman fellows will work closely with lawyers in representing Texas' interests before state or federal appellate courts. Duties will include drafting briefs, preparing oral arguments and helping

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**Park Cities/Central Dallas Democrats Monthly Meeting**

Park Cities/Central Dallas Democrats welcome Rita Beving, environmentalist extraordinaire, as our August 5th speaker. Rita is the North Texas Outreach Coordinator for Clean Water Fund and Clean Water Action as well as a front-line representative for the Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter.

The meeting is Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at University Park

Public Library located at 8383 Preston Center Plaza, Suite 200, on the 3rd floor in University Park.

**Labor Day Weekend Jazz Festival**

The African American Museum of Dallas will host its 4th Annual Fair Park Blues & Jazz Festival, Labor Day weekend. The Festival will take place on the front Lawn of the African American Museum in Dallas's historic Fair Park, 3536 Grand Avenue. It is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 3 from 5 - 10 p.m.

This is a family friendly event, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Food



and beverage vendors will be on site. Coolers are not allowed. The Festival will feature a host of local and national blues and Jazz artists including Blues musician R. L. Griffin & Band, Funk and R&B band the Buster Brown Band, Dallas native, jazz and big band vocalist Sandra Kaye, Corrain & The Crewe, and DEF To Radio.

**DESOTO Friday Night Movies in the park**

The DeSoto Arts Commission in cooperation with the DeSoto Public Library will offer free screenings of these movies in the Outdoor Amphitheater at DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road behind the DeSoto Public Library.

This week it is Sing! and next week movie lovers can enjoy Hidden Figures. Movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs.

For more information, please call 972-230-9648.

**Family Fun Day!**

End the Summer with Family Fun during our Family Fun Day! There will be tons of fun activities from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Jam with music by DJ Hutch and enjoy FREE food and refreshments.

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**DUNCANVILLE Fall Festival at Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Duncanville invites you to "Share the Spirit" at our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 23-24. The fun starts at 7 a.m. with a 5K & 1-mile fun run. The Fall Festival follows with the biggest rummage sale in the Best Southwest, food vendors serving great burgers, homemade egg rolls, gorditas, funnel cakes and more, bingo, live entertainment, carnival games for the kids and even a petting zoo.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is located at 1111 W. Daniieldale Road in Duncanville. Visit [www.holyspiritcatholic.com](http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com).

**GARLAND Clear the Shelters Day is Aug. 19**

Find your perfect match on Clear the Shelters Day, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. During this time, Garland Animal Services will join animal shelters across North Texas to waive pet adoption fees in an effort to find homes for hundreds of pets across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Garland pet adoptions will take place at the Abe J. Tuggle Animal Shelter, 600 Tower St., and at the Garland Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St.

**LEWISVILLE Football fund-raiser**

Thursday, Aug. 10 the Pollo Campero in Lewisville, located at 726 W. Main Street, is holding a benefit for the Lewisville High School football team. That evening, 50 percent of the proceeds raised from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. will go to the Lewisville High School Farmer Football Booster Club. Also, some of the Lewisville High School coaches will also be there to help serve dinner.

**UNT opens resident hall this weekend...**



*The University of North Texas at Dallas is becoming a residential campus with the opening of its first residence hall this fall. The \$8.1 million residence hall has 120 beds and will officially open with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on August 3. The new residence hall will transform the fastest-growing university in the DFW area (by percentage of students added) into a 24-7 learning village. UNT Dallas announced record enrollment exceeding 3,000 students in 2016 and has a student body that is roughly 80 percent minority. Construction has also begun on a \$63 million student center at UNT Dallas.*



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to White men, about 48 cents on the dollar. In comparison, Black women in Missouri, Tennessee, Maryland and Pennsylvania earn 68 cents for every dollar a White man earns. Whatever we earn, it ain't equal.

What we don't know is how women fare inside some organizations and you can't dismantle pay discrimination without having the details of it. Under President Barack Obama, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission established requirements to provide pay

transparency. Businesses with more than 100 employees were required to start releasing salary data in March 2018. Of course, those who want to sweep pay discrimination under the rug argued that it would cost too much to collect the data. And now, the Republican Congress says that no resources may be used to collect this very necessary data. It reminds me of the old folks who used to say, "you don't miss what you can't measure." But we can measure the pay inequity, and we can see it in

the quality of women's lives. We might not be able to point a finger at one company or another (Republicans are also likely to make class action lawsuits more challenging), but we have enough aggregate data to know that there is pervasive gender discrimination in the workplace, and that Black women shoulder an extra burden, because of the intersection between race and gender.

