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**Monday Night Politics wraps up with Dallas' District 6 race**

By David Wilfong  
NDG Special Contributor

The Monday Night Politics series hosted by the *Dallas Examiner* at the African American Museum wrapped up on April 3 with a look at the highly-contested Dallas City Council race in District 6. This is one of three council seats with a half-dozen or more candidates vying for the spot. District 6 is located on the western side of downtown Dallas.

Councilmember Monica R. Alonzo has held the seat for six years and is seeking a final term on the council. Three of her five challengers were on hand to address the audience at the Monday night gathering. Not present were challengers Tony Carrillo and Gilbert N. Cerda.

"I would like to say we've done a lot in District 6 and we want to continue," Alonzo said. "We have a lot of work to do. I attribute all of that to not only the voters who put me here and gave me that opportunity, but also to those that have been working very hard before me to be able to move all of the projects forward."

Linus Lynell Spiller's past experience includes banking and finance, non-profit services, IT project management, and most recently education.

"I am the person with the most experience at the community level that



(Clockwise from top left) Monica Alonzo, Linus Spiller, Omar Narvaez and Alex Dickey were the four candidates from District 6 who addressed the audience at Monday Night Politics this week at the African American Museum in Fair Park. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

can meet that challenge," Spiller said. "I've also been appointed to three different boards by the city council, so I know my way around city hall. I know how to get things done."

Alex S. Dickey is a high school government, history and economics teacher at Irving ISD. A lifelong resident of District 6, Dickey recalled having news teams broadcasting from his front yard to report on the prostitution problem in the area. He said he was running out of frustration that, 30 years later, the problems are still as prevalent.

"Our streets are falling apart,"

Dickey said. "Our parks are full of trash. Prostitutes still walk freely along Dennis Rd. There's still gunshots every night, and there's still gang tagging every time a wall opens up. All the while the City of Dallas had a booming economy. There's cranes everywhere. We're building symphony centers and opera houses and baring eight lanes of freeway to put a park on top. Meanwhile, Bachman Lake Park, the third largest in the city and in my district, has been neglected and deteriorating for my entire life."

Omar Fermin Narvaez said he has

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**COMMENTARY**

**Sponsors of hate must be held accountable now**

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

Over the next several days, across the United States, people will pause in solemn remembrance of the 49th anniversary of the tragic assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Back then, I was a young, college student and staff member of Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in North Carolina on that

tragic day in 1968.

There is no question that it has been a long and difficult road for our communities, during the past half century, as we continue to fight for equal rights and to eliminate racial hatred, discrimination and bigotry.

Many in North Carolina may recall my beginnings in activism when, as a 13-year-old, I fought to integrate the public library in Oxford, N.C., and was the first African-American to successfully struggle to get

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## Terrance Amen

(BlackNews.com) -- Terrance Amen, founder and CEO of 3ufirst.com, asks, "Does the Black community really want to solve its problems?" He continues, "We're not working together enough to really solve the major problems in our community. We continue to wait for people outside our community to solve them, when we have the ability to solve our own problems." Does he have a point? He says that if just half of our community (based on 50 million African Americans) donated just \$20 a month, which would be \$500 million a month, and



\$6 billion a year, we could solve our education problems.

Terrance says its very realistic, but rarely do we hear the Black media talking about what we can do for

ourselves. The focus is more on what people outside our community should do for us, which is why the problems continue to persist. You hear this word diversity (still discriminated against when it comes to jobs) come up a lot. Terrance says, it's 2017 and we're still talking about diversity! If we donated just \$20 a month for education, health, business investment, and other non-profit organizations that are solving the other problems in our community, we can solve a lot of the major problems in the community.

Terrance comments, "The leaders of the Black church have millions of members, yet have no united economic

plan for our community. So the question to ask ourselves is, why aren't we doing this? For one there aren't a lot of people thinking like this. Another reason is the Black media doesn't focus on interviewing and showcasing companies and organizations, who focus on solving the major problems in our community. More importantly, as a community, we aren't focused on doing this." Terrance says, when you spend a trillion dollars in every community but your own, what are you saying about whose community you value? We've been programmed to be individuals rather than a community.

"It takes a village to raise

a child, but are we really practicing this? We see every day, the results of not doing this." He continues, "It's time to look in the mirror and ask ourselves, am I contributing to solving the major problems in my community or am I just thinking about myself and my family? Trust plays a role as well in why we don't support each other, but what have we really lost to a company or organization that's trying to help our community, by donating \$10 - \$20 a month? You will eventually see if that company or organization is serious about solving the problems in our community."

Using the excuse that we

don't trust or know enough about the company or organization is not a good excuse, when we spend money on things that have little to no value and when we live in the information age, where you can check out any company or organization and get enough information to make an educated decision. Terrance says, a sign of insanity is doing the same thing, but expecting a different result. By doing nothing or very little, we'll continue to get nothing or very little. But you will never be able to say there weren't companies and organizations out there trying to solve the major problems in our community.

## Mugambi Jouet

By Alex Shashkevich

The United States is currently experiencing a deep political and social divide, according to many experts. But what has led to this polarization?

Mugambi Jouet, a Thomas C. Grey Fellow and lecturer at Stanford Law School, tackles this question in his new book, *Exceptional America: What Divides Americans from the World and from Each Other*.

Jouet examines the ideological evolution of American conservatism and how American exceptionalism is



among the root causes of current political polarization in the country. Jouet also explores what sets the U.S. apart from other Western countries.

Stanford News Service interviewed Jouet about his re-

search.

**How and why did you start working on the research behind this book?**

I grew up in Paris in a multicultural environment, as my mother is French and father Kenyan. At 17, I moved to the United States for college and ultimately lived in many regions, including the East Coast, South, Midwest and West Coast. I was always fascinated not only by how America compares to other nations but also by the great contrasts within the U.S.

I started this research during the Barack Obama presidency to examine the sources of the nation's polar-

ization and why Americans often intensely debate issues that generally are not controversial, or less so elsewhere, in the modern Western world, such as universal health care, gun control, the existence of climate change, abortion and contraception. Additionally, I wanted to examine the roots of Donald Trump's political rise, which I trace to a long-term ideological evolution.

**What do you believe is the biggest takeaway from your research?**

The United States is exceptionally polarized compared to other Western nations due to unique aspects of its history, culture, poli-

tics, legal institutions, religious attitudes, race relations and foreign policy. Even though divisions exist in all countries, there are far more sources and forces of polarization in America. Its polarization is also frequently over very basic issues, such as whether people should have a right to medical treatment, whether to allow unlimited spending by special interests in political campaigns, whether global warming is a hoax, whether to torture terrorists and whether people should have an unbridled right to bear arms.

Moreover, the U.S. has many other unique features

within the West, including mass incarceration, the death penalty, a tendency to exempt itself from international human rights treaties, and a substantial minority of Biblical literalists who reject the theory of evolution and believe in apocalyptic prophecies.

People often overlook these differences by correctly noting similarities between the anti-immigration, nationalistic movements of President Trump and far-right European parties aiming to dismantle the European Union. Even on immigration, however, America is

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## Shanterra McBride

Dallas Women's Foundation and the Junior League of Dallas (JLD) are hosting hundreds of girls ages 11 to 15 at #BestSelf 2017 on April 29 at Southern Methodist University's Hughes-Trigg Student Center. A program of Dallas Women's Foundation's Leadership Initiative, #BestSelf teaches young women leadership skills, healthy conflict resolution and more, so that they embrace and become their "best selves."

The Foundation's Leadership Initiative is committed to advancing and increasing the number of women and girls in leadership positions by presenting



forums, publishing the voices of women leaders and producing targeted research advocating for women's leadership.

This year's event is organized in partnership with the Junior League of Dallas, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and im-

proving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, as part of its 95th anniversary.

Bonner Allen, JLD president, said, "BestSelf is a special way to celebrate our 95th anniversary, as a wonderful reflection of our mission. It is also a demonstration of Dallas Women's Foundation's ripple effect: the Foundation not only has invested in the Junior League of Dallas and our members for years, but provided this opportunity for us to invest together in the lives of hundreds of girls. The JLD takes great pride in working in partnership with the Foundation on this very meaningful event."

