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Runoff candidates get one last MNP forum before voting begins

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

A final round of runoff races was featured during Monday Night Politics (MNP) at the African American Museum in Fair Park on May 7. The event, hosted by the Dallas Examiner, gives candidates the opportunity to make their case to the public and is held in conjunction with every election cycle.

Monday night's event featured five races, and in all but one, there was only one candidate appearing for the event. In the first race, for the Texas 68th District Court, incumbent Martin Hoffman noted the absence of challenger Kim Brown, who had not been present at either MNP opportunity, giving little opportunity to compare the two campaigns.

"I don't ever like to speak ill of anybody, but this is the second time we've done Monday Night Politics and neither time has my opponent showed up," Hoffman said. "That may not seem like a big deal, but I will tell you that in the five months I've been campaigning I've only seen my opponent four times."

The race for Dallas County Court at Law, Number 4, saw four candidates running in the Democratic primary. That field is now down to only two with Paula Rosales challenging incumbent Ken Tapscott in the runoff. Rosales led the first round of



Edward Wright, candidate for Dallas County Constable, Precinct 4 (center), addresses the crowd while fellow candidate Sha Steger Wright (at left) and MNP forum moderator Mercedes Fulbright (at right) look on. The two candidates survived a field of seven to face off in the runoff election on May 22. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

voting by 9,442 votes and was the only candidate appearing at MNP.

Tapscott had challenged Rosales' experience when the two met at the first forum, noting he had more than two decades of experience in civil law, while Rosales' background is split into multiple disciplines. Rosales stated she is more qualified than Tapscott was when he first ran for the judgeship, and sees her varied past as an advantage rather than a hindrance.

"If lucky enough to be elected, what I'm bringing to the County Court at Law, Number 4 bench is diverse life experience, and diverse legal field experience," Rosales said.

"I am first-generation American, second-generation attorney and third- and fourth-generation human rights advocate."

In the Dallas County Court of Criminal Appeals, Number 2, Pamela Luther and Marilyn Mayse are heading into the runoff from an original field of four candidates. Mayse, who came in second in the first primary vote, was the only candidate appearing at the forum.

Mayse comes from a background as a criminal defense attorney. She says she is looking to incorporate more programs to defer convictions,

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Dr. Venus Opal Reese

"Why is it when white women tell their truth, it's all over the media," says Dr. Venus Opal Reese, creator of the Black Woman Millionaire Tour and author of the best-selling book by the same name. "Based on conversations I have had with hundreds of black women leaders and entrepreneurs who have attended tour stops nationwide, the word on the street has been that when white women started to speak up about Harvey Weinstein, it was big news. But black women have been saying the same thing



for centuries and it wasn't a headline."

They aren't wrong. Studies have shown that sexual violence affects black women at higher rates. More than 20 percent of black women are raped dur-

ing their lifetimes — a higher percentage than women overall. Professor and journalist Shanita Hubbard provides insight into how this fact is tied to why white women get heard while black women don't: "Black girls and women are both viewed as hypersexual so our stories are ignored."

Dr. Venus, a Stanford University graduate and former tenured professor, discusses on her tour that the black female body is a "social non-being." As such, black women are rendered voiceless, disposable, and powerless. She talks about how this has been the

case since the 1600s, when taxes and laws were created to justify the right to black women's bodies as the labor-producing workforce for the American Dream.

According to Dr. Venus, historically the black female body has been socially positioned in the following ways:

- the workhorse
- the cash cow
- the beast of burden.

"We are still positioned socially to not only work like a slave but to also remain powerless, broke and broken," says Dr. Venus. "What I have learned from my own experience of liv-

ing on the streets by the age of 16, eating out of trash cans, and being subject to damn near every sort of violation is this: the way to claim your power is to heal and have your own money."

Dr. Venus is on the last leg of her national tour based on her best-selling book, *The Black Woman Millionaire: A Revolutionary Act That Defies Impossibility*.

"The book deep dives into the healing required to be your own boss and to charge what you are truly worth. During the 4-hour workshop-like tour stops, I cover proven business

training we used to gross over \$4 million in five years. We did it through healing," states Dr. Venus, who has been featured in *Forbes*, *Ebony*, *Black Enterprise*, on ABC News, CBS News, PBS, in *Glamour* magazine, and *Diversity Inc*.

"It's time for black women to never have to put up with crap for a paycheck. Or stay in any sort of terrorizing relationship because we need the money. We have access now that our ancestors could never have known to pray for. It's not only our time, it's our turn."

PO3 Joanna Rakes

By SP2 Theodore Quintana
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

SASEBO, Japan- A Mansfield, Texas, native and 2008 Mansfield High School graduate is serving U.S. Navy with U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka (USNH Yokosuka), Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Sasebo.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Joanna Rakes is a hospital corpsman serving with BHC Sasebo, operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

A Navy hospital corpsman is responsible for the prevention and treatment of disease



and injury, assisting health care professionals in providing medical care to personnel, conducting preliminary physical examinations, and maintaining treatment records.

Rakes is proud to serve in the Pacific and fondly recalls memories of Mansfield.

"I like taking care of people," said Rakes. "I like the different variety of patients we get. I'm doing what I always wanted to do so it solidified my goals. This command is a close-knit community which makes for a great work environment."

Moments like that makes it worth serving around the world ready at all times to defend America's interests. With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic

and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy's presence in Sasebo is part of that long-standing commitment, explained Navy officials.

BHC is a branch health clinic of USNH Yokosuka. Yokosuka and Sasebo together are the largest U.S. military treatment facilities on mainland Japan. Branch health annexes are located at Camp Fuji and Hario, while Branch health clinics are located in Iwakuni, and Atsugi in mainland Japan; Chinhae, Korea on the southern tip of South Korea; and Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

"You make a difference every day," said Deputy

Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet Joey Dodgen. "We are the most prepared, highly trained and the most capable force in the Indo Pacific. Our carriers, amphibious assault ships, aircraft and most importantly, our people, are ready today to face regional challenges and lead our Navy's forces in this theater, just as the officers and Sailors of 7th Fleet have done for 75 years. So thank you for all that you do."

The hospital provides all medical, dental, and emergency services. BHC Sasebo strives to be the premier provider of healthcare to active duty forces and their families in the Indo-Asia-Pa-

cific region through Joint Partnerships.

"While serving here, I have been able to deploy with the hospital ship USNS Comfort where we visited ten different countries and did humanitarian work and brought medical care to those communities," said Rakes.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Rakes and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"The Navy helped me reach my goals and see more

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

EarthX brings environmental awareness to Dallas

QUOTE "...Dallas is the 11th most polluted city in the U.S., and North Texas alone has some of the highest ozone levels in the entire state."

Dr Neil Carman, an Environmental Scientist, helped Kevin Felder (Dallas City Council District 7) with controlling some local air pollution issues.

SAFER WATER - May 15th Event for and by citizens - Dr Neil Carman will be one of the speakers at

this event being held in Garland (Garland Plaza Theatre - 521 W State St, Garland, TX 75040) 7pm until 9pm

- Tom T

Beto breaks for a lesson in urban agriculture between North Texas rallies

Great job to see local agriculture at work. I think I saw some heritage breeds on their website which will really help livestock genetic diversity. I hope they celebrate and perhaps have some fund raising activities

for the farm during International Heritage Breeds Week May 20-26th. #HeritageBreedsWeek The more the younger generation learns about where their food comes from and how to treat livestock ethically will be a bonus for a lifetime and our future. Thanks so much for the great article.

- Gabrielle Gordon

Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Issues Warning about Green Dot Scam

We were contacted by

this scam in the last couple of days. There is a saying that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't. Likewise, if it doesn't seem right or doesn't make sense, it probably not true.

- Marshall Wilson

School to offer a second chance at a high school diploma for adults

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-Jarisha Hashaway

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Living to die, or dying to live



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This past weekend, I attended my father's homegoing celebration service in Waterproof, La. Amazingly, Cleveland Brown lived to see 91 years on this earth. During the services, my mind wondered: Are we living to die or dying to live? Let us dive into each one a little deeper.

Living to Die - The process of going through the motion of life lacking enthusiasm and zest. In your mind, you are convinced your life is a daily routine. There are no major occurrences, milestones nor events to highlight your life as one of significance. You

are born, you live and you die.