Not only do African American women earn less, but we also catch more shade because of our skin color, because of who we

are and what we represent. Former First Lady Michelle Obama has spoken out, though very gently, about the racism she experienced while in office. At a recent gathering in Colorado, she spoke about the many "cuts" she experienced, and told The Denver Post that "The shards that cut me the deepest were the ones that intended to cut," referring to comments about her looks, and especially those that referred to her as "an ape." She said she was dismayed in "knowing that after eight years of working really hard for this country,

there are still people who won't see me for what I am because of my skin color."

When I read Michelle Obama's comment, I thought about Dr. Maya Angelou and her classic poem, Still I Rise. One stanza reads, "You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise."

Black women endure unequal pay, disrespectful treatment (consider the treatment of Senator Kamala Harris or Congresswoman Maxine Waters),

police brutality, and more. And yet we are still here. And yet, "when they go low, we go high." And yet, like air, we rise.

*Julianne Malveaux is an author, economist and founder of Economic Education. Her podcast, "It's Personal with Dr. J" is available on iTunes. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available to order at [www.julianne-malveaux.com](http://www.julianne-malveaux.com) at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Follow Dr. Malveaux on Twitter @dr-jlastword.*

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on legal cases involving state agencies. The civil litigation fellow will coordinate legal activities, research and draft legal documents, and assist the

agency's attorneys in representing the state's interest in litigation, among other duties.

To be eligible for a fellowship, candidates must be

rising 3Ls or graduates of accredited law schools and have excellent academic records. The typical candidate comes to the fellowship immediately after graduating from law school

or after the completion of a judicial clerkship.

Fellowship applications must include a cover letter, resume, and law school transcript.

Those selected for an in-

terview will be asked to provide a writing sample and to complete an official state of Texas job application.

To view a job description and application for the

Coleman Fellowships, visit <http://bit.ly/2uUIKBd>

You can get more information and an application for the civil litigation fellowship at <http://bit.ly/2f5s5r4>.



# NDG Film Review: Laugh yourself silly with *Girls Trip*

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

This hilarious and relentlessly bawdy take on a girls' weekend reunion in New Orleans is following in the footsteps of some very popular female-appeal movies like "Sex In the City" and "Bridesmaids." But "Girls Trip" is not a copycat. It's very unique and will leave its own lasting imprint on the good-girls-gone-wild genre.

Ten minutes into this comedy, you're asking yourself, "Who the hell wrote this?" The story is contemporary, the dialogue is laugh-out-loud funny, the characters are distinct and their life dramas, rivalries and relationship problems are thoroughly engaging for 122 minutes.

Blame the naughty humor on Kenya Barris (TV's "Black-ish") and Tracy Oliver ("Barbershop"). They completely understand the



lurid minds of ladies who've had one-too-many cocktails and speak their mind. And for audience members who do not have a potty mouth, but wish they did, this crew says every wicked thing you ever thought, but never had the nerve to say.

Ryan Pierce (Regina Hall, "When the Bough Breaks") is a successful and envied author, somewhat like an Oprah without a TV show. She's married to ex-NFL player Stewart (Mike Colter, "Luke Cage"). On the surface, they have an ideal marriage and are on the verge of getting their own talk show.

Behind closed doors, they've got problems. However, they must protect their brand and are determined to keep up their facade.

Ryan talks her old college girlfriends, who used to call themselves the "Flossy Posse," into a reunion in New Orleans at the annual Essence Music Festival. There's Dina (Tiffany Haddish, "The Carmichael Show"), the brassy one who talks like a drunk hooker, "We gonna get some d—k this weekend." Lisa (Jada Pinkett Smith), a nurse with two kids, is the prudish one: "Dina! I need you to use

your lady mouth." Sasha (Queen Latifah) is a gossip columnist, who is having trouble paying her bills.

The foursome gathers at the airport, checks into a lavish hotel and in short order they are kicked out thanks to Dina's outlandish behavior. Apparently the finer establishments don't take kindly to women who threaten patrons with broken champagne bottles. The group moves to a fleabag motel that's frequented by \$5 prostitutes.