The keynote speaker and

emcee is Shanterra McBride, founder of Marvelous University, which offers life coaching and success planning for young people and specializes in leadership development for girls and young women. A popular speaker, she is the author of "Love Your Jiggle: The Girl's Guide to Being Marvelous." A native Dallasite, McBride is a first generation college graduate who received two degrees from SMU and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

The day includes informative breakout sessions, a tour of SMU and other fun, such as jam sessions. In ad-

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# An ACTION plan for protest



Protest without a strategy is like December without Christmas. We have to align our thoughts with action. Clever sloganeering

only goes so far. Each week there seems to be some type of protest regarding the presidency of Donald J. Trump, last week was no different. After all of the marches are done it is like the barking dog catching the car. Now what? We have to develop an action plan to go along with the chants, marching and street

signs. Recently Dallasites gathered to protest, as it is their right. Critics say, “stay home, why bother?” I disagree. I support these marches as a way to communicate displeasure over the policies of a man I view as incompetent, arrogant, with policies that will lead our country to self-destruct

tion. Changing and directing public opinion to stop Trump’s policies is essential to saving America. The vast majority of America has expressed their displeasure with President Trump. His historically low poll numbers reflect support from

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## NDG Readers Sound Off

**Richardson begins planning for Cotton Belt Rail Line's impact**

I’m confused by these comments. Are trains more dangerous to children than

cars? Is the city of Richardson unwilling or unable to provide appropriate barriers near elementary schools?

I’m also confused as to why Dallas gets to weasel

out of paying the full DART penny to fix its own pension screw ups, and why this should come at the expense of the cities that would presumably still pay the full penny and

didn’t screw up their employee pension funds.

- Keith

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a library card there. Later, I worked for the SCLC, CORE, NAACP, and the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice. Today, I proudly serve the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) as President and CEO.

Over the years, our work has taken different shapes and has required many different approaches and levels of intensity to ensure we continually push our leaders and fellow citizens further down the path of freedom, justice and equality.

Under the Obama Administration, we were fortunate to have friends in the White House, the Department of Justice and all across the Administration, who recognized the historic opportunities and worked with us to maximize them. We saw many advances for our communities and the priorities were rightly on addressing criminal justice reforms, labor, income, education, poverty and access to health care. We did not arrive fully there, but we were well on our way to making more progress for all people in America.

With the rise of the so called alt-right movement and its anti-immigration agenda that many believe helped to elect President Trump, we find ourselves working to maintain the sta-

tus quo in civil rights rather than advancing this fight. And we have every right to be concerned and frustrated. Yet, as Dr. King believed, we should work to get each President of the United States, including President Trump, to denounce bigotry and hatred, as well as to champion racial equality.

We must tap into that energy to push our agenda and ensure that our nation’s leaders do not support bigotry of any kind and that means identifying individuals and groups that are sponsoring this hate and holding them accountable.

Unfortunately, here in my home state of North Carolina, the Foundation for the Carolinas has spent tens of millions of dollars over the years supporting groups that sponsor hate and advance this anti-immigration and population control agenda that threatens our communities. All immigrants should be treated fairly and equally without discrimination.

Behind a veil of anonymity created by the Foundation, donors who support this organization are able to indirectly fund extremist groups without any public accountability. The Foundation prides itself on—and even advertises—donor anonymity as a reason to contribute to the foundation.

Large donors are assured that Foundation for the Carolinas has “fewer reporting requirements” than private foundations that they might otherwise choose as a vehicle for their giving. This condition, afforded to some of our state’s wealthiest individuals, has enabled patrons of the organization to operate unchecked — making this lack of transparency as a significant liability for your organization.

According to the “Los Angeles Times” and others, one individual in particular, Fred Stanback, has used the foundation to direct his money to extreme causes. Behind the cloak of the foundation, Mr. Stanback has become a leading supporter, funneling tens of millions of dollars, to fringe anti-immigrant groups including the Federation for American Immigration Reform (labeled an extremist group by the Southern Poverty Law Center). It is my understanding that Mr. Stanback is behind several donor advised funds at the Foundation, which afford him this anonymity.

Over a period of more than 10 years, the Foundation has donated more than \$20 million dollars to the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and to NumbersUSA, a similarly minded and well-known extremist group. These vehicles have proactively disseminated

hateful xenophobic sentiment throughout our region and country, ostracizing some of our most vulnerable citizens.

In addition, the Foundation For The Carolinas’ board of directors reserves “variance power,” which authorizes it “to modify any condition or restriction on the distribution of funds if in its sole judgment (without the approval of any trustee, custodian or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, in capable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the area served by the Foundation...”

Despite the board’s discretionary power, it chose to support organizations whose agendas were clearly at odds with the best interests of a diverse nation.

As a civil rights and social justice leader, my view is that we should not tolerate this kind of unjust targeting of our most vulnerable citizens by Foundation for the Carolinas’ anonymous patrons. Public accountability for all non-profits is necessary. It is our duty to fight for justice for all. It’s time for the Foundation for the Carolinas to come clean and stop sponsoring such hate groups. Let’s move our nation forward and not backward.

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. is the President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).



## El Centro surgical technologists assist with operation, provide patient care

Jai Atkins left a promising career as a flight attendant start her work life over. Shunning the airline's management program, she decided to pursue her long-held dream of working in the medical field.

Last year, she enrolled in the Dallas County Community College District's surgical technology program at El Centro College. Atkins is crafting her skills at the school's mock surgical suite located in the Allied Health and Nursing Building.

"I spent nearly 20 years as a flight attendant, and I wanted something different," said Atkins, who expects to finish her courses in June. "The health care field has always interested me. I didn't want to do nursing, per se. I want to be in health care but also to be proactive in a different way."

Surgical technology, she said, provided that option. Atkins was drawn to the field partly because of the mercurial nature of surgeries.

"If you're part of the medical field, you have to be adaptive," Atkins said. "No day is ever the same. No hour is the same. It's quite similar to aviation. You have sequences. There is an order in how things are going to be done. You may start doing one type of surgery, and your

duties can change during that surgery. You always have to be ready."

Assisting and caring for patients is one of the most essential parts of an operation. Also called scrub techs or operating room techs, surgical technologists are essential to the delivery of safe, surgical care. Their duties vary and may include transporting patients to and from surgery.

"Safety is critical in any surgery, and you have to be aware that there sometimes are unforeseen circumstances," Atkins said. "So you adjust. You're trained, and you rely on your training."

Preparation ensures that operations run smoothly. Surgical technicians maintain a sterile environment, pass instruments and supplies to surgeons, and are responsible for patient safety. Surgeons and other staff members depend on them to count sponges and keep track of instruments, supplies and other equipment used in the operating room.

### Surgical technologists are team players

Serving others has always been at the forefront of Natalie Estrada's goals. She left a career at a private day care center to pursue surgical technology.

Her parents pushed her toward nursing, a field she wasn't convinced would suit her.

"At first I thought: this is hard. But after a while, you don't get dizzy. You get used to the butterflies in your stomach, and you remember that this is about your patient," said Estrada, who also finishes her courses in June. "And then you see it as rewarding. You're actually making an impact."

"I love helping people, and this seems like a good career," added Estrada, who worked with children before she enrolled in El Centro's surgical technology program.

Dressed in scrubs with hair and faces covered, students take part in mock learning sessions at El Centro's nursing lab. Blades, sutures and hypodermic needles are routinely passed among them as they rehearse drills.

The training is repetitious but vital, said fellow student Lisa Sagnibene. "You can't be turned off by body fluids," she said. "Any surgery can go from mundane to manic."

### Surgical tech: one of the most important jobs in the operating room

Trained surgical technologists are tasked with a multitude of assignments – all de-

signed to give optimum care before, during and after a medical procedure. They prepare operating rooms, get patients ready for surgery, count supplies – including sponges and instruments – and they maintain a sterile work area.

The work is intense, said Belinda Allen, who oversees the surgical technology program at El Centro. This career field places its graduates in environments where they work next to surgeons, regis-



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Students Jai Atkins and Natalie Estrada practice techniques in El Centro's nursing lab (Photo: DCCCD)

## CDC observes National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

April 10th is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD). NYHAAD is the first annual observance day set aside to recognize the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on young people.

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) serves as a reminder that investing in young people's health and education is a critical step to achieving an AIDS-free generation. This annual observance was created in 2013 by Advocates for

Youth and other partners to educate the public about the impact of HIV/AIDS on youth.

### Teens in the United States

In the United States, more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses were in young people aged 13-24 years. Despite the disproportionate number of new HIV infections occurring among youth, the percentage tested for HIV is low compared to other age groups. Only 10% of sexually experienced U.S. high school students have ever been tested for HIV.