Dying to Live - The process of living with a purpose which demonstrates incredible passion and desire to achieve. In this case, your life is far from being in a rut. Every day is an opportunity to create, move forward or start something special. The key is treating each day as another opportunity to fight for a worthwhile cause.

Those who are living to die do not feel the urge to go the extra mile. These individuals are not doing anything wrong. However, nothing moves them to go out of the way to doing anything right either. At times, they think about stepping out of their comfort zone, but doubt and failure show up and steal the energy to take a chance. Therefore, life takes on the thought pat-

tern of should have, could have and why didn't I.

Dying to live is the opposite - These individuals have minds injected with "out-of-the-box" thinking each day. They do not have time to focus on dying, because there is so much to accomplish in life. To someone with this mindset, moving from familiar to unfamiliar is a lifestyle. This deliberate intention to live a purposeful life disrupts routine and normality. Life takes on the thought pattern of what ifs, how about and why not me.

Personally, I choose dying to live because it breathes hope and courage. I encourage you to start that new business, join the organization, enroll in school, go after the promotion, apply for the new job, restore a bad relationship, vote in every election and stand up

for something. Explore a self-assessment to determine what areas to challenge yourself.

My father lived a full, meaningful life with a focus on family. Even until his last breath, he was dying to live. He fought the good fight and finished the course while keeping the faith. He was not a perfect man but spent his life-giving and providing for many in his community.

Dad, I salute you for inspiring others to be a trail-blazer!!

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Workforce crisis dragging down quality of long term care in Texas

Will the caregiver be a stranger when your loved ones push the call button?

By Julie Sulik
RN-BC, CLNC

When it comes to being able to juggle all the critical tasks expected in providing care to an aging Texan, experience is the greatest teacher. A seasoned nurse who knows her residents' routines and medical complexities can tackle or even prevent most troubles.

But should you or someone in your family require round-the-clock medical attention in a Texas nursing facility, chances are the caregiver on duty will be new to their job. A full 97 percent of certified nursing aides working in Texas left their jobs last year. The turnover rate for registered nurses tops 90 percent.

That's because a workforce crisis is undermining the long term care industry in Texas. And it's not only dragging down quality ratings, it's endangering the quality of care for our most vulnerable seniors. The symptoms are many —

short-staffed homes and anxious families, for example — but the cause is simple: Texas has one of the lowest nursing home Medicaid reimbursement rates in the nation.

In fact, the Medicaid reimbursement rate for Texas nursing homes is less than \$6 per hour, per resident. That's less than what most kids earn mowing lawns. It doesn't even cover the state's acknowledged cost of care.

The results of this underfunding are numerous. But for staff like me, it means low wages and high levels of burnout as managers constantly scramble to cover shifts, asking employees to pick up extra hours. It's a frustrating situation for good nurses who care about their residents.

The Texas Health Care Association has released a report detailing the effects of high turnover rates and a growing workforce crisis on the quality of long term care. The report explains how high turnover rates lead to a re-

duction of direct-care hours as inexperienced staff constantly replace experienced caregivers.

Simply put, the report paints an unflattering picture of the state of nursing home care in the Lone Star State. As someone who has dedicated my life to improving long term care in Texas, I find that unacceptable. I hope you do to. We can do better.

We know that a dedicated staff is key to delivering the kind of long term care you or I would want for our own family. Nurses who can take the time and get to know their residents personally are better able to understand and anticipate a resident's needs. It's not that complicated.

That's why keeping experienced caregivers is vital. A 97 percent turnover rate is not acceptable.

According to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce (TCNWS) Studies, a 2016 survey revealed only 8 percent of Texas nursing homes reported an adequate

supply of nursing personnel. The TCNWS says hiring more registered nurses for Texas nursing homes is "imperative."

Texas has already tried to regulate and penalize its way to improving the quality of its nursing homes. Texas nursing homes are among the most regulated in the nation. But Texas nursing homes are not among the best in the nation.

The solution to Texas' long term care workforce crisis is better funding for long term care that will allow nurses to be paid what they are worth and enable them to honor our elders with the care they deserve. More regulations and penalties won't make nurses work harder. We are already working as hard as we can. We need your help.

Julie Sulik has spent a lifetime working in Texas nursing homes, both as a nurse and as an executive. Julie is Vice President of Clinical Services at Plano-based Southwest Ltc Management.

Free health hotline tackles chronic disease

AUSTIN — IT'S TIME TEXAS, the nonprofit championing the movement for a healthier state by making healthy lifestyles more accessible for all Texans, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, is expanding their free Living Healthier health coaching hotline to provide self-management support to those living with chronic disease. The first stage of expansion will focus on early-stage Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) which together affect over 3 million Americans yearly.

While chronic disease is a long-lasting condition that can be controlled but not cured, the vast majority of cases can be prevented or



managed. The Living Healthier health coaching hotline provides self-management support that will significantly impact the quality and quantity of life for Texans.

"We're excited that the coach line is going to help folks address the effects of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, known as COPD, and Chronic Kidney Disease, known as CKD," said Dr. Esteban Lopez, chief

medical officer for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, in an interview with IT'S TIME TEXAS. "Both of these disease conditions wreak havoc on the health of our communities across the state of Texas. It's important for us to be able to address it to be able to make Texas healthier."

Texas has the third largest number of CKD patients and the second highest expenditures for CKD in the United

States. According to estimates by the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1 in 7 South Texas residents are affected by this disease, and an additional 1 in 5 adults are considered at a high risk for developing symptoms.

In Texas, COPD is most prevalent in northern regions and is the cause for the highest mortality among Caucasian women in this area. COPD is the third largest cause of death nationally. According to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas claims data, many people living with COPD go undiagnosed and enter the healthcare system at an advanced state, in

great need of specialized, intensive care. Unfortunately, patients living with COPD tend to make less than \$25,000 annually, making cost a barrier to access the treatment.

"At IT'S TIME TEXAS, we believe Texas is best when Texans are healthy," said Dr. Caroline Hilbert, program director at IT'S TIME TEXAS. "That's why we provide the Living Healthier coach hotline. Calling to talk to a coach is always completely free, and our coaches are bilingual in English and Spanish."

The goal of this new expansion is to provide self-

management support to thousands of patients diagnosed with COPD and early-stage CKD to increase the chances of abating serious complications due to living with chronic disease, and to help make healthy changes more manageable for those recently diagnosed. The partnership between IT'S TIME TEXAS and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas will provide long-term telephonic assistance for all Texan adults maintaining or improving their health and quality of life.

The hotline is available M-F, 9-6 CST at (844) 262-6224.

National Hospital Week at Parkland puts focus on compassion

Public health employees often face a daunting task in that the demand for healthcare services is high and the needs of patients, often the most vulnerable people in a community, are complex and challenging.

The staff of Parkland Health & Hospital System will take time during the second week of May to celebrate 2018 National Hospital Week, the nation's largest healthcare event, by focusing on the care and compassion that plays a vital role in serving the community. This year's theme, "Caring is our Calling," reflects the compassion Parkland employees display in serving people entrusted to their care.

Every day, thousands of people seek treatment from Parkland providers in the hospital, specialty clinics and neighborhood health centers located throughout Dallas County. Parkland staff stand ready 24/7, 365 to care for critically injured in the Rees-Jones Trauma Center or the only verified burn center in North Texas, those needing care in the state-of-the-art emergency department or to warmly welcome a newborn into this world. In fiscal 2017, Parkland recorded more than 244,000 visits to

its emergency room and urgent care center and more than one million visits to the neighborhood and specialty outpatient clinics. In addition, 12,527 babies were delivered.

"Parkland's staff does this important work because they care deeply about the health and well-being of every patient we serve. It isn't easy. It requires skill and patience and long hours. But our employees believe in Parkland's

mission and values. Caring truly is their calling," said Fred Cerise, MD, MPH, Parkland's CEO.

The week coincides with the May 12, 1820, birth of Florence Nightingale, long revered for laying the foundation for modern nursing. Her writings sparked worldwide healthcare reform, and in 1860 she established St. Thomas's Hospital and the Nightingale Training School for Nurses in London.

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Historic church gets a makeover

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

In the heart of South Dallas, for 90 years the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ (MACC) stood on the corner of Marsalis Avenue and E Grover C Washington Ave. not only as a church, but as a way of life and a symbol for the people of Dallas. To celebrate its anniversary, the church held

a groundbreaking ceremony to commence its \$1.5 million expansion renovation project.

