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Humans explore their history and purpose at The Perot

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

There are more layers to human existence than most people will ever imagine.

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science celebrated the reimagined of their Being Human Hall on May 10. The new hall unveiled with twice the number of displays in the original. Also, all of the experiences are offered in English and Spanish.

“We want this exhibit to encourage guests to understand their bodies better and take responsibility for their health,” Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Experience Officer said. “We found that it was important to make a number of changes for the hall. We wanted to make sure that as we move forward that all of our exhibits were presented in two languages.

The hall is broken up into seven different section where guests can experience hands-on activities and visuals. These areas include My Face, My DNA, My Hands, My Brain, My Walk, My Voice, Becoming Human, and Bio Lab. These sections will take guests through various human characteristics from seeing your voice, to testing your agility, and hand-eye coordination through maze balance boards. Visitors can also play a game inspired by the class children’s game “Opera-



Uplift Preparatory students get up close to a real brain in the Being Human Hall exhibit (Photo by: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

tion” and try on prosthetic runner blades.

This is the first new exhibit hall the museum has opened. The planning and construction, took the museum two years to complete.

“This is much more interactive, there’s more opportunities for families to experience and experiment in the hall,” Silver said. “We know that science changes, and medical science in particular. It changes rapidly and we wanted to keep up with it.”

The lab was designed with a digital format as much as possible. It allows the museum to keep the materials fresh, relevant, and reflective of

the latest scientific theories. The museum anticipates refreshing all of the halls in the museum within ten years.

“One of our more popular exhibitions is the brain,” Silver said. “It was sponsored by UT Southwestern. It’s a fully dissected real brain that is connected to the spinal cord and major nerves. It’s fascinating to look at. The virtual reality experience that allows to go into the cave and look at the fossils is something that we have that no one else in the world does.”

Students from Dallas’ Uplift Luna Preparatory helped unveil the new

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Bishop Michael Curry

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

The upcoming wedding between Prince Henry of Wales (more simply called Prince Harry in the media) and American actress Meghan Markle has already captured the attention of the public on both sides of the Atlantic.

The marriage already represents a departure from standard royal nuptials with Markle being only the second American citizen to marry into the royal family (the first being Wallis Simpson in 1937 which led to the



Beth Crow / Wikipedia

abdication of the crown by King Edward VIII).

There will be another historic moment included in the celebration. On May 12, the Anglican Communion News Service announced that Michael Bruce Curry,

Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, will be delivering the sermon at the royal wedding. This represents a departure from tradition for British Royal weddings. Curry will serve alongside the Dean of Windsor, David Conner, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

"The love that has brought and will bind Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle together has its source and origin in God, and is the key to life and happiness," Curry said upon the announcement of his participation. "And so we celebrate and pray for them today."

The Episcopal Church in the United States is a part of the Anglican Communion, along with the original Church of England, however it has operated as a separate organization since the end of the Revolutionary War.

In 1784, the bishops of the Church of England refused to consecrate the first bishop of the American church, who went to the bishops in Scotland instead.

Curry is notable also as the first African-American to preside over the historic American church. Curry has been seen as a progressive leader of the church, which has been criticized by other

parts of the Anglican Communion on issues such as gay marriage and female priests.

He has called for Episcopalians in the U.S., and Christians in general, to become part of the "Jesus Movement."

"I can tell you that I believe passionately in the Great Commission and its call to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has taught us," Curry said.

"I believe that that's a call, an invitation and an ex-

citing possibility; and I think that is one of the foundational principles of our call to be the Church: to help to make other followers of Jesus who can then, following his teachings and following the way of Jesus in their life and in our lives together, help to make this world a better world – something that is less like a nightmare and more like God's dream and God's vision and God's intention for the human family and the whole of creation.

"That, for me, is one of the centerpieces of the Gospel."

The wedding will take place on May 19 in London.

E-2 Cesar Lopez

MC-1 Tom Gagnier
Navy Community Outreach

BATH, Maine – A 2015 Nimitz High School graduate and Dallas, Texas, native is serving as part of the Pre Commissioning Unit for the future Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116).

Seaman Apprentice Cesar Lopez is a culinary specialist assigned to DDG 116 in Bath, Maine.

As a culinary specialist Lopez is responsible for



MC-1 Tim Miller / U.S. Navy

food preparation and serving meals to the crew.

"The crew is always eager to see me," said Lopez. "I can lift their morale with some quality

chow."

DDG 116 is currently undergoing tests and trials in preparation for delivery to the U.S. Navy from shipbuilder Bath Iron Works. Arleigh Burke class destroyers measure approximately 500 feet long and are powered by four gas turbines that allow the ship to achieve over 30 mph in open seas. Destroyers are tactical multi-mission surface combatants capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and ballistic missile defense, as well as humanitarian assis-

tance. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute a variety of missions.

"Thomas J. Hudner Jr., a naval aviator who retired as a captain, received the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman for displaying uncommon valor during an attack on his element leader, the first African American naval aviator to fly in combat, Ensign Jesse L. Brown," said Cmdr. Nathan W. Scherry, commanding officer, PCU

Thomas Hudner. "On 07 May 2012, Secretary Mabus announced that DDG 116 will be named in Captain Hudner's honor. Today, as the Navy's finest 300 Sailors crew the 66th Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer, they do so with a tremendous amount of honor, pride, and sense of duty. We are extremely honored to be able to carry Captain Hudner's values and legacy forward so that they are never forgotten. We are proud to be able to carry out our missions in defense of our country's freedom and values, and humbled to be

part of the Hudner family."

Lopez has carried lessons learned from his hometown into his military service.

"I learned growing up to respect everyone," said Lopez. "Talk to people as you would want them to talk to you."

With a crew of over 300 sailors, each crew member's job is important to the smooth operation of the ship. The jobs range from weapon handling to navigation.

