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# Attention turns to Dallas ISD school board races in May

By David Wilfong  
NDG Contributing Writer

On the eve of the primary election to decide legislative and judicial nominees for the upcoming general, attention turned to candidates lining up for May's school board elections at Monday Night Politics presented by the *Dallas Examiner* at the African American Museum in Fair Park. The series has been ongoing since January.

On March 5, three of the four candidates hoping to gain or keep the District 9 seat on the Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) Board of Trustees met in the auditorium of the museum to face an early audience in their 2018 run.

District 9 centers around the southern sector of Dallas. It includes under-performing schools, economically-disadvantaged, and a large minority population. It also exists within a school district that is facing economic hardship across the board, and a recent controversial decision regarding tax options for improvement.

Bernadette Nutall is the incumbent candidate in the race, first elected in 2009. She was joined onstage Monday night by two of her three challengers; Edward Turner and Justin Henry. Nutall says she runs first and foremost as a district mother, which is also her greatest commitment to the district. She is critical of school board



Both Edward Turner (left) and Justin Henry (right) are looking to claim the seat of incumbent Bernadette Nutall (center) as the District 9 Trustee at the Dallas Independent School District. The three candidates faced the Monday Night Politics audience on March 5. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

members who choose private school for their children.

Nutall points to programs already in place in her district, such as early college programs, culinary arts programs and recent approvals for innovative STEAM campuses as examples of moving Dallas ISD forward. She also criticizes past school board decisions for leaving some of her schools "playing catch-up."

"When we look at the last five years under the last administration we are reaping the bad things, of those bad decisions and those bad policies that happened within their board," Nutall said. "The TEI (Teacher Excellence Initiative) is one of those

policies that we are reaping now in District 9."

Turner comes from a background in finance, and grew up in the district, graduating from Madison before leaving the area to pursue his career. He relocated back to Dallas in 2009 and said he took notice of educational shortfalls in his home district at that time. He takes exception to what he says are beneficial school programs that seem to be more plentiful in other parts of the city.

"There are pockets in our district where there is a lot of opportunity, then you have other places where

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## Derrick D. Reed

Author, Business Coach, and Motivational Speaker, Derrick D. Reed has now released his new book titled Mind Set Go. In this riveting, new release, Derrick sets out to reignite and help people identify the need for wholeness and the steps to walk through in achieving it. He boldly empowers people to ignore pessimists who suggest "it can't be done" and reveals a positive, practical and strategic approach people need to follow in realizing their biggest dreams. Boasting a track record of success in his business coaching, the author applies his coaching



techniques to expose individuals to the fact that they cannot change the events that have occurred in the past. But they, however, have all the power in them to rewrite the wrongs and create a wonderful future.

The book, Mind Set Go,

will walk readers through simple principles on how to live a renewed life existence; focus on honesty, transparency, forgiveness, and self-care. It motivates to the third power and easily takes readers on a spiritual journey deep within their mind, body, heart, and soul. It is an honest perspective of life consciousness that inspires people to move forward, do more, and be more simply because they can. The book is a worthy investment to the soul with an awesome return of peace and fulfillment. Simply put, it is the roadmap to finding the real you!

Mind Set Go is an amazing and powerful book and is meant to bring about aware-

ness and to encourage millions of people to rise and have a feeling of life experience," said Derrick D. Reed, author of the book. "It is a must read because it will motivate and inspire you into being proactive, and to obtain self-motivation & understanding which portray who you are, what you think, and what you want to achieve."

In the book, Derrick reveals how to challenge the old paradigms and perspective and ways to secure the better life waiting on the other side. It is all about willpower, pure passion and purpose fulfillment. Mind Set Go is available online at [www.mindsetgobook.com](http://www.mindsetgobook.com). The website also offers the

chance to get in contact with the author through his media platform.

Derrick D. Reed, is an Author, Business Coach, and a Motivational Speaker. He's the CEO/Founder of His Image Barber Lounge in the Westside area of Wilmington, DE and the President of Delaware's Board of Cosmetology and Barbing at the Department of Professionals Regulations in Dover Delaware. As an Author, Derrick helps to instill in people passion, purpose, power, vision and drive to achieve sustainable results. He's passionate about writing, leading and guiding people to find a fulfilled, happy and purposeful passion in life. Derrick is

the author of the book Mind Set Go. The book is his first publication and has been instrumental in restructuring and positioning positive mindset in the life of every individual.

