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Monday Night Politics forum offers glimpse of Dem divide in upcoming primaries

By David Wilfong
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The Monday Night Politics (MNP) forum presented on Feb. 12 by the Dallas Examiner at the African American Museum in Fair Park offered some spirited debate, a few gaffes, and a look at some often-ignored races which are pivotal in guiding the direction of the future.

The fiercest debate of the evening came in the race for the unpaid position of Democratic County Chair, which pitted incumbent Carol Donovan against Chris Hamilton. The “elephant in the room” was the recent move by Republicans to try and strike 128 Democrats from the ballot because Donovan did not personally sign their applications.

Donovan defended her time as county chair by pointing to the most recent presidential elections.

“We won Dallas by 62 percent,” Donovan said. “That’s the largest Democratic vote in history.”

Donovan also pointed to the Democrats have fielded candidates in all county-wide races, a record level of donations, and having turned the county Blue back in 2006. All of which she says points to excellent leadership in the party. As for the Republican lawsuit to remove Democrats from the ballot, Donovan said she



Suzanne Smith (center left with microphone) was the only candidate appearing for the race in the Texas State Board of Education. With the race not getting the attention of others, Smith took her time to help audience members understand the importance of this often-overlooked office. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

had not personally signed the applications because “I am not legally required to sign them.”

Hamilton, who agreed the Republican lawsuit is without merit, nonetheless saw it as a failure on the part of the party.

“It may not be required that you tie your shoes for last leg of the relay, but it’s a good idea,” Hamilton quipped.

Hamilton, a lawyer who has been active in union organizing, protests of the Muslim ban and environmental action, represents the growing “progressive wave” of the Democratic Party and said the progress of the

party in Dallas is in spite of local leadership, not a result of it. He pointed to swing seats which were claimed by Republicans in recent elections, saying the party should be able to sweep elections at the county level convincingly.

County Court 4

The race which was expected to generate the most fireworks, the judge’s seat in County Court-at-Law 4 between incumbent Ken Tapscott and Paula Rosales, was spirited but civil. This is one of four races where

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Amelia Ashley-Ward

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

The irony of a recent San Francisco Board of Supervisors decision to appoint Mark Farrell, a White venture capitalist, as acting mayor, and how it played out, still rubs Amelia Ashley-Ward the wrong way.

The board's decision resulted in the removal of London Breed from that position, who was the first African American woman to serve in that post.

"Here we are in a city that's supposed to be so progressive and then you watch



about 50 White progressives tell this young, Black woman that they don't want her, because she'd have too much power and she'd have the advantage of running for mayor; that's B.S.," said Ashley-Ward, the new

NNPA Foundation chair and publisher and owner of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter. "When did a Black woman raised in public housing get an advantage over anyone? London Breed isn't begging for hand-me-downs, but this is another reason that the Black Press will live forever, because of injustices like this and my newspaper will keep this on the front page and we are going to call it like we see and no one else will do that."

A single mother, Ashley-Ward raised her son, Evan, alone since he was seven years-old.

His father died when Evan was 15, but Ashley-Ward's

relentless push to keep her son from being just another statistic has helped him to become an Emmy Award-winning television news writer.

Born in Magnolia, Mississippi, Ashley-Ward and her family moved to San Francisco, where her mother encouraged her to apply for a job at the San Francisco Sun-Reporter; that's where she met the legendary Dr. Carlton Goodlett, who owned the newspaper.

"At that time, we were about bringing something back to the community and my mother used to always read the Sun-Reporter, so she said told me to go and I

went," Ashley-Ward said.

Goodlett promised her a permanent job once she obtained a college degree.

In 1979, she graduated with a degree in journalism from San Jose State University, where she also studied photojournalism at San Jose State University.

Goodlett hired Ashley-Ward full-time after she graduated.

"I had a flair for writing and I was a photographer, who basically wrote with a camera," said Ashley-Ward. "I was sort of a two-for-one deal in that I could write and take pictures."

In just five years and after many achievements and ac-

colades, Ward earned a promotion to the post of managing editor. A decade later, after Goodlett left the newspaper, Ward was promoted to publisher.

Her awards included the 1980 Photojournalism Award from the NNPA; the 1981 NNPA Feature Writing Award; and later, the 1998 NNPA Publisher of the Year.

After taking over as owner and publisher in 1997, Ward received the Woman of the Year award from the San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce. In 1998, Ashley-Ward won NNPA Publisher of the Year.

Dr. Rosemary Jackson

(Black PR Wire) CHICAGO -- The family of Dr. Rosemary Robinson Jackson, Ph.D., Chicago educator, business woman and community leader, announced today that she died Wednesday at the age of 71, succumbing to cancer. Services will be held in Chicago at Christ Universal Temple, 11901 S. Ashland Avenue, on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Born December 22, 1946 on Chicago's West Side, Dr. Jackson's first love and lifelong passion was education. She received her Ph.D from



Loyola University and M.A. degrees from both National College of Education and DePaul University. She touched countless lives, beginning her career as an English teacher at her alma

mater, John Marshall High School. She went on to teach at Hyde Park High School, Kennedy King College, and DePaul University.

Dr. Jackson served as vice president, Educational Media and Distance Learning at the City Colleges of Chicago, Kennedy-King from 2007 to 2010. Her dissertation, "The Social Construction of Linguistic Reality: A Case Study Exploring the Relationships among Poverty, Race, and Remediation in an Urban Community College," was formulated from her life's work helping young students in Chicago explore their educational possibilities.

Dr. Jackson was the vice-chairman and chief administrative officer at Chicago-based Central City Productions, the business she helped develop with her lifelong partner and husband Don Jackson, company founder, chairman and CEO. Central City Productions is best known for producing the Stellar Awards. She leveraged her passion for education through her involvement as Research Director and Associate Producer of Black College Quiz and Hispanic College Quiz – two nationally-syndicated television programs developed by Central City Productions.

Beyond her love for edu-

cation, Dr. Jackson remained active in her local community and was committed to public service through her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for which she chaired several committees during her 50-year tenure as an active member. This love for the sorority is shared by her daughter Rhonda, who is an active member today. In celebration of her life and in honor of her beloved Delta Sigma Theta, Dr. Jackson is survived by her beloved husband of 52 years Don, her mother, Rosalie Gray, siblings (Carrie Murphy, Erma Gray Davis (Dan), Calvin Gray (Ruth), her daughter Rhonda Jackson Sams

(Ray), her son Baba Dainja, grandchildren Donovan, Dain, and Riley Rose, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Dr. Jackson's smile will be truly missed by her family and friends who fondly remember her beautiful and loving spirit.

In lieu of flowers, the Jackson family is requesting that donations be sent to:

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

A word in support of music education

(Editor's Note: NDG is giving away tickets to see the musicians Black Violin perform on Friday, March 9 at 9:45 p.m. at Annette Strauss Square.

Music education is important to the talented team, so they often perform for students and campaign for awareness of the importance of music education which is often underfunded in public schools.