"We will be building a foyer and an atrium to better serve out community and our members," Lamont Ross, Senior Minister, Marsalis Ave. Church of Christ said.

The Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ was established in 1928, but the con-

gregation starting meeting at its current location since 1974. At that time the congregation moved from South Dallas to South Oak Cliff when the community was transitioning from predominately White to mostly African-American. Today, the area around the facility is split between African-Americans and Hispanic, and the church ordained its first Hispanic deacon to em-

brace the changing demographics.

Members of the church, the banking community, city government, and county government supported the church to make the project possible.

One of the commitments the church made was to stay within the community. They had the option to go out into

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DART fare app reboots with new features

Starting May 14, users of the popular GoPass app from Dallas Area Rapid Transit will enjoy new ways to pay for their passes and plan their DART and Trinity Railway Express (TRE) trips.

One of the first transit payment apps when it was launched in 2013, the original version changed the way customers purchased transit passes on their smartphone with a credit or debit card.

A major new feature is the ability to load value to the



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chase tickets for use on DART, TRE, Trinity Metro and the Denton County Transportation Authority.

Other new GoPass options will allow customers to use "Touch ID" for quicker security acceptance, send receipts to an email address, view various events and offers, save their favorite stations and stops making viewing vehicle arrivals and departures quicker and give the ability to track buses and trains in real-time.

GoPass app with cash at hundreds of area retailers. Learn how easy this is and locate a participating retailer in the PayNearMe network at GoPass.org.

The app also contains a GoPass Wallet that stores value that can be used to pur-

The cost of a ticket purchased using the GoPass app is the same as tickets purchased from a ticket vending machine or bus farebox and must be activated before boarding any bus or train.

GoPass is free to download or update from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store. Search for "GoPass."

More information can be found at GoPass.org or by contacting DART Customer Service at 214-979-1111.

LCLD searches for young leaders to be ambassadors

The Latino Center for Leadership Development (LCLD) wants you to become their next summer ambassador. Their program is designed for high school and college students that want to intern on site in Dallas or El Paso while enhancing their professional development skills, and building leaderships for the Latino community. This program would require a commitment from May 28 through August 17.

General duties could involve:

- Policy Institute & Research
- Strategic Initiatives
- Development &

Fundraising
• Communications (Social Media, PR, Graphic Design, Marketing, etc.)

To be eligible you must complete the application, be a high school or college student interested in government, law, policy, civil engagement, or communications, and commit 15 to 20 hours on site.

Students will have the benefits of networking with officials, serving the Latino community, gain non-profit experience, professional development, and learn about policy and politics.

The application must be submitted and completed by May 14.

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Seven Dallas ISD seniors receive Fairway to Success scholarships

Deloitte, the Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) and United Way announced today seven recipients of the Deloitte/NTPGA Fairway to Success scholarships, a program that now has awarded more than \$1 million to local students over the past decade. Added this year, in collaboration with the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), is a full, four-year scholarship to the university.

Honored Monday at the Lakewood Country Club were six Dallas Independent School District (DISD) students: Daniel Akwei, Ashley Crispin, Elia Espinosa, Juwon Grant, Francheska Johnson and Sonya Soto – who each received a \$20,000 college scholarship. Another DISD student, Tyra Shockley, was awarded the new UNT Dallas-funded scholarship.

“Fairway to Success gives those most in need a real opportunity to go to college.



(L-R) Lincoln High School's Juwon Grant & Francheska Johnson, W.W. Samuell High School's Tyra Shockley & Ashley Crispin, Thomas Jefferson High School's Sonya Soto, Elia Espinosa & Daniel Akwei. (Photo: Northern Texas PGA)

Even more than that, the program is invested in all of the participating students and sees that they have access to the tools and guidance our people can offer to help them on that pathway to success,” said Jason Downing, North Texas managing partner and Central region market leader at Deloitte.

UNT Dallas President Bob Mong said the university is proud to join the Fair-

way to Success scholarship program.

“Our growing urban university is built on the belief that everyone should have access to education, and that’s what this program is all about,” Mong said. “Congratulations to Tyra Shockley, who will receive a full four-year scholarship to UNTD, and congratulations to all of the scholarship winners from DISD. Thank you

to Deloitte and to the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation for their commitment to providing youth in our community with opportunities for education.”

Established in 2007, the Fairway to Success program annually awards scholarships to students based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. The program

covers three DISD high schools – W.W. Samuell, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln – and includes introducing students to golf and the life lessons of discipline, honor and integrity that are central to the game.

During the 2017-2018 school year, more than 155 DISD students took part in a five week after-school golf program in the fall and spring. They learned the basics of golf from PGA golf professionals, and graduating seniors who qualified by participating in the program had the chance to apply for the scholarships.

Fairway to Success also includes mentorship to support scholarship recipients throughout their college careers. Scholarship recipients interact with Deloitte mentors who share their insights gained from working in a professional services environment. Mentors also help students explore potential career opportunities in the

business and STEM-focused fields of study.

So far, 51 DISD students have received the scholarships, now topping \$1 million – funded by Deloitte partners, principals and professionals in North Texas.

The NTPGA also employs two Fairway to Success recipients as interns each summer. It furthers the intern’s golf education that began on their high school campuses through Fairway to Success.

“The Fairway to Success Scholarship program has successfully bridged the financial gap for amazing college-bound students. The program has assisted economically disadvantaged students who excelled academically and socially to attend a university or college. Students selected for the program have become independent, committed and active leaders in the community,” said Tammy Wheeler, lead counselor, W.W. Samuell High School.

Dallas County Promise off to a good start after May launch

The Dallas County Promise celebrated its launch on Wednesday, May 2 at Adamson High School in Dallas. This collaboration between school districts, colleges, universities, workforce, non-profits and the philanthropic community was created to change the future of education and workforce development in Dallas County by producing more college and career-ready graduates.

The Promise is committed to achieving equitable outcomes for students, families and communities by reducing the financial burden of college for all students, regardless of income or GPA.

Dr. Jill Biden, a community college professor and Second Lady of the United States (2009-2017), attended the event and celebrated with students who have pledged to go to college and will benefit from the Dallas County Promise.

“I’ve seen it time and



Dr. Biden meets with a classroom of freshman students at Adamson in the Collegiate Academy Program who are working toward graduating high school with an associate degree.

time again in my own classroom: the chance to go to college is life-changing for students and their families,” said Dr. Biden, who serves as Honorary Chair of the College Promise Campaign’s National Advisory Board. “With a dynamic scholarship, mentoring and support from partnering organizations, the Dallas County Promise is giving

local students the chance to attend school, complete their education, expand their career choices, and build lives that are more financially secure. That’s not just good for them — it strengthens the Dallas workforce and helps build a more prosperous economy for all of North Texas. And with today’s launch, I hope communities throughout the

state and the nation will be inspired to create a program of their own.”

Other national and local leaders took part in the event and discussed the potential of the Dallas County Promise to boost the workforce and the economy in North Texas. Those taking part in this event included Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Dr.

Michael Hinojosa, Dallas County Community College District Chancellor Dr. Joe May, and Bob Mong, President of the University of North Texas at Dallas.

“Dallas County is joining a rapidly growing movement to make a community college education as universal and free as high school has been for a century,” said College Promise Campaign Executive Director, Dr. Martha J. Kanter. “I am gratified to see that Dallas County leaders from education, philanthropy, business, and government have worked together to design and fund this innovative Promise to make college more affordable so students can acquire the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for the workforce and advance in their communities. This dynamic collaboration in one of the nation’s largest community college districts will inspire other communities and states to follow their lead. A

high school education is no longer enough for a good job and a decent quality of life.”

The Dallas County Promise was inspired by the non-partisan College Promise Campaign launched in 2015 to build widespread support for communities and states to make a community college or technical education as universal and free as public high school. Since the launch of the campaign, the number of College Promise programs throughout the nation has more than quadrupled with more than 200 Programs underway in 44 states including 16 statewide programs.

Dallas County Promise began as a pilot in the fall of 2017 with 31 high schools in Dallas County, representing 9,300 high school seniors. At its core, the Promise is a last dollar, full-tuition scholarship for an associate’s degree (the first

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City of Carrollton receives 'AAA' long-term rating for GO bonds

Standard & Poor Global Ratings (S&P) assigned a "AAA" long-term rating to the City of Carrollton for more than \$18.7 million in general obligation (GO) improvement bonds, series 2018. The rating outlook is Stable.

