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# Billion dollar City of Dallas bond program up for vote

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In less than two weeks the citizens of Dallas will have the opportunity to vote on a \$1.05 billion bond program. It has been a long time in the making, but after a 13-2 vote, last June and input from citizens, the Goliath of a project will finally be decided upon by voters.

The bond program consists of ten different propositions varying from new streets and traffic signals to the renovation of public facilities such as libraries and parks and recreation centers and economic development. Each of the ten propositions will be voted on separately, which means there is a chance some may pass and some may not.

Below is the list of propositions that will be voted on and the funds that have been allocated:

**Proposition A** – Streets and Transportation \$533.981 million includes the cost upgrading the traffic signal system, updating alleys, repairing bridges and more.

**Proposition B** – Parks and Recreations \$261.807 million for funding for three parks downtown, purchasing land for future parks in other areas, trail enhancements, a new skate park, continuation of aquatics master plan or the begin-



The City of Dallas is going to the voters to approve or reject a bond package in excess of \$1 billion for a variety of projects. (Photo Credit: Kent Wang / Wikimedia Commons)

ning of Phase I at eight of the parks and recreation centers and wide range of enhancements at the facilities.

**Proposition C** – Fair Park \$50 million request includes \$2 million for the African American Museum to address repairs; more than \$14 million for cleaning, restoring and repairing the Hall of State and \$4.3 for Music Hall upgrades.

**Proposition D** – Flood Protection & Storm Drainage \$48.75 million projects include nearly \$3 million to address erosion control issues at Coombs Creek which runs from Hampton to Davis; \$5.6 mil-

lion for flood management at Vinemont Channel, along with a list of smaller projects throughout the city.

**Proposition E** – Library Facilities \$15.589 million is split almost evenly between the building of two new libraries. One located in the Vickery Meadow area at 8255 Park Lane and replacing the Forest Green Branch Library with a new one at 3728 High Vista Dr. The remaining \$99,000 requested is for roof and plumbing repairs at the Central Library.

**Proposition F** – Cultural & Per-

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## Derrick Johnson

(PRNewswire) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), America's largest and original legacy civil rights organization, has unanimously elected Derrick Johnson president & CEO, it was announced today. Johnson, 49, has served as interim president and CEO since July of this year.

A Detroit native now residing in Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Johnson, who was also elected vice-chairman of the Board of Directors in February of this year,



is a longtime member, leader and a respected veteran activist who will be tasked with guiding the NAACP through a period of tremendous challenge and opportunity at a key point in

its 108-year history. The NAACP has undergone transitions in leadership this year as it re-envisioned itself to take on a tumultuous and contentious social and political climate. He will have a three-year term.

"In his time serving as our interim president and CEO, Derrick has proven himself as the strong, decisive leader we need to guide us through both our internal transition, as well as a crucial moment in our nation's history. With new threats to communities of color emerging daily and attacks on our democracy, the NAACP must be more steadfast than ever before,

and Derrick has the vision, mobility and courage to help us meet that demand," said Leon Russell, Board Chairman of the NAACP. "As both a longtime member of the NAACP, and a veteran activist in his own right – having worked on the ground to advocate for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, along with championing countless other issues – Derrick also intimately understands the strengths of the Association, our challenges and the many obstacles facing black Americans of all generations today. I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new role," he added.

Mr. Johnson has an extensive history and career legacy of dedicated civil rights activism. He formerly served as state president of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP, where he successfully spearheaded campaigns for voting rights, worker's rights and equitable education, and he additionally is the founder and executive director of One Voice, Inc., a Jackson-based non-profit organization conceived in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to enhance the quality of life for African Americans through civic engagement training and initiatives.

Having earned a solid educational foundation, Mr. Johnson attended historically black Tougaloo College of Mississippi, before going on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston. He was later awarded fellowships from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the George Washington University School of Political Management and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He proudly serves on the board of directors of both the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation.

## Dr. Jessica Murphy

Dr. Jessica C. Murphy, associate professor of literary studies at UT Dallas, assumed the role of dean of Undergraduate Education on Sept. 1.

Murphy also serves as co-director of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) — a UT Dallas initiative aimed at boosting first-year students' engagement and academic success. She said the yearlong process introduced her to many departments, faculty and staff across campus, which helped her think in a more global way about building upon and improving programs and the



quality of student learning. "I enjoyed the time I spent working on the QEP because it gave me an opportunity to meet and collaborate with many schools and departments across campus," Murphy said. "We

have so many wonderful programs, and I want to think about how we can leverage them to serve our burgeoning student body."

She also wants to take a critical look at any gaps that may exist for undergraduate student success and how they can be filled to improve both academic performance and quality of life.

"Our student body is so diverse, and they have a variety of different goals, talents and needs," Murphy said. "There is no one answer for everyone, but that's what appeals to me about this position. There are so many ways we can serve undergraduates, and we can

work to bridge gaps. I'm also excited to look at continually assessing and adjusting what we provide to students because each new class will have different and unique needs."

Murphy, a first-generation college student, received her undergraduate degree in philosophy from Hunter College, the City University of New York, in her hometown of New York City. She began her teaching career in UT Dallas' School of Arts and Humanities in 2009, after completing her PhD at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She quickly distinguished herself as a com-

peting and passionate teacher who employs both conventional and new technologies in her instruction of early modern English literature.

Murphy approaches her classroom teaching by creating learning environments that value individual points of view. She also likes to encourage everyone to be part of what she calls a "learning community." Those efforts led to her winning a University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award in 2013. The annual award recognizes faculty members across all UT System academic and health institutions who demon-

strate extraordinary classroom performance and innovation in undergraduate instruction.

In discussing Murphy's appointment, Dr. Inga Muselman, interim provost, noted, "we saw her willingness and ability to communicate and collaborate with people all across campus during the QEP process. Dr. Murphy worked very well not only with Academic Affairs but also with Student Affairs. She has been involved with some major UT System initiatives."

Murphy spearheaded a campus-based project to en-

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## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Dr. Freddie Haynes appointed to Dallas task force on removing Confederate monuments

Ok why in the world do you not replace the names with those who fought against slavery, protected slaves or were slave,. Joshua R Giddings, John Hauley, Marvin Pond, Ellen Graft, Harriet Tubman (remember her), Lincoln, General David Hunter, General David hunter. Put either President Lincoln or one of the Major General John C Fremont towering over African Chiefs or the mon-



ument of Robert E Lee surrendering with slaves from the 1st Black So. Carolina Regiment around him, as also the other statues.

Maybe some of the other thousands of different nationality slaves like Irish, Chinese. How about some current kidnapped

and enslaved as Chloe Ayling, Maria Adams. Maybe show their traders in captivity. Irish slaves out numbered any other and were said to be treated the worst of all slaves sold.

The forgotten "White" Slaves. King James started sending Irish slaves to the New World. The first

recorded sale of Iris slaves was in the amazon in 1612, seven years before the first African slaves arrived. They were one of the 1st Genocide correct.

Is the Confederacy and the Union fighting for and against slaves the same as is the fighting of abortions for and against the lives of Babies. They believe they are right for or against.

All these lives matter. Show history as it is not one sided not left or right.

-- Joe Everett

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# Did the FBI just declare war on black people?

## Loving Your Blackness Could Make You a Target of the FBI

By Julianne Malveaux  
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While White men are beating Black men on the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia, while a “lone” White wolf is shooting people from the Mandalay Bay Hotel, and while the word “terrorist” is hardly used to describe these men, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), under the leadership of the racist Attorney General Jeff Beauregard Sessions, has thought up a new way to oppress Black people.