For an opportunity to win tickets, become a member of our Facebook community by liking the page and tell us what do you be-



lieve students gain from an opportunity to study music? Below are the responses received via Facebook. Readers can still visit our Facebook page, join the community by liking the page and answer the question for a chance to win tickets.)

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My favorite movie is Sister Act. It was therapeutic and healed hurting children by uplifting a wonderful discovery with words. Poetry Dance Instruments. Keeping music alive and investing in our children future for generations to master and teach one reach for the Stars. Though the gift of music.

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Guest Op-ed: It is time to fix the Texas bail system

By Judge Brandon Birmingham
NDG Guest Contributor

The Texas Constitution is missing something. Let's fix it.

The day after Valentine's, the Texas Constitution turns 141 years old. Ratified in 1876, it is the 5th Constitution in our State's history. We enjoy the right to free speech, the freedom of religion, and the right to a jury trial to name a few. These rights form the foundation of our system, and are enjoyed by everyone. Lawmakers and Judges must follow these commands in every decision, every step of the way.

Since 1876, there have been 666 proposed amendments, 484 of which became law. I say we change those numbers to 667 and 485. Why? Because we need to address a major problem in our criminal justice system: Bail Reform.

Here's what I propose as amendment 667: "A person

otherwise eligible for bail shall not be detained pre-trial solely because of financial inability to pay."

In other words, people should not be in jail awaiting trial simply because they are poor. Should they remain in jail Pre-trial because they are dangerous? Yes. A flight risk? Sure. Poor? No.

Here's what I propose as amendment 667: "A person otherwise eligible for bail shall not be detained pre-trial solely because of financial inability to pay."

It's a simple declaration I think everyone agrees with, even people on opposite sides of the aisle. Take, for example, the Democratic Senator from California, Kamala Harris, and the Republican Senator from Kentucky, Rand Paul. Last summer, they wrote the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act, the goal of which is to make sure people in jail awaiting trial in the Federal System

are not there solely because they are poor.

Even here in Texas, the 6-term Republican Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, Nathan Hecht, supported legislation to make sure people in jail are not there solely because they are poor. He even invited me, an elected Democrat, to be a

and their likelihood to flee?

• How quickly after arrest can we have a bail hearing where the accused is represented by a lawyer and the prosecutor has an opportunity to be heard?

• How can we use technology and staffing instead of the incarceration to ensure a person shows up for court to answer to the charges?

These days, I can't think of much politicians or policy-makers agree on, but this is one, and it's time we took advantage of it. Why? Because jails are made for people we are afraid of as determined by their conduct, not their bank account.

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part of "Team Texas" in October, and travel to Kentucky. We met with Supreme Court Justices, prosecutors, trial court judges and policymakers from all over the Country to learn about bail reform, and how different States are handling these major bail reform issues:

• How do we fairly and objectively determine a person's risk to the community

NFL season marred by controversy

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Columnist

I was thrilled that the Philadelphia Eagles defeated New England in Super Bowl LII. This season, however, I took a complete break from watching the NFL and, as a result, missed the game completely.

While the coup de grace was the exiling of quarterback Colin Kaepernick by the NFL owners, I have to confess that this break has been coming for a while. In 2013, when it was announced that Heisman Trophy winner and former Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos player Tony Dorsett had been diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (a brain disease afflicting many former football players) I took it

very personally. Dorsett and I are the same age and there were ways that I felt as if we were old friends, despite never having met. Watching him on television, year after year, it almost felt as if we had grown up together.

Dorsett's diagnosis brought home the catastrophic side of football, a side that I had both acknowledged and denied for years. But when it afflicted someone with whom I identified, it became very real. It led me to question my choices, including, had I had a son, would I have supported or opposed their playing college and/or professional football?

Of course, the 2017 NFL season confronted an additional crisis with the apparent blacklisting of Colin Kaepernick as a response to his protests against police

brutality and injustice in the Black community. This blacklisting touched a raw nerve for much of Black America. My mother, who can outdo about anyone when it comes to being a football fan, refused to watch any football this season. I was stunned, to be honest, though I knew that she was a staunch supporter of Kaepernick. As far as she was concerned, enough was enough.

I get the feeling that the NFL is standing on the edge of a major crisis. The combination of the injuries—and how the NFL has addressed them—and the protests, into which Donald Trump has intervened, have raised questions about the future of professional football. Are football players to be our so-called gladiators, used up and spit out by a

system flowing in money? Are football players—and other athletes—supposed to be mindless performers who are not entitled to express their views, even when such an expression does not infringe on the rights of others?

These seem to me to be the questions confronting the owners; the National Football League Players Association (the union that represents the players); and the fans. And it is the fans who, unfortunately, regularly tune out on any of the truly burning issues confronting the players on any given Sunday.

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Non-profits offer cancer symposium scheduled for Feb. 17

Cancer is one of the biggest killers in the world. The various forms of cancer account for millions of deaths each year. Even in advanced countries like the U.S., the disease is still a major challenge for health providers. And the local area is certainly not immune.

Dallas is ranked number 3 in the United States for having the highest rate of breast cancer among



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African American women. All too often the support system for African-Americans dealing with cancer is lacking. Two local groups

are seeking to improve awareness of how cancer impacts the community.

On Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

two non-profits - Pretty 'N Pink Dallas and Cancer Support Community North Texas - are partnering to provide a free symposium to provide expert voices, resources and support culturally tailored to African-American women.

This "ask the expert" forum aims to provide practical help to support African-American women facing cancer, as well as survivors and their families.

The event will feature:

- Desiré S. Taylor, Ph.D. - an oncology psychologist at Baylor, who'll talk about the side effects of treatment
- Trent Alexander - a certified anger management specialist at Positive Influ-

ences, who'll address caring for the caregiver

- Genetic counselor - still being confirmed, from UT Southwestern
- Other experts from Cancer Support Community North Texas

Fifteen Parkland nurses among DFW's Great 100

Fifteen registered nurses at Parkland Health & Hospital System are among those being honored as 2018 Dallas/Fort Worth Great 100 Nurses. The program has been celebrating nursing excellence for 28 years, honoring nurses from all practice areas including acute care, sub-acute care, school nursing, nurse leaders, academics and more.

The Parkland RNs earning recognition are: Angel Newman, Celestine Anyanka, Janice Lankford, Joanne Muturi, LuAnn McKee, Phyliss Dyess-Nugent, Robin Harding, Sayda Major, Scott Meyers, BJ Harms, Jean Lovell, Karen Watts, Mercy Alexander, Amarech Messelu and LaShonda Rice.

The Parkland nurses were selected from more than 750 nominations submitted by patients, families, colleagues, teachers and co-workers for the annual award. All the 2018 DFW Great 100 Nurses will be recognized during a reception and dinner on April 18 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

"Parkland nurses personify the compassion, skill and commitment to excellence required in today's professional nursing practice. Their dedication to serving our community is truly inspirational as they seek to support and care for our hundreds of thousands of patients, many with complex and special needs," said Fred Cerise, MD, MPH, Parkland president



Adam Jones / flickr

and CEO. "We are proud of our Great 100 Nurses and grateful for their many contributions to Parkland's patients and to advancing their profession."