From 2005 to 2015, CDC data show declines in sexual risk behaviors among teens, including fewer currently sexually active high school students. Still, the prevalence of some behaviors remains high and puts young people at risk. For instance, condom use has decreased among teens, with more than 40% of sexually active high school students not using a condom the last time they had sex.

Additionally, some teens,

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## Car Care Clinics to address check engine light

When that dreaded check engine light comes on, your mind inevitably races as numerous questions start flowing through your head.

*What does it mean?  
How serious is it?  
Can I still drive my car?  
How much will it cost to fix?*

You can get these and other questions answered at

one of seven Car Care Clinics planned throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area in April. The North Central Texas Council of Governments partners with local automobile repair shops each year to help motorists address issues related to their vehicles. This is the second year for the clinics to focus on the check engine

light.

When a vehicle's check engine light turns on, there may be an issue that could negatively impact its emissions. Vehicles with check engine lights illuminated cannot pass the emissions portion of the State inspection. That means they cannot be registered.

These free clinics will

provide drivers with an opportunity to talk to a technician about what may be causing the check engine light to come on and what may be required to fix the problem. Some vehicle owners may qualify for assistance with emissions repairs, if they meet certain in-

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## DART: Homeland Security officers on trains are just training

By David Wilfong  
NDG Special Correspondent



Some DART riders on their way to work Tuesday afternoon were surprised when police officers from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) boarded their trains, blocking the exits, and ran K9 dogs through the trains. While impressive at first sight, Mark A. Ball of the DART media office said this was a rather routine occurrence in Dallas.

"We live in a very unique part of the country," Ball said. "The federal government loves Dallas."

Ball explained that the DART system in Dallas gives visiting law enforcement officers access to sev-

eral different types of public transportation all in a very focused geographic area. DHS officers are able to familiarize themselves with light rail on the DART lines, which connect to both the TRE and Amtrak for examples of larger trains. Now DART even has a streetcar which stops at Union Station along with the other two. Then there are the different types of buses, and the fact that those buses run them to both a large and medium-sized airport (DFW and

Love Field).

"The presence of Department of Homeland Security police officers on any DART properties provokes unease among some passengers, but their presence is legitimate for training purposes," Ball said. "The DHS officers are part of a Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) team training and working with DART police to help ensure security on public trains and buses. The VIPR officers do

not engage in any enforcement actions and have worked with the department for more than a decade."

He said that DHS runs these exercises at least three or four times a year bringing in officers from around the country.

"Sometimes there are undercover FBI agents on there too," Ball added. "They're always law enforcement from all over the country in Dallas, in fact, when we had the St.

Patrick's Day parade, a number of the volunteering police officers were actually Department of Homeland Security."

So riders on DART trains should not be immediately alarmed if they encounter a large group of DHS, or other agency, officers on the light rail here in Dallas. The city has become a favorite stop for officers who will have to deal with a wide array of transportation infrastructure around the country.

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tered nurses and anesthesiologists.

Students learn critical thinking skills and time management; they become a valued member of a surgical team. Allen boasts that her students are quick, observant and love details. She hopes that her eight students, all on track to graduate in a few months, will become part of a focused and dedicated workforce.

Surgical technologists are skilled at making sure medical procedures are accomplished under ideal conditions or with optimum competency. They are an integral part of any surgical team and must prepare for anything unforeseen.

Hospital training ensures that students get a feel for the rigors of the job, Allen said.

"Surgeries can last 30 minutes or eight or 10 hours," Allen explained. "You can't focus on the clock. You have to be prepared, professional and, of course, pay attention. The

doctors are not looking up to see which instrument you're putting in their hands. You have to know, and they trust you to know."

Technologists can work part time or full time. And some are roving workers, which means that they can work at more than one medical facility, Allen said. "Surgery is surgery. You just have to learn a new environment. The point is, it's a team effort. Doctors and nurses depend on them to be knowledgeable, confident and adaptable," she added.

The pay is steady, and the job outlook remains positive through 2017. Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas project 1,500 job openings in the field through the year.

Workers may be called on to work nights, weekends and holidays or double shifts. The demand for workers in this field is expected to grow 15 percent through 2024 to accommodate an aging population that requires more surgeries, according to the

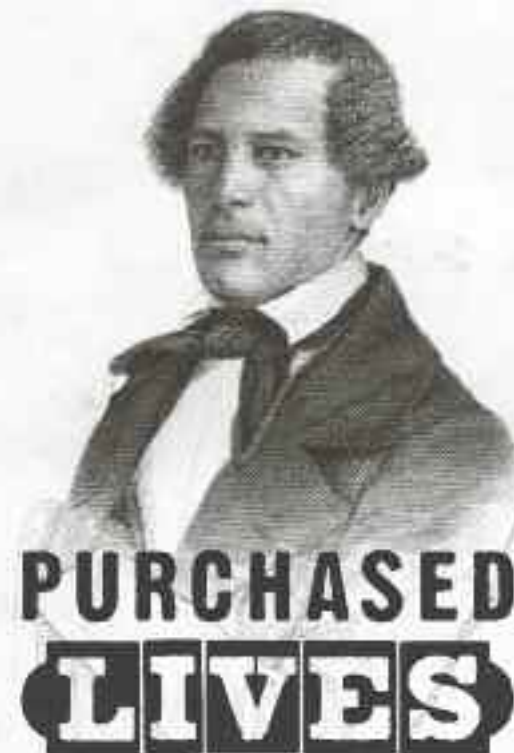
U.S. Department of Labor. The average salary is about \$21.31 per hour or \$44,330 annually.

In addition to training at El Centro's nursing lab, students work under supervision in local hospitals where they get first-hand experience. Most surgical technologists work in hospitals; others are employed in outpatient facilities and at doctor's offices.

"We tell them: Every day you're in the hospital is like a day you're interviewing for a job. Once the staff gets to know you and they see what you can do, they will trust you," Allen said. El Centro is the only DCCCD college which offers an associate degree in the field.

For more information, contact the El Centro College Center for Allied Health and Nursing – located at 301 N. Market St. at Pacific in downtown Dallas – at 972-860-5001 or 972-860-5002; or contact Belinda Allen at either bfallen@dcccd.edu or at 972-860-5047.

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## 2017 Letters About Literature Reading/Writing Program winners announced

Nine students have won the Texas round of the 2017 Letters About Literature Competition, sponsored in part by the Texas Center for the Book. This national reading and writing program, initiated by the Library of Congress, gives 4th-12th graders a chance to write to an author (living or deceased) about how his or her book has affected their lives. Nationally, close to 40,000 students wrote let-

ters and since 1997 more than a million students have participated.

This year's winners responded to a diverse set of authors.

**Level 1 (grades 4-6):**

1. Celina Prieur of Dallas wrote Mark Haddon
2. Haylie Stobaugh of Dallas wrote R.J. Palacio
3. Cash Carter of Dallas wrote Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Level 2 (grades 7-8):**

1. Cynthia N. Onyiorah

of McAllen wrote Jodi Picoult

2. Archer Calder of Cypress wrote Sharon Draper

3. Jimena I. Sotelo of McAllen wrote Michelle Hodkin

**Level 3 (grades 9-12):**

1. Isabel Hu of League City wrote Barbara Kingsolver

2. Colby Menefee of Buffalo wrote Lauren Drain

3. Avery Gann of Parker wrote J.K. Rowling

Over 2,000 Texas students participated, making personal connections to literature. Out of the 1,687 letters that advanced to the second round, 137 made it to the 3rd round of judging at The Texas Center for the Book, an office of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Judges scored the letters based on organization, idea development, language and emotional

connection. Around 15 letters in each level were sent out to statewide judges for the final round.

On April 20, first place winners will read their letters and be honored at the Texas Association of School Librarians (TASL) meeting at the annual conference of the Texas Library Association in Houston. These top letters are now at the National Competition.

"Students made such profound connections with the written word," commented Rebekah Manley, Coordinator of the Texas Center for the Book. "This opportunity takes words off pages, creates a heart connection to story and organically cultivates life-long readers."

For a complete list of winners and their letters, visit: [www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature).

## College for All Act introduced

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) introduced legislation Monday to make public colleges and universities tuition-free for working families and to significantly reduce student debt.

"Higher education in America should be a right for all, not a privilege for the few," Sanders said. "If we are to succeed in a highly competitive global economy and have the best-educated workforce in the world, public colleges and universities must become tuition-free for working families and we must substantially reduce student debt."