Despite the fact that there is no evidence of an organized “movement,” the FBI has described Black people that have rallied for racial equality and criminal justice reform as “Black Identity Extremists,” who pose a domestic terrorist threat to police officers.

Hold up! We have seen domestic terror threats, though there are those of limited intelligence, who cannot fathom them.

The man who shot up an Orlando, Florida nightclub was a domestic terrorist. Dylan Roof, who worshipped with the parishioners at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. then murdered nine of them, was a domestic terrorist so highly regarded by law enforcement, that they bought him a meal from Burger King.

The man I will not mention in Las Vegas was a domestic terrorist, but the FBI is manufacturing evidence to focus on African Americans, who embrace our Black identity and social activism.

“Foreign Policy,” the magazine and website that broke the story of this new classification of “woke” Black people, shared the FBI document online that links Black identity with ex-

tremism and threats to police officers. The document mentions Black Lives Matter, although the connection between Black Lives Matter and anti-police violence has not been established. For the FBI to identify “Black Identity Extremists” (BIE) as domestic terrorists is to declare war on Black people. After all, what does it mean to be a “Black Identity Extremist?” Does it mean we love our Blackness and refuse to back down when we are attacked?

Does it mean that we

*Why is this embrace of Blackness so frightening to melanin-deficient people? They prefer us silent, docile, grateful and acquiescent. They demand no such acquiescence from their melanin-impaired friends, who gleefully walk through civilized streets of places like Charlottesville and parry racist chants like “You will not replace us, Jews will not replace us!”*

revel in our identity and use every available platform (thank you, Colin Kaepernick) to lift our voices up against injustice?

Why is this embrace of Blackness so frightening to melanin-deficient people? They prefer us silent, docile, grateful and acquiescent. They demand no such acquiescence from their melanin-impaired friends, who gleefully walk through civilized streets of places like Charlottesville and parry racist chants like “You will not replace us, Jews will not replace us!” That’s domestic terrorism, Beauregard. Call it like it is, instead of inventing a Black movement that does not exist.

Andrew Cohen wrote

about the FBI report for the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University and said that “there is no “BIE movement,” because it only exists in the barren minds of those within the Trump Administration that want you to believe that there is some sinister, Black force out there bent on attacking police officers.

No journalists or academics have discovered and chronicled such a movement or its leaders. No such leaders have come forward to say they are a part of such a movement. No one has killed a cop in the name of such a movement. The only citations to the movement, Foreign Policy tells us, come from “internal law enforcement writings made over the past two months.”

Journalist Sam Fulwood III, writing for the Center for American Progress Action Fund news site

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s phone lines tapped, because he was an alleged Communist. Was Dr. King perceived as a “Black Identity Extremist,” because he preached about economic justice for all “and” for the rights of Black people?

The FBI report said that the “Black Identity Extremist” movement began after a Ferguson, Missouri police officer unnecessarily killed Michael Brown.

Andrew Cohen noted that the FBI report listed six cases where so-called BIE perpetrators killed police officers. These cases were so isolated, that if these men had been White, they would have been classified, as Dylan Roof was, as mentally ill or troubled, and handed a Happy Meal from McDonald’s. Instead, the FBI figured out another way to demonize Black people.

Meanwhile, according to *The Washington Post*, 180 Black people have been shot and killed by police, so far, this year. Six instances of BIE folks allegedly (do we know they are BIE, or just crazy) killing police officers is a pattern, but 173 Black folks being shot by police officers is what? Business as usual?

This so-called BIE nonsense is diabolically racist and pathologically creative. It suggests that any Black person, who has issues with so-called law enforcement is suspect. I stand with my people, who choose to protest ignorance, ugliness and nonsense. Those who embrace their Black identity are not terrorists; we are healthily self-confident. We are at risk, as we have always been, when injustice prevails.

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# Parkland improves HPV vaccination rate in Dallas County

Parents have the potential to prevent their child from developing cancers caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) if they decide to give their child the HPV vaccine series at the recommended age. However, physicians at Parkland Health & Hospital System say that in Dallas County, as in the U.S., too few adolescents are getting vaccinated as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The three-dose series should be given on a schedule of 0, 1-2 and 6



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months to adolescents aged 11 through 12 years.

“Over the 10 years of vaccine availability in the U.S., national data show that par-

ents are hesitating, delaying or deciding not to vaccinate,” said Sentayehu Kassa, MD, Senior Lead Staff Physician at Park-

land’s Vickery Health Center. The U.S. is falling well short of the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80 percent series completion and many children go unprotected, she stated.

“For the Dallas community, delivery of this cancer prevention tool is particularly important because a large number of Dallas residents are newly-diagnosed with a HPV-related cancer each year,” Dr. Kassa said. “For example, approximately 100 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer

(more than 10 percent of all cases in the state of Texas) and on average 60 men are diagnosed with head and neck, anal or penile cancer each year. Parkland’s partnership with the Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center enables high quality cancer care and delivery of cancer prevention services.”

To understand how to optimize HPV vaccine delivery for the most vulnerable members of the Dallas community, Parkland began a research and quality improvement (QI) collabora-

tion with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 2009. Current leaders of the project are Drs. Kassa and Jasmin Tiro, PhD, an Associate Professor in UT Southwestern’s Department of Clinical Sciences. The goal was to increase the rate of HPV vaccination of eligible patients in order to reduce the incidence of pre-cancers and cancers linked to the HPV virus.

In 2009-2010, Dr. Tiro se-

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# African Americans live shorter lives due to heart disease and stroke

The average lifespan of African Americans is significantly shorter than white Americans, mostly because of heart disease and stroke, which contributed to more than two million years of life lost among African Americans between 1999 and 2010, according to a new scientific statement published in the American Heart Association’s journal Circulation.

Heart disease is the leading killer for all Americans, but in African Americans, heart disease develops earlier and deaths from heart disease are higher than in white Americans. In recent years, the life expectancy of African Americans was 3.4 years shorter than that of whites (75.5 vs. 78.9 years, respectively), largely attributable to having a higher rate of heart attacks, sudden cardiac arrest, heart failure and strokes than white Americans.

While socioeconomic status is a major contributor to the greater burden of heart disease and stroke in African Americans, the statement notes that among the growing middle- and upper-class African American community, health outcomes are still poorer in African Americans, even when their socioeconomic status is comparable to white Americans.

Risk factors for heart dis-

ease and stroke, such as high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes, start earlier among African Americans. “It is vital that we start preventing disparities by reaching children and young adults with education about the importance of a healthy lifestyle for maintaining health. Young adulthood is a time when a lot of people drop out of the healthcare system. If there’s no safety net of healthcare available that emphasizes preventive care, then these disparities in the onset of the risk factors are likely to persist,” said Mercedes Carnethon, Ph.D., the writing group chair and associate professor of preventive medicine (epidemiology) at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.

For example, according to the advisory, 13.8 percent of African American children have high blood pressure, compared to 8.4 percent of white children. Studies have shown that having high blood pressure in youth makes it more likely that a person will have elevated blood pressure throughout their life. The Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) found that the relative risk of having high blood pressure that persists into older ages were 1.5 times higher in African Americans than in white

Americans through age 75. High blood pressure contributes to African Americans having more strokes and heart failure.

The statement also notes that obesity rates are higher among both African American children and adults compared to the white population. Twenty percent of African American children aged 2 to 19 years old are obese compared to 15 percent of white children. Among adults, 58 percent of African American women and 38 percent of men are obese, compared to 33 percent of white women and 34 percent of men.