"We continuously strive to make Parkland a great place for nurses to work, develop their professional skills and provide excellent patient care. This recognition by Great 100 Nurses honors our team's commitment to making a difference in our community," said

Karen Watts, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer.

The Dallas/Fort Worth Great 100 Nurses awards celebration was founded in 1991. Beth Mancini, PhD, RN, Parkland's former Chief Nursing Officer, was one of the founders who served as chair and emceed the event for 18 years.

When she initiated the local celebration, Dr. Mancini said, "We wanted to present nursing in a positive light and to encourage individuals to consider nursing - the worth of nursing - and to create scholarships so that individuals could go to nursing school and better meet the health-care needs of our community."

nity."

The Great 100 celebration raises the awareness of the contributions of nurses to patient care, research, leadership, education and community service of more than 46,000 nurses practicing in the DFW area. In addition, the celebration builds the image of nursing through positive reinforcement of the profession as a scientific art and the recognition of those who exemplify excellence.

To learn more about how to become a part of Dallas' top nursing team, please visit www.parklandcareers.com. For more information on the Dallas/Fort Worth Great 100 Nurses, visit www.dfw-great100nurses.com.

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Michelle Obama to appear at local forum in March

Women's Foodservice Forum (WFF) announced former First Lady Michelle Obama will join the organization's annual conference, March 4-7 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. She is scheduled to participate at the closing session on Wednesday, March 7.

In its 29th year, WFF's ALDC brings together more than 3,000 food industry professionals, from emerging leaders to C-suite executives. For three days, participants can choose from more than 30 leadership development workshops and listen to more than 50 best-selling authors and leadership experts. The conference convenes representation from more than 200 food industry Fortune 1000 companies that have made a commitment to support the advancement of women leaders.

"We are thrilled that Mrs. Obama will join us and our other esteemed speakers," said Hattie Hill, President & CEO, WFF. "She is a charis-



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matic and inspiring role model that embodies the limitless possibilities that we want women in the food industry to aspire for," added Hill.

"As WFF's incoming Board Chair, I am honored to step into this role at such a historic time in our country, when achieving gender equity has become a spirited national conversation," said Susan Adzick, Senior Vice President of Sales and Strategic Relationships, McLane Foodservice, Inc. "Through our annual conference, we are inspiring women in the food industry to break through barriers and

gain the confidence and competencies to achieve their highest aspirations," added Adzick.

Michelle Robinson Obama served as First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017.

As a transformative First Lady, Mrs. Obama launched and led four key initiatives: Let's Move!, to address the challenge of childhood obesity; Joining Forces, to support veterans, service members and their families; Reach Higher, to inspire young people to seek higher education; and Let Girls Learn, to help adolescent girls around the world go to

school.

Before becoming First Lady, Michelle Obama attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School. She started her career as an attorney at the Chicago law firm, Sidley & Austin, where

she met her future husband, Barack Obama. She later worked in the Chicago mayor's office, the University of Chicago, and the University of Chicago Medical Center. Mrs. Obama also founded the Chicago chapter

of Public Allies, an organization that prepares young people for careers in public service.

The list of speakers and sessions confirmed to date can be found here: <https://aldc.wff.org>.

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Perhaps, the most gratifying part of serving District 6 is celebrating the student and faculty wins along the way. And while countless unheralded victories occur in our classrooms and on our campuses every day, it's important that we pause to acknowledge the ones that manage to surface to the top.

School counselors are often the unsung heroes in

education. Their value is immeasurable, as they provide support to our students and their families, ensuring a healthy and successful learning experience for every child. I'm elated that the tireless efforts of two elementary school counselors in District 6 have been duly noted. Kailee Mitchell, counselor at Maria Moreno, and Rashunda Mendy, counselor at Thomas Tolbert, received the Lone Star State Bronze Award from the Lone Star State School Counseling Association. Both counselors were recognized for their excellence in

advocacy, leadership, collaboration and systemic change.

Another District 6 big stage win goes by the name of Karina Flores. A student at Clinton P. Russell Elementary School, Flores is among the top 18 Dallas ISD spellers who have advanced to the County Spelling Bee. A standout competitor among 138 students from 77 schools, she will compete for a chance to win more than \$50,000 in scholarships and prizes at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. What a wonderful opportunity for District 6 to unite as we root for the suc-

cess of our very own.

And speaking of our own, I want to ease the uncertainty that many District 6 families face due to recent changes to the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Dallas ISD is committed to following the law and providing a high quality education to all students regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, national origin, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, or socioeconomic status. Our top priority is to provide a welcoming and protective environ-

ment for all students and staff.

Looking Ahead

Eleventh graders who attend a Dallas ISD high school will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during the school day on Wednesday, March 7. In preparation, students may access free personalized lessons at satpractice.org. All students are encouraged to take advantage of this resource to improve testing performance and best position themselves for admission to top-choice colleges and scholarship opportunities.

Mark Twain Leadership Vanguard is expanding to fourth through eighth grade magnet campus by 2020. The school is currently accepting applications for grades four through six. The application deadline is February 28. I'd like to invite parents to attend the Information Session and Onsite Application Workshop on Wednesday, February 21 to get questions answered and complete an application. The info session and workshop will be held at the Mark Twain campus located at 724 Green Cove Lane, Dallas, Texas 75232.

DCCCD partners with NXT Fest to help DISD students at free event

Life after the 12th grade can be daunting for any student. But students in Dallas' southern sector can find guidance and support at an upcoming free conference called NXT FEST at Fair Park on Sat., Feb. 17.

The Dallas County Community College District and DCCCD's Las Llaves del Exito program have joined forces with many other area partners for NXT Fest, presented by the State Fair of

Texas and Fair Park. The one-day event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the newly-opened Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center at Fair Park; the address is 1300 Robert B. Collum Blvd. in Dallas. Sign-in and breakfast start at 9 a.m.

The goal of the event is to help public high school students make decisions about college and introduce them to businesses and organizations that can help them build

strong futures.

The conference will provide students with networking opportunities, free breakfast and lunch as well as school supplies. It also will feature empowering speakers, a free clothing boutique for uniforms, financial aid workshops and scholarship information. College representatives will be on hand to provide information and answer questions, too.

"The goal of NXT Fest is

to empower students to help them make the best decisions possible about what they're going to do with their lives after high school," said Molly Bewley, DCCCD's director of outreach. "It's a big step planning what you want to do with your life. The conference will play a role in helping them figure out the

next steps toward their future goals and dreams."

Space is limited, and all students must register in advance. The first 300 students who sign up will be entered in a drawing for tickets to JMBLYA. All students who register and attend must bring their valid DISD ID and enter through Gate 2 for

parking and drop-off.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://big-tex.com/NXTFEST/>

members and their families; Reach Higher, to inspire young people to seek higher education; and Let Girls Learn, to help adolescent girls around the world go to school.