Derrick's Philosophy and Motto is "When We Know Better, We Grow Better", is the constant theme that has helped him overcome every test he has faced in life with a mission to create a new culture of peace, lovely brotherhood and enlightenment to the youth to grow from project to progress.

The book Mind Set Go is available at [www.mindsetgobook.com](http://www.mindsetgobook.com), Amazon.com, Kindle etc.

## Michelle Ballasiotes

The American Heart Association, the world's leading voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke, is awarding financial scholarships to six students who are working to improve the health and well-being of their community or college campus.



According to research conducted by the Mayo Clinic, 40 percent of an individual's health can be attributed to socioeconomic factors, 30 percent to healthy behaviors, 20 percent to medical care and 10 percent to the environ-

ment. That's why the Association collaborates with organizations, businesses, entrepreneurs, and now youth, to create and identify solutions to our communities' most complex social issues,

ultimately impacting and improving health outcomes.

Through the EmPOWERED To Serve Scholars competition, which launched in January in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the National Day of Service, the Association sought high school seniors and undergraduate college and university students who are actively striving to identify solutions to address the social determinants of health -- the economic and social conditions in which people are born, grow, work and live -- and how they impact risks for heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure.

From a high school senior

who provides nutrition education to local youth to a future family nurse practitioner who conducts community-organized wellness checks, the six students who will receive \$1,500 scholarships include:

- Ahmed Arasah aspires to become a physician and promote healthy living through community yoga instruction and will offer sessions to his classmates at Xavier University in New Orleans this spring.

- Michelle Ballasiotes is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying pre-health policy and management and advocates for corner grocery store

owners to sell fresh, healthy foods.

- Jose Trinidad Muratella studies biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago and spends his volunteer time at the Community Health Clinic teaching diabetes education courses.

- Avery Nelson, a freshman studying public policy at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., helped launch an urban garden where families living in food deserts can harvest fresh fruit.

- Esmeralda Ochoa has her sights set on a family nurse practitioner career, and in between her studies at Chamberlain University in Addison, Ill., partners with the Na-

tional Association of Hispanic Nurses to coordinate and conduct community wellness checks.

- Dorysel Sandoval, a senior at Sweetwater High School in National City, Calif., who interns and volunteers at a local nonprofit teaching youth in the community about urban agriculture and nutrition education.

The scholarship competition is part of the Association's Take Me Home video docuseries campaign, which leverages the collective stories of our ambassadors, alliances and communities as catalysts to rally, inspire and

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## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Black Violin

Thank you for the opportunity. My niece and I had a great time. She is into music and theater and I like reminiscing about my band years.

- Armando Quiroz  
NDG ticket winner

### Concerns regarding Uplift's political involvement

No surprise that Uplift Charter Schools (largest charter network in Dallas) is getting involved in elections for Dallas trustees. The irony of their action is the board members for Charter schools are selected not elected. Now

why would they be meddling in public school elections.

Maybe it's because Todd Williams of Commit has a charter school named after him (Williams) and is a former board member for Uplift. His wife now serves on the Uplift board and he has been appointed to the State School Finance Committee or maybe it's because Dustin Marshall is a former Uplift board member.

Please connect the dots, they want new Negroes that they can manipulate. They have an agenda and it is not about educating all children. Just look at the

expensive propositions they have presented to DallasISD like Mike Miles, TEI, ACE, etc.

I continue to advocate for keeping Trustee Bernadette Nutall on the board for District 9. There is no other government entity where the elected African Americans are working so closely together.

- Joyce Foreman  
via Facebook

### Millenials Have An Entrepreneurial Mindset

Tips for getting started with your own business from College Works Paint-

ing's co-founder @MattK-Stewart on @NDGEditor - @CollegeWorksPainting via Twitter

### Black Ink celebrates Black literature

"Reading is a superpower, in Solomon Northup's essay; and an old friend, with Roxane Gay. Words feel playful, with Colson Whitehead; and like precious gems with Maya Angelou."

- @Mariamtatar  
via Twitter

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# Guest Opinion: The importance of voting

By Congresswoman  
Eddie Bernice Johnson

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to the voters of the 30th Congressional District who cast their votes for me during the recent Democratic primary election. Please know that I will continue to be a principled and fierce advocate on your behalf in Washington.