In African Americans, cultural aspects present a challenge in reducing obesity. Multiple research studies have found that many African Americans have a cultural preference for having a larger body size, particularly for women. These attitudes among African Americans complicate the acknowledgement of awareness about obesity and willingness to engage in weight management programs.

People with fewer socioeconomic resources — less education, lower income — have less healthy diets, may be less physically active and have poorer quality sleep, all of which lead to the early development of heart disease risk factors. This overabundance of adverse social

and environmental factors are major contributors to the disparities. Approximately 26 percent of African Americans are living in poverty, compared with 15 percent in the overall population. The median family income for African American households is \$43,151 compared with \$66,632 in the U.S. population.

Another potential explanation for persistent disparities across the socioeconomic range in African Americans is unique sources of stress. “Although most people experience stress

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# Dallas ISD considers proposal to help house homeless students

By Joe Farkus  
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The Dallas ISD Trustee Board discussed a proposal to partner with the organization After8toEducate to house unsheltered students in the district at their board briefing Thursday, Oct. 12 and will vote on the measure this Thursday at the next board meeting. The district has received an estimate of more than 100 unsheltered students currently sleeping on park benches or in abandoned buildings who can't go to homeless shelters, because they are not yet adults. With homelessness serving



The Dallas ISD Trustee Board is considering partnering with After8toEducate to help house dozens of homeless students (Photo Credit: Pixabay)

as a clear detriment to a child's likelihood of staying in school and moving into successful careers, After8toEducate – along with partners Promise House

and City Square – are convinced they have found a solution.

The proposal discussed would include converting the currently abandoned

Fannie C. Harris Elementary School building (closed in 2006) into a shelter for up to 35 unsheltered students at a time. A “drop-in shelter” would also be able to assist students on a temporary emergency basis. All shelter volunteers would be required to pass a federal background check, a Child Protective Services (CPS) background check, and a sex offender background check. Meals would also be provided to students at the shelter. To qualify for placement in the shelter, a student would have to be between the ages of 14 and 21.

The overall cost to reno-

vate Fannie C. Harris is estimated to be roughly \$2 million, while the total yearly cost of maintaining the program would be about the same. As After8toEducate and its partners intend to raise the majority of the funding from private donations, Dallas ISD, which owns the building, would only be expected to contribute \$133,000 a year for operational, maintenance, and other costs.

Despite apparent support for the proposal, Trustee Joyce Foreman led the board in its concerns over the wording of the contract presented during the Oct. 12

briefing. Her concerns were related to ambiguity in the wording of the contract and the total absence of some of the district's proposed obligations to the project.

The contract, as proposed during the briefing, would commit the district to the project for seven years with two 5-year renewal options at the district's discretion. If the district were to eventually commit to the full 17 years, the cost is estimated at a total of \$2.29 million dollars.

The Board intends to vote on whether to approve this proposal during its Oct. 26 board meeting this Thursday.

## SNCFD announces the 12th annual 'Taste of Blue' wine/spirits tasting and silent auction

Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas (SNCFD), a 501(c)3 Foundation under the umbrella of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Zeta Chapter, announces the 12th Annual “Taste of Blue” Wine/Spirits Tasting and Silent Auction will be held on November 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Park

Plaza Tower at 13111 N. Central Expressway in Dallas.

The Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas mission is to promote the empowerment of young women at every level. Through SNCFD the membership of the Kappa Zeta chapter is involved in the granting of scholarships,

youth development projects, as well as women's health issues.

SNCFD actively supports national and local charities including the March of Dimes, St. Jude's Hospital, and Viola's House-Dallas. Additionally, SNCFD also awards over \$7,500 in scholarships annually to deserving

local high school seniors and college students.

The Taste of Blue “Taste of Blue” Wine/Spirits Tasting and Silent Auction is one of Dallas' original “Party with a Purpose” events and can be followed on Facebook at “Taste of Blue”. All proceeds from this event will go towards SNCFD scholarship

funds and your contributions are tax deductible.

This year the SNCFD signature event, the “Taste of Blue” will be featuring tasting and sampling of everything “Texas” as the event explores the wines and spirits made here, in the Lone

Star State. The Taste of Tickets and sponsorship information is available at: [www.memberplanet.com/campaign/kappazpb/2017tob](http://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/kappazpb/2017tob) or contact the “Taste of Blue” committee chair at [winetasting@kappazpb.org](mailto:winetasting@kappazpb.org) to make a donation to the silent auction.

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hance student success. She and her collaborators were awarded \$1 million by UT System to help fund the Student Engagement through Collaboration, Mentorship and Service Learning initiative.

Her predecessor as dean, Dr. Andrew Blanchard, served in that role since 2013.

“Andy Blanchard has served UT Dallas with distinction in an amazingly di-

verse sequence of important administrative roles, all the time also volunteering his services as a dedicated and highly regarded teacher,” said Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, UT Dallas executive vice president.

After a distinguished career as a faculty member and administrator at UT Arlington and the University of Missouri-Columbia, Blanchard joined UT Dallas in 2001 as a professor of

electrical engineering and senior associate dean of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.

He was appointed vice provost in 2008, served as vice president for information resources and CIO from 2011-2012 and assumed responsibilities as dean and Mary McDermott Cook Chair of Undergraduate Education and Research in 2013. In addition to these vitally important administrative roles, throughout his

time at UT Dallas, Blanchard served as an informal mentor and advisor to innumerable students, faculty members and fellow administrators.

“I hope, and am confident, that his request to transition from administrator into the role of full-time faculty member, unencumbered by administrative routine, will not inhibit him from continuing to offer us the benefits of this informal support,” Wildenthal said.

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from jobs and major life events, African Americans are more likely to have persistent economic stress and to face concerns about maintaining their health, including preventing weight gain and managing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes,” said Carnethon.

The authors note that public health initiatives that could help make the overall environment healthier in-

clude restricting the sale of non-nutritious foods in and around schools; menu labeling and providing incentives for food stores to build outlets in local food deserts; creating safe spaces for physical activity that are monitored to reduce the likelihood of crime; and maintaining smoke-free restaurants and public spaces, among others.

This scientific statement is a “snapshot” of the over-

all cardiovascular health of African Americans today, based on a careful review of nearly 300 scientific studies. It includes an overview of African Americans' burden of cardiovascular disease; how traditional risk factors and adverse health behaviors affect the disparities between African Americans and whites; a discussion of the genetic and biological factors that might contribute to cardiovascular disease in African Americans; and medical treatments and the

social, cultural and environmental factors that influence prevention and disease management in African Americans.

Co-authors are George Howard, Dr.P.H.; Jia Pu, Ph.D.; Michelle A. Albert, M.D., M.P.H.; Cheryl A.M. Anderson, Ph.D.; Alain G. Bertoni, M.D., M.P.H.; Mahasin Mujahid, Ph.D.; Latha Palaniappan, M.D., M.S.; Herman A. Taylor, Jr., M.D.; Monte Willis, M.D., Ph.D. and Clyde W. Yancy, M.D.

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## Good things are still happening in District 6



**Joyce Foreman**  
Dallas ISD  
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Science, technology, engineering and math are cornerstones of the careers of the future, and District 6 students are laying a foundation for success in these disciplines. Thanks to the partnership between the Dallas ISD STEM Department and Ten80 Education, students from Carter and Kimball

high schools were selected to participate in the STEM Innovators-In-Training Experience. A unique opportunity, this event engaged students with hands-on workshops designed to cultivate technological skills and inspire the next generation of entrepreneurial thinkers and innovators. I'm excited to see our students develop an interest in the STEM subjects and demonstrate an ambition to explore and expand the tech frontier.