That's the set up, and director Malcolm Lee ("The Best Man"), who has become the populist voice for the Black middle-class, works his magic. Scenes melt into each other with a quick rhythm, and each has its own dynamic, builds to a crescendo and leaves plenty

of room for the cast to engage in comical banter. He gives the actresses room to play their characters to the max. Bedroom scenes, dance-offs, bar fights, Beale Street parades, testy confrontations, shocking revelations and raunchy repartee are orchestrated with precision. You barely have time to breathe between the outrageous scenes (editor Paul Millsbaugh, "The Best Man Holiday").

The cast works well together as an ensemble. Pinkett Smith finds the humor in her dour character, who is in desperate need of a wild night out. When she hooks up with a lanky 21-year-old (Kofi Siriboe, "Queen Sugar"), she gets her mojo back. Hall, as the lead character, has the right mix of shocking indignation and

resignation. Latifah adds texture to the financially challenged Sasha. Larenz Tate plays an old friend named Julian, who is a sensitive soul and a perfect counterbalance to Stewart, a hardened lothario. Tate hasn't aged a day since 1997's "Love Jones."

Haddish gets the best lines and the most outrageous physical humor. What she does with a banana and a grapefruit in one scene is so whacked out she could earn a best supporting actress award. She lifts the Dina character off the page, brings her alive on screen and displays a go-for-the-jugular humor that makes you think she will do anything for a laugh, just like Melissa McCarthy.

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## Live Happy Radio Show launches in Dallas

This summer, as part of its mission to cultivate and spread happiness around the world, Dallas-based Live Happy launched its first radio show, Live Happy Radio. Airing locally in Dallas on Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. on 98.7 KLUV-FM, listeners can also tune in on Radio.com or on the Radio.com app (available on iTunes and Google Play) by searching "98.7 KLUV."

Each week, the show shares uplifting and inspiring stories of Dallas' own "happy heroes," a rapid-fire exchange of positive ideas and tips from the magazine's top editors, as well as positive psychology research on how listeners can add more positivity and meaning to their lives.

Since its inaugural episode on June 4, Live Happy Radio has featured



interviews with positive psychology and well-being thought leaders including Caroline Miller and Genella Macintyre, celebrities, and Happy Activists within the Dallas community. Show topics range from the importance of a good night's sleep, to the impact technology has on productivity, even to the positive benefits of looking at pictures of cute puppies.

Live Happy Radio is the newest addition to the company's media platforms. These include Live Happy Now, an inspiring free weekly audio podcast, which debuted as No. 1 New and Noteworthy on iTunes in 2015, and Live Happy Magazine, the first-of-its-kind publication which combines

scientific research and practical advice to help readers add joy and meaning to their lives and share it with others.

"This transition to radio came from the tremendous and positive response from Live Happy Now, as well as requests from our readers," says Deborah K. Heisz, Live Happy editorial director, CEO, and co-founder. "This is a great growth opportunity for us, as the show will allow us to reach our loyal audience of listeners and readers, as well as a whole new audience in the Dallas area. Our hope is that they'll take away a tip, insight or activity that will boost their moods in the short term and build more life satisfaction for the long haul."

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## NDG Book Review: *Called to Rise* is a book to get wrapped up in

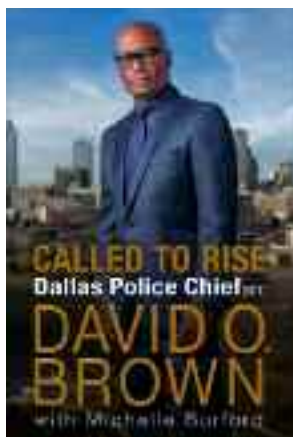
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your life is entirely wrapped up in your job.

You never aimed for that to happen, but it's okay: what you do for a living has become your passion and therefore, you do it well. Life and work balance for you, but in the new book "Called to Rise" by David O. Brown (with Michelle Burford), you'll see the balance tip.

Little David Brown never wanted to be a police officer.

Not at first. He really wanted to become a lawyer like on Perry Mason. Working in a courtroom, putting



criminals away seemed like the best job ever and so, after Brown graduated from high school, he headed for the University of Texas at Austin to reach his dream.

At the end of his sopho-

more year, though, that dream changed when crack cocaine came to his hometown of Dallas. He'd never seen such destruction, so he quit college in favor of a different method of putting "villains" away: Brown became a cop.

It was a comfortable job that came easy for him. His rookie year was spent "enforcing the law in a place where I knew, or at least knew of, just about everybody." He made friends on the force, and started working his way up the internal ladder. Meanwhile, over those years, he got divorced, lost his best friend to vio-

lence and his father to illness, raised a son, learned to lean on God for help, and met the love of his life.