"I am the first in my family to serve in the military," said Lopez. "Maybe I'll

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Local leaders receive Trailblazer Awards

AS usual, Editor Ruth Ferguson and her talented feature writers and contributors have done a phenomenal job covering the signature 55th Annual V. Alyce Foster Trailblazer Awards Luncheon hosted by the historic South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

Your service to the Greater North Dallas Community does not go unnoticed! We appreciate all that you do to get the word out on events covering African Americans and citizens at-large in Dallas.

Gwendolyn H. Daniels,

A Loyal NDG Subscription Subscriber

-Gwendolyn Daniels

Counterfactual Textbooks Hurt Texas Students

YES, Rep. Johnson, you are SO right to call out this horrible practice. What can we, as Texas residents, collectively do to voice our disgust over this? Education should NOT be something unattainable by students at public schools, and when history is not history (due to strategic 'editing'), our young people are short-changed and dis-served.

- J. Rosochacki



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I agree completely! Often textbook history is a white-wash.

Martin Luther King, Jr. - The textbooks lie on how he was assassinated. In 1999, it was proven in Federal Civil Court, Judge Joe Brown (now TV famous) presiding, with a jury of 12 that the government conspired to kill MLK. The

government had snipers. The head of the FBI was involved in the assassination. The documents are without reproach.

The King Family Website has the transcripts of the trial.

Details summarized (with source links in show notes) - VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TLkpQd-i0U>

Politicians need to raise their voices about the "Truth At Last: The Assassination of Martin Luther King".

- Tom T

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Counterfactual textbooks hurt Texas students



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On April 19, an 8th grade American history assignment was shared with the public that required students at a public charter school in San Antonio to list the “positive aspects” of slavery. The assignment was an activity found in one of the history textbooks that is used in classrooms throughout the State of Texas. This means that young people across the state are being taught that the institution of slavery was something other than reprehensible.

Another outcry over the contents of public school textbooks occurred when a parent discovered that one of their children’s textbooks described the Transatlantic Slave Trade as a period during which “millions of

workers” were brought to America. Texas schools bought nearly 140,000 copies of that textbook. Another textbook titled “Texas United States History” discusses how some slaves were treated “kindly” and provided “adequate food and clothing.”

These descriptions found in textbooks used by children all over Texas serve only to whitewash history by giving children a false idea that slavery wasn’t as horrific of an institution as it really was. Slaves were tortured, beaten, raped, and brutalized. They were stripped of all personal freedoms and forced to serve a system that branded them as property and nothing more. It is detrimental to the future of our state to teach children an incorrect version of history.

Curriculum standards and all instructional materials, including textbooks, for

public and public charter school classrooms in Texas are vetted and approved by the Texas State Board of Education. Although a law passed in 2011 allows schools to use instructional materials that are not recommended by the Board, majority of schools still use textbooks on the Board’s endorsed list. There are no educational requirements a person has to meet in order to serve on the Board. This means that the individuals who are determining the contents of textbooks are not required to have a college degree.

In 2015, the Board rejected a proposal that would have required university experts to fact check public school textbooks. It is not surprising that the Board refused to put instructional materials in the hands of experts. A current member of the State Board of Education was once quoted saying

that slavery was an “after issue” and “not the reason” for the Civil War. As a member of the Board, she has the power to determine the content studied in Texas’ U.S. History classrooms.

Politicians who want you to believe that slavery has “positive aspects” and was not the cause of the Civil War should not be writing or dictating the contents of textbooks. It is a disservice to Texas children to continue allowing counterfactual information to be placed in their instructional materials.

Texas’ American history curriculum should be in the hands of academics and subject matter experts who are distinguished in their fields. The 86th Texas Legislature needs to take a hard look at how the state determines what instructional content is acceptable in public school classrooms.

A need for Jobs and Justice

By Congresswoman
Eddie Bernice Johnson

During a recent press conference held in the Nation’s Capital I joined my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus in proclaiming the need for jobs and justice for members of our nation’s African American community, and for all of others whose lives are facing the indifference and cruelty of those in government who want to retard the economic progress that our nation and its people have made during the course of the last thirty years.

Joined by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Urban League President Marc Morial and House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer, we presented a 1300 page comprehensive piece of legislation to the Congress and the White House that addresses the ailments that confront members of

the African American communities whose economic needs are being ignored by the current administration and its allies in Congress.

Among other things, the proposed legislation calls for a \$100 billion investment to repair the nation’s public schools and enhancing the ability of those institutions to compete in our nation’s digital environment. It includes tax incentives to hire unemployed young people, veterans and others who find themselves without work and a livable wage.

Under our proposal the federal minimum wage is raised to \$15.00 an hour and monies are provided to establish neighborhood business incubators for small businesses, and for those who are starting businesses.

In order to create a more justice society and to right the wrongs that have been visited upon communities of color, the legislation pro-

poses the end to mandatory minimum prison terms for those convicted of federal drug crimes.

It calls for the end to the federal death penalty, decriminalizes marijuana and creates an investment fund for communities that have been adversely impacted by the fruitless ‘War on Drugs’.

To assist institutions that educate the majority of the nation’s African American college students, the legislation provides crucial funding for historically black colleges and universities. It also calls for making Pell Grants available to ex-offenders.

Recognizing the importance of larger numbers of voters participating in our federal election, we call for making presidential and congressional mid-term elections federal holidays. This would ensure greater participation in our election, and would encourage

greater citizen participation in the selection of our leaders.

The legislation calls for the restoration of the Voting Rights Act which was gutted by a majority on the Supreme Court which it removed a requirement that states with a history of racially tainted voting practices have their election plans approved by the U.S. Justice Department.

We believe that if these measures and others were passed by the Congress and signed into law by the president that our nation would become a more welcome place for its minority citizens than it is at the moment.