It follows that student interest in fields of innovation

is sparked by the pioneering efforts of the passionate teachers who engage them with creative learning experiences every day. This month, four district 6 teachers were recognized by the Junior League of Dallas and were awarded grants for creating innovative ways to teach our students. Theirs is an example of the passion and creativity demonstrated throughout district 6. See their names below.

- Tamara Thomas, D. A. Hulcy STEAM Middle School

- Chantrelle Lovett-Andrews, Umphrey Lee Elementary School

- Bonita Reece, Umphrey Lee Elementary School

- Carmen Slater, Umphrey Lee Elementary School

In observance of National Bullying Prevention Month, I'd like to highlight that multiple district 6 schools have implemented Social Emotional Learning. This program is designed to promote a positive environment in which students are equipped with techniques to

regulate their emotions and demonstrate self-control. In an effort to prevent bullying in our schools, students also learn the skills needed to build healthy relationships and are encouraged to grow in social awareness. Campuses that have adopted the SEL framework are already seeing fewer discipline referrals. I commend the leaders and staff at these campuses for their commitment to maintain safe learning environments for our children.

### Looking Ahead

I'd like to invite district 6

parents and community members to attend the "Experience Atwell Middle School" event on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. This is a wonderful way to learn about the unique programs and opportunities that Atwell Middle School and Law Academy has to offer. Experience firsthand what makes Atwell a great choice for your student.

For more information, contact "Experience Atwell" expert, Pamela Bryant, at (972) 794 -6476.

## ESSA requires states to offer a user-friendly state report card

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

As the school districts across the country continue the migration from No Child Left Behind to conform to the guidelines required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), one potential positive is a report card readers can understand. Under No Child Left Behind parents and those concerned with the state of education were drowning in mounds of data and confusing jargon. States are required to provide an annual overview in an "easily accessible and user-friendly" format.

The redesigned report cards will include a wide-

range of information, which will provide insight into the performance of students across racial and economic populations. In addition, it will also break out data regarding students in military families, the foster system as well as homeless students. The states are required to provide an overview of how a consistently underperforming school is identified for each of these student populations.

The goal of the reports is to capture the achievement progress of the student populations including data such as performance on standardized tests and graduation rates. It is believed having a standardized way of capturing the educational progress

of the children in the foster care system or homeless can lead to interventions to address the population's unique needs. For example, as many school districts, particularly in border states such as Texas, receive an influx of students learning English, the report card will be required to report the number of students and their progress in achieving English proficiency.

In recent years, parents and watchdog groups have raised concerns regarding the number children, especially minority students, are receiving in and out of school punishments. The new report cards will include data on:

- In-school suspensions

- Out-of-school suspensions

- School-related arrests
- Referrals to law enforcement

- Chronic absenteeism
- Incidences of violence, including bullying and harassment.

According to the summaries provided by the Council of Chief State

School Officers, the information slated to be featured on the revamped report cards include:

- A description of the state's accountability system

- Parents will be able to see where their child's schools rank in accordance with the state's accountability system

- The number of inexperienced, ineffective, and out-of-field principals and teachers.

- Progress and number of students participating in pre-school programs, Advanced Placement courses, and International Baccalaureate classes.

How much money each

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## Wintermester, spring registration begin soon

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Collin College's spring semester begins Jan. 16, but new and returning students

are encouraged to register as early as possible to ensure they get the classes they want.

Wintermester and spring registration periods open for all new and returning students on Nov. 3. Check out the e-schedule for a full list of available courses. Payment for Wintermester is due at the time of registration. Payment for spring classes is due by Jan. 4.

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## City of Irving to hold minority/women owned business vendor workshop

The City of Irving has scheduled a Minority/Women Owned Business vendor workshop Nov. 2 for engineering consultants and contractors interested in doing business with the city. This workshop will focus on Irving's "Road to the Fu-

ture" project as well as road reconstruction and rehabilitation projects budgeted over the next several years.

Representatives from the City of Irving Capital Improvement Program and Traffic & Transportation Department will make pre-

sentations and discuss upcoming engineering design and construction contracts associated with Irving's Road to the Future initiative.

Representatives from Irving's Purchasing Department will discuss the city's

RFQ/bidding process as well. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions during the presentations.

Development in Irving is robust and includes significant roadwork. For more information on the projects, interested parties are en-

couraged to visit [www.city-ofirving.org/3088/Road-to-the-Future](http://www.city-ofirving.org/3088/Road-to-the-Future).

Workshop registration is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at Irving's Former Central Library in the first floor auditorium; 801 W. Irving Blvd. Presentations

will begin at 6 p.m.

The city encourages all interested to attend and to RSVP with Deborah McVean, MWBE program administrator, (972) 721-3753 or [dmcvean@city-ofirving.org](mailto:dmcvean@city-ofirving.org).

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forming Arts Facilities \$14.325 million is sought for improvements at the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, the South Dallas Cultural Center, Dallas Museum of Art, Kalita Humphreys Theater, the Meyerson Symphony Center and others. The facilities are seeking to bring the restrooms in compliance with ADA, roof, electrical repairs and more.

**Proposition G** – Public Safety Facilities \$32.081 million is for needed repairs at various fire and police stations throughout the city.

**Proposition H** – City Facilities \$18.157 million will cover \$7 million in repairs at City Hall, the West Dallas Multipurpose Center is seeking \$2 million to expand 8,000 square feet of office space for a Community Court among other projects.

**Proposition I** – Economic Development \$55.4 million did not provide specific projects but varying dollar amounts is set aside for each district. The request description for each states, "Funding to facilitate the revitalization of commercial corridors, transit oriented development, mixed income housing, mixed use development and neighborhood revitalization." The amounts for the individual districts range between \$500,000 for District 2 to \$10 million each for Districts 4 and 7.

**Proposition J** – Homeless Assistance Facilities \$20 million

Council Member Casey Thomas II of District 3 says

he is very pleased with the bond program, although he would have liked to have seen more money allocated for economic development and housing.

"I believe this package will positively benefit my District because there are projects that we can get done with bond funds that we don't have enough money in the city budget to address", Thomas said.

If the bond program passes it will take an estimated five years to complete. All ten propositions can pass without raising the property tax rate. In the event of a victory, project construction will commence within the first year, beginning with the repairing of streets.

With such an expansive initiative and large budget it is certain in addition to making much needed infrastructural improvements throughout the city this could also open the door for minority contractors.

"I do believe the bond program will provide an opportunity for African American contractors. The city staff has already established a Diversity Task Force as it relates to the bond program and they have begun to talk about the opportunities that will be available if and when the bond passes," Thomas shared.

Early voting for the bond program is underway through Nov. 3. Election Day is Nov. 7. For more information about the bond and each of the propositions visit [www.dallascity-hall.com](http://www.dallascity-hall.com).

## A Quick Guide to the Texas Constitutional Amendment Election

Texas voters will head to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 7 to vote on a variety of bond and constitutional amendment proposals. In addition to the seven constitutional amendments Dallas voters will have to consider, the City of Dallas has presented a bond package totaling more than \$1.05 billion.

Texas Rep. Eric Johnson championed Proposition 7 because he believes it will help encourage those in a financial bind to consider an alternative to the temptation of payday loan type of programs.

"The Texas Savings Promotion Act will combat predatory payday lending by incentivizing low-income families, who are typical targets for predatory lenders, to keep money in their own savings accounts for use in emergencies. This policy has been successfully implemented across the country, and Texas needs to follow suit. I strongly urge voters to vote in favor of Proposition 7,"

Rep. Johnson shared with the North Dallas Gazette. Below is an overview of each of the seven proposed amendments.