"Our young people are forced to make untenable choices: going to college and taking on mountains of debt, or foregoing their college degree to work part-time or minimum wage jobs that simply won't allow them to build a future," Jayapal said. "The College for All Act renews our compact with our young people—and really, with our future. We're going to piece back together the broken promises of a broken Amer-



Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has been pushing to make college more affordable since before his presidential race. (Photo: rwreinhard / Flickr)

ican Dream, and give back hope and opportunity to the middle class and working families across this country."

The legislation would eliminate tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities for families making up to \$125,000 – about 80 percent of the population – and make community college tuition- and fee-free for all.

Public colleges and universities are already tuition-free in many advanced countries including Germany, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The College for All Act would also reduce crushing student loan debt loads for students and parents which

now exceed Americans' credit card debt. The bill would cut all student loan interest rates for new borrowers in half; enable existing borrowers to refinance their loans based on the interest rates available to new borrowers – less than 2 percent for federal loans made to undergraduates; and prevent the federal government from profiting off the student loan program.

## Collin College Fall registration begins April 18

Priority registration for returning students begins Tuesday, April 18 with open registration for new students for Collin College's fall 2017 semester beginning Tuesday, June 6.

Students with 50 hours or more completed Collin

hours can register for classes starting Tuesday, April 18. Students with 30 hours or more completed Collin hours can register on Wednesday, April 19 or after. Students with one hour

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# Irving's Canal Fest celebrates diverse cultures with music, art, food

Listen to African drums in the distance, discuss the work of a local artist, watch the blooming dresses of folk dancers or sample the exotic cuisine.

There is only one place in North Texas to do this: Canal Fest. The event is returning for another year set along the beautiful Mandalay Canal, this festival includes a local art exhibit, cultural dance displays, a variety of activities and attractions, live music, a food court, and much more.

Admission to this festival is free!

**Important Information:**  
Saturday, April 22, 2017  
• 2 to 8 p.m.

• Las Colinas Urban Center (200 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039)  
• Area Parking Garages – \$10



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• DART Orange Rail Service  
• Limited seating is provided at each stage, how-

ever most of the viewing area is standing room only. Wheelchair access to the canal is available via park-

ing garage elevator at 220 E. Las Colinas Blvd. or via ramp located next to the bridge on Las Colinas Blvd.

An ATM is available at street level near the Information Tent.

Alcohol will be sold only to guests ages 21 and older with valid ID.

Alcohol may not be brought into or removed from the event site.

Leashed, well-behaved dogs are permitted. The handler is required to control and clean after dogs at all times.

Please refrain from smoking within the event grounds.

Music is a big part of Canal Fest, and this year's lineup includes Jenna McDaniel, Jonathan Fox Band, King David Band and Love & Happiness, performing a

variety of music including Top 40, country, jazz and R&B. But the beats do not end there. The Musicians' Corner, along the south side of the canal, will feature Zach Coffey, Joel Cross and Molly Ray Rockwell.

The festival also will feature the work of local artists showing photography, paintings and other media. Many of the pieces will be for sale, and visitors will get the chance to meet some of the artists.

Irving thrives on diversity, and the city's multicultural landscape is showcased in the menu Canal Fest offers. With falafels, tacos, barbecue and even popsicles, it is always a party for the palate.

There also will be interactive entertainment booths

offering henna tattoos, caricature portraits and other activities. Several area businesses will be giving away complimentary gifts and other prizes.

The south side of the canal is where the kids will definitely want to be. Face painters, balloon twisters and magicians will be there, along with craft vendors and other artisans selling handmade goods. In addition, visitors can take in the sights and sounds of Canal Fest from the water. Rides on a gondola and the Lady Carolyn cruise boat will be available at a cost, along with stand-up paddle boards.

Visit [www.cityofirving.org/1311/Canal-Fest](http://www.cityofirving.org/1311/Canal-Fest) for more details about the entertainment and exhibits.

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or more completed Collin hours can register on or after Thursday, April 20. On June 6, registration will be open to all students who have been admitted and are eligible to enroll at Collin College. The payment deadline

for fall classes is August 2.

Not sure what classes you want to take? Check out the e-schedule outside of Collin College's CougarWeb portal at [www.collin.edu/academics/class\\_schedule.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/class_schedule.html). It's a great way to figure out

the classes you want to register for before logging into CougarWeb.

New and returning students should register through CougarWeb by visiting <http://cougarweb.collin.edu>. Go to the "Registration Tools" channel on the home tab, then click on "Add/Drop

Classes" to select the classes you want to take.

Not yet a Collin College student, but want to be? Learn more about the admissions process at [www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/admissions/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/admissions/index.html).

Registration is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (unless noted otherwise in the Registration Guide) through the CougarWeb portal. For help logging into the portal, call technical support at 972.377.1777.

The college accepts

VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards online. Personal checks are accepted in person or over the web using the college's secure web check program.

For general information, visit the college website at [www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu).

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including lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) teens, often remain at greater risk for negative health outcomes. It is critical to use tailored approaches to reach the highest risk teens with the right interventions, in the right way, at the right time.

Addressing HIV in youth requires that young people are provided the tools they need to reduce their risk, make healthy decisions, and get treatment and care if needed.

### The Role of Schools

Schools can play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people. The nation's schools provide

an opportunity for 56 million students to learn about the dangers of unhealthy behaviors and to practice skills that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Schools and other youth-serving organizations can help young people adopt behaviors that reduce their risk for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), pregnancy, and other related health problems. Some

ways to encourage youth to stay healthy is to teach them about HIV/AIDS and other

STDs, promote communication between youth and their parents, and support student

access to confidential HIV counseling and testing services.



Schools can play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people. (Photo: CDC)

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# The Irving mayoral election offers choices for change

By William Barnes  
NDG Contributing Writer

As the May 6 Irving Mayoral Election approaches, four candidates are vying to be the voter's paramount choice in moving the city forward. Elvia Espino, J.C. González, Rick Stopfer and Kristi Weaver Pena, are working hard to become the next leader of the city.

## Elvia Espino

When she completed the North Dallas Gazette's Candidate Survey, Espino identified her top three priorities if elected as mayor.

"I would bridge the racial divide in Irving by empowering our community to get engaged in an effort to diminish the 'us' and 'them'



Kristi Weaver Pena, Rick Stopfer, J.C. González, and Elvia Espino (Composite image by William Barnes)

mentality. I would fight for economic Development for "all" of Irving, and create an accessible and accountable city government," Espino shared.

Pointing to the fact that today, Irving is a majority-minority city Espino wrote, "Not only do I look like and represent the majority of the

citizens of Irving, I am them. Historically, Irving has not had a city council that is reflective of the people they serve. Many scholars have shown through their research that when city governments have cultural inequities within their leadership and or misaligned and or not proportionate

with the community they serve, the people that need help the most are prevented access. Today Irving, Texas needs a leader that represents the majority of the people."

Follow Espino's campaign through her website at [elviaespino.com](http://elviaespino.com).

**Juan Carlos González**

González describes Irving as a community where everyone knows everyone, and people come together to reach a common goal of unity. In a recent discussion via ICTN's 2017 "Open Line Election Special" González shared, "I've been in management and leadership for quite some time. One thing that hasn't changed is keeping an open door policy, making sure that with me you are able to build a true relationship. I want to hear your concerns, what's important to you, I want to work with everyone to make sure this is the right city for you, for me, for our neighbors and to attract more people coming in."

González sees home

ownership as more than buying a home; his goals include the creation of affordable housing. "Through home ownership, we clean up our city, we take pride; we take better care of our city. It will take the whole city to work together. I can't wait around for other people to step up. We are the individuals called to take on this role, to make a better Irving."

Visit his website to learn more at [carlosgonzalez.org](http://carlosgonzalez.org).

**Rick Stopfer**

Stopfer, former Irving City Councilmember from 1998-2012, moved to Irving with his wife 28 years ago, his community involvement

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## Why I support the Dallas March for Babies

By Margaret S. Freelon  
NDG Special Contributor

I do not have a child of my own, but that does not mean my family has not been affected by a premature birth. My nephew and Godson Willie Tre' was born premature. Therefore, this issue is personal for my family and that is why I am joining other walkers at the March of Dimes Dallas March for Babies on April 22.