Our nation would be better and that the world would truly look upon our democracy as one in which all people were treated with justice and fairness. That is what we believe, and that is what we have proposed!



National organization hosting National Black Child Development Week

(Black PR Wire) SILVER SPRING, MD – With one of the greatest civil rights issues of our time at the forefront – the preschool-to-prison pipeline among young Black students -- the NBCDI, Inc., will host its annual National Black Child Development Week (NBCDW) from May 14 - 18. Reaching communities across the nation, NBCDW

2018 is a time of national awareness, collective action and community mobilization against the most critical issues of the day for Black children.

Delivering on the Promise, NBCDI's national campaign to address the rising rates of suspensions and expulsions in early childhood education, serves as the centerpiece along with local

Community of Practice covenings, the worldwide premiere of our Delivering on the Promise video featuring Senator Cory Booker and other local activities and events.

“National Black Child Development Week is always an important time for us,” said Tobeka G. Green, NBCDI president & CEO. “While we’re working tire-

lessly to advance our mission every day, NBCDW is a unified moment in time when the entire country celebrates

“Black children’s brilliance and resilience and mobilizes in lock-step to tackle the most pressing issues impacting Black children’s educational attainment and overall well-being.”

America's second most favorite drink

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I know I drank too many soft drinks as a kid and even as a young adult. My grandpa's store was just across the road and I drank too many Pepsi Colas, Dr Peppers and various other soft drinks. As a young adult I drank plenty of diet drinks for a long time. I'm not totally soda pop free but I doubt that I drink one a month now. Summer is here with outings and picnics so I'll probably have a couple but I'm trying to stay with water and even cut back on coffee.

Soda pop is a tough one to overcome. I've seen people in recent years hang to diet pop right until they were almost dead. Even with failing kidneys and dialysis some people just cannot bring themselves to drink water. This is a serious mistake. Today's adults must wake up to the dangers of drinking too much



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soda pop. You don't need one every day. You would be better off to limit your soda to one or two a week. Unfortunately people almost live with a diet drink or even a sugary drink in their hands.

Drinking water every day is very important. My doctor told me to drink 50 to 64 ounces every day. This seems like a lot of water but a 20 ounce bottle doesn't really take long to consume. The actual amount of water intake for everybody is a bit

different depending on how much coffee, fruit and vegetables you are already taking in daily.

From everydayhealth.com I read that our bodies use water in all cells, organs, and tissues to help regulate its temperature and maintain other bodily functions. Because our bodies lose water through breathing, sweating, and digestion, it's important to rehydrate by drinking fluids and eating foods that contain water. And then from webmd.com,

much from not just kids, but particularly the students that come in here and learn from the experiences.”

Kant desires for the guests to leave believing they can be a scientist and a better understanding of science.

“If they explore the world around them, then they are a scientist,” Kaut. “For their career in the future, I want them to feel that they are empowered and able to do any type of science career if they want to.”

"Drinking Water Helps Maintain the Balance of Body Fluids.

Your body is composed of about 60 percent water. The functions of these bodily fluids include digestion, absorption, circulation, creation of saliva, transportation of nutrients, and maintenance of body tempera-

ture."

Water is the second most popular beverage in the U.S. after soft drinks. This is a scary stat, since sugary soda is a huge health hazard, upping the risk of obesity, stroke, and other heart problems. However, these dangers can be avoided if people choose to drink

water.

Consider today putting the sugary stuff to the side and make water the number one drink of choice. The benefits really are endless.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books. His syndicated column is read in all 50 states.

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hall. As they wore lab coats and glasses, the children tested out several parts of the hands-on exhibit.

One of the places the students appear to enjoy was the Bio Lab. In this section, groups of guests can come in and select from one of four experiments presented to them.

“Each one can take up to 15 minutes to do,” Callan Kaut, Bio Lab coordinator at Perot Museum said.

“They can deal with different topics, some are about DNA, there is one about anthropology, and there is one about neuroscience. This is for anybody ages eight and up.

“I have a lab background, and a formal education background so it’s really a joy for me to work in here,” Kaut said. “My job is to run this area, and it’s great. I love interacting with the groups and I can learn so

DCCCD summer camps offer classes, projects and fun for all

Summer: it's a time – almost three months – when parents ask what their children can do during those idle hours. Instead of loose ends and bored kids, consider enrolling youngsters in a summer class or camp at a Dallas County Community College District campus.

Four DCCCD colleges -- Brookhaven in Farmers Branch; Cedar Valley in Lancaster; Eastfield College in Mesquite; and Mountain View College in Oak Cliff -- will offer classes from art to super hero cartooning, drones to cyber security, and music to painting for a variety of prices on schedules that fit parents' and children's needs alike.

Programs for each participating DCCCD college are listed below, along with contact information for the continuing education office at those locations for registration and payment details. To enroll youngsters and learn more about schedules and pricing, contact the continuing education office at the college listed.

Brookhaven College – Carrollton/Farmers Branch

Back by popular demand, the Brookhaven College summer youth program makes learning fun. Classes include: "Cake Decorating" (ages 10 to 13 from July 23-



Girls Inc. campers participate in lab activities at Richland College on their first day of camp Monday, June 22. Photograph by Paul Knudsen.

27); "Creative Writing – Short Stories" (ages 8 to 12 from July 9-13 and July 23-27); "Digital Photography Using Photoshop" (ages 8 to 12 from July 16-20); and "Finding Your Inner Hero for Girls" (ages 11 to 14 from July 23-27).

Other classes include: "Future Leaders" (ages 11 to 14 from July 9-13); "Mastering the Miniature" (ages 9-11 from July 30 to Aug. 3); "Super Hero Cartooning" (ages 7 to 13 from July 2-6); "Theater for Youth" (ages 8 to 12 from July 30 to Aug. 3); "Super Flights" (ages 7-13 from July 2-6); "Paint Club" (ages 7-13 from July 16-20); and "Polymer Clay Club" (ages 8-12 from July 16-20).