### Proposed Amendments

**Proposition Prop. 1** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

**Proposition Prop. 2** – The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity

loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.

**Proposition Prop. 3** – The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.

**Proposition Prop. 4** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

**Proposition Prop. 5** – The constitutional amend-

ment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.

**Proposition Prop. 6** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

**Proposition Prop. 7** – The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.

"If voters decide to approve Proposition 7, banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions will be able to conduct prize-linked savings programs in which individuals can win prizes, including cash, simply by making deposits into their own savings accounts," Rep. Johnson added.

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**Carrollton**

The City of Carrollton is hosting a **Movie on the Square** night on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at 1106 S. Broadway St., Carrollton. The featured movie will be the Halloween themed Hocus Pocus starring Bette Midler and Sarah Jessica Parker in the family-friendly 1993 cult classic. The film will begin at 8 p.m. preceded by a 20-minute episode of It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown at sunset and a free mini-pumpkin giveaway and painting at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. More information can be found here.

The **8th annual Festival at the Switchyard** is taking place Saturday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Historic Downtown Carrollton at 1106 South Broadway Street, Carrollton. Admission to the event is free and family-friendly. It will feature free concerts headlined

by nationally-recognized acts The Toadies and Everclear, rides, games, activities for children, food vendors, a beer garden, craft booths, and much more.

**Dallas**

Pike West Commerce and Little D Markets are hosting **Commerce Street Night Market: Halloween Edition** on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 444 W Commerce St, Dallas. The event feature musicians, local artisans, and more than 35 vendors to showcase what the community's best local businesses are creating and facilitating. Beverages, outdoor games, food, and live music will also be available for attendees. The event is free for all ages and dog friendly.

The Latino Cultural Center and The Meet Shop OC are hosting a **Day of the Dead Festival** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Latino Cultural Center at 2600 Live Oak St, Dallas. Attendees are encouraged to bring the entire family to enjoy music,

sugar skulls, face painting, and other fun activities. Galleries displaying artwork and altars in recognition of the Day of the Dead will also be feature. Admission to the event is free and open to all. Call 214-671-0045 for more information.

KVVR and its partners are hosting the **Oaklawn Halloween Block Party** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the corner of Cedar Springs Rd and Oak Lawn Ave, Dallas. The event will feature a costume contest, a live DJ, food, alcoholic beverages, and much more. All bars will be open on the strip for those 21 years of age or older. Admission to the event is free.

Barnes & Noble Dallas – Lincoln Park is hosting a **Jenna Bush Hager & Barbara Pierce Bush Book Singing** on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 7700 W Northwest Hwy, Suite 300, Dallas. The First Daughters will be signing copies of their memoir "Sisters First" – a book which

takes readers on an insightful, personal journey behind the scenes of their lives and the life of the famous Bush family. More information for the event can be found here.

**Farmers Branch**

First Baptist Church Farmers Branch is hosting **Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. right next door to Farmers Branch City Hall. The event will provide families to celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment. Candy, crafts, games, and other activities will be included at the event. Admission is free. More information on the event can be found here.

**Garland**

Firewheel Town Center and First Baptist Garland is hosting **Fall Festival 2017** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 245 Cedar

Sage Dr, Garland. Children are encouraged to come in their favorite Halloween costumes and enjoy the carnival booths, crafts, balloons, activities, and candy giveaways at the festival. Admission to the festival is free.

**McKinney**

The McKinney Police Department is partnering with the Collin County Sheriff's Office to host a **Drug Take Back Event** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Safety Building at 2200 Taylor Burk Dr., McKinney. The event is taking place in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Nationwide Drug Take-Back event held twice a year. It will participants to safely dispose of all unwanted, unused, or expired prescription drugs. The event is free and anonymous and not limited

to only McKinney residents.

**Plano**

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society's Dallas Chapter is hosting **Read and Write Rusyn** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center at 4116 W. Plano Parkway, Plano. The event will help attendees enrich their knowledge and understanding of Carpatho-Rusyn heritage by introducing them to the Cyrillic alphabet and language. It will also feature an "Alphabet Pot Luck Lunch" including kolbasi and drinks, with attendees being asked to bring a side-dish for lunch that begins with the first letter of their surname or to make a donation instead. Admission to the event is free.

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## Flag on the Play: A community's response to an NFL owner

Concerned clergy, organizers, activists, and those who seek liberation and justice, prepared a statement in response to the recent comments made by Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. The leaders were concerned about his demands "...if any of (his) players decide to exercise their first amendment

rights and not stand/ take a knee during the playing of the national anthem they will be benched indefinitely."

Many surmise Jones statement is grounded in his unyielding loyalty to American patriotism, when in fact Jones' statement is a reflection of his commitment to the protection of and partic-

ipation in American capitalism - ideals which are the core of America's national identity.

Therefore according to their statement:

• "We reject the supposition put forth by Jerry Jones that the players' actions are

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Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III and others kneel at Dallas Police Department after discussing narrative surrounding protest during national anthem. #kneelingforward (Courtesy photo)

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# Ezekiel Elliott wants to keep the Dallas Cowboys running game on track

By Dwain Price  
NDG Special Sports Contributor



Dallas Cowboys Ezekiel Elliott  
(Image: Dallas Cowboys)

Now that he's coming off his best game in the NFL, Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott would like to keep the train rolling perfectly down the tracks on Sunday when they hit the road to play the Washington Redskins. In running roughshod over the San Francisco 49ers, 40-10, this past Sunday, the Cowboys racked up a season-high 501 yards in total offense.

"I think that's what our offense should look like," Elliott said on Wednesday.

"We have some momentum right now, so we're going to have to keep that rolling."

Elliott was the big star in the win over the Niners as he rushed for 147 yards on 26 carries and scored two

touchdowns, and also had one reception which carried for a long 72-yard TD. The combined 219 all-purpose yards are the most Elliott's accumulated in his 23-game career.

Also, the Cowboys have scored 101 points in the past three games and appear to be clicking on all cylinders offensively. That includes a 30-point game against the Los Angeles Rams and a 31-point outing against the Green Bay Packers, although they lost both of those games.

"I wouldn't say all cylinders, but we're definitely

going in the direction that we want to go," quarterback Dak Prescott said. "Basically, now we're playing up to our standards and our expectations of the way we expect to move the ball and the way we expect to get points and it's been going well.

"If anything, we've just

continued to keep faith and keep confidence in ourselves and we've continued with the same game plan we've been doing early off in the season. It's just starting to pick up and we're getting into a groove and we're all getting comfortable."

Of course, Sunday's

game against the NFC East Division rival Redskins take on a new meaning, since a win or loss basically means a two-game swing in the standings.

"The division is good, the division is talented," Prescott said. "We know how good this Redskins team is.

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unpatriotic acts and the denial of players' right to exercise their liberty to peacefully protest.

- We reject the continuing state-sanctioned murders of unarmed Black children, women and men whose murders have gone unpunished.

- We stand on our moral authority to call for an end to the terror unleashed on our communities.

- We affirm the moral courage of players who have

taken a knee - daring to put a mirror up to the face of America and force this nation to see the acts of violence perpetrated against Black and Brown bodies.

- We affirm and stand with Colin Kaepernick's initial stand for justice in response to police brutality."

To this end, they are calling for a:

- Reclamation of the original narrative which was in response to police brutality.
- The establishment of a

Citizens Review Board with subpoena and investigative power.