The Job, of course, was another love. Always yearning for more responsibility and better job positions, Brown leaped from department to department, worked a regular beat, was in charge of 9-1-1 and dispatch, and served with the Dallas SWAT team. He learned first-hand that community policing worked like no other method of crime-fighting. He reached for the top. And then, just after he became one of the nation's few African American Chiefs of

Police, Brown was handed his biggest challenge ever...

Aside from the fact that this book is overloaded to distraction with clichés and a bit too much chest-thumping, "Called to Rise" ain't too bad.

Readers who love true crime or memoirs of that sort will enjoy that author David O. Brown writes (with Michelle Burford) about his passion for law enforcement, how he formed his hard anti-drug stance while just a youth, and how it shaped the way he works. And yet, you're asked to swallow a lot in those pages, and it sometimes feels like

the righteousness is forced.

Later, that tone softens when Brown admits that his son's death changed the way he perceived the people he was sworn to protect. He's introspective there, with less foot-stomping, as he also weighs in on racial issues, and how police and citizens can come together for a "more thoughtful" discussion on that subject.

Overall, "Called to Rise" is mostly good. It has moments of eye-rolling, but it's also quite inspiring and yes, it's worth reading. If you love police/detective memoirs, it's a book to get wrapped up in.

## Tickets to the 2017 State Fair of Texas now available online

Calling all Fair-food fanatics out there - tickets are now available for purchase to the 13th Annual Big Tex Choice Awards. Fans will soon have the chance to serve as taste-testers for the 10 finalists in the Fair's coveted culinary competition. This will also give guests a first taste of the new food lineup for the year. Tickets are available for purchase online today at [BigTex.com/Tickets](http://BigTex.com/Tickets).

With less than 60 days

until Opening Day, guests can now purchase their general admission tickets to the 2017 State Fair of Texas. Save money by buying tickets online, in advance. With a gate price of \$18, general admission tickets are also available online for \$16.50. BigTex.com offers \$12.50 admission for children and seniors, with tickets regularly priced at \$14. Children must be under 48 inches in height, and seniors must be 60 years of age or older. Ad-

mission is free for children of ages two and under.

Food and ride coupons are also available online. Your ticket to the Fair includes entry into hundreds of daily shows, concerts, activities, and exhibits. Talk about Texas-sized fun! Purchase tickets online at [BigTex.com/Tickets](http://BigTex.com/Tickets)

If fairgoers choose to purchase their tickets online, they have the options to print tickets at home or have them scanned directly from

their smartphone at the gate. In addition, coupon vouchers will be available online starting Sept. 1. With coupons priced at 50 cents each, coupon vouchers will

be sold in \$50 increments (100 coupons). Fairgoers will be able to exchange their vouchers for hard coupons by visiting special online coupon redemption

centers. For the fans not wanting to purchase tickets online, don't worry - tickets will be available at all State Fair admission gates starting Sept. 29.

## Dollar Days in the Garden this month

The drawn out sun-drenched days of summer bring in August Dollar Days, presented by Reliant. Named "One of the World's 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens" by Architectural Digest, the garden is offering \$1 general garden admission, \$5 for parking, and \$1 admission into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for the month of August. Summer programming for the Children's Adventure Garden features Splashdown Science Summer with solar weekdays and water weekends that correlate with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics).

The many beds are bursting with ageratum, impatiens, lobelias, petunias, cleome, begonias, salvia, marigolds and zinnias dur-

ing the summer. As it heats up, caladiums, lantana, pride of Barbados, variegated tapioca, elephant ears and coleus are added to the gardens.

"Summer is always a great time for families to enjoy the outdoors, particularly at one of the most beautiful gardens in the world," said Elizabeth Killinger, president, Reliant.

"We're glad to partner with the Dallas Arboretum on Dollar Days to give visitors a glimpse of nature at a very affordable price."

Dollar Days food includes \$1 sodas, juice and frozen pops, \$2 root beer floats and hotdogs, and \$4 brownie sundaes. Mark Wolf, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, "We look forward to record attendance this August, thanks to our partnership with Reliant to present

August Dollar Days. For only \$2 per person, everyone can come enjoy the beautiful gardens and experience the nationally acclaimed Children's Adventure Garden at such an affordable price."