For general information about Brookhaven's summer youth programs, call 972-860-4600. Registration

is under way. Parents can register in person in the college's admissions office or by phone at 972-860-4715 (please have course information ready and a valid credit card).

All students must complete the Continuing Education Registration Form, which is available on campus or online; they also must complete a DCCCD Minor Student Form and photo release form. Forms are available at www.brookhaven-college.edu under Youth Programs. Brookhaven College is located at 3939 Valley View Lane in Carrollton/Farmers Branch.

Cedar Valley College – Lancaster

Cedar Valley College offers summer camps that focus on fun, learning and STEM classes for kids at its main campus, located at

3030 N. Dallas Ave. in Lancaster.

STEM classes at CVC are: "Cyber Defense Security STEM Camp" (ages 14-17 from June 11-29); "Coding with Drones" (ages 14-17 from June 18-29); "Mobile Virtual Reality Camp 1" (ages 14-17 from July 9-20); "Mobile Virtual Reality Camp 2" (ages 14-17 from July 23 to Aug. 3); and "Black Girls Code" (for girls ages 14-17 from July 23-27).

The college also offers classes in music and sports camps. Middle and high school students also may attend TexPREP Pre-Freshman Engineering Program, which helps them prepare for STEM careers, too. TexPREP students participate in coursework, team projects, class presentations, examinations, career awareness speakers, field trips and special events. The program is scheduled June 18 to July 27; parent orientation will be held June 8, and students must apply to attend.

For information and registration, contact the Cedar Valley College office of continuing education at 972-860-7800 or visit Youth Programs.

Eastfield College – Mesquite

Camp Buzz at Eastfield College gives students the

boost they need to become creative thinkers; the program is an organic, inventive and stimulating learning experience for youngsters ages 5-13. Kids will learn through fun, creative and intuitive themes.

Camp Buzz for kindergarten to third grade, five-day camps, are scheduled June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29, July 2-6, July 9-13, July 16-20, July 23-27, July 30 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10. Camp Buzz for students in grades 4-7 will be held June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29, July 2-6, July 9-13, July 16-20, July 23-27, July 30 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10.

Several levels of swimming classes also will be offered: "Advanced Swimming" (ages 6-17 from June 11-29, July 2-20 and July 23 to Aug. 10); "Parent and Child Aquatics" (ages 6 months to 2 years from June 11-29, July 2-20 and July 23 to Aug. 10); and "Pre-school Aquatics" (ages 3-5 from June 11-29, July 2-20 and July 23 to Aug. 10).

For information about Camp Buzz at Eastfield College this summer, visit www.eastfieldcollege.edu/campbuzz. To register, call the college's continuing education office at 972-860-7114 (please have a valid credit card ready); or visit

the continuing education admissions office in Building W (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); or online. Eastfield College is located at 3737 Motley Dr. in Mesquite.

Mountain View College – Dallas/Oak Cliff

The 2018 summer youth classes at Mountain View College invite students to have an adventure as they learn. The college will offer academic classes in "Reading, Writing and Math Camps" in separate sessions for youngsters who have completed grades 1-7.

Here are some of those classes: "Reading/Writing/Math Camps" (grades 1-7 from June 11-28 and July 9-26); "Ballet" (beginners ages 4-5, 6-8 and 9-11 from June 16 to Aug. 11); "Creating Comics Camp" (July 9-19); "Build and Boost Camp" (ages 8-12 from July 2-6); "Drone Junior Camp" (ages 8-12 from July 2-6); "Lego Junior Engineer Camp" (ages 8-12 from July 2-6); "Lego Young Builders Camp" (ages 5-7 from July 2-6); and "Guitar for Youth" (ages 8-10 from June 13 to Aug. 8 and ages 11-13 from June 14 to Aug. 9).

Other classes include: "Gymnastics/Tumbling" (ages 4-5, 6-8 and 9-11 from

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Community Briefs

Carrollton

Carrollton Connection is holding **Coffee With A Cop** on May 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at C Square Café, in Carrollton. The purpose of this event is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Coffee with a Cop is relaxed, informal and open for discussions about the issues community residents feel are important. For more information contact (214) 446-9999 or info@csquarecafe.com.

Dallas

Pan African Connection is holding a **Malcolm X**

Festival on May 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Pan-African Connection Bookstore Art Gallery and Resource Center. This event will celebrate the culture and life of Freedom Fighter and Humanitarian Malcolm X. Unlike festivals dreamed up over corporate marketing meetings, this festival continues to swell from its community's heart, just as it did 47 years ago, at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School in 1971, where it sprang from a South Dallas grassroots alliance. It will have a day filled with fun, food, music, dance and cooperative economics.

Irving

The City of Irving is holding a **Taste of Irving** on May 19 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Cimarron Park Recreation Center, in Irving. This free outdoor festival features family-friendly activities and food from a variety of Irving restaurants. Attendees can enjoy live jazz music, a free fun zone, a large craft marketplace, and culinary entertainment. The highlight of the event are the food samples; each restaurant sells items from their menu for \$5 or less!

The **11th annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite and**

Lantern Festival is expected to be held on May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lake Carolyn in the Las Colinas Urban Center, in Irving. Dragon boating is an easy to learn, team-oriented sport to build teamwork and increase productivity. They also provide intercultural education, wellness, family fun, as well as other programs that can benefit the community. It is the landmark multicultural festival in DFW area with over 20,000 people attended the festival in 2017. Marco Polo World Foundation is proud to be the first to bring dragon boating to North Texas.