- Reform in the money - bail system.

The Dallas leaders believe it is the right of every American citizen to express outrage against police brutality and white supremacy with moral clarity and peaceful dissent. The fight for justice is never contingent upon popularity or the consensus of the majority. This fight for justice is rooted in love for humanity.

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## Movie Review: *Marshall* is on the same level as *Selma*

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Newswire Film Critic

Considering all of his major accomplishments, why hasn't someone made a film about Thurgood Marshall's life that was comprehensive? He was the lawyer who won the *Brown v. Board of Education* United States Supreme Court case, the founder of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a United States Solicitor General and the first African American Supreme Court associate justice. But that's not what the father/son writing team of Connecticut lawyers Michael Koskoff and Jacob Koskoff had in mind when they wrote this slice of life script. It's a tactic that worked for the movie "Selma," which only focused on one facet of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life.

In 1940, 32-year-old Thurgood Marshall (Chadwick Boseman) heads to tony Greenwich, Conn., to defend Joseph Spell (Sterling K. Brown, NBC's "This



(From left-right) Josh Gad, Chadwick Boseman and Sterling K. Brown star in *Marshall*. (Open Road Films)

Is Us") a Black chauffeur who has been accused of raping and trying to murder his rich, White socialite employer (Kate Hudson). The case is dubbed "The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell," and the presiding Judge Foster (James Cromwell) refuses to let an out-of-state lawyer defend Spell. His reluctance is more out of hostility towards the upstart Black lawyer than for procedure's sake. Marshall is forced to partner with a young Jewish insurance lawyer, Samuel Friedman

(Josh Gad), who has no experience in criminal law. The judge won't let Marshall speak in court. Friedman is his mouthpiece. The cards are stacked against them.

The good points: Though this is not the bio-film Marshall deserves, this glimpse does offer a view of the ingenuity, perseverance and courage that propelled the Howard University law student into becoming a crusading attorney, who was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement. This case is just one of many that he

championed and it serves well as a barometer of the times in regard to how African Americans had to deal with blatant discrimination, racism and segregation.

Boseman is making a career out of bio-films ("Get on Up" and "42"). His interpretation of the civil rights advocate is shrewd and strong. Gad maintains an innocence and naiveté around his character that gives him room to grow. The biggest surprise is Kate Hudson as the duplicitous socialite, whose understated perform-

ance may be one of the best of her career. Andra Day plays a chanteuse and the audience gets to hear her Grammy-nominated voice.

The weak points: Every single interior looks like it was shot on a back lot. None of it looks real. The costumes (Ruth E. Carter) represent the times well, but look far too new and not lived in. The direction (Reginald Hudlin, "House Party") doesn't take the story to a higher level. Every plot twist comes at the right time, but lacks the embellishments that take good courtroom dramas to another stratosphere. Director Robert Mulligan found that extra gear with "To Kill a Mockingbird"; Rob Reiner did with "A Few Good Men"; Sidney Lumet accomplished that with both "12 Angry Men" and "The Verdict"; and Jonathan Kaplan succeeded with "The Accused."

What's on view looks and feels like a made-for-TV movie. That would be a compliment for original programming designed for the

smaller screen. Not so much for a theatrically released film that needs a touch more drama, tension and suspense, a higher level of direction and stronger technical elements.

There's a line in the film that says, "If you want your freedom you're going to have to fight for it." Wish someone had fought long and hard to give one of America's most historic lawyers, courageous civil rights pioneers and respected Supreme Court justices his due.

Regardless of the trappings, Thurgood Marshall's spirit prevails and his legacy is being passed on. That makes this film a must-see, even if it doesn't have the epic grandeur and significance of "Selma."

Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. As a film critic, he regularly attends international film festivals. Read more movie reviews by Dwight Brown here and at [DwightBrown-Ink.com](http://DwightBrown-Ink.com).

## Win tickets to Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo this weekend

The Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo kicks off at the Mesquite Arena on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Fans are invited to arrive when doors open at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy food and pre-rodeo events. NDG readers can win a pair of tickets to the show.

The largest multicultural rodeo in the country highlights the finest ethnic cowboys and cowgirls competing for cash prizes in traditional rodeo events: bull riding, calf roping, steer

wrestling, and ladies barrel racing.

The evening will also include Kickin' in the Dirt after the rodeo featuring performance by Rodeo JayB and The Zydeco Posse.

Tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena Box Office located at 1818 Rodeo Dr. in Mesquite. Tickets are also available at [mesquiterodeo.com](http://mesquiterodeo.com) or 972-285-8777, the prices range from \$14-\$38.

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school spends per student with a breakdown of staff versus non-staff costs. They will also report the amount of local, state, and federal government dollars re-

ceived.

The new report cards must be posted online by December 31, 2018, for the data covering the 2017-18 academic school year.

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# A bright light of the Black Press dims: Bernal Smith II dies at 45

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Contributor

The National Newspaper Publishers Association lost one of its own this week.

Bernal E. Smith II, the president and publisher of the Tri-State Defender and a well-known civic leader in Memphis, Tenn., died Sunday.

Smith was 45.

The Tri-State Defender, among the longest running African-American newspapers in the country and a member publication of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, noted on its website that Smith was with his family when he was found Sunday, October 22.

“The New Tri-State Defender and its management board was devastated when we learned that Mr. Smith had passed,” associate publisher Karanja Ajanaku said in a statement along with Calvin Anderson, the president of Best Media Properties, the Defender’s parent company.

Smith’s death caught many of his colleagues off-guard; all of them expressed shock and sympathy for his family.

“I am personally saddened by the death of our comrade and publisher Bernal Smith,” said Dorothy Leavell, the publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago and the chairman of the NNPA. “He was just elected vice chairman in June and we were looking forward to working closely with him to find solutions for the future of our beloved Black Press.”

Smith was a serious and dedicated member of the fourth estate, Leavell added.

“We shall miss him so much,” said Leavell.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, the president and CEO of the NNPA, said that the entire NNPA family of African American publishers across the nation deeply mourns Smith’s death.

“As publisher of the New Tri-State Defender in Mem-



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phis, Smith represented the journalistic genius of a freedom-fighting publisher, who was dedicated to the empowerment of Black America,” Chavis said. “Long live the spirit of Bernal Smith.”

Joy Bramble, publisher of The Baltimore Times, said she was simply shocked by the news of Smith’s death.

“I was just working with him on some things, I just can’t believe it,” Bramble said.

Rosetta Perry, the publisher of the Tennessee Tribune, called Smith a true friend and a bright light.

“When I met him, we just clicked and I was comfortable with him, like I had known him my whole life, and I didn’t have to pretend to be anyone or anything,” Perry said. “That voice that we loved to hear at our meetings and training sessions is now still. Bernal’s place at the board of directors’ meetings will now be vacant, but he will live forever in our hearts.”

Karen Carter Richards, publisher of the Houston Forward Times and 1st vice chair of the NNPA, said that she asked Smith to run for 2nd vice chair of the NNPA, this year, because of his vision and talents.

Richards said that she wasn’t surprised when he won the election for the post, because of his infectious personality and great abilities.

“I am devastated. Bernal was my friend and he was a visionary, who was smart, energetic, kind and defi-

nitely the future of NNPA,” Richards said.

Richards continued: “His innovative ideas made us click. At the request of Bernal, I flew to Memphis last year to attend his Best in Black Awards show. He wanted me to recreate the show in Houston and we were going to partner and bring his great awards show to the city of Houston.”