August Dollar Day tickets are available for purchase only at the gate. Parking is available for a discounted \$5 per vehicle. For more information on August Dollar Days and other daily activities, call 214-515-6500 or visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org). For a full list of summer programming for the Children's Adventure Garden, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/the-rory-meyers-childrens-adventure-garden/childrens-garden-activities>.

# Who's soft on crime and bad for Texas business? Texas Republicans

By Matt Angle

If you're disoriented by the headline, we understand. For a generation or more, Texas Republicans have pushed a tough on crime point of view and embraced a pro-business profile.

Times have changed.

Current Texas Republicans at the very top like Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick – along with those sitting on the back bench like Senator

Konni Burton (SD10, Colleyville), Rep. Jonathan Stickland (HD92, Bedford), and Rep. Jason Villalba (HD114, Dallas) – combine ideological extremism with cynical political self-preservation to push an agenda that makes Texans less safe and drags our economy down.

SB4, misnamed the “sanctuary city” bill, was the top priority for Texas Republican leaders. They rammed it through the Legislature, and it was quickly signed by Greg Abbott. In this one bill

– served up as red meat to the off-the-edge activists who now control the Texas Republican Primary – Abbott and Patrick and their followers in the Legislature delivered a one-two punch to Texas public safety and jobs.

Six police chiefs from Texas' largest cities formally notified Abbott, Patrick and legislators that the bill would make Texans less safe.

The law enforcement professionals were ignored. Republicans across the state got

on board. Every single Republican legislator – including those who pass themselves off as “establishment” like Jason Villalba in Dallas and Sarah Davis in Houston – chose an ideological pander over police officials and public safety.

Republican leaders in Austin are not only putting public safety at risk, they are delivering a painful blow to our Texas economy.

Today, Texas business leaders forecast that the bill will take nearly \$14 billion

out of the Texas economy.

Up to a quarter of a million jobs will be lost in Texas with the law in effect.

Narrow and divisive ideology over Texas families and jobs

Steadily, year by year and issue by issue, Texas Republican leaders have become

so dependent upon the most divisive, narrow-minded and mean-spirited elements within the Republican Party base that they have abandoned sensible law enforcement and fundamental business principles.

*Angle is the Director of the Lone Star Project.*

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The quartet of actresses must share top-billing with New Orleans and the Essence Music Festival. Through the lens of cinematographer Greg Gardiner (“The Best Man Holiday”) NOLA and Beale Street look so inviting. The colors, especially in the costumes (Danielle Hollowell, “The Best Man Holiday”), pop off the screen with brilliant yel-

lows, lush reds and bright oranges. Also, if you've been curious about the Essence Music Festival and have never gone, you're getting a free look. Glimpses of concert performances by Maxwell, Faith Evans and others enliven the footage. Cameos by Morris Chestnut and Ava DuVernay add verve.

There is something en-

dearing about watching old friends work through their differences and rekindle the love and solidarity that once united them. But that's like reading Playboy for the great articles. Audiences who venture out to see Girls Trip are really hungering for outlandish humor and a good date movie—and that's what they'll get. They will laugh themselves silly and leave happy.

Every two seconds you'll

find yourself saying, “I can't believe they just said that.” But they did—and it was oh-so funny!

*Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. As a film critic, he regularly attends international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the American Black Film Festival. Read more movie reviews by Dwight Brown here and at DwightBrown-Ink.com.*

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## Congressional maneuver seeks to deny consumers financial satisfaction

By Charlene Crowell

The song, “I can’t get no satisfaction” may have been recorded decades ago first by Otis Redding and later by the Rolling Stones, but its message is still true today. Its lyrics, “I’ve tried, and tried” strike a resonant chord with anyone who ever felt they received less than they deserved.

When it comes to today’s range of financial services and products, many consumers don’t have satisfaction.

One of the reasons is that consumers are often denied the chance to join forces in court to hold bank and lenders accountable when they seem to have broken the law. Instead, financial contracts frequently contain forced arbitration clauses buried in the fine print. These anti-consumer clauses require that all disputes between consumers and the institution are dealt with in a secretive and often rigged arbitration system.

Among the financial products with high use of arbitration clauses are payday loans. An estimated 99 percent of storefront payday loans in California and

Texas include arbitration. Here’s how it works:

The financial institution hires the arbitration firm, pays its fee, and in turn, almost always rules in the company’s favor 93 percent of the time and leading to repeat business-to-business dealings. And by the way – more often than not, there is no right to appeal.