Lewisville

Stars on the Prairie will be held on May 19 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area. Join them for a fascinating evening as they trek to LLELA's prairie restoration area to view the wonders of the night sky. Constellations, satellites, and sometimes planets and the moon are features of the ever-changing night sky. If the sky is cloudy, they will have a night hike. Ages 5 and up. Registration required by 11 a.m. on May 18th. Register here or by calling

972.219.3550.

Plano

Georgias Farmers Market is hosting their **grand opening** for Downtown's Plano Farmers Market starting on May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Downtown Plano Arts District, in Plano. The market will take place every Sunday. Some Sundays will have entertainment, so that shoppers can enjoy live music as they browse through produce, baked goods, and other items. Friends and neighbors will be able to come together at the market to shop and support local businesses!

Discovering the Best of Black America in 2018

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

There is an old African proverb that says, "What you seek, you will surely find." We live in a world where the news cycle continues to decrease because of innovations in communications technology. Yes, we are living in the fast-paced digital age. The high velocity delivery and transmission of news and information, however, may or may not produce authentic or accurate facts or simply the truth.

Yet, for more than 47 million Black Americans the reality of life's multiple challenges and opportunities are not the primary concerns and focus of what is popularly known as "mainstream media." Thus, the value and mission of the Black Press of America today is more

strategically important than ever before, for Black Americans and others who embrace the trend-setting cultural, academic, technological and game-changing achievements that are accomplished daily in Black America.

This is why the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is pleased with the continued partnership between the General Motors's Chevrolet Division and the NNPA to sponsor the 2018 Discover the Unexpected (DTU) Journalism Scholarship and Fellowship Program. We are identifying and mentoring the next generation of young, gifted, talented and committed journalists and publishers who will rise to take their rightful place as our future community leaders and business owners.

Seeking out the best of Black America not only in the field of journalism, but also in the overall context of the long-protracted struggle for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment is of the utmost importance. This summer in Georgia, Virginia, New York and in Washington, DC, six NNPA journalism scholars selected from Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) located across the nation will have the opportunity to work in Black-owned newspapers.

These outstanding NNPA DTU Fellows will also journey together to highlight and file news reports about real life stories that are occurring in our communities. In the current national media climate where allegations of "fake news" are routinely propagated, we will wel-

come receipt of the news and inspirations from the writings, videos and social media postings of our young aspiring journalists.

We are also grateful to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) for assisting Chevrolet and the NNPA to notify and reach HBCU students attending the 120 HBCUs about the DTU fellowship opportunities. In fact, over 23,000 online responses were made by students who were interested in the DTU program.

Reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications that were submitted revealed the tremendous academic achievements and commitments of HBCU students who fervently desire to serve the empowerment interests of Black communi-

ties via their respective journalism skills and talents. This is itself a good news story.

Too often we only learn or hear about the tragic injustices and systematic racial discriminations that are in fact facets of the realities that are all too prevalent in Black America. We need, however, more balance and truth-telling in the media when it comes to the struggles and plight as well as the resilience and transformation of Black America.

For more than 191 years, since the first publication of Freedom Journal in March 1827, the Black Press of America has continued to be on the frontlines reporting our triumphs, defeats and our successful resistance to oppression, injustice and inequality. Each generation has a responsibility to help

prepare the next generation to take the baton of history and to run to win by breaking and setting new records of achievement and excellence of all fields of endeavor.

Again, we publicly thank General Motors – Chevrolet for enabling the NNPA to award this group of young freedom-fighting scholars to sharpen their pens and commitments to become champions of the freedom and responsibilities of the press. The Black community will benefit. All of America will benefit. The DTU Fellows will seek and they will find. They will also exemplify the good news.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. is President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and can be reached at dr.bchavis@nnpa.org.

SMU MiVet finds hidden treasure in South Dallas' Community Gardens

(SMU) – Tucked into nooks and crannies in South Dallas are flourishing community vegetable gardens with names like Sunny South, Mill City or Nella Roots. They provide fresh produce to residents in an area long burdened by poverty and urban blight. But they remained mostly hidden to city officials and urban researchers until SMU graduate student DeVincent Martin set out to connect them to resources needed for success.

Martin's research helped connect South Dallas community gardens to the new Seedling Farm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's Freedom Garden. A collaboration between community partners and a non-profit created by SMU professor Owen Lynch, the Seedling Farm provides seasonal plants to community gardens and individuals. Planting seedlings instead of seeds gives plants a better likelihood of survival and translates into faster production, Lynch says.

Martin will graduate May 19 from SMU's Lyle School of Engineering with a Master's degree in sustainability and development.



SMU

He began the community garden project as part of SMU's efforts to combat the South Dallas food desert through the work of the Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity in the Lyle School of Engineering, and faculty member Lynch, a senior fellow and social entrepreneur in the Hunt Institute and associate professor of organizational communication at SMU Meadows School of the Arts.

"A food desert is a com-

munity without close access to fresh, healthy foods at grocery stores or other retail outlets, and in South Dallas, many residents live at least a mile away from a grocery store," says Lynch, who is Martin's mentor. "By finding and mapping these gardens we can help provide soil, seedlings, expertise and volunteers."

Martin brought a unique set of experiences to the task – family roots in South Dallas, a Bachelor's degree in

environmental studies and biology, an interest in urban agriculture and skills in Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping. GIS mapping is software that maps an area in multiple layers such as demographics, employment, retail outlets and – gardens.

As an SMU sustainability and development graduate student, he also was hungry for a topic to fulfill graduation requirements for a capstone project. But Martin soon learned gathering data by knocking on doors and asking questions was difficult in an area where local residents are wary of outsiders.

"South Dallas residents have been the subjects of years of questionnaires and surveys," says Martin. "But the studies have not benefited them directly. I had to re-establish trust before any mapping and data gathering could be achieved."