McKinney Public Library offers online continued education classes

The McKinney Public Library System recently expanded its services to offer continuing education units (CEUs) through Universal Class. Through the library's website, patrons can register for more than 500 learning courses in over 30 subject areas accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

All courses are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of the subject matter. Each course includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests,

and options for social media interaction with other learners. Patrons may take up to five classes at a time and learn at their own pace.

From technical courses on computer software and digital photography to accounting and creative writing, a huge range of topics is available. Universal Class offers courses in exercise and fitness, entrepreneurship, arts and music, home and garden care, cooking, computers and technology, health and medicine, homeschooling, job assistance, law and legal, parenting and family, pet and animal care, plus hundreds

more.

"Universal class is a great resource for library members who desire to learn new skills or prepare themselves for careers in specific fields. The online class structure also allows busy students to learn at their own pace and still receive continual feedback from instructors," said Spencer Smith, Director of the McKinney Public Library System.

This free service is accessible to all active library card members. For more information on how to access Universal Class, visit www.mckinneypubliclibrary.org.

A.D. Jenkins founded B.I.G. D.O.G.S. Youth Organization and is serving his second term as Irving ISD School Board Trustee to build unity in our community.

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local media reports have suggested white male incumbents were recruiting female opponents to dilute the vote for women of color who were challenging them in the primaries. Unlike earlier forums, the issue was never brought up during the presentation.

Tapscott has worked in civil law for 20 years and made the case Rosales was unqualified for the office she is seeking. He told the audience that no judge has taken more cases to jury verdict in the past 11 years than him and that as a Democrat he had donated more than \$100,000 to the party during that time. Rosales, who has worked in various areas of law, and has lived in three countries and speaks three languages, delivered a sharp rebuke to that assertion.

"When you practice in one area of the law you develop what's called 'a tunnel vision'," Rosales said. "You can only see one specific area. When I've practiced in family law, in immigration law, in civil law, in criminal and international law - I worked on all kind of cases - I realized that the vision expands when you are able to see that the exercise, or the mechanics of analyzing a case, of researching a case, of proving your case, are the same."

Tapscott referred to Obama in his closing remarks, stating that no one would have voted for him just because he is Black, but because he was "a serious man." He again tried to remind the audience of his loyalty to the party and the level of his donations, but the audience had begun to drown him out.

Following the forum, re-

ports appeared on Facebook claiming Tapscott had addressed the primarily African-American audience as "you people." However, these reports are false.

Board of Education - District 12

Suzanne Smith was the only candidate appearing before the MNP crowd to address the race for the Texas State Board of Education. She is vying for District 12.

"We're talking about a lot of races and a lot of candidates here," Smith said. "But I actually believe that the state Board of Education is the most important thing on the ballot this time."

Smith reminded the audience that the board of education makes decisions on textbooks, which have come under fire in recent years for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is how some have portrayed the historic experience of African Americans. Smith also pointed out that due to the buying power of Texas, school textbooks edited for the demands of this state are also used in other, smaller states.

She is also concerned about the performance of charter schools. Criticized by many, Smith conceded charter schools are a part of the law, but she intends to make sure charter schools meet the same standard required of public schools.

County Criminal Court 3

In the race for Dallas County Criminal Court-of-Law, Symone Redwine and Audrey Moorehead appeared at MNP to address the audience.

Redwine has the payday loan industry in her crosshairs, and is particularly disturbed at what she calls, "using the DA's office as a

personal debt collector," recalling a client she had who encountered difficulties up to and including getting a job because a payday loan agency had filed theft charges on her due to an outstanding debt.

Moorehead told the audience that payday loan cases represent less than 1 percent of the docket in the court, and that bail reform is the most significant issue in the judicial races today. She said defendants need to be evaluated regarding their likelihood to re-offend or as a matter of public safety, and that unnecessarily high bail amounts also lead to difficulty in finding employment.

When asked about their experience in trying cases in court, Moorehead stated, "My very first jury trial was

for aggravated sexual assault of a child, and that was a very difficult trial."

She said she had worked many trials as a second chair and had extensive experience in other court proceedings like motions. She has served as the lead counsel in at least five jury trials.

Redwine countered saying, "I feel like if you can count the number of cases you have done, you haven't done enough," later adding, "I have practiced criminal law in two states."

U.S. House - District 30

Two of the three candidates vying for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 30 were present on Monday, as the forum for that office was rescheduled from an earlier date. Eric Wilson and Barbara Car-

away are challenging incumbent Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson for the seat. Johnson was not present at the forum.

Wilson, a journalist by training, says he considers himself a "geo-political candidate" and points to his far-stretching experience as a strength for his candidacy.

"I've seen the community, I've lived in this community, Dallas is suffering from colonialism, oppression, I've seen it first-hand so no one can deny that fact in my mind," Wilson said. "And now I want to apply some of the things that I've seen as a journalist around the world to try and help heal our community and bridge our community - both Blacks, whites and Hispanics. But we have to do that together."

Caraway says stagnation

in District 30 is among the most challenging of any district in the country and that poverty leads to other ancillary issues. She identified herself with the progressive movement in the party and said she expects to be one of many "new faces" in Congress after the midterm elections.

"Most people have given up but I will not," Caraway said. "Because the issues that we face are very, very real. Mass incarceration, poverty, no infrastructure, no jobs, no transportation system, I'm asking you to send me to Washington to not only make a difference, to make a change."

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The high cost of Dallas' current cash bail system

By Joe Farkus
NDG Contributing Writer

Criminal justice reform has, in recent years, become an unavoidable issue in communities across the United States. For many, these conversations are long overdue and considering the startling statistics regarding issues of justice and criminality, specifically Texas; it serves as no surprise these matters uniquely touch African American communities. According to a U.S. News ranking, Texas currently has the 7th highest incarceration rate in the nation with more than 142,000 inmates housed in the state's prisons. As recently as last year, the state was found to spend more money per day to house inmates sitting behind prison bars than on students sitting behind school desks.

News of a federal judge in Houston ruling against Harris County's bail system, finding its high bail rates for low-level and often non-violent crimes discriminatory toward homeless and low-income offenders back in April of 2017 sparked even greater conversation regarding bail and sentencing reform. Dallas County was sued at the end of January by six defendants sitting in jail facing misdemeanor and felony



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charges; they contend that due to their inability to pay the bail set in their cases, they unfairly remain in custody. Activist organizations have joined the federal lawsuit.

According to the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, more than half of the individuals sitting in a Texas' county jail is in pretrial jail detention – essentially, they are sitting in a cell for a crime for which they have not been tried and convicted. In Dallas County, that number is much higher. Seventy-one percent of the county's jail population is in pretrial status. Nearly 3 out of 4 people in a Dallas County Jail is sitting in that cell presumed innocent. Even Harris County, which has a higher jail population, cannot compete with that number.

So, why is that number so

high? Currently, bond for the average misdemeanor sits around \$500. The number creeps up ever higher the more serious the charge. Many low-income individuals and homeless citizens cannot afford their bail.