Four million babies are born each year in the United States, and one out of eight

will be premature. These children will face a lifetime of health issues. I can attest to these health issues being real because Willie Tre' has acute eczema, epilepsy and has Autism Spectrum Disorder, however, my family is blessed because many babies will not survive.

Premature birth is a public health crisis because it is responsible for 75 percent of infant deaths and 50 percent of the cases of physically challenged children. Studies show premature birth increases the likelihood a child will perform

poorly in school. Even babies born at 36 to 38 weeks of pregnancy can struggle in school. In the last few weeks of pregnancy, a baby's brain is still developing and growing. In fact, a baby's brain at 35 weeks weighs only two-thirds of what it will weigh at 39 to 40 weeks.

African American babies have the highest preterm birth rate of any other racial or ethnic group in American. African-American women are also more than one and a half times more likely to have a preterm

birth compared to white women.

By marching for babies I am helping the March of Dimes raise funds to improve the health of mothers and babies through education on healthy pregnancy; prenatal care and other serv-

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come requirements.

A NCTCOG staff member will be on hand at each clinic to explain the AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program, which will allow qualifying motorists to get their vehicles repaired for as little as a \$30 copay so they can pass the emissions inspection.

Income requirements for the program are available at [www.nctcog.org/aircheck-texas](http://www.nctcog.org/aircheck-texas). A family of four earning \$73,800 or less, for example, is eligible for a repair voucher worth up to \$600. Recipients' vehicles must

also meet certain conditions.

AirCheckTexas is one of many successful programs credited with helping the region improve its air quality

over the past several years. Ten Dallas-Fort Worth area counties are in nonattainment for ozone pollution and are working toward compliance with the federal government's standard.

Facility	When	Where
Nick and Ray's Auto Plaza	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 3	2162 Collier Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76110
Bank Nat Auto Service & Repair	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. April 4	1520 Brent Blvd Arlington, TX 76010
Children Brothers Automotive - Weatherford	1 p.m. - 3 p.m. April 12	134 Interstate Highway 30 West Weatherford, TX 75086
Burck Auto Services	8 a.m. - 12 p.m. April 19	230 E. Euclid Ave. Wichita, TX 75090
Hyler Automotive	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 20	3194 G. Hightower Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76116
Garrett Express Car Service	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 22	2810 Galloway Road Ft. Worth, TX 76104
Stanley Service Center	9 a.m. - 11 a.m. April 27	818 W. Evans St. Dallas, TX 75203

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# Daddy Yankee earns 50th hit on the Billboard charts with Hula Hoop

"Hula Hoop" marks the 50th hit song by Daddy Yankee on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs Chart. It was barely 13 years ago when Daddy Yankee first appeared on the Hot Latin Songs chart with "Gasolina." Since then Yankee has earned 21 top 10's and five number 1 hits on the list. Today "Hula Hoop" marks the 50th song of his to make it on the Hot Latin Songs Chart, a feat only ever done by seven other

artists since the chart was created 30 years ago.

The fan favorite "Hula Hoop" amassed 740,000 streams in its first week and has sold over 3,000 digital downloads according to Nielsen Music. The single also debuted number three on the Latin Rhythm Digital Song Sales chart.

The new single "Hula Hoop" and its accompanying choreography is a global sensation with fans worldwide

posting videos of themselves dancing in Korea, Malaysia, Venezuela, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Croatia and South Africa to name a few.

Daddy Yankee's "Hula Hoop" was born from Yankee's #1 hit song "Shaky Shaky Remix," where the addicting Hula Hoop Hook was first featured--fans from around the world begged Daddy Yankee to build upon the hook and the new song was born.

"This is a track I made by popular request. The fans asked me on my social media platforms to create a track off the Hula Hoop hook on Shaky Shaky. They asked for it, and I gave it to them. It's incredible how easily I can listen to my fans ideas, and respond! It (social media) really helps artists to have a clear idea of what they (the fans) want and expect from us" said Daddy Yankee.



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## Three things to do in Dallas starting on Thursday night

### DBDT: Encore! - Rising Excellence April 7-8

Straight from New York City, former Ailey II dancer Levi Philip Marsman and SMU alum Shauna Davis bring their energetic and contemporary choreography to the powerful, passionate precision of DBDT: Encore! (formerly DBDT II).

Visit [DBDT.com](http://DBDT.com) for tickets and time.

### Gomela/to return: Movement of Our Mother Tongue - April 7-8

Ignite/Arts Dallas and the South Dallas Cultural Center present three performances of Junebug Productions' Gomela/to return: Movement of Our Mother Tongue, directed by Stephanie McKee. Gomela, a Bantu word, means "to go back to/to return." Devel-



oped by dancers Keshia McKey, Kai Knight and Jeremy Guyton and poet Sunni Patterson, this dance theater performance takes the audience on a journey through time and space, highlighting the vibrant and percussive movements and stories that breathe life into ancient art forms (African dance and drumming) and

new artistic expression (jazz, spoken word, hip-hop), illuminating the connection between Africa, Haiti and New Orleans.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at [www.igniteartsdallas.com](http://www.igniteartsdallas.com). For more information, call the SDCC at 214-939-2787.

### Dallas Art Fair - April 6 - 9

Located at the Fashion Industry Gallery - adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art in the revitalized downtown Arts District - the 2017 Dallas Art Fair will feature prominent national and international art dealers and galleries exhibiting painting, sculpture, works on paper, photography, video, and installation by modern and contemporary artists.

Details at [DallasArtFair.com](http://DallasArtFair.com).

## Shelly Garrett to celebrate 30 years of his hit production Beauty Shop at TRUTH Nightclub

TRUTH Nightclub announced plans to host the 30th anniversary of Shelly Garrett's hit stage play Beauty Shop. Beauty Shop is the nation's number one urban comedy stage play, that to this date, holds box office records in New York, Atlanta, Detroit, Dallas and 14 other cities across the U.S.

Garrett, a Dallas Native, selected Dallas' premier

nightclub, TRUTH Nightclub, to host his 30th anniversary celebration as a way to pay homage to the communities who supported Beauty Shop and all of his play since then.

"Dallas is home. Always has been and the Price Group and TRUTH Nightclub are family, so it just made sense to do it at the best venue in the DFW," says Garrett.

TRUTH Nightclub has

hosted many celebrities and exclusive events since opening its doors in November 2015. The venue offers more than 13,000 square feet venue includes luxurious seating, a full service kitchen, and three well-stocked bars.

The 30th anniversary celebration of Beauty Shop starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 7. Doors opens for a free buffet 5 p.m.

## Vince Staples performing at Southside Music Hall April 7

Blacksmith/Def Jam Recordings artist Vince Staples' The Life Aquatic Tour is his first major headlining North American tour and the first time touring material from his critically acclaimed new EP PRIMA DONNA.

Last fall Staples debuted the first episode of his new monthly radio show S E A (Section Eight Arthouse) Broadcast System on Beats 1, Apple Music's global radio station. S E A Broadcast System is a pirate radio-style broadcast full of music and interviews designated

to illuminate and distract the mind curated by Vince. S E A Broadcast

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## Dallas Arboretum announces daily activities for ZimSculpt, an exhibition of contemporary stone sculptures from Zimbabwe

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents international blockbuster exhibit ZimSculpt, an exhibition of contemporary stone sculptures that appears for the first time in the southern U.S. More than 100 exquisite Zimbabwean modern sculptures are artfully displayed throughout the garden from April 15 to July 31.

Known as Shona sculpture, these contemporary pieces are carved from various types of serpentine and semi-precious stone, often weighing tons, and can be as large as seven feet tall. As part of the exhibit,



guests are welcome to watch artists and sculptors Passmore Mupindiko and Aron Kapembeza demon-

strate their artistry carving statues daily in The Marketplace, which is located in Dallas Arboretum's Pecan

Grove.

Visitors may purchase any of the sculptures on display in the garden, as well as the ones created by the onsite artists in The Marketplace. The Marketplace will be open to guests seven days a week, and on Wednesday evenings, selling sculptures of all sizes. Commissioned pieces can be ordered and made onsite by the artists.

ZimSculpt is supported in part by Dave Perry-Miller, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District and Neiman Marcus.

Daily and Weekend Activities in the Garden in-

clude the following:

**Meet Artists Passmore Mupindiko and Aron Kapembeza**

Saturday, April 15, 1-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Meet artist and sculptors, Passmore Mupindiko and Aron Kapembeza, in Rosine Hall as they give a presentation on life in Zimbabwe and their artistic processes.