Important elements in receiving the "AAA" score include Carrollton's strong economy with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA); very strong management with strong financial policies and practices; strong budgetary performance with very strong budgetary flexibility and very strong liq-



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uidity; low long-term liability burdens; as well as a strong S&P institutional framework score.

"Carrollton's strong financial position is a result of the vision and support of our City Council over a long period of time," said Bob Scott, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Chief Financial Officer. "We are very pleased that Standard

& Poor Global recognizes the importance of strong financial practices that have been verified as effective through consistently strong financial results."

The report states the City's GO bonds constitute direct obligations payable from a continued direct annual ad valorem tax levied, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the city. According to S&P, the City's levy is well below the maximum and is on par with S&P's view of Carrollton's general creditworthiness.

Historically, Carrollton has maintained strong budg-

etary performance tied to strong revenue growth and conservative budgeting, the report states. S&P's view of Carrollton's operating budget recognizes the City's intention to continue transferring surplus revenues to cash-fund capital projects.

In addition, Carrollton's budget management reveals a strong commitment to bolstering its financial position at times of economic recovery in preparation for the next potential economic downturn, S&P states. For instance, the City made 108 percent of its annual required pension contribution in 2017.

"Sound financial management is the backbone of an efficient, successfully-run city, like Carrollton," Mayor Kevin Falconer said. "The City Council annually reviews a five-year rolling capital improvement plan based on monthly reports, budgetary status reports, and quarterly investment reports supplied by City management. Together, our efforts ensure that the City of Carrollton has strong financial policies and practices in place that are sustainable for the continued economic growth of the community."

S&P also affirmed its "AAA" long-term rating

and underlying rating (SPUR) for the City's existing GO debt.

Carrollton's GO bonds are eligible to be rated above the sovereign because, as the S&P report states, "we believe the City can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario."

Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Services provide high-quality market intelligence in the form of credit ratings, research, and thought leadership.

For more information on Carrollton's fiscal status, visit cityofcarrollton.com/finance.

Plano Senior Recreation Center continues to provide services

Attempts to keep the Plano Senior Recreation Center open during the expansion met with unexpected challenges. Due to safety concerns, the facility closed on March 1, 2018 until the

project could be completed.

For current up-to-date information on the relocation of classes and daily drop-in activities, please contact the Plano Senior Recreation Center at 972-941-7155.

In addition, the Wellness Center for Older Adults also relocated its operations. Updates with relocation information is available by calling the senior recreational center.

Trips have continued but will now depart from the Oak Point Park Nature & Retreat Center. The May Health & Wellness Fair will now be held on Monday, May 21 at the Plano Event

Center.

Highway closures

Residents are also urged to avoid southbound US-75 starting Friday.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is

closing southbound U.S. 75 from 15th Street to the President George Bush Turnpike on Friday, May 11, beginning at 10 p.m. and ending at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12.

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the suburbs and buy a piece of land to place their new building and call it home. The church stated this did not reflect their desire.

MACC has a threefold purpose as a congregation: Connecting to God. Connecting to one another as members of a common body, and connecting to the community.

"This is important to the community because as a church we are seeking to connect to God, the church and the community," Ross said. "We want our church to not only be a place where we worship, but also be a

resource area where people can come in, learn more and utilize the facilities for community events.

MACC will host the Alzheimer's Association's conference next month.

"We are looking forward to doing more things like that in this community so that it is a resource for all in the community," Ross said.

The planning for the church's project took around two years. It was originally triggered by the church needing to repair a partially collapsed roof following heavy rains. The church decided this pre-

sented a great opportunity for a total renovation and update of the building. The projected completion date is the end of 2018, with auditorium renovations slated to be done in time for their 90th anniversary celebration in October.

"This is part of the theory of the broken windows in a community," Marian Brown, the interim Dallas County Sheriff, said. "If a community experience broken windows and they don't repair those windows then that community will eventually start to deteriorate, and before you know it the whole community goes away.

"Because this church opted not to move away but to be hear and to repair the windows in this neighborhood in this community, that speaks volume of the Marsalis Church," Brown said. "It is so important that they do this. This is a bedrock of this community. The church has been here forever. I grew up right down the street from here and I remember driving many days right by this



(Left to right) Shepherd Jewel Manzay, Shepherd Howard Aldridge, Senior Minister William Lamont Ross, Shepherd Richard Thomas, Shepherd, and Byron Bradford. The empty shovel represents Shepherd Harold Cannon, who was instrumental in the expansion process, unfortunately he passed the week before the ground breaking. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

building.

"When I come though the community, I want to know that there are people that have decided that they are going to repair windows and they are not just going to pack up, and move away and leave it, but they are going to stay there and make an investment in the community," Brown said.

The smaller street next to

the church 'Grover C Washington', was renamed to the current name after the church's past pastor because of his leadership.

"It's very significant that if you change the name of a street for or in honor of a leader, then that must certainly tell you the significant of the church itself," Dwaine Caraway, Mayor pro tem of the City of Dal-

las said. "This church has been here ever since I can remember, and before me.

"This church has always honored the support of the community while supporting the community," Caraway said. "I can't say enough about feeding and clothing, and being involved with the community. This church has so much history."



Senior Minister William Lamont Ross give opening remarks at the church's groundbreaking. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

Arlington

More than 2,500 volunteers are needed to help with the **Special Olympics Texas (SOTX)** from May 25-27 at The University of Texas – Arlington campus. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate competition in Track, Field, Soccer, Cycling, Basketball, Gymnastics and Tennis. Assistance is also needed with merchandise sales, Athlete Village, awards and volunteer meals. Critical needs tend to be on Friday and Sunday, but shifts are available on all three days of competition at this point. For more information, please contact Judy Yoshimaru (volunteer@sotx.org) or at 512.491.2947.

Carrollton

The City of Carrollton is hosting a **Mother's Day Picnic & Concert** on May 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, in Carrollton. Celebrate Mother's Day with family and friends

on the Museum grounds and beautiful Pearl Perry Gravley Park while listening to the New Horizons Dixie Swing Band play from the front porch of the historic home. Bring a picnic basket, blankets, and lawn chairs. Free ice cream and lemonade will be served. Children can make a card and an old-fashioned handmade gift for mom. Create a theme for your picnic and enter the annual Mother's Day Picnic contest. Registration for the contest begins at 4pm and judging takes place at 4:45pm with winners announced at the beginning of the concert.

Dallas

The **MAY 2018 luncheon – NAWBODFW** is expected to be held on May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy - North Park, in Dallas. The topic for this event will be Harnessing the Power of Nonverbal Communication. This presentation is de-

signed to tackle awareness of your own body language. The M.I.N.D. system aims to improve any aspect of your body language to achieve maximum connection and trust with people and prospects. During this experience, participants will learn how to uncover non-verbals that are hidden in plain sight, how to foster trust, comfort, productivity, and respect, and convey confidence, authority, and empathy.



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The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is

holding a **reception for Martha Stewart** on May 11, starting at 10 a.m. at Rosine Hall. Attendees will be able to hear her talk about her latest book *Martha's Flowers: A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering, and Enjoying*. They will also be able to hear decades of Martha's gardening advice, along with more than 100 creative arrangements by Kevin Sharkey, her long-time friend and colleague.

Mutts Canine Cantina Tips Back A Pint For Dallas Pups will be presented on May 12, from 12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Mutts Canine Cantina, in Uptown Dallas. This event will feature tasty drafts compliments of Community Beer Co. Guests who make a \$10 donation to Greyhound Adoption League of Texas, Inc. (GALT) will receive a pint of the Dallas craft beer in a commemorative glass. No need to stop at one; refills

are just \$5. 100% of the proceeds made from Community Beer sales on May 12 will be donated to the organization.

Garland

Jazz in the Square will take place on May 17 and 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Downtown Garland Square, in Garland. It will take place at Sixth and Main street. You can experience a laidback, relaxing evening in beautiful historic Downtown Garland while soaking in the soothing sounds of jazz. The Texas Instruments Band will be performing on Thursday, May 17 while The Gypsy Playboys will be entertaining the crowd on May 24.

Plano

The **African Children's Choir** will perform on June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, in Plano. The African Children's Choir is a nonprofit humanitarian

and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow. The African Children's Choir has had the privilege to perform before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her diamond jubilee.