I will work to ensure that all Americans receive affordable healthcare, that Medicare and Medicaid are protected, that senior citizens and children are treated fairly and that our nation adopts sensible and responsible firearms legislation.

Ever since I became your elected representative in Washington, DC, I have felt a sacred obligation to do the best that I could to safeguard and promote your interests in the United States House of Representatives. It has not always been easy, but I have persevered because I have believed in each of you and you have believed in me.

We live in very serious times which require the commitment of very serious people who are willing to make personal sacrifices for the common good. You have supported me, and I want you to know that you can count on me to protect your interests, and those of your

While the figures are encouraging, we must remember that voting is a privilege. The history of our country is laced with the heroic sacrifices of those who lost their lives in the noble struggle to win voting rights for all people.

In the general election this

Restrictive voter identification laws have been passed by many state legislatures, including Texas, whose members are unsettled by progressive and people-centered politics.

We must not allow these legislators to win. Their objective is to take America backwards. To defeat them, we must vigilantly exercise the right to vote, and fully participate in all elections.

Many of those who marched and were physically beaten to win voting rights are no longer with us. They competed their historical duties by demanding that they, and those that followed them, be allowed the right to vote.

Now is the time for those who remain to honor the memories of those who came before us. We must continue to vote, and to urge others to do so.

In years to come history will herald the rightness of our cause. And those that follow us will applaud our example.

*“Their objective is to take America backwards. To defeat them, we must vigilantly exercise the right to vote, and fully participate in all elections.”*

families.

In North Texas, the 2018 primary witnessed an increase in the number of people that decided to exercise their duty to vote. During the past four years, the number of voters in our party has doubled.

This is a tremendous achievement for our country, our state and our nation.

fall, it would be more than fitting if all of us encouraged those who did not participate in the primary to vote for those whom they would like to represent them in the chambers of government.

Looking across our country, we must realize that there is an assault on the rights of minorities, seniors and young people to vote.

# Nevertheless, she persisted

By Tameika Vaxter

In light of the #MeToo and Time’s Up movements, 2018 has been dubbed the year of the female. The year that females are taking an active stand against inequalities and issues that have been ongoing and unnoticed for far too long.

Given this heightened awareness, this year’s Women’s History Month will hold more meaning than it ever has before.

“Nevertheless She Persisted” serves as the theme for this year’s month-long celebration that acknowledges and recognizes those females who fight for all forms of discrimination against women, according to The National Women’s History Project, the leading organization and resource for women’s history.

But as we fight, we must stay focused and committed to fighting for change not only for ourselves, but our



Aritra Sen / Flickr

future selves – the next generation of female leaders.

The dictionary defines persisted as continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or a course of action in spite of difficulty, opposition or failure. During Women’s History Month, we need to be mindful of those females who persisted to make a difference, such as:

- Tarana Burke - #MeToo founder who encouraged women to raise their voices and speak out about sexual violence and harassment;
- The young female gymnasts sexually abused by

Larry Nassar – for having the courage to face their accuser and recount the sexual abuse they experienced; and

- The co-chairs of the January 2018 Women’s March (Tamika Mallory, Carmen Perez & Linda Sarsour) – for galvanizing and encouraging more women to run for office.

Fighting for all forms of discrimination against women and girls is a charge that every female can embrace. Our nurturing, intuitive, resilient and protective personalities will not allow us to stand by and accept the status quo any

longer.

It’s amazing how a woman’s place is supposed to be in the kitchen; however, only 20 percent of professional executive chefs are female. Or how women, who are by far, the primary fashion consumers, hold less than 25 percent of leadership positions in top fashion companies.

With statistics like this, we must stay focused and realize that regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or religion, we are identified as females first. And this universal bond that we share, should be the driving force in encouraging and guiding our future women to seek change.

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# Race bias seen in breast-cancer screening

(Harvard) - The current guidelines for mammographic breast-cancer screening, which are based on data from primarily white populations, may lead to delayed diagnosis in non-white women, according to a new report published in JAMA Surgery.

An analysis by a team of Massachusetts General Hospital investigators found that racial differences in patients' ages and tumor stages at the time of diagnosis support the development of guidelines calling for earlier initial screening of some nonwhite women.

"While a lot of attention has been focused on improving the 'cultural competency' of clinical care — caring for patients in ways that accommodate their cultural and language differences — we are concerned



National Cancer Institute / Wikimedia

that we haven't paid as much attention to the scientific research process," said David Chang of the MGH Department of Surgery. "If the science upon which clinical guidelines are based was not done in a way that respects racial differences, there is little that can be done at the point of delivery to improve patient care."