**Walking tour with Artists Passmore Mupindiko and Aron Kapembeza**

Saturday, April 15, 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

A member of the ZimSculpt team will lead a guided tour that begins in the Entry Plaza at the conclusion of the artist's presentation in Rosine Hall.

**ZimSculpt Photo Exhibit**  
Saturday, April 15 - July 31, all day

Photographs are on display representing life in Zimbabwe in Rosine Hall Vestibule.

Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.

Watch a live performance of "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter's," the Zimbabwean tale of "Cinderella" on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

For more events included in this series, check the story on the NDG website.

## The Face of Emmett Till: A night of theatre and discussion

Back by popular demand, the Bishop Arts Theatre Center will produce their award-winning and critically acclaimed production of *The Face of Emmett Till* by Mamie Till-Mobley and David Barr III as part of a new educational theatre series. Performance will be held April 18 - 23, 2017 at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center for one week only. The play recounts the horrific lynching and murder of 14 year old Emmett Till for allegedly whistling at a white woman in 1955 Money, Mississippi. Till's death and subsequent murder trial was noted as one of the pivotal catalysts in the next phase of the Civil Rights Movement.

Co-writer David Barr III

will be in attendance to facilitate a talk-back after each performance to discuss the relevancy in today's social consciousness and response to the recent publication of "The Blood of Emmett Till" by Timothy B. Tyson. Tyson's book sheds new light on Till's death with the only interview given by Carolyn Bryant, the woman who testified Emmett Till whistled at her which led to his lynching and murder. In the book, Bryant admits she fabricated the incident that led to Till's murder. Mamie Till-Mobley died in 2003 without justice for her son.

In 2003, David Barr III collaborated with the Goodman Theater on *By the Music of the Spheres* As a

writer, his plays include *The Death of the Black Jesus*, which helped him become a recipient of a 1995 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship, and was the winner of the 1994 National Playwriting Award, the 1993 Mixed Blood Verus America National Playwriting Contest and the 1997 Black Theatre Alliance Award for Best Original Writing. The play made its Chicago premiere at the Chicago Theatre Company. His adaptation of the Walter Mosley novel *A Red Death* had its world premiere in 1997 at the Chicago Theatre Company and was the winner of the 1998 Edgar Allan Poe Award. Other works include *Black Caesar* (winner of the 1997 Theodore Ward

playwriting contest); *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* (winner of the 1999 Unicorn Theatre National Playwriting Award); a series of monologues for the Chicago Historical Society in conjunction with their *Voice From History* program; a coadaptation of *The Journal of Ordinary Thought* (voted as one of the best plays of 1999 by both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times and winner of the Festival of Emerging American Theatre National Playwriting Competition); *Those Union Station*, *Pullman Porter Blues*; a stage adaptation of the Albert French novel, *Billy*; and the musical docudrama *Bronzeville*. Mr. Barr is a resident playwright and

board member at Chicago Dramatists, and the associate artistic director and playwright-in-residence of the Chicago Theatre Company since 1994. He was named a 2000 recipient of the Donahue-Tremaine Trust Award for excellence in playwriting and also received Illinois Arts Council Fellowships in 1999 and 2002.

*The Face of Emmett Till* is

directed by theatre impresario Ruth Cantrell, an award-winning playwright whose career spans over 30 years. The performance runs April 18 through April 23 at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler Street, Dallas, TX 75208. Show times vary; visit [www.bishopartstheatre.org](http://www.bishopartstheatre.org) for exact times. Admission prices range from \$16.50 - \$22.00.

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dition to sessions for the girls, #BestSelf includes sessions for parents and educators, such as how to navigate through difficult situations and how to encourage girls learning about decision-making, as well as how to support their emotional well-being, so that they grow up into

strong, confident young women.

Roslyn Dawson Thompson, Dallas Women's Foundation president and CEO, said, "We envision an equitable society where women and girls are full participants, and we developed #BestSelf as a way to help equip girls with practical

skills they need to resolve conflict, learn more about themselves and develop as leaders. It is exciting to hold the event this year in partnership with the Junior League of Dallas, which is itself such a force in leadership development for women throughout our community."

Dallas Women's Foundation and Junior League of

Dallas are embarking on a social media campaign to promote, share and educate young girls about being their best selves by encouraging them to use the hashtag #bestself and to share positive messages that focus on their unique talents, interests, goals and dreams—their best selves—on their social media channels.



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# Innovate or Perish: Businesses that stand, still stand to lose

It's often said that all it takes to change a person's life – or the life of a business – is one big idea.

While it's true that many individuals and businesses have gone a long way on the strength of a lone idea, plenty of others prospered even further because they are constantly innovating – coming up with one good idea after another.

"Businesses usually start out with an innovative idea," says Mayur Ramgir (www.mayurramgir.com), president and CEO of Zonopact, Inc. "But they soon lose that innovative

edge as they just try to survive with their day-to-day operations."

Ramgir has seen the problem often while working with the clients of Zonopact, which provides companies with software products that help them streamline their processes, carving out more time for innovation.

"It's easy to lose sight of your vision, and the kind of innovative thinking that got you to where you are, when you become bogged down in solving each day's problems," he says.

So why it is important that companies keep innovating?

Other companies can claim your market share.

Apple has become a perfect example of what a gap in innovation can leave. There hasn't been much game-changing innovation from Apple since it released the iPad in 2010, thus giving its competition time to make up the ground that separated them from the tech juggernaut. Whether it was the death of Steve Jobs or another factor, there is no doubt that the technology gap has narrowed.

Failure to meet consumer demands could put a

company out of business. It was the late 1980s; hair was big, neon was cool and there was a Blockbuster Video Store on every corner. Fast forward to 2017, where the hairstyles have flattened out and Blockbuster is nowhere to be found. At least neon has made a nice comeback! Blockbuster failed to meet the changing demands of consumers who were going to their local grocery store or pharmacy to rent a movie out of what looked like a vending machine. As a result, the one-time \$5 billion company was liquidated and now lives with the VHS

tapes that used to fill its shelves.

Lack of product-storage innovation hurts supply volume. It seems as though we hear the same story every year around Christmas; there is a hot item that every child has to have. The only problem is that there aren't enough of the toys to go around, leaving plenty of disappointed faces around the tree on Christmas morning. Companies that do not have an innovative supply plan run the risk of falling short on getting products to their customers. This lack of foresight could give those

customers an opportunity to walk away and discover other items.

"My advice to businesses out there is don't stop," Ramgir says. "Keep innovating and keep moving forward."

Mayur Ramgir (www.mayurramgir.com) is an International award-winning author, speaker, innovator and entrepreneur. Educated at Georgia Tech, MIT, Oxford and the University of Sussex, he currently serves as the President and CEO of the Boston-based Zonopact, Inc.

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80 years of generational ties to the district through his family and pointed to his experience on the Board of Trustees of Dallas County Schools as an example of his qualifications.

"I wasn't afraid to stand up to those extreme challenges," Narvaez said. "That's what you want in a leader at city hall. You want a leader that will step up to the challenge and get things done. And that's what I've been able to do, and that's why I was recruited by community leaders, friends, neighbors, family members across the entire district to run, because they felt completely underrepresented."

West Dallas is experiencing a heightened level of interest from commercial development while also housing some of Dallas' lowest income neighborhoods. The balance of those interests is going to be an important part of the job for whoever wins the seat in May.

"You stated that District 6 is booming, but District 6 is booming in just one area and that's along (IH-35)," Spiller said. "If you took IH-35 and swapped it that way, it would be in the Oak Lawn district. So District 6 in that area is not booming, even though it's in our district. I want to create a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) that is

going to hit the core part of West Dallas, that is going to be the first thing I do when elected."

Dickey took an opposite view of development, stating that more needs to be done to protect current residents from being hit with the escalating cost of development around them, calling for "neighborhood stabilization."

"Economic development is this buzz word that everyone likes to throw out," Dickey said. "It's this great thing that's supposed to bring up land values, provide jobs and improve the city. It's been happening my entire life. And in District 6 in West Dallas there's a lot of economic development. Trinity Groves moves in and yet the unforeseen consequences is that it's displaced almost over three hundred families. And so economic development is great for some people – developers and the guys that have the connections – and it can be terrible for the individuals and the community."