The **Dallas Police vs. Fort Worth Police Benefit Hockey Game** will be held on May 12 at 7:45 p.m. at the Dr. Pepper Star Center, in Plano. This special benefit game is for the victims of April 24, 2016 police shooting. The game will also benefit the family of the Dallas fallen officer Rogelio Santander, Crystal Almeida, and Home Depot loss prevention Officer Scott Painter. Admission is \$10. For more information contact Dallas Police Sgt. Brian Simonds at 214-490-3471.

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Jubilee Theatre presents Lydia R. Diamond's 'Stick Fly'

FORT WORTH – As the Jubilee Theatre continues to celebrate 37 years of theatrical excellence, the award-winning Theatre is proud to present Lydia R. Diamond's "Stick Fly" beginning May 25, 2018 – June 24, 2018.

The family affair drama unveils the affluent, African-American LeVay family gathering at their Martha's Vineyard home for the weekend, and brothers Kent and Flip have each brought their respective ladies home to meet their parents for the first time. As the two newcomers butt heads over issues of race and privilege, longstanding family tensions bubble under the surface and reach a boiling point when secrets are revealed.



Jubilee Theatre

"Stick Fly" is directed by Khira Hailey, who describes the production as an, "—ism play because it deals with themes of racism, classism, colorism, feminism, and more". The drama filled production stars an ensemble of six actors, J.R. Bradford (Kent), Kyndal Robertson (Taylor), Rachel Poole (Cheryl), Brandon White

(Flip), Alonzo Waller (Joe LeVay) and Liz Millea (Kimber).

The remaining creative team includes set design by Megan Beddingfield, costume design by Bree Moore, lighting design by Nikki D. Smith, sound design by David Lanza, technical direction by Van Williams and stage management by Amir

Ali.

"Stick Fly" runs May 25 – June 24, 2018 at the Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Matinee performances are at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Press night is Thursday May 31, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket Prices for Preview

Performances (May 25 – 31) are \$20. Matinee Performances (Jun. 2 – 24) are available for \$26. Evening Performances (Jun. 1 – 23) are \$30.

Tickets may be purchased online at jubileetheatre.org, in person at the theater Box Office, located at 506 Main Street or by calling 817-338-4411. Box Office

of operation are Tuesday – Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one hour before

each performance.

About the Jubilee Theatre: Fort Worth/Dallas area's original home of African American theater. The Jubilee Theatre produces a full season of productions that reflect the African-American culture and experience. Located in the heart of Fort Worth, Texas, the Jubilee Theatre is a point of interest on both natives and tourists' schedules.



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Malcolm X's daughters to attend Dallas screening of new documentary

A new film spotlighting Malcolm X's life and impact on the civil and voting rights struggle in America will be shown in Dallas this weekend. The film is narrated by noted local journalist Bob Ray Sanders and features retired Dallas pastor Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr.

Also attending is both twin daughters of Malcolm X. Malikah and Malaak Shabazz were born a few months after the leader's death. They are featured in the film.

The screening is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at Noon at the Inspiring Body Of Christ Church (IBOC) 7701 S. Westmoreland Road where Rickie G. Rush is Senior Pastor.

Malcolm X - An Overwhelming Influence of The Black Power Movement has received national recognition, selected Dallas for the film's first public screening. The event will begin with a 10 a.m. VIP reception.

Many noted high profile community leaders and elected officials have con-

firmed their attendance. The education community will be represented by Dallas ISD high school students and college students from Paul Quinn College and Southern Methodist University. The event is free and open to the public.

Special guests scheduled to attend the screening include Mary Liuzzo Lillieboe, the eldest daughter of Viola Liuzzo, the only white female to be killed during the civil rights movement. Mrs. Liuzzo was killed leaving the city

of Montgomery by members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) on Sunday, March 25, 1965 the same day the historic march from Selma to Montgomery ended.

Mary Lillieboe and guest Leroy Moton, now in his seventies, at the time was the young civil rights activist from Selma riding in Liuzzo's car when she was murdered by the KKK, will also attend on May 12.

For more information on the event please call 214-460-7672.

Five Mother's Day celebration ideas in DFW

Mother's Day is a chance to tell mama thank you for everything she does for you. She has spent your lifetime making everyday special for you and those around her. This is an opportunity to celebrate her on Sunday, May 13. Below are a few ideas around DFW to make sure this is a memorable day for your family.

Take Mom West Young Man!

Pinstripes Fort Worth offers brunch every Sunday, including Mother's Day,

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring \$1 mimosas, and \$5 Bloody Marys all day.

The Sunday brunch buffet they offer includes a waffle station, a made-to-order omelette station, a carving station (featuring herb crusted prime rib & maple glazed ham), breakfast options include house-made biscuits & gravy, crispy breakfast potatoes, applewood smoked bacon, etc., and more. For reservations, please visit the Pinstripes Fort Worth website.



Let someone cook for mama for a change at the brunch hosted by Pinstripes Fort Worth (Courtesy image)



Jewelry is always a big Mom-pleaser, and the selection in beautiful at Clothes Circuit. (Courtesy image)

Mom loves shopping any day of the year

Clothes Circuit is a legendary Dallas fashion spot because they offer great prices on beautiful fashion since 1983. An afternoon together looking through the thousands of high end fashion on consignment selections, is like discovering paradise for your favorite fashionista. Visit their website for more details.

Sunday Brunch for the Mom

Sunday spoil your mom with a relaxing day at **The Stoneleigh Court** from 10 a.m. to Noon. If you forget the flowers, no worries they have a pop-up flower shop provided by Twelve Thirty Four by Patricio Rivera, a create-you-own mimosa bar and sweet treats by Bird Bakery. Tickets are \$48 for adults and \$16 for children.



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Pamper Mama

spa810 Dallas is offering several spa special options for Mother's Day including a HydraFacial Sculpt for \$149 is much cheaper than a new face courtesy of your favorite plastic surgeon.

You can get your legs bathing suit ready with their Leg Sculpt. Or just keep it simple and give her a 50-minute massage along with their 30-Minute Alpha Fusion Pod Session both offered together for just \$99.

Create a Mimosa Bar for your party at home

From juices to garnishes,

and all of the bubbles in between, a mimosa can consist of many flavors beyond traditional orange.

Celebrate **National Mimosa Day** with endless combinations by putting together a mimosa bar.

The perfect complement to any brunch festivity, a mimosa bar allows guests to serve themselves based on their own taste preferences, and ensures the host or hostess spends more time enjoying their mimosa, and less time mixing up drinks for the crowd.

Here's everything you

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Selena Tribute to include 'Washing Machine Challenge'

Get ready to "Baila Esta Cumbia," Irving! The Irving Concert Series is closing out the season with a tribute to Selena, the queen of Tejano music. All-star tribute band Bidi Bidi Banda will perform at 7 p.m. May 18 at the Whistlestop Plaza, 123 W.

Irving Blvd.

Selena is remembered for her music, her voice, her style and of course "The Washing Machine." Before the band takes the stage, the City of Irving wants fans young and old to show off their moves on social media and get their

"Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" going for the "Washing Machine Challenge." Upload a 5- to 10-second video clip showing off Selena's signature moves to Facebook or Twitter. Be sure to tag the City of Irving and use the hashtag #IrvingWashingMa-

chineChallenge. The winner will receive reserved VIP seating for two for the show and two dinner vouchers.

For everyone planning to attend the show, parking and admission are free. Visit IrvingEvents.org for more information.



Courtesy photo

Racial mortgage disparities persist as federal housing enforcement lags

By Charlene Crowell

In the classic movie film, *Gone with the Wind*, the owner of the Tara plantation admonished his daughter for remarking that she didn't care about her home. In a sharp rebuke, Gerald O'Hara declared that "land was the only thing worth living for, worth fighting for...worth dying for."

For the fictional O'Hara family, Tara was their home, and the source of the family's wealth. Fast forward to the 21st Century, having a home remains a rock-solid route to building wealth that grows and becomes a key opportunity to share that same wealth inter-generationally.

Unless you are among those who have been denied your own American Dream.

New research by the Center for Responsible Lending finds that today's racial wealth gaps were supported and sustained by the federal government's Fair Housing Administration (FHA). From the program's inception during the 1930s, FHA perpetuated racial discrimination by making mortgage credit broadly available to white borrowers and at the same time, excluding Blacks and other people of color.

More importantly, FHA has an important role to play in leveling today's mortgage finance field and its two-tiered system.