On July 10, a long-awaited rule to remedy this dilemma, was announced by Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). A forceful and vocal coalition of civil rights, organized labor, consumer advocates and others had pushed for the rule to further address economic ills suffered disproportionately by consumers of color.

Earlier CFPB research found that even with limits on class actions, consumers receive – after attorneys’ fees – approximately \$440 million more per year in these lawsuits than with arbitration. Over the past few years, 34 million more consumers received relief from class action lawsuits.

“Including these clauses in contracts allows companies to sidestep the judicial

system, avoid big refunds, and continue to pursue profitable practices that may violate the law and harm large numbers of consumers,” said Cordray. “Our research showed that these little-known clauses are bad for consumers. They may not be aware that they have been deceived or discriminated against or even when their contractual rights have been violated.”

Civil rights organizations were swift to speak up in support.

“By leveling the playing field between corporations and individuals, this rule is an important step towards addressing the economic inequality that is so closely intertwined with racial injustice in the United States,” said Todd Cox, policy director for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Last August, the organization submitted comments supporting the rule – along with 110,000 others.

“These forced arbitration clauses block consumers who have been wronged from joining class action lawsuits or otherwise appearing before an impartial court that can consider their

injuries,” said Vanita Gupta, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

“By forcing consumers into secret arbitration, corporations have long enjoyed an advantage in the process, and victims have often been precluded from sharing their stories with the press or law enforcement, Gupta continued. “The CFPB rule is simple. It says that consumers have the right to join together to enforce protections guaranteed by the Constitution, or federal, state, or local law.”

Unfortunately, not all reactions were supportive.

On July 20, Sen. Mike Crapo, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, Chair of the House Committee on Financial Services announced a coordinated legislative attack to roll back CFPB’s arbitration rule. Proceeding under the Congressional Review Act, Congress can fast track a veto of new federal regulation with limited debate and a simple majority vote in each chamber.

As of press time, Sen. Crapo’s resolution was sup-

ported by over 20 Senate colleagues representing 21 states. For three of these states – Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi – both Senators support the measure. On the House side, Rep. Keith Rothfus sponsored its resolution with the support of 33 colleagues.

Only July 25, the House passed its resolution on a highly partisan vote of 231-190. Only one Member of Congress crossed the aisle to vote against his majority party – Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina. As of press time, the Senate had not yet taken the measure to a vote.

Since the 115th Congress began in January, Congress has used the Congressional Review

Act a total of 14 times. Each time it was used to overrule regulations by the Obama Administration. Prior to this year, only once in 2001, has Congress taken this approach.

For policy advocates, the attempt to undo the lengthy and thoughtful process CFPB used in developing its arbitration rule is a step backwards, instead of forward.

“These clauses block consumers’ access to the

courts and force consumers into an arbitration process rigged in favor of the company,” noted Melissa Stegman, a Senior Policy Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending.

“This also makes it difficult for consumers to challenge widespread, systemic misconduct by companies since it is often too expensive to pursue small-dollar disputes one-by-one in arbitration. “The Wells Fargo scandal highlights the real harm of forced arbitration clauses, as customers who attempted to bring class action lawsuits against the bank over phony accounts were blocked from the court – keeping the growing problem out of the public eye.”

Whether it’s a payday loan, or a credit card or maybe even a mobile phone, no consumer who has been financially harmed should be denied the right to seek some satisfaction and financial justice.

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gency Physicians.

According to the Virginia Department of Health, the state saw 822 opioid overdose deaths in the first nine months of 2016, compared with 811 in all of 2015.

“Almost three people a day are dying in Virginia from an opioid overdose, either prescription or illegal,” said David E. Brown, director of the state’s Department of Health Professions.

For the first time, the regulations apply specific guidelines to Virginia providers, dictating how many opioids can be prescribed depending on the situation and stipulating that other pain treatments should be considered before opioids are prescribed.

Before prescribing opioids, providers must do a thorough physical examination and determine the patient’s history. The patient

also must be given Naloxone—a life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of an overdose.

Part of the effort by the new guidelines, according to Anderson, was to limit the number of people using opioid-based pain killers in the long run.

But, according to Anderson and other advocates, in the short term, addicts seeking relief for their pain may go to street vendors and secure heroin or the more deadly pain killers, such as Fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a potent, synthetic opioid pain medication with a rapid onset and short duration of action and is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. Some Fentanyl derivatives may be as much as 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

Anderson said that people

who are suffering pain episodes due to sickle cell anemia and have had prescriptions for pain meds delayed because their physicians are “reviewing their cases,” should go to the emergency room anyway.