The estimated cost to incarcerate pretrial defendants charged with a misdemeanor alone is \$26,432 per day. When you factor in the rest of the pretrial population, the expenses rise to an estimated \$225,321 per day. Over the course of a year, that totals more than \$82 million of taxpayer money per year spent on housing Dallas County's pretrial population behind bars awaiting their day in court. Several Dallas county judges and judicial candidates have ideas on potential ways to fix a broken system.

"The current system is

based on type of offense and criminal history," John Creuzot, a retired judge currently running for Dallas County District Attorney, told the North Dallas Gazette (NDG). "Dallas should screen every arrested individual for risk."

"Risk factors should be threefold," he explained, "Risk to not appear; risk to commit a new crime, and risk to commit a violent offense. These factors are being tested around the country and be adapted to our local needs."

Judge Brandon Birmingham, currently the Presiding Judge of the Felony District Court, told NDG he is pushing for alternatives to the current cash bail system, which he is convinced is "fundamentally unfair to those with no money" and "offends due process." Like Creuzot, he proposes instituting risk assessment in determining bail, in addition to allowing for pre-trial release for those with ties to their community for those deemed as low risk.

Birmingham cites the bipartisan support nationally for such an alternative from elected officials as ideologically diverse as Republican Kentucky Senator Rand Paul and Democratic California Senator Kamala Harris. Both Senators introduced a bipartisan bill, The

Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act of 2017, last year which would incentivize states to enact many of the reforms judges and criminal justice reform advocates like Birmingham and Creuzot support. While cash bail would remain an option, providing alternatives for those who cannot afford the high cost of bail and deemed as a low risk to the community, appears to be a proposal gaining traction.

Despite signs of willingness among elected officials to push for such reforms, re-

sistance remains at the top of government. While the Obama administration supported reforming the criminal justice system (among the issues targeted was bail reform), the current Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, has been a career-long opponent of any changes to the current bail system states like Texas and counties like Dallas currently have. Whether resistance or pressure from the Justice Department will prevent progress on bail reform is yet to be seen.

Freezing temps can't chill Oak Cliff's Mardi Gras spirit...



(At left) Bringing up the end of the parade was a group of bona fide New Orleans musicians, providing tunes for the traditional "second line" to march down Davis St. in Oak Cliff. (Above) Wild costumes and elaborate floats, such as this group from Christ Episcopal Church, are the norm for the elaborate celebration that takes place in Oak Cliff every year. NDG Photos by David Wilfong



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The ladies of *Black Panther* save the day

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Does Black Panther live up to the hype which has been building for months? In a word - yes! There are no noticeable missteps from the acting, the story, the action to the costumes and cinematography. Of course, Chadwick Boseman does fine as the Black Panther (T'Challa), but a little of his thunder is stolen by Michael B. Jordan as his nemesis Erik Killmonger. The list goes on of the men, including the director and co-writer, Ryan Coogler who add to the brilliance of



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Black Panther, but the real stars of the story for me were the women.

I can not recall a movie which has celebrated the in-

telligence, loyalty, and strength of African American women in the way seen in this film. In other movies, they have spotlighted our

resilience, kindness, empathy and how smart we are. But in Black Panther, to be portrayed as the Dora Milaje, warriors dedicated to protecting the king, takes it to another level. For a change, we are not merely the kindhearted, wise friend or housekeeper. But having the women in this position of power reflects a different worldview of how women, in general, are seen, and undoubtedly for African American women.

Only time will tell how seeing powerful women such as Okoye (Danai Gurira) leading an elite military team or a tech genius

such as the young princess Shuri (Letitia Wright) will shape how the way little Black girls see themselves and what they can become.

Another winning formula in this movie is the celebration of Africa and African culture. Wakanda, the fictional African country, is a place you want to visit and experience. How many times have you seen a movie showcases anywhere in Africa portrayed as a potential travel destination? Go ahead and name one, I will wait?

Finally, the deliberate process Ruth E. Carter used in designing the costumes

in Black Panther adds to the richness of the film.

Carter in earlier interviews has shared that ancient African tribes inspired the outfits of the different tribes. Carter said she drew inspiration from the leatherwork of South Africa, the reds and golds used by the Maasai tribe and much more. But Carter also did not want to make these women female versions of male warriors; their beauty is never diminished.

Bottomline, there are so many reasons to see this movie - it is a film and cultural experience not to miss.

Thurgood brings history to life

By D. Prescott
NDG Guest Contributor

Thurgood, on stage at Bishop Arts Theatre, is a one-man production spotlighting the career and thoughts of a Black history legend. George Stevens, Jr. wrote the play with Selmore Haines III bringing to life the words of the vaulted lawyer. His delivery captivated the audience from the moment Haines stepped on stage and brings the legend to life.

While many are aware of the career of Marshall, who through his leading the case of Brown v. The Board of Education helped to change

the American landscape forever with the desegregation of public schools. He went on to serve as the first African American U.S. Solicitor General and later Supreme Court Justice in the United States. Unfortunately, these two facts are the extent that most of us know about Marshall. Through the efforts of Stevens and Haines, audiences leave feeling like they finally know a little more about the man himself.

One of the scenes particularly moving was Thurgood's reflections on how felt about being called the N-word, sharing why he was so upset by the word. We also

discover that while he respected Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he did not always share the same viewpoint.

The legend becomes more of a real man the audience can relate to as the story of the tragic loss of his first wife and child unfolds. But Marshall was able to find love again, and together they had two sons who would be what he remained very proud of throughout his life.

Thurgood is on stage at Bishop Arts Theatre through Feb. 28; tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door. For performance times and tickets, visit bishopartstheatre.org.

Kevin Hart returns to Dallas in October

Kevin Hart has announced he is expanding 'The Kevin Hart Irresponsible Tour,' adding over 100 new dates across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and Asia. Produced by Live Nation, the new dates will kick off March 23 in Baltimore, MD. Dallas fans will have a chance to enjoy the show on Oct. 26 at the American Airlines Center. Tickets are available at LiveNation.com.

2017 was a banner year

for Hart, his memoir I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons debuted at Number One on the New York Times Best-seller list and remained on the list for ten consecutive weeks.

The book also topped records on the Audible platform, selling over 100,000 copies in the first five weeks. Earlier in the year Hart voiced a title character in Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie. To close 2017, Kevin appeared in the

Sony reboot of the classic film Jumanji alongside Dwayne Johnson and Jack Black. Jumanji has been Kevin's highest grossing box office release to date, the movie has made over \$800 million worldwide.

Hart's newest business venture is his digital platform the LOL NETWORK - Laugh Out Loud, the comedy brand and multi-platform network founded by Hart in partnership global content leader Lionsgate.

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Nissan announces collaboration with Disney's 'A Wrinkle In Time'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nissan North America today announced its collaboration with Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures for its forthcoming film “A Wrinkle in Time” based on the classic 1962 novel by Madeleine L’Engle. The film’s star-studded cast includes Oprah Winfrey, Mindy Kaling, Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine and Storm Reid, and hits theaters on March 9.