"These homeownership rate disparities did not occur by chance," argue Peter Smith and Melissa Stegman, authors of *Repairing a two-tiered system: The critical but complex role of FHA*. "The homeownership rate gap between whites and people of color is in large part due to historic federal housing policy choices that created decades-long impacts."

CRL, however, credits FHA mortgage lending as an important aid to the nation's economic recovery following the Great Recession. As much of private mortgage lending retreated during the housing crisis, FHA increased its purchase market share to 42 percent in 2009. Prior to that economic crisis, FHA's market share was only 8.8 percent of the market.

FHA also sustained the mortgage market and provided broad liquidity for wealthier borrowers in addition to low-to-moderate income families. FHA's refinancing of toxic subprime loans saved many family homes from foreclosure and became a sustainable alterna-

tive.

Today, with much of the mortgage market recovered, unnecessarily tight and expensive credit in the conventional mortgage market often makes FHA the only option to finance homeownership for low- to moderate-income borrowers, lower-wealth borrowers, and borrowers of color. This single-option also means that borrowers broadly denied the lower-cost, most-affordable private loans available, have a slower rate of home appreciation due to fees and insurance that accompany government-backed loans.

CRL's analysis of mortgage data from 2004 to 2016 found that:

- The FHA market share for Black and Latino borrowers now approaches half of all purchase mortgage lending to these borrowers;
- FHA is the major source of mortgage credit for higher-income Black and Latino borrowers as compared to conventional lending;
- Tight and expensive credit in the conventional market has led to FHA becoming the only mortgage option for many borrowers of color, low-to-moderate income families, and lower-wealth families.

• Of the top 10 FHA home purchase lenders in 2004, five were banks and five were non-depositories; by 2016, eight of the top 10 FHA lenders were non-depositories.

It is important to note that the withdrawal of banks leaving the FHA insured program, comes at a time of record profits, made possible in large by taxpayer dollars that provided a financial bailout of failing financial institutions, during the housing collapse.

These lenders exit the program at a time when it is inadequately funded and lacks up-to-date technology that could enhance its administrative functions. Further, the exit of large banks additionally became a gateway for non-depository institutions to fill the market's gap. Non-banks, subject to fair lending protections, are not however included in the Community Reinvestment Act. Many of the financial abuses that led to the housing crisis began with unregulated and non-bank lenders.

Many lenders will argue that the retreat from FHA was caused by actions taken by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice

under the False Claims Act. This federal law allows the government to hold companies accountable for making "false claims" to the government about their products or services. Beyond being assessed damages for infractions, enforcement of the law can additionally include a company or representative being banned from future federal funds or contracts.

State attorneys general would counter this lender claim by pointing to the \$25 billion national mortgage settlement reached with five of the nation's largest mortgage servicers as evidence that lenders engaged in egregious conduct in clear violation of the law.

The significance of major banks withdrawing from the mortgage market is further underscored by other findings shared in a related report by the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA):

- Since 1988, close to \$1 billion in victim compensation has resulted from lawsuits alleging redlining and discrimination by mortgage lenders;
- Housing discrimination complaints grew from 2016 to 2017's 28,843 cases;
- Of 2017's discriminatory housing complaints, the De-

partment of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) processed less than five percent, or 1,311; and

• Among the 6,896 complaints processed by state and local Fair Housing Assistance Program Agencies, the Department of Justice brought only 41 cases.

Commenting on these findings, Lisa Rice, NFHA President and CEO said, "As the 2018 Trends Report shows, we must put an end to the many institutionalized barriers that prevent too many families in this country from fair access to housing. We cannot build a thriving society as long as our nation is plagued by discrimination, segregation, and severe economic inequality."

"In the year that marks a half century of the Fair Housing Act," noted Mike Calhoun, CRL President, "it is appropriate to acknowledge the journey traveled in five decades. But also, a look ahead to the hundreds of miles yet to travel before fair housing is a reality for all."

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hopefully giving defendants the opportunity to avoid long-lasting repercussions from early minor infractions.

"When somebody comes to jail, I feel like the whole family comes to jail," Mayse said. "And people will say, 'Well, these are just merely misdemeanors.' There's nothing minor about coming to court before a judge, jury and attorneys; and so I believe I am the person for such times as this and I'm asking for your support."

In the race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Place 2, incumbent Katy Hubner fell to third place in the first round of voting, leaving challengers Sasha Moreno and Fred "Action" Jackson facing off in the runoff.

Only Moreno was present for the MNP forum on Monday night. Jackson has been

absent both times the race was featured. Moreno, who came in second in the first vote, said she is running to make the JP court a "people's court," and says all too often the proceedings work against people who are left to represent themselves.

"I actually have my own experience in the courtroom," Moreno said. "I had a minor traffic citation several years ago when I got out of law school. Unfortunately, I graduated 2011 when there was a big recession, and I was laid off from my first job at a law firm. So I went to traffic court, I was on unemployment, and I knew I had to let the judge know I knew as an attorney I could ask for community service. Most people don't know you can ask for community service in lieu of a fine. So I asked the judge for



Paula Rosales answers questions from the audience during the Monday Night Politics forum held on May 7. Rosales is led the field in the first round of voting for Dallas County Court at Law, Number 4. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

community service. Luckily for me, he knew where I was coming from and gave me 60 hours of community service. That's why I decided to run because someone passed on that grace and that opportunity for me, and so I want to do the same with our community."

The race for Dallas County Constable, Precinct

4, saw a plethora of candidates vying for the spot in the Democratic primary. After the dust settled, Sha Steger Knight and Edward Wright were left standing for the runoff. Both candidates are advocating for mentorship programs and various outreach opportunities within the community. Both also come to the table with

lengthy tenures in law enforcement.

Steger Knight led the field but fell short of a majority. She is currently employed with the Constable's Office in Precinct 1 and sees her current role as an advantage to move into the leadership role in Precinct 4.

"I am 15 years into the Dallas County Constable's Office," Steger Knight said. "All of my law enforcement experience has been with the constable's office. So I can assure you I am the best qualified, best fit for this position and I will just ask for your continued support as we go back to the polls. I was the frontrunner in the prior elections out of the seven of us, and so I just ask for your continued support and knowing that your vote is a vote of confidence of good leadership and experience."

Edward Wright came in second during the first round of voting and needs to make up a 1,412-vote deficit to win the runoff election. While not working directly in the Constable's Office, he recalled a long career in law enforcement which he believes makes him more than qualified for the position.

"I've been an officer with the sheriff's department for 30 years," Wright said. "And in my 30 years with the sheriff's department, I've trained all of the sheriff's department; all of them. I've trained with the U.S. Marshalls, the FBI, Secret Service. I've worked undercover. I've worked with the warrants division. I've got everything with the sheriff's department."

Early voting for the primary runoff election is May 14-18. Election Day is May 22.

Keeping the focus on making Mother's Day special

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 13, and the most important thing is recognizing all that mom has done for you and to show your love. Whether it's your mom, stepmom, aunt, grandmother, longtime mentor, or a cherished friend, these tips from etiquette expert Sharon Schweitzer, founder of Access to Culture, will help make it extra special.

• **Not Your Average Mom:** Maternal figures come in many forms, and you may be lucky to have several women who have offered endless love and support. Mother's Day is a wonderful occasion to celebrate all of the women who have nurtured and guided you throughout the years, whether a teacher, mentor, sister or aunt. Consider those who have supported and helped you grow; be sure to recognize them this Mother's Day.

• **Turning the Page:** If there's a mother figure in your life with whom you've lost touch or had a falling



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out, Mother's Day may be the perfect opportunity to reach out and rebuild the relationship. Whether you give them a call to wish them happy Mother's Day, or send a surprise bouquet, express your gratitude for their presence in your life and your desire to turn a new page.

• **Deciding the Date:** While Mother's Day 2018 falls on May 13 in the U.S., celebrations can occur up to a week before and after. For

those with several motherly figures such as grandmothers, mothers-in-law, or Godmothers, make time to call, visit, or recognize everyone. It is also possible to find days and times that give each special woman in your life the appreciation and recognition they deserve, coordinating with family members (especially siblings) as necessary.

• **Simply Celebrate:** Mother's Day doesn't have to include an extravagant

present. Special celebrations often include thoughtful experiences rather than gifts. Cherish the chance to share a unique experience by planning a day all about her. It can be as simple as delicious brunch with all her favorite dishes, or a road trip to her favorite local museums, so long as it shows appreciation. Other sweet gestures include cleaning the house

while she relaxes with some rosé and a playlist you made just for her, running those forgotten errands, or making a scrapbook of your favorite childhood memories together.