Alonzo, the incumbent, pointed to developments like the recent move into the area by Toyota as examples of current development, and stressed she wanted to see that development benefit those already in the district. "There is now, and there

is going to be, more development in District 6," Alonzo said. "There's a lot of economic development, a lot of jobs coming to our city, but I will tell you that those jobs also create making sure that we are included, and casting votes that are bringing those developments to consider the people in the neighborhood to be able to be considered for those jobs."

Narvaez said the city's strategy for development was backwards, focusing on the businesses instead of the neighborhoods which support them.

"We keep putting our tax dollars into economic development and not into housing, and not into city needs that create quality of life," Narvaez said. "So what we need to do is we need to move a lot of that money from investing into big, giant developers and we've got to put it back into our neighborhoods so we can build big neighborhoods."

Rick Callahan, the incumbent for the District 5 race, had been absent during last week's MNP forum and was given the opportunity to address the crowd on Monday night.

"Really this election, I think, comes down to something as simple as the word, 'experience,'" Callahan said. "I have a great deal of

experience. I've worked for a Democratic state representative from 1984 to late

1987. I was a candidate for the legislature in '94. I've been a Chamber of Com-

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# Retired teacher healthcare shortfall to reach \$2.2 billion

A bill to make sweeping changes to TRS-Care, the healthcare provider for most retired teachers, was considered in the Senate State Affairs Committee Monday. Rising healthcare costs have made current funding streams for the program unsustainable and the state is faced with a difficult choice, said bill author and committee Chair Joan Huffman of Houston. TRS-Care shortfalls have become an annual expenditure to the state.

This year, the Senate budget includes \$760 million to cover the fund's insolvency for the upcoming biennium, and that number is projected to rise to \$2.2 billion by 2021.

According to agency testimony, TRS-Care serves more than 200,000 retired teachers in the state, but it's those who are under the age of 65 that cost the system the most. That's because once a person reaches 65

and qualifies for federal Medicare benefits, the state system ends up paying only about 10 to 20 percent of that person's total health care bill. For the younger members, the state pays the entire bill.

TRS Executive Director Brian Guthrie testified that under-65 retirees makeup about a third of the total TRS-Care clientele, but account for two-thirds of the cost. Merely increasing premiums on plans

would lead to more and more retirees selecting a zero-premium, high-deductible plan offered through the program, driving premium revenue down even lower and putting the program into a "death spiral", said Guthrie.

Huffman's bill, SB 788, seeks to deal with this problem on multiple fronts. First, it removes the requirement that TRS offer a zero-premium plan to its members. Rather than the

current three-tier system, TRS-Care would be organized into pre- and post-65 plans. Before the age of 65, retirees would pay a high deductible, and would see premiums increase over a four-year phase-in. Medicare-eligible retirees would move to the Medicare Advantage program, which 60 percent of over-65 retirees already use. Guthrie told committee members that most over-65 retirees wouldn't see a dra-

matic change in the coverage they receive today.

Finally, the state would increase its share of payments into the program, from one percent of active teacher payroll to 1.25 percent. "This is a permanent funding increase from the state, which will help long term solvency and contribute an additional \$167 million this biennium," said Huffman. The state will also cover the remaining shortfall for this biennium.

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different because it has long been the Western country with the largest share of racial and ethnic minorities, whereas Europe's population was essentially white until the surge of immigration from former colonies in the post-World War II era. Institutional racism is therefore more rooted in the U.S., which partly explains its greater wealth inequality and harsher penal system.

**What are some of the primary sources behind the current divisions that exist among Americans?**

Four interrelated ideological factors stand out. First, anti-intellectualism is exceptionally strong in parts of America. This fosters anti-rationalism, skepticism of education and receptiveness to propaganda like conspiracy theories. Second, Christian fundamentalism can exacerbate certain ideological mindsets, such as anti-intellectualism, authoritarianism and a black-and-white worldview stressing ideological purity. Third, market fundamentalism shapes a virulent suspicion of government that's also bolstered by these prior factors in its intransigence and fact-free assertions. Finally, racial resentment is not a new factor either, but it has reached new dimensions in a diversifying U.S. where whites might no longer be the majority by 2050. Racial animus is connected to the prior factors. For example, it shaped propaganda about Obama's forged birth certificate and insinuations that Obamacare is a handout primarily for blacks and Latinos, which isn't factually true.

Intriguingly, these social

problems partly have roots in admirable aspects of American society, such as its tradition of religious liberty and egalitarianism, as well as the country's remarkable demographic diversity. These positive aspects of American exceptionalism can manifest themselves in inspiring, contradictory and self-destructive ways.

**What does American exceptionalism mean and how does it relate to the cultural and political polarization in the U.S.?**

Today, people assume it means a faith in America's inherent greatness, namely "exceptional" in the sense of "superior." But the term was not frequently used in U.S. politics until the Obama presidency. That's largely because the Republican establishment routinely used it as a rhetorical weapon to accuse Obama of betraying

"American exceptionalism" and the nation's heritage. The term became a dog whistle – coded language appealing to certain citizens – and an anti-Obama rallying cry with nativist overtones, like how the phrase "states' rights" was previously used to rally whites hostile to desegregation. Certain figures, including Trump, took claims about Obama's un-American values a step further by spreading conspiracy theories about his identity, such as the notion that Obama has a forged U.S. birth certificate or jihadist sympathies.

But, historically, American exceptionalism has primarily meant that the United States is an exception compared to other countries, for better or worse. The nation's extraordinary polarization today embodies what American exceptionalism means.

In an earlier age, the U.S. stood out as the first Western democracy to emerge from

the Enlightenment. Throughout history, Americans have made phenomenal contributions to the humanities, literature, science and the spread of democracy throughout the world. This suggests that the nation's present difficulties are not insurmountable.

**What surprised you the most during your research?**

In France, the far-right leader Marine Le Pen has increased her popular support partly by sanitizing her rhetoric and often using dog whistles to promote her na-

tivist agenda. In doing so, she distanced herself from her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the pioneer of the modern French far right, known for his incendiary statements. However, in America, there has been an opposite trend. Donald Trump's nationalistic campaign commonly avoided the dog whistles long used by other politicians, as he regularly made overtly inflammatory statements about undocumented immigrants, Muslims and other minorities.

Finally, it was striking to document the many contra-

dictions within American society. For example, Americans played a significant role in the development of feminism and the sexual revolution, which had a great international impact, yet the United States is among the Western nations where women's reproductive rights remain the most staunchly contested. A comparable contradiction exists on numerous other issues, such as race, economic policy, science, religion and human rights. This makes America a fascinating country to research and write about.

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*Margaret Freelon with her nephew Willie Tre' eight years after his premature birth. photo: Margaret Freelon*

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fewer than 40 percent from a growingly dismayed public. To move any politician requires mobilization, that is what the importance of these protests mean. These protests should spread to every town hall, council meeting, and street corner in America.

Protesters should not rest to celebrate the victories against the repeal and replace Obamacare efforts. That battle is over, but there are many more battles to fight. Trump and his allies must be dealt with by strength of the vote. Tactical methods are what move politicians to propose legislation for the good of the people. Whether it is immigration, governmental funding for Meals on Wheels,

supporting the Public Broadcasting System, or just plain respect for reporters — it is our sacred duty to protest.

As Americans, we must recognize God's work must truly be our own. To the organizers of all marches against injustice, we must go further than mobilizing foot leather. We must develop tactics and organize for legislative change. Sloganeering without substance, marching without methods, they are not good. Beyond marching and protesting, we must create an Action Plan for Democracy that can save America.

*Ed Gray, the host of The Commish Radio Show airing Saturdays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. on FBRN.net, can be reached at [eedgray62@att.net](mailto:eedgray62@att.net).*

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**Ella Fitzgerald (2007)** - During Fitzgerald's 59 year recording career, she sold over 40 million copies of the 70 plus albums she released. Fitzgerald, known for her horn-like tonal quality, won 13 Grammys, was awarded the National Medal of Arts by Ronald Reagan and the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George H.W. Bush.

**Ethel L. Payne** - An internationally recognized writer and commentator, Ethel L. Payne was a syndicated columnist and long-time reporter for the *Chicago Defender*, one of the leading African-American newspapers in the United States. She was the first African-American woman to receive accreditation as a White House correspondent. In her honor, the prestigious annual Ethel L.