“This epic adventure which takes audiences across dimensions of time and space depicts a world where intergalactic travel is possible,” said Jeremy Tucker, vice president, Marketing Communications & Media, Nissan North America. “It’s fitting that the all-new Nissan LEAF, equipped with Nissan’s latest advanced technologies, makes an appearance in the film. Nissan is proud to support “A Wrinkle in Time” as well as its cast and director who are working to imagine



tomorrow, today.”

2018 Nissan LEAF to appear in “A Wrinkle in Time”

Science and breakthrough technologies play an important role in “A Wrinkle in Time.” Nissan is the world leader of electric vehicle sales, selling more than 300,000 units since its first introduction in 2010. As the halo vehicle for Nissan Intelligent Mobility, it was a natural tie-in for the all-new Nissan LEAF to be in the film.

The all-new 2018 Nissan LEAF further strengthens Nissan’s position as the global leader in zero emis-

sion electric vehicles (EV). The best-selling electric car of all time has been completely reinvented for its second generation, combining greater range with a dynamic new design. The new Nissan LEAF also comes with Nissan’s latest advanced technologies, including e-Pedal and ProPILOT Assist, to create the ultimate EV package.

Nissan is also working with Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures and the film’s director, Ava DuVernay, to promote the “Searching for the Next Visionary Filmmaker.” The contest seeks to inspire in-

novative directors – especially female filmmakers – to step up and share their voice. To enter, aspiring directors ages 18 and up must submit a two-minute video showcasing their journey as a filmmaker.

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One lucky winner will receive \$100,000 from Nissan to create their own film, a trip to Hollywood to attend the world premiere of “A Wrinkle in Time” and meet with DuVernay, plus an all-new Nissan LEAF. Visit www.AWITFilmChallenge.com to submit your video and to access official contest rules*. Contest ends February 2.

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“Nissan is committed to storytelling that makes a difference and this opportunity to help the filmmakers of tomorrow aligns with this commitment,” Tucker noted.

Nissan “Forward Faster Class” celebrating Black History Month

Ava DuVernay is the first woman of color to direct a live-action film with a production budget over \$100 million. To celebrate other visionary African Americans, Nissan and DuVernay are rolling out the “Forward Faster Class.” This series of digital video vignettes will feature the insights of forward-thinking African American influencers sharing their tips for other self-starters looking to blaze a path to success. These vignettes will debut in mid-February during Black History Month on Nis-

sanUSA.com.

“For Nissan, Black History Month represents the opportunity to celebrate African history and history makers while keeping an eye on what’s yet to come,” says Lanae Jackson, Nissan’s Multicultural Marketing Manager. “The ‘Forward Faster Class’ does just that.”

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Access to safe, decent and affordable housing threatened

By Charlene Crowell

(NNPA) In recent days, threats to the nation's housing finance system have emerged. At the center of the controversy are two key issues: the obligation of mortgage lenders to ensure broad mortgage credit for all credit-worthy borrowers, and secondly, whether the nation will enforce its own laws banning unlawful discrimination.

On February 2, a leaked Senate proposal to overhaul the secondary mortgage market's government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, would drop important access and affordability provisions that now govern the system. For example, the GSEs now are required to always serve all markets, as well as have in place affordable housing goals.

The proposal from U.S. Senators Bob Corker (TN) and Mark Warner (VA) was quickly and unanimously rejected by a broad coalition of civil rights and housing advocates that included: the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, NAACP, UnidosUS (formerly the National Council of La Raza), National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, National Fair Housing Alliance, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, National Urban League, and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL).

"Ten years after the 2008 Housing Crisis, it is disheartening to turn the secondary mortgage market back over to Wall Street," wrote the coalition. "Who can forget the 7.8 million completed home foreclosures and trillions of dollars in lost family wealth?"

"Many American still face immense housing challenges," the leaders continued. "This ill-conceived approach places the risk on the backs of hardworking fami-

lies who already rescued the big banks."

The draft legislation also fell short for Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, a member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

"I appreciate the dedication Senators Warner and Corker have shown to address this critical issue, but this draft isn't even close to a solution that works for families who hope to buy homes, said Warren. "This bill would end up creating more problems than it solves."

As early as 2008, Congress moved swiftly to enact the Housing and Economic Recovery Act. This bipartisan legislation provided strong regulatory oversight of the housing finance system and brought forward important affordable housing goals to ensure that hard-working families would be able to access mortgage loans. But with

the housing market's lengthy path to recovery, many have renewed calls for legislative reform of Fannie and Freddie. And just as the GSEs are now pledged to serve the entire market, some want to take away the system's access and affordability requirements. That kind of change would harm Black families and communities, as well as other low-wealth families.

"The big-ticket items that we are looking for is the national duty-to-serve and affordable housing goals that have a regulator able to enforce those," said Scott Astrada, CRL's Director of Federal Advocacy.

Days later, on February 5, Mick Mulvaney, the White House hand-picked Acting Director for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) announced he would move the Bureau's staff for its Office of Fair Lending and Equal Oppor-

tunity (OFLEO) directly under his control.

The Dodd-Frank Act mandates that OFLEO perform "oversight and enforcement of federal laws to ensure the fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory access to credit"

By moving fair lending experts to the CFPB's Director's office, to focus instead on consumer education and coordination, there are real concerns that the OFLEO will be unable to perform its enforcement and oversight mission.

"This action could open up the floodgates on lending discrimination, which would damage the ability for people of color to build

wealth," noted Debbie Goldstein, CRL's Executive Vice President. "One of the reasons the CFPB was established was because lending discrimination targeted people of color with predatory, high-cost loans that led to foreclosures."

Mulvaney's personnel shift is yet another consistent sign that the nation's financial cop-on-the-beat is walking a new patrol

Since assuming unlawful leadership at CFPB, Mulvaney has also dropped a lawsuit against predatory payday lenders, supported repeal of the Bureau's auto lending guidance that took direct aim at pervasive and discriminatory practices.

He has also made clear his plans to reopen rulemaking under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA).

HMDA is a federal law that requires most financial institutions to provide mortgage data to the public. It ensures that mortgage lenders are serving the credit needs of communities in which they are located. The annual HMDA report is the only comprehensive one that enables a comparison of private mortgage lending compared to that of government-backed mortgages like FHA, VA and USDA. This report is also unique for its tracking of mortgage

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First Baptist Church Garland celebrates 150th anniversary

On March 8, 1868, 16 members of the Duck Creek community officially organized Antioch Baptist Church. That small congregation eventually grew into what is now First Baptist Church of Garland, which will celebrate 150 years of worshipping Jesus Christ and serving God's purpose with a special weekend of music, praise and fellowship Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, 2018. Members past and present, as well as visitors, are encouraged to join the celebration.

Saturday, March 3 will feature FBCG's music ministry, including the orchestra, choirs, handbells and pipe organ. Directors, members and accompanists past and

present will rehearse that morning and present a concert at 1:30 p.m. The concert will be followed by a reception in the McDonald Activity Center.