Broadcast executive and Wave newspaper publisher Pluria Marshall said Smith was one of NNPA’s up and coming publishers.

“He was about business,” said Marshall. “He added value when he spoke on issues related to NNPA and his recent election to the executive team was a clear sign of his rising star.”

Marshall added: “He will be sorely missed.”

Hiram Jackson of Real Times Media, who sold Smith the New Tri-State Defender, called Smith’s passing a sad day for the future of the Black Press.

“Bernal Smith represented the future of our industry and he was one of the most innovative publishers I knew and I recognized his gifts immediately,” Jackson said. “I will miss his friendship and his contagious enthusiasm about Black people.”

A graduate of Rhodes College, who also earned a master’s of business administration from Union University, Smith led a local group that purchased the Tri-State Defender from Real Times Media in 2013.

Smith mentored inner-

city youth and once served as president of the 100 Black Men of Memphis.

In a joint statement, Denise Rolark Barnes and D. Kevin McNeir, the publisher and the editor of The Washington Informer, respectively, said that Smith was an integral force in the city of Memphis as the publisher of the Tri-State De-

fender, where he made issues of economic parity, social justice and the support and encouragement of the Black community his primary concerns.

The statement continued: “Even more, as one of the younger publishers of the NNPA, his enthusiasm and dedication were essential to our overall growth and con-

tinued existence. His death leaves a void that will be difficult, if not impossible to fill.

“But his spirit will live on as will our memories of him—a proud, talented Black man who loved his people and his community and who diligently gave his all each and every day on behalf of the Black Press.”

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# Gloria Jean's Coffees plans major expansion in Dallas

By Joe Farkus  
NDG Contributing Writer

California-based coffee chain Gloria Jean's Coffees is planning to open a number of new stores in the Dallas market, bringing employment and franchise opportunities to DFW as well as its unique brand of beverages. The brand is currently considered one of the premier flavored and specialty coffee outlets in the country.

Founded in 1979 by Gloria Jean Kvetko in a town on the outskirts of Chicago with the intention of taking advantage of a market lacking specialty coffees, it quickly grew



The coffee chain is aiming to open a slew of new stores in the Dallas market over the course of the next several years (Photo Credit: Alpha/Flickr)

and by 1986 began to provide franchise opportunities. In 2014, the brand was acquired by Aus-

tralia's largest multi-brand food franchisor Retail Food Group (RFG), creating new possibilities for

growth. Dallas happens to be one of the many markets the brand hopes to establish new roots in.

"[Dallas] is a thriving economy," Laina Sullivan, Director of Development for RFG in the U.S., told the North Dallas Gazette. "[It has] very strong demographics, prosperous communities, strong retail activity, great consumer demand for coffee...all those things are a dream come true to a tenant that's expanding."

The company sources 100 percent of its coffees directly from locations all over the world. Every bean gathered is then roasted at the company's California

facility and delivered to Gloria Jean's coffee houses all over the United States and abroad. And though the coffee brand has seen massive expansion in the past several years, it pairs that desire for growth with an intention to bring back the feel of local community coffee houses.

"We really like to get involved in our communities," Sullivan added. "We encourage our customers to feel like they have ownership of their coffee shop."

With nearly 900 locations, the overwhelmingly majority of which currently reside inside shopping malls, the company is

looking to open new street-front coffee houses in addition to the mail-based models – some even with drive through options. Stores employ an estimated 10-14 people depending on each individual location's hours of operation.

The brand estimates a timeline of three to five years for the expansion, possibly longer depending on the availability of retail. Discussions with prospective franchisees have already begun, but the brand is still looking for qualified candidates to partner with them in their mission of bringing its unique flavors to Dallas.

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cured an American Cancer Society pilot grant to conduct a retrospective chart review and interviews about HPV vaccine delivery at Parkland. Like national and Texas estimates, vaccine uptake was poor—HPV vaccine initiation was 29.1 percent and completion of the 3-dose series was 6.9 percent.

In 2010, Parkland implemented standing orders per U.S. Task Force on Community Preventive Services recommendations. Standing orders allowed nurses to assess HPV immunization status and administer vaccines according to the protocol approved by Parkland and authorized physicians. As a result, HPV vaccine initiation increased to approximately 40 percent.

Aided by a Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas grant in 2011-2012, the project team evaluated the impact of educational pamphlets mailed to parents of young patients before clinic visits to increase initiation and tele-

phone recalls to improve series completion.

"Surprisingly, the pamphlet was effective at increasing initiation among Hispanics but not African Americans," said Dr. Tiro, "suggesting the need for education tailored to the parent's informational needs. The telephone recalls were effective for both race/ethnic groups and increased HPV series completion to 29 percent."

In 2013, Dr. Austin Baldwin, Associate Professor of Psychology from Southern Methodist University joined the team.

With funding provided by the National Cancer Institute, Parkland developed and is now testing the Project Voice app, an intervention based on self-persuasion to motivate hesitant parents to get the HPV vaccine for their child. A small preliminary study found that 80 percent of Parkland parents decided in favor of the HPV vaccine after using the Project Voice app.

Also in 2013, Parkland

was awarded a Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program grant (part of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program) to implement telephone recalls and increase HPV completion among African American girls. The program had a major impact and the current African American HPV series completion rate is 53.7 percent. Parkland also began training providers on best communication practices during vaccine discussions.

According to Dr. Tiro, "During the eight years since launch of the program, there has been a tremendous impact by the Parkland/UT Southwestern collaboration on adolescent HPV vaccination. This project showcases how national, state and non-profit funding agencies were leveraged to understand and intervene on this key cancer prevention area."

As a result of these research and QI activities, in 2016 Parkland's HPV vaccine up-to-date rate was 61.4 percent, showing vast improvement since the collaboration began in 2009.

The National Immunization Survey-Teen 2016 estimate for Dallas County was much lower—23.9 percent.

"This Parkland/UT Southwestern partnership is ensuring that the HPV vac-

cine, one of the greatest cancer research discoveries in the past century, reaches and benefits the Dallas safety-net population at highest risk for developing HPV-related cancers," said

Noel Santini, MD, Senior Medical Director, Ambulatory Services at Parkland.

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# Upcoming DFW area job fairs

Oct. 26

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Nov. 1

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Nov. 16

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Don't wait for someone to call you for an interview. Sign up for our next career fair and give off a first impression that makes a lasting career. The fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn & Suites at 700 Central Parkway East, Plano, TX 75074.

## State Fair of Texas & Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc. Host Second Annual Big Tex Postseason Job Fair

Join the State Fair of Texas and Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc. at the Coliseum in Fair Park for the second annual Big Tex Postseason Job Fair on Friday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 60 local companies will be taking applications and interviewing for employment posi-

tions across a broad range of skillsets. Whether you're a seasonal State Fair employee, or a community member seeking employment - come join us and find your next great opportunity!

The Big Tex Postseason Job Fair, presented by the State Fair of Texas and Goodwill Industries of Dal-

las, Inc. is an This annual State Fair of Texas event provides job opportunities to more than 6,000 seasonal employees every year. In partnership with Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc., the State Fair saw an opportunity to help find more work for not only its seasonal staff members, but

also to help others in the community find employment.

The Big Tex Postseason Job Fair is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Fair Park Coliseum, 1438 Coliseum Drive in Dallas.

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**October 29, 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.

**November 1, 7 p.m.**  
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Pastor Brenda Patterson, Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette and others conducting a new study on the book of Ephesians with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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### FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "THE SHIP"

**October 29, 8 a.m.**  
Join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall; followed by our Sunday Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed.