• **Siblings in Sync:** Instead of competing for who can find the best gift, collaborate with your siblings to discover the 2018 gift. If you and your siblings live in different cities or have different schedules, start coordinating in advance so that everything is perfect for Mom's big day. Whether it's a handwritten letter from each of you along with a small memento, or a luxury item that you split the cost of, the gift will mean more coming from all of her

beloved children.

• **Husband's Helping Hand:** Dads, if your kids are too young to understand the meaning of the holiday, take the lead by pampering your wife with her favorite treats, along with a card signed by her little ones (toddlers and infants can "sign" by leaving a handprint using finger paint). For those old enough to lend a hand, let them help select a flower arrangement, or guide them in making a card. Mom will love the sweet gesture that shows her children's love and your appreciation for all she does.

For more tips on etiquette in any situations, visit www.protocolww.com.

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and second years of college) provided by the Dallas County Community College District Foundation to every high school student, regardless of family income or grade point average.

DCCCD's effort is being matched with tuition-free scholarships provided by UNT Dallas, plus other partner public and private universities for students' junior and senior years.

Equally important, the Promise will include a coordinated effort to promote career awareness in high schools and higher education institutions with the goal to better align credentials students are seeking with current high-demand jobs. Those efforts will be supported by a framework of non-profit staff members, and will include mentoring and support from a student success coach as well as ro-

bust data support to drive the goal of owning the educational outcome for every Dallas County Promise student.

"More than 18,000 high school students who graduate annually from Dallas County high schools fail to complete a post-secondary education credential within six years," said Dr. Eric Ban, Managing Director, Dallas County Promise.

Ban added, "Dallas County Promise is more than just a scholarship – it's a growing partnership that removes the friction and frustration from an education system which often leads students and parents to give up on their dreams. One city in America is going to be the first to solve the talent equation and do it with equity. Why not Dallas?"

In its next phase, Dallas

County Promise plans to expand into 12 new high schools across the county including schools in Dallas, Duncanville, Irving, Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Grand Prairie and Garland ISDs.

Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor and a member of the College Promise Campaign's advisory board stated, "Even though Dallas County is one of the fastest growing economic regions in the country, the number of people living in poverty has increased 42 percent over the last 15 years. Finishing high school can be a challenge. Going to college, for some, isn't something they've even considered. They don't have the money for tuition, they have transportation and child care problems, and they may not have enough to eat. Dallas County Promise and its network are determined to remove those barriers."



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May 15 Arlington Answers Job Fair

The Arlington Answers 2018 Job Fair will be held on May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Church on Rush Creek, in Arlington. This year internship within the IT field will be provided, along with free social media headshots. For more information visit www.eventbrite.com.

May 16 Lattimore Materials Company Job Fair

Lattimore Materials Company Open House is holding a job fair on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at



15900 Dooley Road in Addison. There are positions available for professional mixers, drivers, tankers and diesel mechanics. You must be 21 to apply. For more information visit workeco.wfsdallas.com.

May 17 Choice Career Fairs

Choice Career Fairs is holding a Dallas Career Fair on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel, in Dallas. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes, because they're here to hire. Many of these companies have several openings and are eager to meet with you. For more information and to register visit www.eventbrite.com.

May 17 LSG Group

The LSG Group is holding a Job Fair Open House on Thursday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 2120 West 33rd. St. in Dallas. The on-site hiring event is looking for Cooks, food Preps, first airline food

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May 17 Greater Dallas Career Fair

The Greater Dallas Career Fair is hosting a job fair on Thursday May 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Westin Dallas Downtown, in Dallas. They are looking for sales, customer service, and entry level management. Make sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress professional.

May 23 Malace|HR Fair

Malace|HR is hosting a job fair on Wednesday May 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the GM Universal Facility, in Grand Prairie. They are

looking for forklift drivers and warehouse workers. Second and third shift positions are available, along with 6 day work weeks weekly pay starting at \$11/hour. Applicants must bring two (2) pieces of valid/unexpired ID in order to be considered for work. For more information contact 817-513-5402 or bryant@malacehr.com.

May 23 Dallas Career Fair

The Dallas Career Fair will be held on May 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel, in Addison. United Career Fairs has over 20 years of experience in connecting candidates just like you with hiring managers at companies ranging from small local businesses clear on up to Fortune 500 corporations. Their career fairs focus specifically on sales, business development, marketing, customer service, and retail & sales management jobs. Make sure to arrive at the career fair no later than 6pm, wear business professional attire, bring at least 10-15 copies of your updated resume, and display an engaging and motivated attitude. For more information visit www.eventbrite.com.

May 24 Sales & Professional Career Fair

The 19th Annual Dallas Sales & Professional Career Fair will be held on Thursday May 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Sheraton Dallas Hotel by the Galleria, in Dallas. You will be able to meet, sit down and interview with Fortune 500 employers at The Dallas Premiere Sales & Professional Career Fairs. Please dress professional (suit & tie - business attire) and bring plenty of resumes. The industries represented at our Career Fairs: Sales, Inside Sales, Outside Sales, Retail, Financial Sales and Advisors, B2B Sales, Customer Service, Industrial Sales, Consulting, Entry Level Management Training, Customer Service, Administration, Security Sales, Recruiting, Insurance, Military Veterans, Enlisted Military Veterans, Re-

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May 13, 9:45 a.m.
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May 16, 7 p.m.
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May 16
Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study class and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

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May 16, 7 p.m.
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May 16, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; it's all for His glory and His honor. We are, "Growing in

Christ through the study of His Word."

May 20, 8 and 11 a.m. Services
Ladies and gentlemen, mark your calendars, our annual Women's Day Celebration will be during Worship Services. This year's theme is "Under Construction... God at Work".

Our church ministries offer opportunities for motivation and growth; join us and see. Be blessed of the Lord.

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Banking volunteers continue teaching Carter Collegiate Academy students about business strategy

Wells Fargo & Company volunteers hosted a workshop at Carter High School Collegiate Academy as part of their support for the Dallas ISD and Carter HS Pathways to Technology and Early College High School (PTECH) program. The PTECH program, known as the Collegiate Academy, is a public private initiative designed to serve incoming ninth-grade students who have the determination to attend col-

lege, are first-generation college students, and historically underrepresented in higher education. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to help incoming freshmen to attain a high school diploma and Associates degree simultaneously, and for free. The workshop presented by Wells Fargo volunteers consisted of an interactive panel moderated by District Manager for Wells Fargo in Dallas, Mark Cooks.

"This is a great opportunity for Wells Fargo to serve bright, motivated students from the most disadvantaged households in Dallas with the hopes that this learning experience will propel them to consider a career in the financial sector," said Dora Ramirez, vice president of community development. Under the PTECH model, each academy has one or more industry partners in charge of creating career

pathways to help students learn skills they need to become employed in a particular industry. As a corporate partner in this innovative and ambitious initiative, Wells Fargo has been working directly with Carter HS students to create a pipeline of talent to learn about banking and financial services careers, receive mentoring, financial education and additional career and job readiness support.

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"Even one of their own prophets has said, 'Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.' This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth" (Titus 1:12-15).

In December 1983, The Princeton Religion Research Center published a landmark survey conducted for The Wall Street Journal by the Gallup Organization. The researchers measured a wide range of moral and ethical behaviors, such as calling in sick when not sick, cheating on income tax, and pilfering company supplies for personal use. The results were disappointing, to say the

least.

But what the researchers found most startling was that there was no significant difference between the churched and the unchurched in their ethics and values on the job. In other words, despite the fact that more and more people were attending churches, churches seemed to be having less and less of an impact on the moral fiber of their people, at least in the workplace.

To quote the researchers: "These findings will come as a shock to the religious leaders and underscore the need for religious leaders to channel the new religious interest in America not simply into religious involvement but in deep spiritual commitment."

"Either these are not the gospels, or we're not Christians," said Thomas Linacre, Henry VIII's doctor and Renaissance thinker, after given the four gospels in Greek. Linacre recognized a great disparity between those who proclaimed Christ

and how they lived their lives.

If our faith life is not validated through our behavior then one must question if we even have a genuine relationship with Christ. The

apostle Paul didn't like what he saw in the believers on the island of Crete. They proclaimed Christ with their mouth, but their behavior looked no different than those who did not claim

Christ.