All services on Sunday, March 4 will include special music and recognition. The various church ministries will host a Meet & Greet receptions from 3 to 5 p.m. throughout the church facility. Each reception will feature memorabilia displays, photo albums and special guests.

Senior Pastor Dr. Greg Ammons says, "For 150 years, God has blessed and used this congregation to impact the community and area. Just two years after its inception, the church got out-

side of its own walls and reached out into the area by forming Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Today, through the Friendship House, Hope Clinic, and other ministries, the First Baptist Church of Garland continues to impact the community and beyond. It is a church with a tremendous heritage. God has certainly been faithful."

Historic Overview

Antioch Baptist Church first met in a schoolhouse on Duck Creek. As its membership grew, the congregation built a new building near the current location of Central Park, and eventually moved to what is now Glenbrook Drive and Avenue D in 1890.

In 1904, the congregation

split over ongoing differences, creating a second congregation called First Baptist Church. The two churches stood yards apart. Their leadership and members continued to work together on many issues. By 1915, the two churches reunited to become Garland Baptist Church and combined their resources.

As Garland grew, so did the possibility of additional Baptist churches. Garland Baptist Church officially became First Baptist Church of Garland on Oct. 9, 1946. The current worship center was dedicated in 1953. Additional structures were added to house Sunday School and other activities in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The

next major expansion came in 1980 when the educational facilities were completed and a chapel, office suite and music suite were added.

The worship center was renovated and a beautiful pipe organ was added. The McDonald Activity Center was completed in 1996.

While the physical facilities grew, so did the church's outreach and ministries. FBCG now holds three Sunday morning worship services in English with one additional service in Spanish. Bible study is available during two sessions each Sunday for all age groups.

Today, FBCG has a membership of more than 3200, with vibrant ministries to

help our members grow in their faith and serve the Lord with excellence.

The vision of First Baptist Church of Garland states that their goal is to glorify God as a loving, welcoming community of faith, mobilized to engage all cultures and generations of

Garland and the surrounding area while leading them to become followers of Jesus, encouraging their growth toward spiritual maturity and sending them out to impact the world in Jesus' name.

For more information about the 150th anniversary celebration, visit www.fbc-garland.org or call 972-276-7194.

The Home Depot announces the 2018 Retool Your School grant program for HBCUs

(Black PR Wire) Atlanta, GA, January 29, 2018—The Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer, today announced its 2018 Retool Your School

Grant Program. Now, in its ninth year, the program awards accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) grants to use toward creat-

ing sustainable renovations and additions to their campuses.

The Home Depot has awarded \$1.8 million to HBCUs since the program

launched in 2009.

Schools seeking to participate in the contest can enter in either of two ways.

1. A nomination process for HBCU faculty, staff, stu-

dents and community supporters to nominate their HBCU to participate in the program via Twitter and/or Instagram using the school's sponsor-provided hashtag,

which can be found at retoolyourschool.com. Accredited HBCUs with a minimum of 100 nomina-

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Feb. 21 Medical City

If you specialize in L&D, NICU, Antepartum, Mother Baby/ Couplet Care or other women's care, Medical City Hospital is seeking staff at their new Women's Hospital, opening this spring. They provide care for women at all stages, from gynecological needs to labor and delivery to menopause management. The job fair details are:

Medical City Children's Hospital Atrium (In Person Event), 7777 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75230, Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Virtual Chat Event - Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Feb. 22 DPSG Hiring Event

The National Black MBA Association's DFW Chapter has teamed up with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group (DPSG) for a unique recruiting experience. Anyone looking to join a diverse team and make a splash with your career, sign up for an on-de-

mand video interview with DPSG potentially secure an interview on-site. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. at 5301 Legacy Dr. in Plano.

Here are the steps:

- The DPSG Recruiting team will review and evaluate 100% of the submitted videos
- Strong candidates for current/upcoming opportunities will be shared with hiring managers
- DPSG will reach out for an opportunity to secure an on-site interview on February 22!

Everyone is welcome to attend for an informational session on Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. For more details visit Eventbrite.

DFW Job Fair

DFW Airport Job Fair will be hosted by ABM Aviation in Irving on Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. – Noon at their location at 4425 W. Airport Freeway, Ste. 220. Anyone interested in attending are

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March 5 Military Hiring Event

A free hiring event for veterans, transitioning military personnel, National Guard members, reserve members and spouses is scheduled for March 5. The seminar kicks off at 10 a.m.

"Ready, Aim, Hired: How to Make Sure Your Civilian Job Search Hits the Target -- Using Technology to Get the Right Job Faster" and is presented by MyComputerCareer. It will be held at AT&T Stadium located at One AT&T Way in Arlington.

This seminar is intended to show job seekers how to work smarter to secure interviews. Learn how to prepare a job search system that will create a list of target employers and how to connect with these employers to secure interviews.

Register separately for the seminar at rmvets.com/mcc_dallas18.

March 7 Sales & Management Career Fair

Dallas Professional Career Event - Sales & Management Specific will be hosted by HireLive on March 7 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to interview face to face with 15+ Fortune 500 and Industry Leading companies seeking talented, experienced and enthusiastic sales, retail and management candidates.

The job fair will be held at Sheraton Dallas Hotel by the Galleria at 4801 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway in Dallas. Parking for 2-4

hours will cost \$5. Email Your Resume To: 17947-21-mh2006@apply.max-hire.net.

March 21 Diversity Hiring Event

The 18th Annual Diversity Employment Day Career Fair features employers seeking a diverse and inclusive staff. This event is free and open to the public 18 years of age and older. Multicultural/Bilingual, People with Disabilities, Women, LGBT, Veterans and Mature candidates are encouraged to attend.

The positions available run the gamut from entry to professional level for companies such as Union Pacific, LKCM Radio Group, Citibank, FedEx Ground, the FBI and more. Interested applicants can visit facebook.com/CityCareerFair to register for the event at the Holiday Inn Conference Center at 6055 LBJ Frwy. in Dallas from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

February 21, 7 p.m.
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette, Minister Brenda Patterson, and others conducting a new study on the book of

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February 21
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February 18, 10 a.m.
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ship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory; and don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

February 21, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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tions will thenqualify to enter the voting period.

2. Schools may accept the nomination or opt-in to the program via the nomination application link found in the eBlast to each of the school's President and Point of Contact. Within the nomination application, a school administrator must provide primary contact information and official school logo to be included on the website for voting.

Nominations must be

submitted between January 29, 2018 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) EST and February 22, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST, to enter the voting period.

Voting begins February 26, 2018 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and ends April 15, 2018 at 11:59pm.

During the voting period, there are two ways to vote.

1. Votes can be cast an unlimited number of times online at www.retooly-ourschool.com

2. Use your school's

unique, designated hashtag to cast unlimited social votes through Twitter and Instagram (hashtags can be found at retooly-ourschool.com).

Nine schools receiving the highest number of votes during the voting period will advance to the final round and submit their campus improvement project proposals. A panel of distinguished judges will evaluate each school's proposal.