Current guidelines from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend

beginning breast-cancer screening at age 50 for women at average risk. Chang and his colleagues set out to investigate whether applying a single guideline to a racially diverse population of women might lead to under-screening of nonwhite patients, resulting in later diagnosis. To do this, they analyzed data from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results database of the National

Cancer Institute covering women ages 40–75 who were diagnosed with breast cancer during the years 1973–2010.

The researchers found that while the average age at diagnosis was 59 for white women, it was 56 for black women, 55 for Hispanic women, and 46 for Asian women. Higher percentages of nonwhite women were diagnosed before age 50 — 31 percent of blacks, 35 percent of Hispanics, and 33 percent of Asian women — compared with 24 percent of white patients. Higher percentages of black and Hispanic patients — 47 and 43 percent, respectively — were diagnosed with advanced cancers, compared with 37 percent of white patients and 36 percent of Asian patients.

Advances in screening

technologies and clinical practice could reduce the risks of overdiagnosis and overtreatment, the researchers say. Earlier screening would apply only to nonwhite women, and the cost savings that may result from improved outcomes in minority patients whose cancer is detected earlier could mitigate the costs of additional screenings, they added.

"The situation with breast cancer is one of the best examples of how science done without regard to racial differences can produce guidelines that would be ultimately harmful to minority patients," said Chang, an associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School. "There have been similar efforts in recent years to combat gender biases in science, as we now appreciate

that studies conducted only on males — even basic research in rats or other animals — may not apply to, or may even harm, female patients. In one instance, it was discovered that dosage instructions for a particular sleeping pill were too strong for women, leading to auto accidents and eventually to a change in dosage guidelines.

"Flawed science can harm more people than flawed clinical care, which is why it is so important to detect and eventually eliminate these sorts of hidden biases in the scientific literature."

*Sahael Stapleton and Tawakalitu Oseni of MGH Surgery are co-lead authors of the JAMA report. Yanik Bababekov and Ya-Ching Hung, also both of MGH Surgery, are co-authors.*

## Health Questions Answered: What causes your allergies?

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

As the weather warms up, the sniffing and sneezing associated with allergy season begins. Seasonal allergies occur when your immune system becomes sensitive to something in your surrounding environment caused by an overreaction to an allergen in the air. Seasonally, plants go through a period of pollination as the outside temperature warms up. As this happens, they release a powdery pollen that spreads in the wind. While this dispersion is meant for plant fertilization, it irritates allergies in many people that can vary from mild to severe.

Different plants pollinate at various points of the spring and summer, releasing different allergens at different times. It is important to know what allergens your body is sensitive to in order to breathe easy and better prepare for the upcoming allergy season.

Typically, allergies experienced in early spring are caused by tree pollen. In North Texas this year, many people have already experienced allergy symptoms caused by mountain cedar. The ashe juniper evergreen trees, commonly found in Central Texas, can go through their pollination as early as January, releasing

mountain cedar allergens that are spread farther north by the wind. Once in the air, mountain cedar can linger for quite some time, usually about a month. With mountain cedar pollinating early this year, it is easy for many to confuse the sinus pressure and congestion caused by this allergen with early symptoms of the flu.

Grass pollination is a leading cause of allergies in many people. Grasses may pollinate throughout many seasons and can cause symptoms throughout the year depending on the weather but typically pollinate later in the spring and early summer. Similar to tree pollination,

small grass pollen is released into the air during pollination and travels by wind. While hard to see grass pollen in the air, your body can be irritated by the smallest amounts. The most common types of grass that can cause allergies are Bermuda, Johnson, and Kentucky.

With the unpredictably warm weather in North Texas, it is becoming more difficult to determine exactly when to start preparing for allergy season or to know how long allergy season will last. If you historically suffer from seasonal allergies, it is best to visit your physician for testing to determine which allergens trigger your

symptoms. Other ways to combat seasonal allergies include taking over-the-counter antihistamines, washing sheets and clothing regularly after being outdoors, and keeping your windows closed during windy days and at night. Your physician can help create the best treatment plan to alleviate your sneezing or sniffing

during high-pollen times and help you enjoy the upcoming spring and summer.

*Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain is a general family medicine practitioner at Family Medicine Associates of Texas in Carrollton. She thoroughly enjoys improving the health and lives of individuals ranging from young children to adulthood.*

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springboard improved health outcomes. A judging panel, comprised of nationwide thought-leaders and experts who focus on addressing and closing the health disparity gap, selected the scholarship recipients based on Facebook video submissions where students described:

- What health equity means to them,

- Something they have done in the past 18 months to positively affect the health of someone they love, and

- How they have made a sustainable, positive impact in their community or on their campus to address health and wellbeing disparities.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, students will

have an opportunity to serve as EmPOWERED To Serve ambassadors and participate in 2018 social media campaigns.

To view the students' winning video submissions and learn more about these future change-agents, as well as EmPOWERED To Serve, visit [www.empoweredtoserve.org](http://www.empoweredtoserve.org).

The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and

stroke - the two leading causes of death in the world. They team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke.

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# Families welcome at The Heights Car Show April 7 in Richardson

## NFL HoF Linebacker Mike Singletary to be guest speaker at luncheon

The 11th Annual Heights Car Show, sponsored by Crest Cadillac and Hagerty Insurance, will be held 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday April 7 at The Heights in Richardson. Last year, more than 470 cars were showcased, ranging from Ferraris, Jaguars and Porsches to American muscle cars, hot rods and military vehicles. There were five vehicles valued at more than \$1 million each among the highly coveted cars. The event raised more than \$9,000 and collected more than 1,300 pounds of food for the Network Food Pantry of Richardson.

"What began more than a decade ago as a car show in



David Alvey

a church parking lot has turned into an all-day festival that's fun for the whole family," said show organizer Brian Ratcliff. "Many car shows really don't want kids around, but a lot of the people who show their cars here invite kids to get up close to their cars. They

love to share their car's history. This year, Hagerty Insurance will host a Kids Judging Camp to teach kids what to look for in a classic car, and how to judge them on a point system. Parents can register their children for the camp at the Hagerty booth the morning of the

show. Judging will begin at noon."

Ken Savage and the Best Kept Secret Band will play classic rock hits throughout the day. Chicken and barbecue sandwiches will be on sale. The North Texas Diecast Collectors Club will have a 60-foot, downhill track for kids to race Hot Wheels cars down.

NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary will be the guest speaker for the Heights Car Show luncheon at 11:30 a.m. downstairs in The Brick. Singletary earned All-American honors in both his junior and senior years at Baylor. He started 172 games for the Chicago Bears during his

12-year career, missing only two games, both in 1986. NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1985 and 1988, Singletary earned the nicknames "Samurai Mike" and "Minister of Defense" for his on-field intensity. In 1985, he led a Bears' defense to an impressive 15-1 record. He had 13 tackles and a sack in the playoffs leading up to the Bears' 46-10 defeat of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX. Tickets are \$12 each and are available online at <https://www.heightsmissions.com/carshowlunch> or at the door April 7.

The Heights Car Show is the largest single day car show in Dallas-Fort Worth.

And the quality of the cars is remarkable. Over the show's history, it has raised more than \$56,700 and donated about 7,700 pounds of food to the Network Food Pantry.

Spectators are free. Show car registration is \$20 per car entry or 20 canned food items. Car registration is online at <http://heightscarshow.com> or on-site 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 7.

Founded in 1956, the Heights is located at 201 W. Renner Road at U.S. 75 (Central Expressway) in Richardson. More information at <http://www.theheights.org>.

# 153rd Juneteenth celebration plans underway in Fort Worth

The 153rd Juneteenth Anniversary Celebration is a culturally diverse experience that impacts a multi-cultural audience. The annual attendance for the Fort Worth events has recorded more than 20,000 including participants, vendors, and spectators over its history. Juneteenth week (June 11-19) activities include a Youth

Choir Explosion Workshop, Breakfast of Prayer Service, Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Parade and a 5K Walk/Run. The weekend highlight is the Community Festival at Tarrant County College - South Campus with entertainment by Grammy award-winning songstress Ann Nesby, children's area, food vendors, the "Empowering You"

event and BBQ Cook-Off. The finale event of the celebration is the screening of the Black-ish episode "Juneteenth: The Musical" and community forum.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union

soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. The historical significance affects not only African Americans in Texas but also the many others who have stood for racial injustice nationally and around the world.

Juneteenth Community Festival - Admission is free.