Martin spent hours with South Dallas gardeners, answering their questions and understanding their concerns. He also shared why, at age 47, he was pursuing an SMU Master's degree.

After graduating from high school, Martin enlisted

in the U.S. Army, serving from 1989 -1993 with the 3rd Armored Division Infantry in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf War. "We were bullet-catchers," he says.

Martin returned home to Dallas after his discharge and worked in sales for 17 years, selling everything from cars to home mortgages.

In 2010, nearly 20 years after graduating from high school, Martin used his veteran's benefits to enroll in Collin College in Plano, graduating summa cum laude in 2013 with an associate's degree. After transferring to Austin College in Sherman, he graduated in 2016 with degrees in biology and environmental studies and a 3.67 GPA. When the VA declined to support Martin's graduate education, SMU's Lyle School of Engineering gave him a 50 percent tuition discount, part of the school's tuition discount program for active military, military veterans and U.S. Department of Defense employees pursuing graduate degrees. He began graduate work at SMU in 2016 and was selected in 2017 to become a

graduate research analyst in the Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity.

Martin saw firsthand the benefits of the South Dallas gardens as he conducted his research.

"There, the gardens are an asset, not a hobby," he says. "They are helping people live. I watched kids get off the school bus and stop by the garden for produce to bring home for dinner."

Community gardens are a step toward solving the food desert crisis in South Dallas, an area that sprawls from the Trinity River south to I-20. But economic development is also key to reviving the area, Martin says.

"You can only give away so much lettuce," he says. "A food desert is a job desert," Martin says. "South Dallas also needs sustainable business growth."

After graduating, Martin plans to stay involved with SMU as an associate with the Hunt Institute. He also was named to the board of directors of Get Healthy Dallas. Martin recently accepted a job offer from Trammell S. Crow to work in partnership development for EarthX.



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A woman with dark curly hair is shown in profile, looking intently at a tablet computer. The tablet screen displays a colorful pie chart with several segments in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The background is a softly blurred indoor setting with light coming from a window on the right.

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Dallas International Film Festival showcases diversity

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

Movie fanatics, indie producers, amateur student filmmakers, and film lovers of all types attended the 12th annual Dallas International Film Festival (DIFF) from May 3 to May 10. DIFF was sponsored by The Dallas Film Society, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting film, filmmakers and film education through annual events. The event represented diverse producers from various countries.

Over the past 12 years, the festival has spotlighted more than 1,800 filmmakers from 50 countries. This year, close to 100,000 visitors event enjoyed over 110 films from 25 countries. These films ranged from documentaries to family-friendly, high school and college showcase, narrative, premier, shorts, and full-



John Landis, the director of 1978 *Animal House*, gives an interview for his film at the closing night of DIFF. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

length films.

While most attendees focused on the more prominent movies presented at DIFF like *1985*, *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, and *Jurassic Park*, it seemed that this year other indie filmmakers took the spotlight. We also recommended five films to see at DIFF this year in an earlier story.

During the festival we decided to focus our attention on the indie films and enjoyed the following films:

Emmy-award-winning photographer and filmmaker, Lauren Greenfield's *Generation Wealth* entertained everyone as they watched her explore her latest documentary that not only shows her journey, but the global boom-bust economy, the corrupted American Dream, and the human costs of late-stage capitalism, narcissism, and greed. This film explored the lives of students in California, adult film actresses, busi-

nesses owners, and Botox-obsessed women.

People's Republic of Desire, directed by Hao Wu was filmed in China and spoken entirely in Mandarin. The film followed the lives of various online stars whose entire lives and income are based on live-streaming. The film goes through the live streaming showrooms, which have become virtual gathering places for hundreds of millions, from the rich who lavish performers with digital gifts, to poor migrant workers who worship them.

Co-directed by the Emmy Award-winning filmmaking team Hunter Robert Baker

and Jordan Fein, *The Blessing* follows a Navajo coal miner and single father raising his secretive daughter while also struggling to come with part of the irreversible destruction of their sacred mountain at the hands of America's largest coal producer. This film was captured over the course of five years and also follows the life of a young Navajo woman discovering her inner identity and managing the expectations of her traditional father.

Ram Nehari, an Israelite filmmaker, presented *Don't Forget Me*, a dark romantic comedy. This film follows a couple escaping an eating

disorder unit, and together they try to escape from their lives and all that is considered socially acceptable.

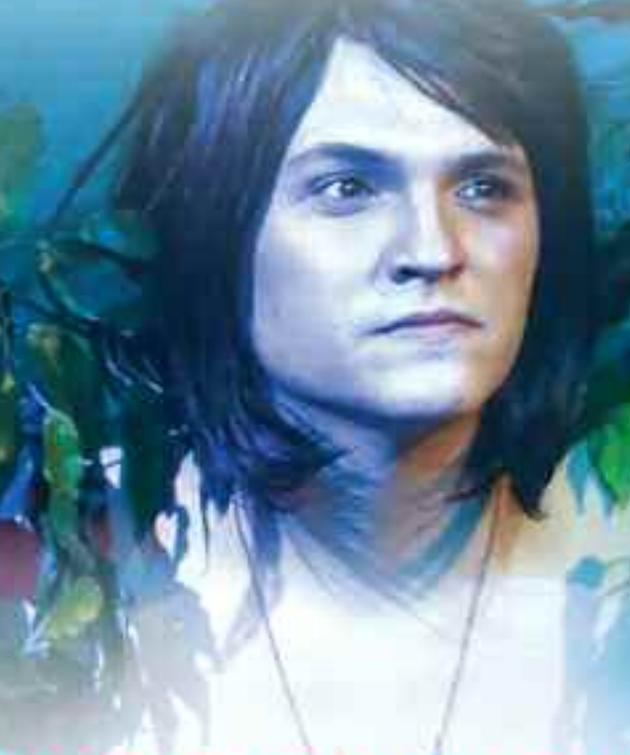
Cathy Yan, a Chinese filmmaker showed her first film called *Dead Pigs*. Based on true events, this film follows the lives of a bumbling pig farmer, a feisty salon owner, a sensitive busboy, an ambitious expat architect and a disenfranchised rich girl converge and thousands of dead pigs that float down a river.