**November 1**  
Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study 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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**October 27, 7 p.m.**  
All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 7 p.m., (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

**October 29, 10 a.m.**  
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**November 1, 7 p.m.**  
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**October 29, 8 a.m. And 11 a.m.**  
Join us for our Morning Services; you will enjoy the fellowship during our 8 a.m. and in the 11 a.m. Worship Services.

**November 1, 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."

**November 12, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
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# Oaks of righteousness



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"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor"

**(Isaiah 61:3).**

It was the worst time in my life. Feeling betrayed by God, I stormed out of the door and walked up the heavily wooded hill behind my house.

Reaching the hilltop, I raged at God. "God!" I shouted, "Is this how you treat someone who is faithful to You?! I've waited and waited. I've worked and prayed.

And for what? For this?" My lungs hurt and my throat was raw - but I had one more thing to say to God. "I hate You, God! I hate You!"

I sat down on an old oak tree that had broken at the base and was lying on the ground. For the next three hours, I sobbed uncontrollably, unable to speak, unable to pray.

I wondered how God could abandon me. I wondered if He even existed. Maybe I had wasted my life believing in a myth.

Finally, I got up to leave. When I looked over at the fallen oak that I had sat on, I noticed something interesting.

The fallen tree was pointed toward the base of another oak tree - a tree that stood strong and tall with wide spreading branches.

At that moment, I heard a quiet voice inside me say, "Today, like this broken oak tree, you are a broken man.

But, this brokenness was needed in order for you to become like the large, strong oak tree that stands before you.

Years later, I would look back and know that God Himself had spoken to me out of my period of darkness and silence."

Even when I raged at God and told Him I hated

Him, God was faithful and forgiving.

Today, He has replaced the ashes of my despair with the oil of gladness. He has planted me firmly like a strong and sturdy oak tree, and I live my life in gratitude for His mercy.

Do you find yourself in a dark place? Share your true feelings with God. You'll be surprised how well He is willing to listen.

"It's the simple things..." The simple things in life are

the things that can irritate people and the things that can bring them the most pleasure. Thank God for the small things and the simple things.

Like the widow's mite, a small thing to one person can be great thing to someone else. Ask God to help you to stop and think before you react to little things that irritate you.

Ask God to help you to always appreciate the simple things of life, for they are truly what that you can enjoy.

Thank God for the beaches, mountains, lakes

and forests; thank Him for the light and warmth of the sun and the freshness and life in cooling rain.

Thank Him for the wildflower so bright and pretty and the singing bird so beautiful.

Thank Him for a child's love and a pet's devotion; thank Him for a baby's breath and an old person's smile; thank Him for a glass of cold water on a hot summer day.

You could go on and on because there are endless things to be thankful for, but the greatest of all is love. I love you.

## BRIEFS, continued from Page 8

### Richardson

Richardson Parks & Recreation is hosting the **41st Huffhines Arts Trails** on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1500 Apollo Rd, Richardson. The event will showcase the hand work of more than 150 artists and craftsman for both viewing and purchase. A Craft Beer Garden will be the scene of live music and dancing as well as craft brews, wines, and food op-

tions.

Activities for children will also be available including an autumn scavenger hunt. Admission and parking are free for attendees. More information for the event can be found here.

To submit events and announcements, send an email to [editor@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:editor@northdallasgazette.com) with headline Community Briefs.



Sister Tarpley and Big Tex, Texas State Fair, Senior Citizen Day, October 20, 2016, and on her way to Heaven 97 Gospel Fest Concert on the Chevy Big Stage

**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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# Kids have plenty of options for fun and spooky Halloween books this year

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

“Boo” doesn’t scare you. Nope, not at all. Let someone say “Boo!” and you laugh because you’re too brave for that. You’re too smart to be scared of one little word. But what about a whole bunch of scary words – in book form? What about these great Halloween books...?

The littlest kids (3-to-5 years old) will get gentle scares from “Herbert’s First Halloween” by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Steven Henry. It’s the story of a pig who’s “not sure” about Halloween, as a whole. His father wants him to dress up and nothing feels right, until Herbert finds a costume that makes him roar! Or, if your little one can handle friendly (but rather icky) monsters, then look for “This Book is Full of Monsters” by Guido Van Genechten, an interactive book with pop-outs. You



might also look for “Creepy Pair of Underwear!” by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown; it’s fun, too.

Kids ages 5-to-9 – those who can handle more words in a story, or who enjoy group read-alouds – will go for “Ghost Cat” by Eve Bunting, illustrated by

Kevin M. Barry. It’s the tale of Miss Maggie McCullen, keeper of the lighthouse, who’s beloved by one and all, but they worry about her. Isn’t Miss Maggie lonely, all by herself in the lighthouse? No, because Miss Maggie has a secret pet, but it’s not your usual kitty. Children this age

might also appreciate seeing “Bonaparte Falls Apart” by Margery Cuyler, illustrated by Will Terry. It’s the story of a young skeleton who just can’t seem to keep things together – literally – and a boney kid can’t go to school like that, can he? With the help of his kid-monster friends, yes, he can.

For that in-between reader – the kid who’s chapter-book-ready but still loves illustrations – try “The Pomegranate Witch” by Denise Doyen, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler. It’s the tale of a tree bearing the most delicious fruits and all

the kids in the neighborhood want some – but it won’t be easy. This tree is “owned and guarded” by a witch who isn’t going to let them have one bite! Soon, a war is on and the kids have a few tactics to try... but so does the so-called “witch.” The National Geographic folks also have a great non-fiction book for kids in this age group: “Don’t Read This Book Before Bed” by Anna Claybourne includes real pictures and double-scary chapters.

And finally, for kids ages 10-to-17, “Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods” by Hal Johnson, illustrated

by Tom Mead will keep them up all night with twenty stories of horror, creepiness, and things that go “EEEEK” in the wilderness. Hint: keep this book on-hand for camping next spring.

There are a lot more scary, gross, creepy books available in your bookstore or library, and don’t forget to look for the classics and books you remember from your own childhood. Scares don’t expire and a good fright can last decades. As always, ask if you can’t find what you want, and have a boo-tiful Howl-oween.

## No tricks, just treats at the Rustic this Halloween

The Rustic dares zombies and princesses alike to join them on Saturday, Oct. 28, for a wicked Hip Hop Halloween party.

It’s time to dig up your favorite Halloween costume because the Uptown hotspot will be hosting a costume contest with spooktacular prizes on Saturday. Everyone in costume will be entered to win a \$500 gift card to The Rustic, concert tickets and much more (but be warned: simply wearing a crown doesn’t make you a princess).

Partygoers are encouraged to get up and dance as Dallas-based hip hop artist Blue, The Misfit performs live from 9:30-11 p.m. The Rustic will also be serving up a refreshing selection of Halloween-themed drinks throughout the evening. Creep over to the bar for a Pumpkin Margarita before heading the stage for a horrifyingly awesome show.



“Everyone loves Halloween; it gives people the chance to let loose, dress up and pretend to be something out of the ordinary for a night,” said Kyle Noonan, co-founder and owner of FreeRange Concepts, which operates The Rustic. “The Rustic gives us the perfect space to create a spooky, fun atmosphere for dancing and enjoying everyone’s costumes. It’ll be decked

out with frightfully fun decorations and we’ve created some delicious Halloween cocktails, both of which will make for some picture perfect opportunities.”

The party is free with an RSVP on PreKindle.com. All ages are welcome. So be sure to join The Rustic located at 3656 Howell Street in Dallas on Oct. 28 for a wicked good time – we dare you.

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