Pray that your faith is "proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Peter 1:7-8).

Oh God, Time and grace heals our wounds, but time is not always a friend. What about my friends who have not heard Your words of life? What if they were to die today? I should know how short life can be. I've lost loved ones and friends who were young. Accidents and sudden illness can take away a life quickly. Cancer, diabetes, aneurysms, cata-

strophic events can change a person's health and life in a moment. Lord, why do I fear opening my mouth? Please help me to be bold, the speak Your words of truth and life to those I love, my family and friends, before time runs out. Help me to be a living testimony for You. Stir up the Holy Spirit within me and the gifts You have given me to minister to others, to reach a dying world, to share Your love and Your hope for the future. Thank You in the name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen.



(L to R): Carl, Kiersten & Sharon Goff with Kiersten's certificate for the highest GPA, ever, at DBU in the field of Sports Management. She graduates May 11 and they go on a graduation cruise, May 12th. Bon Voyage!

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clearly what I wanted to do with my life," said Rakes.

Seventh Fleet, which is celebrating its 75th year in 2018, spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the

North to the Antarctic in the South. Seventh Fleet's area of operation encompasses 36 maritime countries and 50 percent of the world's population with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft, and approximately 20,000 Sailors in the 7th Fleet.

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**

Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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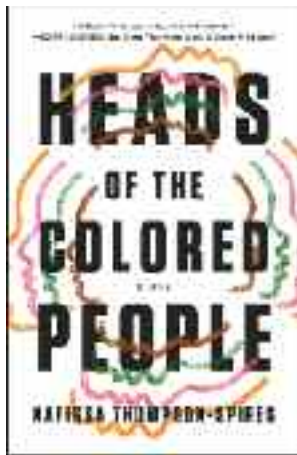
NDG Book Review: Heads of the Colored People

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

So what do you think?

For sure, you've got opinions. You know what you like and what you don't like. You have ideas and choices, attractions, and things you'd just as soon avoid. And sometimes, as in "Heads of the Colored People" by Nafissa Thompson-Spires, you just don't know what to think.

For weeks – ever since he found a used paperback by James McCune Smith – Kevan Peterson had been thinking about a project. He was an artist, knew a lot of artists, and he wanted to do a



book based on Smith's words. He thought about it when he spent time with his little daughter and again when he saw an online newsfeed, complete with "chalk

outlines." But there was more to that story...

Lucinda Johnston hoped her daughter, Fatima, might make friends easier at the private school Lucinda paid for. There was one other Black girl at the academy, and Lucinda thought friendship might happen naturally, but that girl was a bully whose mother denied her awful misbehavior. In "Belles Lettres," the two women square off in writing, though money talks loud. In "The Body's Defenses Against Itself," there's proof that the girls' friendship wouldn't have happened as their mothers had hoped. In

"Fatima, the Biloquist: A Transformation Story," you'll think you know why.

Jilly, on the other hand, couldn't think of anything but herself.

In "Suicide, Watch," she couldn't decide: posting suicidal hints didn't get enough LIKES on social media, so maybe it was time to step up her game. She didn't want to be sick or anything – not like that girl, Fatima, she knew in high school – but she did want more attention. How she was going to get it, well, that was a good question.

And Alma? Alma always thought she'd be a good mother. She was willing to

go to great lengths to have a child, but in "Wash Clean the Bones," worry could get the best of her – and of her son.

You may not know what to think when you first start "Heads of the Colored People." This collection of short stories initially seems a bit odd, as life meets literature in its opening story and author Nafissa Thompson-Spires pays homage to Smith's book from the mid-1800s. Indeed, her overall work here is similarly titled to his but the difference between the two is like earth and sky.

These stories glitter, every one of them.

Granted now, some don't

seem to be much more than slice-of-life tales that stop for no apparent reason but that they were done.

Fear not: they circle around, and you may meet characters again in a layered manner, like building a sandwich. That'll make you gasp, and put the book down a minute to catch your breath.

Even so, these stories aren't for everybody. If you like your fiction tied up neat with a bow, take a pass on "Heads of the Colored People." If you enjoy tales that play with your head a little bit, though, it's a book you'll think is perfect.

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need:

Bubbles – Consider options for different taste preferences, like Korbel Sweet Rosé for something complex and fruit-forward, Korbel Brut Rosé for some-

thing delicate and crisp, or Korbel Brut for something classic and balanced.

Juices – Along with everyone's favorite classic orange, include options like cranberry, pomegranate,

and passion fruit. Guests will enjoy mixing up various flavor combinations for their personalized mimosa.

Garnishes – Who doesn't love a fresh strawberry or raspberry garnish? Include sliced pineapple, blueberries and even herbs like mint and basil for a

fresh, springtime sparkler.

Glassware – A traditional champagne flute will never go out of style. But consider offering a variety of glassware options like a stemless wine glass, a coupe glass, or even a mason jar for a trendy alternative.



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Fixed rate returns with new deposits of at least \$25,000 for a 13-month term.

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1. Special interest rate and APY of 0.41% is valid for Platinum Savings accounts opened in NJ and TX. Interest rate and APY available from 4/25/2018 to 6/17/2018, subject to change at any time without notice. Special Interest Rates are available for accounts with aggregate balances up to \$1 million, and require \$25,000 deposited to the account from sources outside of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or its affiliates. Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is a blended APY which is based on the Special Interest Rate for the initial three (3) month promotional period and the Standard Interest Rate for the remaining nine (9) months. Minimum daily account balance of \$25,000 must be maintained to earn this special interest rate and blended APY. The account will revert to the Standard Interest Rate for any day the balance falls below the \$25,000 minimum daily balance. Interest is compounded daily and paid monthly. The amount of interest earned is based on the daily reflected balance in the account. An ACD/ODD (the Standard APY for a Platinum Savings account in NJ and TX is 0.41%. Tier shown reflects the current minimum daily reflected balance required to obtain the applicable APY. Minimum to open a Platinum Savings account is \$25. Platinum Savings' monthly service fee of \$12 applies in any month the account falls below a \$3,500 minimum daily balance. Fees may reduce earnings. Interest rates are variable and subject to change without notice. 2. Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is effective for accounts opened between April 23, 2018 and June 17, 2018 and is subject to change at any time without notice. The 13-month new Dollar CD special requires a minimum of \$25,000 brought to Wells Fargo from sources outside of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or its affiliates to earn the advertised APY. Public funds and Wholesale accounts are not eligible for this offer. APY bonuses interest remains in deposit until maturity. Interest is compounded daily. Payment of interest on CDs is based on term; for terms less than 12 months (365 days), interest may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or at maturity (the end of the term). For terms of 12 months or more, interest may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. A fee for early withdrawal will be imposed and could reduce earnings on that account. Special Rates are applicable to initial term only. Accounts with the special rate CD will automatically renew for a term of 12 months at the interest rate and APY in effect for 12th month unless the bank has notified you otherwise. APY shown offered at Wells Fargo Bank locations in AK, AL, IA, IN, NJ, NV, OR, SD, TX, and WI only. Offers cannot be combined with any other consumer deposit offer. Minimum new money deposit requirement of at least \$25,000 is for this offer only and cannot be transferred to another account to qualify any other consumer deposit offer. If you wish to take advantage of another consumer deposit offer requiring \$25,000 minimum deposit, you will be required to do so with another \$25,000 opening deposit as stated in the offer requirements and qualifications. Reproduced, purchased, sold, transferred, or traded. 3. The Portfolio by Wells Fargo program has a \$50 non-loyalty fee, which can be waived when you have one of the following qualifying balances: \$25,000 or more in a qualifying linked basic deposit account (checking, savings, CDs, FIVE interest FIVE or \$50,000 or more in any combination of qualifying linked banking, brokerage, payable through Wells Fargo Advisors, and credit balances (including 10% of mortgage balances, certain mortgages not eligible), brokerage products and services are offered through Wells Fargo Advisors. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Member FDIC. Separate member benefits and services are offered through WTS if the Portfolio by Wells Fargo relationship is terminated. The bonus interest rate on all eligible savings accounts, and discounts or fee waivers on other products and services, will discontinue and revert to the Bank's then-current applicable rate or fee. If the Portfolio by Wells Fargo relationship is terminated, the remaining unlinked Wells Fargo Portfolio Checking or Wells Fargo Prime Checking account will be converted to another checking product or closed.

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