Eighth Grade, directed by Bo Burnham followed the life of a thirteen-year-old named Kayla, and her last week of eighth grade and the situations she encounters.



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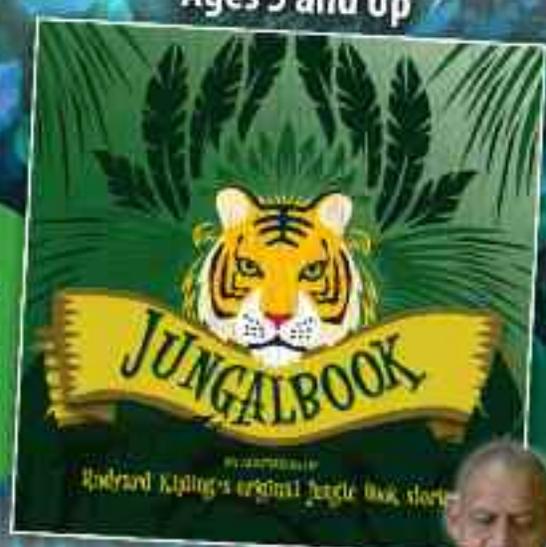


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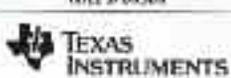
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Sunday Funday activities include:

Epic line-up of musical performances: Get ready to rock and roll on Sunday



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with the following acts:

• Vanessa Peters – Bud Light Stage at 11 a.m.

Local Yokam – Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage at 11:45 a.m.

• Justin Pickard & Thunderbird Winos - Methodist Richardson Amphitheater

Stage at 1:15 p.m.

• A Thousand Horses: Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage at 2:45 p.m.

• Mark Lettieri Trio: Plaza Stage at 2:45 p.m.

• Trout Fishing in America: United HealthCare Singer Songwriter Stage in

the Eisemann Center at 4 p.m.

• Frankie Leonie: Bud Light Stage at 4 p.m.

• Reckless Kelly: Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage at 4:30 p.m.

Budding Talent Vocal Competition Finals: Head

on over to the United-Healthcare Singer Songwriter Stage in the Eisemann Center at 1 p.m. to hear the local talent of kids and teens ranging from preschool (age 3) to 12th grade. This year's finalists were chosen during a qualifying round held April 22 at the City of Richardson Senior Center.

Discounted Tickets: Single-day tickets, good for use on Sunday only, can be purchased through the event website for only \$15. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$20. Kid tickets for children ages 5-12 are \$5. Kids 4 and under are free. Single-day tickets for Richardson residents are \$12 if purchased before 5 p.m. Friday, May 18.

2018 Wildflower! Festival Headliners Include: Goo-Goo Dolls, Kool & the Gang, Spoon, Jimmy Eat World, Lifehouse, Switchfoot, Reckless Kelly, Eve 6, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, A Thousand

Horses, Gin Blossoms, Radney Foster, John Ford Coley, Graceland Ninjaz, Rich Girls, Infinite Journey, Keith Harkin, Trout Fishing in America, Max and Heather Stalling and Walt Wilkins & The Mystiqueros. In addition, The Ultimate Eagles Tribute – On the Border, will perform daily in Hill Hall in the Eisemann Center.

For complete, up-to-date event information, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com, call 972-744-4580 or follow Wildflower! on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and use the official hashtag #WAMfest2018.

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June 17 to Aug. 12); "Tae Kwon Do" (ages 7-11 from June 11 to July 23); "Tennis for Beginners" (Ages 7-17 from June 9-30); "Intermediate Tennis for Kids" (ages 7-17 from July 14 to Aug. 4); "Body Image, Media and

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July 11 to Aug. 1); "Spanish Mini-Camp" (for completers of grades 1-5 from July 30 to Aug. 16); and "Swimming Lessons" (for water babies, toddlers, beginners and advanced beginners – based on age – offered on a variety of schedules).

Registration is under way and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many classes have limited spaces. Register in person at the continuing education office admissions window, located on the second level of the Student Services Building on the West Campus (the

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Fighting discrimination in the housing market takes a strong FHA

By Charlene Crowell
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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," argued 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 in-

creased 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 alternative.

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, en-

forcement 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

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May 20, 9:45 a.m.
You're invited to our "Prayer and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

May 23, 7 p.m.
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette, and others conducting a new book study with "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan, 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times, with supporting

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May 20, 9 a.m.
Join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, followed by our Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed. It's for our Friends and Family. You are special to us.

May 23
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 18, 7 p.m.
All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 7 p.m., (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

May 20, 10 a.m.
You are invited to our Baby Christening Service. Don't forget to invite family and friends to this sacred event. Also, you are invited to join us for our Morning Service as we celebrate of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May 21, 7 p.m.
Join us in Monday School as we grow in God's Word and learn what God has to say to us.

May 27, 10 am
Every 4th Sunday is youth Sunday, all youth s encouraged to join us and meet God in these exciting services.

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May 20, 10 a.m.
Join us for Morning Worship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory; and don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

May 23, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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May 20, 7 a.m.
Join us for our Early Service or our Morning Worship Service as we praise and worship God, you will be blessed.

May 23, 7 p.m.
Join us at our Wednesday's Intercessory as we pray to God for others. Call the church for details for details.

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May 20, 8 and 11 a.m. Worship 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".

May 23, 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."

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

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Understanding the source of anger



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"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control."