**Saturday, June 16th  
Community Festival**

Tarrant County College - South Campus (5301 Campus Fort Worth, Texas 76119)

**7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.** 5K/1 Mile Walk/Run Registration

**8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.** 5K/1 Mile Walk/Run

**9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.** Parade

**11:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.** Festival Kickoff / Main Stage

**11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.** "Empowering You" Event

**Activities include:** Food & Retail Vendors, Video Games Truck, Bounce Houses/Kid's Area, Car Show and Youth Art Show & Competition

# FedEx lending a hand to the historical Black cemetery in Irving

By Jazlyn Mercer  
NDG Staff Writer

The condition of the historic Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery has been a concern for concerned Irving residents. Through the ongoing efforts of those who care about this landmark to get the cemetery cleaned up and to raise awareness of its significance, the local FedEx in Irving has decided to adopt the cemetery. FedEx has pledged to help maintain and preserve the cemetery, according to a Facebook post by local activist Anthony Bond.

"I have been praying for God to help me find a permanent way to preserve and maintain this place since we had the Texas Historical



From left to right, Donyese Jadowski, the Community Outreach Director for The Chateau at Wildbriar Lake, Mrs. Stopfer, Irving Mayor's wife, Irving Police Officer Naya Pope, and Anthony Bond, and Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer at the cleanup of the old Irving Texas Historical Black Slave Cemetery, the Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery on Saturday, March 10. (Image: Anthony Bond via Facebook)

Marker Dedication on February 17, 2000," Bond said. "Eighteen years later, look what God is doing through Zelda, FedEx, Lowe's, Home Depot and countless

untold others."

The Texas Historical Commission, the state agency responsible for identifying landmarks for historic preservation,

granted a plaque showcasing the history of Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery. One of the factors included that through Bond's research the cemetery predates the end

of the Civil War. Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery is the final resting place for almost 200 slaves and their descendants.

In recent days the cemetery has been forgotten, according to Irving resident Gail Fields. FedEx's contribution will allow for the graveyard to be cleaned up while helping to raise awareness. FedEx has pledged to come out quarterly and assist in maintaining the cemetery grounds, FedEx's Irving administrator Zelda Celestine shared in a recent NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth broadcast.

Bond attended the March 1 Irving City Council meeting to praise Mayor Rick Stopfer, FedEx, and other

contributors. He also extended an invitation to the city council and community members to a celebration of the FedEx adoption on March 10. The ceremony originally planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, however, was rescheduled due to the recent prolonged rainy weather.

The event took place at the cemetery located at 1525 Hard Rock Road in Irving on March 17. Members of the Irving City Council are tentatively scheduled to attend and according to Bond more than 100 individuals have registered to attend.

"I wish everybody would come," Bond said. "This is a very sacred place."

## Criminologist, student team build database on U.S. school shootings

(UT-Dallas) A criminologist and her students at The University of Texas at Dallas are creating a database that tracks shootings at K-12 schools in the United States going back to 1990.

Dr. Nadine Connell, associate professor of criminology in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, said the National Institute of Justice project aims to fill a need for reliable data on gun violence on school campuses.

"Our goal is to help law enforcement and school administrators better understand the causes of K-12 school violence," said Connell, who also serves as director of the Center for Crime and Justice Studies. "Understanding school violence is the first step to find-



*Criminology doctoral student Sarah Gammell (center) works with Kalina Histan (left), a biology sophomore, and Reagan Davis, a computer science sophomore, on the school shootings database. The three are part of a team that expects to finish collecting data for the project by the end of the year. (Photos by Rachael Drury/UT Dallas)*

ing effective prevention strategies."

Two criminology PhD students and three undergraduate students, two majoring in computer science and one in biology, are working on the database. The project is part

of a grant led by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at The City University of New York, involving UT Dallas and Michigan State University. The grant was awarded through the National Institute

of Justice's Comprehensive School Safety Initiative.

Connell recruited the undergraduate researchers from an honors course she taught last fall on school violence. The students are searching public records and news articles for details surrounding every incident in which someone has been injured or killed by a firearm on a K-12 campus since 1990. Researchers, who began the project last year, expect to finish collecting the data by the end of the year and will continue to add to the database as new incidents occur.

Connell said the lack of reliable data on school violence limits the ability for authorities to understand the factors that lead to mass shootings.