Payne International Award for Excellence in Journalism was established in 1998. This stamp was issued September 14, 2002

**Billie Holiday** - Born Eleanora Fagan, Billie Holiday was one of the most influential jazz singers of all time. Known as "Lady Day," she had a distinctive light timbre and graceful phrasing, even when singing popular jazz tunes dealing with heartbreak, despair, and loneliness. But whether the song was heavy and sorrowful or light and lively, Holiday's presentation always seemed to carry a somber, wounded sadness and powerful emotional intensity. This stamp was issued September 17, 1994. Mahalia Jackson - Known as the "queen of gospel music," Mahalia Jackson started singing in church choirs as a young child. She began recording in her early twenties, and received national recognition by appearing at Carnegie Hall and on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. An active participant in the civil rights movement, she sang at the March on Washington in 1963 and at the funeral for Martin Luther King, Jr. This stamp was issued July 15, 1998.

**"Ma" Rainey** - Born Gertrude Malissa Nix Pridgett, "Ma" Rainey was called the "mother of the blues." She specialized in a down-home style of classic blues, and her fame grew simultaneously with the spread of the blues genre. This stamp was issued September 17, 1994.

**Sister Rosetta Tharpe** - Sister Rosetta Tharpe was one of many Black gospel

singers who contributed to American music. She was known for her signature guitar style, and she introduced gospel music into nightclubs as well as concert halls. This stamp was issued July 15, 1998.

**Dinah Washington** - Born Ruth Jones in 1924, Dinah Washington became one of America's most popular and versatile singers. She began her career as a gospel singer, established herself as the "queen of the blues," and also made recordings of jazz, pop, rhythm and blues, and even

country songs. Her signature song was "What a Difference a Day Makes." Unfortunately, her life was tragically cut short when she died after an accidental overdose of prescription drugs. This stamp was issued June 16, 1993.

**Dorothy I. Height** - Dorothy Height spent her life fighting for racial and gender equality. The 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series will honor the women's rights icon in 2017. Height, Ph.D., 10th National President (1947-1956) of Delta Sigma Theta

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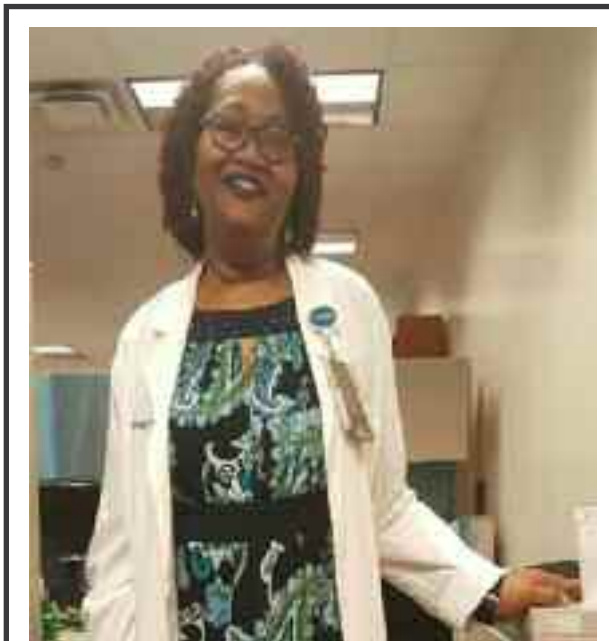
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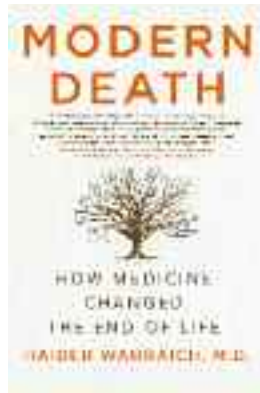
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# NDG Book Review: Modern Death: How Medicine Changed the End of Life

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



What are my chances? If you've ever heard a negative medical diagnosis, those are four of the first words that come to mind. What are the chances of survival? Is there treatment; a cure; any hope of long, pain-free days to come? Or will death chance upon you before then? The answers, as you'll see in "Modern Death" by Haider Warraich, M.D., rest in a swirl of new achievements.

How do we talk about death?

That's an issue that's plagued Warraich since he was a young doctor: death

will happen to us all – it should happen to us all – and we still don't often know what to say about it. That, surprisingly, includes doctors and other medical personnel.

Ten thousand years ago, the average human life expectancy was about twenty-

five years. By 1800, it had increased to only a few years beyond that, and "less than 3 percent" of humans succumbed then to "old age." Today, your life expectancy depends on many things, such as gender, race, heredity, and your home country; even so, modern medicine can only prolong your life to a certain point: researchers think that the average human life expectancy will top out at ninety years of age.

In first-world countries, says Warraich, death "lives" mostly in hospitals, even though a vast majority of patients express a desire to die at home. Alas, we die in hospitals and nursing homes

more than in any other place; in fact, there are ways to predict who might enter a hospital and not leave alive. And in a sense, we might sometimes die temporarily because of CPR, which is a relatively modern resuscitation method that Warraich points out has saved millions of lives, but isn't always a good thing.

Fortunately, doctors have learned when not to resuscitate, when not to use "heroic" measures, and when life support is not warranted anymore. They've also learned to listen when patients say they've suffered enough.

"For better and for worse,"

Warraich says, "death has changed dramatically.... We have delayed death but have also made getting there more difficult..."

What will your life look like a decade from now? In twenty, forty, maybe sixty years? Today, more than ever, you may be closer to living long enough to know; in "Modern Death," you'll see how.

Bring your thinking cap and your full attention, though: author Haider Warraich, M.D. starts with the most basic human components as he teaches readers about the life and death of cells. That, and much of the

heavy-duty science that's here is ponderous; unless it's where you make your living, you may alternate between having your mind blown and scratching your head. Fortunately, Warraich doesn't leave non-medical personnel behind: his anecdotes handily illustrate most everything he offers, and it's fascinating.

For the very science-minded, or for anyone who dreams of immortality, this book is an absolute gem. Medical professionals will get a nice brush-up on what's new in being old. And if you're just curious, "Modern Death" will please you, too.

Chances are, you'll like it.

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began with a through a 20-year dedication to his local homeowner association. During his work with the association, Stopfer became aware of an opportunity available to serve on the planning and zoning commission. He saw this as an opportunity to help his community on a deeper level before he eventually was elected to the city council. He later was appointed in 2013 by the Irving City Council to represent Irving on the DART Board of Directors.

Economic development is

high on Stopfer's agenda. "Seventy-three percent of the taxes are paid by the businesses around us. This is unique; in most cities, they have the complete opposite. We are so fortunate to have these businesses within our cities. But there are a lot of things left to do."

Stopfer shared, "We are seeing single family homes come out of the ground, businesses redeveloped. We have a real opportunity to make this a showplace for the metroplex. I believe there are so many opportunities out there in every area

of the city. I've had the opportunity to serve the residents of Irving for the last 20 years and I'm excited to serve the city as your mayor."

Visit his website at [www.rickleads.com](http://www.rickleads.com).

### Kristi Weaver Pena

Pena has been a lifelong community member of South Irving. In recent years Irving has shown a great deal of division, Pena's "One Irving," theme is a call to unite and mend the prolonged divide city has faced.

"I know the issues, and I learned the main job of the mayor is to be a voice for the people. To be for the

people, by the people and of the people. And when elected mayor, I vow to be that voice." Pena wants to put corporate growth in perspective, meaning keeping

taxes low. She wants to propel Irving forward without raising taxes, had has made a pledge to never advocate for a tax increase.

To learn more about

Weaver's platform, visit [kristiforirving.com](http://kristiforirving.com).

The election is scheduled for May 6 and the community has an opportunity to make a choice for change.



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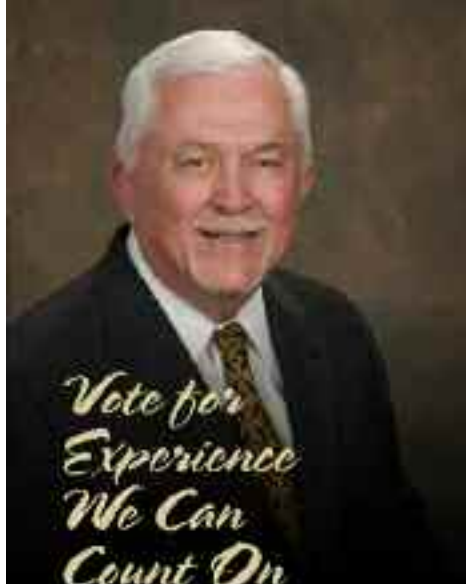
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