- Proverbs 29:11

The workplace can be a pressure-packed world. The demands that are often put on us can bring out things that we never knew were there. Sometimes we begin to think that the source of that pressure is to blame for our response to the pressure. It could be an

event, a spouse, a boss, a client, a child, or even a driver who cuts us off in traffic.

An event was recall that responding to a close friend one time, "If you had not done that, I would never have responded that way." Later I learned that this response had little truth to it. We all choose to get angry. And, remember, anger is one letter from danger. No one else is to blame for our anger. "The circumstances of life, the events of life and the people around me in life, do not make me the way I am, but reveal the way I am" --Dr. Sam Peoples.

This simple quote has had

a profound impact on how people view their anger now. Anger only reveals what is inside of us. We can't blame anyone but ourselves for our response to a situation that can be learned

that anger is only the symptom of something else that is going on inside of us. This quote now resides on my refrigerator door as a daily reminder of the truth about my response to life's

situations.

It has been said that anger is like the warning panel on the dash of your car. It is the light that tells us something is going on under the hood and we need to find out what is the source of the problem. I have discovered that the source of anger is often unmet expectations or personal rights. We believe we are entitled to a particular outcome to a situation. When this doesn't happen, it triggers something in us. At the core of this is fear, often is a fear of failure or rejection, fear of what oth-

ers think, fear of the unknown.

If you struggle with anger, ask God to reveal the source of that anger. Ask Him to heal you of any fears that may be the root of your anger. Ask God to help you take responsibility for your response to difficult situations.

Commit your life afresh to God and to follow the paths of righteousness. Ask God to help you to live life according to His will, His plan, His Word and every day to come. Thank Him in Name of Jesus.



W.O.R.T.H.'s (Women of Reconciliation, Truth and Hope) monthly meeting. Standing (L to R): Sisters Melanie Johnson, Melinda Gardner, Mrs. Mary A. Ford, Author of Prayer - The Key to Unlocking Blessings; Sisters Stephanie Jackson, Bobbie Hill and Kristy Crowe. Sitting (L to R): Minister Brenda Patterson, Sister Tarpley and Sister Elma Turner on May 5, 2018

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start something."

Lopez's proudest accomplishment is his selfless dedication to serve and protect those back home.

"I serve because I believe that it's my responsibility," added Lopez. "It's something that I've always wanted to do."

Close living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's newest

ships, Lopez and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"I am part of something way bigger than me," said Lopez. "I'm able to protect our nation's interests while learning skills that will benefit me in the future."

The construction of the ship is over 98 percent complete. The ship is scheduled for commissioning in late 2018 in Boston, Mass. For more information about the commissioning, visit www.usshudnerddg116.org.

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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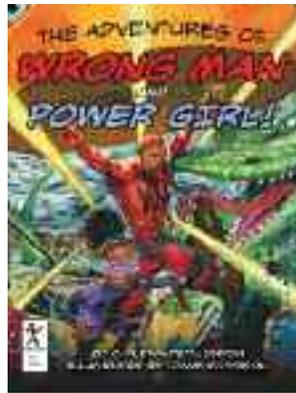
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NDG Book Review: *The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



You are a pretty super kid.

Mom and Dad say that all the time because you're kind, smart, and you always like to help others when they need an extra hand. Even so, there are times when you might help too much and in the new book "The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl!" by C. Alexander London, illustrated by Frank Morrison, mistakes happen.

When the worst thing you can possibly imagine occurs, what do you do? Who do you call when you need

a hero to fix a bad situation? Young Janice hollers for a superhero she knows quite well, and Wrong Man comes to the rescue!

Or, well, he sort of rescues a little bit. Mostly he does the wrong thing, like

bringing stinky cheese to a disaster site. Fortunately, Janice has seen this before and she "knows what to do" so she calls 9-1-1, and asks for help.

Sometimes, disasters can happen back-to-back. In a flash, Wrong Man is on the scene with his dance moves but the truth is that you can't catch crooks by waving your arms or shuffling your feet, so Janice calls 9-1-1 again. There's just no doubt about it: Wrong Man can be a clumsy fool with inappropriate solutions and bad judgment, and he really has a knack for making a mess, causing big problems

to get even bigger.

Even so, Janice knows that he's only trying to help!

And so is she. People sometimes try to avoid Wrong Man, but they're always happy to see Janice – because they know that Power Girl is a very smart superhero who does what's needed. Of course, she still loves Wrong Man very much, even when he messes up, and she's always glad when he's around. There are days when Power Girl is powerless, disasters get out of hand, and sometimes "Even Wrong Man is right...."

The world is full of scary things, no matter how old you are. Think about that – and then remember that it's harder when you're five years old. Now imagine the most perfect superhero you can – and then read about him in "The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl!"

For your child, this book speaks to the part of her that needs a hero, not just when disaster occurs but every day of the year. Fortunately, as author C. Alexander London shows with a delightful sense of humor, kids don't have to look far to find that

super person in their lives. Young Janice, furthermore, shows kids that resourcefulness is important, too, and that quick-thinking can also save the day.

Now, here's the bonus: as an adult, this book will appeal to the child in you because its illustrations by Frank Morrison are old-school comic-book style, but with a modern feel to the artwork. Read this book for your 3-to-7-year-old and see if it doesn't take you back a few years. Read it, because "The Adventures of Wrong Man and Power Girl" is pretty super.

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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 find-

ings 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 Department 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.

"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," said Lisa Rice, the

NFHA President and CEO. "We cannot build a thriving society as long as our nation is plagued by discrimination, segregation, and severe economic inequality."

CRL President Mike Calhoun said that in the year that marks a half century of the Fair Housing Act it is appropriate to acknowledge

the journey traveled in five decades.

It's also the time to, "look ahead to the hundreds of miles yet to travel, before fair housing is a reality for all," Calhoun said.

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