Most recently, 17 people

were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In subsequent news coverage, media outlets reported varying figures on the number of recent school shootings. Some reports included other types of gun-related incidents on campuses that many would not associate with school shootings, such as suicides, domestic violence incidents, accidental firearm discharges or completely unrelated incidents, Connell said.

She also said that the many different types of gun-related threats on school campuses require different solutions.

"We don't think there's a one-size-fits-all answer to this," Connell said. "While there certainly are tragic

events we call school shootings, there are a lot more day-to-day events that have policy implications for school administrators, and they need information to know how to address them. We don't want to miss some early warning signs and the kind of threats that could lead to major tragedies."

Sarah Gammell, a PhD student in criminology who oversees the undergraduate researchers, said this type of research is rewarding.

"The world is looking for solutions and answers, so for me, it is great to be part of a dynamic team working on this data," she said. "We are actively starting to piece it together to help shape some of the policies that will be influenced by these events."

## SMU student shares innovative app at SXSW Red Bull Launch Institute

Neha Husein gripped her steering wheel as her car jolted forward, hit from behind on one of Dallas' busiest and most dangerous freeways. Shaken, but not injured, the high school senior surveyed the significant damage to her car. The cause of the crash? The driver behind her was texting while driving.

The 2014 collision was the SMU junior's inspiration to develop a solution to stop drivers from texting while driving, a practice that killed 455 Texans and played a role in 109,660 crashes in Texas in 2016. Her smart-phone

app, "Just Drive," awards points to drivers who lock their phones while driving. Those points can then be redeemed for coupons or free food, drinks or merchandise.

Husein was one of six college entrepreneurs selected to participate March 10 in the Red Bull Launch Institute at Austin's South by Southwest Interactive Festival. She will meet with industry leaders and other entrepreneurs to further develop and amplify her project.

She's not being judgmental. Everyone has texted while driving, Husein says.

"We are used to multitasking, and sitting in traffic gets boring."

But the marketing and human rights major believes positive reinforcement can change behavior. Rewards are motivating to millennials like Husein. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, drivers age 16 to 34 are most likely to text while driving, but Husein is betting the app will appeal to all ages.

"Expecting incentives is a generational thing, but it's a human thing too," she says. "People enjoy rewards."

Husein first presented

"Just Drive" at SMU's October 2017 Big Ideas pitch contest. She won \$1,000 for her 90-second pitch and used it to create a wireframe app mock-up. The Big Ideas pitch contest is part of SMU's Engaged Learning program, a campus wide initiative designed to enhance student learning by connecting a personal passion to academic learning and turning it into a personal project. Faculty mentorship is a key part of the Engaged Learning program.

Husein's mentor, SMU law professor Keith Robinson, is a specialist in patent,

intellectual property and technology law and co-directs the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation in SMU's Dedman School of Law. He also teaches a class to law students on designing legal apps.

"I like people who show initiative and are willing to bet on themselves," says Robinson, who meets weekly with Husein to discuss intellectual property issues and trademark application. "Neha has developed an app for a relatable problem, one that can save lives."

Husein is a Carrollton native who grew up with an

entrepreneur mindset. She remembers manning a toy cash register alongside her father at his convenience store. He was on hand in February 2018 to see his daughter present her business plan at the second stage of SMU's Big Ideas competition – and win \$5,000 in start-up funds.

"Just Drive is a perfect combination of my interests in human rights and marketing," Husein says. "It combines business with a philanthropic cause."

She plans to launch the "Just Drive" app in September, 2018.

## Garland city partnerships provide opportunities for area youth

The City of Garland and the Garland Independent School District (GISD) are partnering to prepare our youth to make their career dreams come true.

High school students at any GISD campus can take advanced career courses to become eligible to be a firefighter after graduation because of that partnership. The programming takes place at the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center (GRCTC). Students from all

seven GISD high schools in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse can attend two class periods every other day at the GRCTC campus where they are immersed in a "business-like" atmosphere and work on real world projects. The rest of the school day is spent at their home campus. The programs can even count for dual credit through the Dallas County Community College District.

Garland Fire Department

Chief Mark Lee said, "Opportunities like this give our youth a solid chance at well-paying jobs right here in Garland. We want the next generation to raise their families here, too. GISD is helping raise homegrown firefighters."

The firefighter program is a three-year commitment. Students in grades 10 through 12 study, test and practice at GRCTC as well as at the actual Garland Fire Department facilities. After

three years in the program, students test with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, as well as register as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to receive a certificate as an actual Firefighter/EMT able to work anywhere in the state of Texas.