Judges will consider the quality of each proposal and the school's ability to exe-

cute the project within the specified budget. Proposals for all three grant levels must highlight how each project will make a lasting, positive impact on the HBCU campus.

A total of \$360,000 will be granted to the nine HBCUs with winning proposals. The schools will be categorized in one of three clusters, based on each school's student population. Each cluster will have three winners vying for one \$50,000, one \$40,000 and one \$30,000 grant.

Church Happenings is a weekly calendar of religious services produced by the North Dallas Gazette. To make additions or corrections to the calendar, contact: religion@northdallasgazette.com

Black History Month



Send email to: businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com to sign up for Sister Tarpley's weekly electronic newsletter.

Note: At the Annual Black History Program at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Christopher Hunter talked about and showed a video of his dissertation; The History of Black Churches Architectural Designs. And, more Black History facts below:

Robert R. Taylor, a Black architect, was born in 1868 in Wilmington, NC, he came from a middle-class family. His father, Henry, was the son of a White slave owner and a Black mother.

The elder Taylor had been allowed to go into business for himself before the Civil War, building cargo ships for trade routes between the United States and South America through the Caribbean.

He also built many commercial and residential edifices. Young Taylor's early schooling took place at the Williston School and the Gregory Institute, a school for Blacks operated and maintained by the American Missionary Association.

After graduating, he

worked in his father's building trade business with his sights on Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

He was admitted to the regular freshman class on September 23, 1888, although a couple of years older than the average freshman because of his work with his father.

Taylor was one of a handful of students from the South. Even the southern Whites encountered prejudice but Blacks even more so.

Few Blacks were part of the MIT community in its early years, even though founder, William Barton Rogers, had shown a keen interest in issues relating to race.

Taylor's record at MIT during the four years he attended, 1888-1892, was above the class average; he earned honors in trigonometry, architectural history, differential calculus, and applied mechanics, he never failed a course.

He was twice recommended for the Loring Scholarship, which he held for two consecutive academic years.

Taylor was the first Black person to receive an architecture degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

After graduation, he married Nellie C. Taylor and worked as an architect and educator at Tuskegee Institute nearly until the

end of his career.

Taylor designed most buildings at Tuskegee built before 1932, including the original Chapel and the li-

brary, between the years 1899-1902.

For a short period, he was employed by a Cleveland architectural firm. Some believe he had disagreements at Tuskegee with the dictatorial style of Booker T. Washington.

Though he could have been better employed elsewhere, he retired from Tuskegee in 1935.

Throughout his life, Taylor retained a deep respect for MIT. In 1942, he wrote to the secretary of his MIT class indicating that he had just been re-

leased from treatment for an unspecified illness at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

"Thanks to a kind Providence and skillful physicians," he said, "I am much better now." Taylor lived his life as one of faith to his race.

Taylor collapsed and died on December 13, 1942 while attending services in the Tuskegee chapel that he had designed and considered his outstanding achievement as an architect.



Robert Robinson Taylor becomes 38th Honoree into Black Heritage Stamp Series on February 12, 2015

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NDG Book Review: *Dear Martin* is one not to miss

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

What if your entire future was mapped out for you?

All you'd have to do is show up, keep your nose clean and your mouth shut. But what if you couldn't? What if the color of your skin had some bearing on it, and your outrage and need for understanding made you speak up? As in the new novel, "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone, WWMLKD?

It was supposed to have been a nice thing.

When Justyce McAllister saw his ex-girlfriend, Melo, next to her car, drunk and half-dressed, he knew there was no way she could drive



herself home and he wasn't about to leave her in that neighborhood. She hollered when he took her keys. She smacked him as he poured her into the passenger's seat, which was nothing compared to what happened

when the cops stopped and cuffed him, thinking that he was hurting Mel, whose skin was more light than Black.

He'd never forget the feel of those cuffs, which led him to a search for understanding through the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. Justyce felt that if he could live like Martin, he might be able to tolerate things like being guilty until proven innocent because of his race.

He might also be able to withstand guys like Jared, who was in Justyce's debate class. From his head to his toes, Jared was racist, hiding behind fake equality in

his pathetic arguments and complaints about reverse discrimination.

Couldn't everybody see through people like that?

No, Manny couldn't. Manny was Justyce's best friend but he was Jared's friend, too, which was something Justyce couldn't understand. He didn't get why Manny agreed with Jared's comments or why he hung out with Jared's crowd. Manny was Black. He had a cousin who was gang-banging but he stayed friends with a fool.

No matter. Justyce had his own issues and he wondered what Martin would do. Surely, Dr. King would-

n't stay quiet about racial profiling. Would Martin fall for a white girl? And this: Martin chose to be nonviolent, but what about everybody else?

What can you say about a book that surprises, gives you goosebumps, makes you happy, and then makes you sad? If it's "Dear Martin," you say, "Yes, please."

Through an observant narrator and the spot-on voice of a teenage boy, author Nic Stone takes national news and gently twists it into a believable tale that's smooth and somewhat unruffled until - bam! - Stone drops a gigantic stone into the story. If

you haven't fallen for her perfectly-created characters by that point, she'll have your compete attention there.

What happens next, and next after that, is unexpected - don't even try to guess - and it'll have you turning pages. Indeed, you'll absolutely need to know how this tale ends and how a man who's been dead nearly five decades impacted it.

This may be one of the most truthful, chilling novels your teenager may read this winter, but you need to find it anyway. "Dear Martin" is a winner, and what if you miss it...?

MediBookr launches mobile app for healthcare provider shopping

MediBookr, the online healthcare guidance and analytics platform, has announced the launch of its mobile app platform that guides employees in exploring medical services and assisting them in making informed decisions when seeking best-value providers.

"Consumers today want better resources to compare healthcare options specific to their needs, insurance, and budget," said Sunny Nadolsky, CEO of MediBookr. "Therefore, we have developed an innovative platform for consumers to search and select services directly from their mobile de-

vice. We are excited to offer this extension from the existing online platform so members can search while on the go."

The MediBookr app is a free service for employees of organizations that have chosen to include MediBookr with their medical benefits package. It assists

members in navigating the complex network of healthcare providers and processes by providing easy access to a broad network of providers in their preferred location, the ability to review both insurance and cash bundle rates, and compare quality provider ratings. In addition, this all-in-one platform al-

lows patients to book and track their appointments directly from the app to ensure they are saving time and money.

Furthermore, the app integrates real-time feedback from select sources to provide real patient experiences that can help members find the best suited provider and

ensure they have a positive experience. After receiving services, members can then easily rate their own experience via the app for others. Members can access the mobile platform by downloading the app to their smartphone by searching "MediBookr" in the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.

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As 2018 commemorates

the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, we must remain vigilant in the fight for access to safe and affordable mortgage loans - for many

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With hard-fought anti-discrimination laws now under assault, this generation has a duty to protect and defend all civil rights

laws. Failure to do so would be to forget that the nation enacted the 1968 Fair Housing Act for this very purpose.

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