She said ER physicians may hospitalize them and administer pain-relieving medicines. However, the patients will not be released with a prescription of pain killers, due to new state regulations.

If that happens, Anderson said the patients should go back until their prescriptions have been filled.

Anderson said that a medicine called Hydroxyurea, which has been used in chemotherapy for cancer has been found to be effective in bolstering the body’s resistance to problems associated with sickle cell anemia and relieving pain.

“It’s the only option they have,” Anderson said.

Another option now for people suffering from the various side effects of sickle cell anemia, including pain, is a new Federal Drug Administration (FDA) - approved drug called Endari.

News on Friday, July 7, that the FDA had approved the first new drug to treat this disease in nearly 20 years, drew cheers from patients and advocates who have been waiting for a breakthrough.

Endari is a drug created by Emmaus Medical Inc., which notes Endari is no cure. Rather, it’s approved to “reduce severe complications associated with the blood disorder,” such as extreme side effects in the lungs and major pain.

The drug also cuts down patients’ needs to go to a hospital for sickle cell anemia-related pain.

But there’s still a long way to go to fight a lifelong ill-

ness which affects some 100,000 Americans at any given time, according to the National Institutes of Health. *The New Journal and*

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Certification Classes will be held at the Jubilee Community Center.

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## August 9 Grand Prairie WFC Multi Employer Hiring Event

On August 9 from 10 a.m. until Noon at the Grand Prairie Workforce Center (801 S State Highway 161, Grand Prairie, TX 75051) the Grand Prairie Workforce Center is hosting a multi-employer hiring event on August 9th, 2017 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

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## August 10 Back to Work for Ages 50 Plus

On Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eastfield College (3737 Motely Drive S100-S101, Mesquite, TX 75150) Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas and Eastfield College are host-

ing the Back to Work Ages 50 plus hiring event.

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## August 19 JOBCON 2017

Job Connect 2017 - A Job Sourcing & Networking Event will take place on Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Showbusiness Studios (350 E Royal Lane # 123, Irving, TX 75039).

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There was an urgency of the hour; they came together in unity. I believe that's what the church is about, being a unified body.

And, then about August 13, 1993 in North American all of the power failed; people were trying to find places of security and rest.

Other people were helping them along the streets and highway, bring them into their homes and places and even though they didn't have lights they were giving them a place of security.

It's something about a national tragedy or when trouble is looming on the horizon that we don't look at the color of a person's skin or

their status in life.

But we look at the situation as a need and we can do something about it, we help them. Again, unity prevails and we work together until all is resolved.

How many households are destroyed because visions are not the same, when unity doesn't prevail?

Many times we don't see things the same. We are individuals, each of us has our own personalities, our own attitudes and decisions.

But there comes a time to communication, to share, to talk, to feel things out so that we will know what the other person is thinking and they in turn will know what we are thinking.

And, somehow as believers, as humans, as people who are concerned about the life and welfare of others we can come together and work things out, we resolve our differences and God is blessed in that.

Prior to the 35th verse in St. John, Jesus had ministered to a woman who had been living a sinful life; whoever she could "company with or share with" that's who she would call her husband.

But, then she met Jesus! That says to me that when a person meets Jesus and cry out that, "I am saved, sanctified and full of the Holy Ghost," that there should be

an air of unity between God's people.

There should be a direction when we are all going the same way; because we know that our ultimate goal is to one day be in the Heavenly Kingdom.

I don't believe that any of us want to think that there is a "gray area" and none of us want to go to the alternative to Heaven.

God is a unified God, isn't He? He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; none reacts or move without the other's knowledge.

God is saying to us, "... look on the fields; they are already white to harvest . . ." But we need laborers.

We, the body of Christ believers, trust that we must work together to accomplish a certain goal or to reach the area that God would have us to reach.

Jeremiah and the people that worked with him built a wall because there was trouble ensuring all around them.

The children were being carted into slavery and their women were being preyed


on by the enemy who had free access in and out to them because the wall had broken down.


God spoke to Nehemiah and told him to get up from being the King's cup bearer;

I want you to go and refurbish the wall. Nehemiah didn't know how long his journey would be, and he didn't question God, he was willing to go because of the necessity of the work.




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