Industry experts teach these classes, and firefighting is only one of many. The City of Garland also is launching a veterinary technician program with GISD,

which will allow veterinarians to perform surgeries on campus that students will be able to observe. Students also will provide after-care for the animals. GISD is preparing to offer adult education classes at night, as well.

Everything from culinary skills to CPR to mechanics or taxes will be available in the future, according to GRCTC's principal, Dr. Erika Crump. Dr. Crump is best known for her cheerful

smile and warm greetings to everyone on campus. She describes her administration's jobs as "Directors of WOW!"

"We want learning to be exciting and fun. Our customer, the kids, love coming here. What higher testimony can you ask?" Dr. Crump sees her role as preparing students to be college, career, military and life ready. With the availability of 90 career study tracks at the GRCTC, that really is a "WOW!"

# Plano Fire Dept. hosts multi-city high-rise fire response training

Fighting fire in a high-rise building is complicated and multi-faceted. Add several different radio and communication systems, differing types of apparatus with varying capabilities, multiple fire-fighting roles and responsi-

bilities, and that firefight can become even more intricate.

With the increase of high-rise structures in the area, Plano Fire-Rescue has identified the need for collaborative high-rise fire response training with their surround-

ing fire departments and is hosting training during March and April.

Fire departments from the cities of Lewisville, The Colony, Frisco, McKinney, Allen, Richardson, and Murphy are joining Plano Fire-

Rescue, Plano Dispatch, and Plano Department of Emergency Management in the high-rise fire response training held at the 14-story One Legacy West building located at 7950 Legacy Drive in Plano. Training is held

each Tuesday and Wednesday evening through April 11.

The training allows these departments, all of which might be working together in a real high-rise fire somewhere in the area, to focus on

four exercise objectives: operating with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS), multi-agency coordination, multi-agency communications, and fire suppression.

# Oak Cliff Boys & Girls Club surprised with 'Black Panther' inspired car

By Jazlyn Mercer  
NDG Staff Writer

The students of the Oak Cliff Boys and Girl Club received an unexpected surprise Tuesday during their After School Club. Lexus representatives from the Toyota headquarters in Plano stopped by and gave each student a copy of a special edition Black Panther comic book. They also spent time speaking about the importance of education before sharing an even bigger surprise.

"If you get a degree, everything opens up for you," Michael Moore, the Senior Manager of Lexus



The Black Panther Inspired Car showcased by Lexus at the Oak Cliff Boys & Girls Club (NDG/Mercer)

Product Marketing shared with the students, encouraging them to pursue higher education and the impact of science and technology studies.

Moore presented the stu-

dents with a copy of one of the eight special editions of the Marvel and Lexus Presents Black Panther: Soul of a Machine comic book and discussed the partnership between Lexus and Marvel

in designing the car featured in the record-breaking film. The students were surprised by the comic book handouts, but still had no idea of the true shock that was waiting. The kids lined up at the door with bright smiles at the news something special was outside.

When they arrived outside the Black Panther-inspired LC Concept Coupe was unveiled, and the students were completely shocked. Older students pulled out their phones to take selfies and Snapchats with the vehicle. Claws poked through the side mirrors, the Black Panther mask was painted on the hood and cases of vibra-

tion were displayed on the back of the car.

"They really surprised me with the Black Panther [car], that really surprised me," said a 13-year-old male club student.

Two students from the Boys and Girls Club said they wished the vehicle could stay forever, and another said he wishes he could drive it. The students gathered together to take pictures as a group with the car, and to thank Lexus for showcasing it to them.

Audrey Lundy, a Communication Analyst for Lexus at the Toyota headquarters in Plano was part of the team which helped to co-

ordinate the appearance with the limited edition car for the Oak Cliff students on Tuesday and the Boys & Girls Club in Collin County for the Frisco students on Wednesday.

"We just really wanted to share the excitement with our community, particularly with the youth because we know how excited they have been with the film Black Panther," Lundy said.

CiAndria Jefferson, the director of the Oak Cliff Boys & Girls Club, believes the event inspired the kids and opened up their minds to new opportunities and careers available to them such as working for Lexus.

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**Dallas**

In a special ceremony at the **Southwest Transplant Alliance Board of Directors' meeting** last week, Dr. Goran Klintmalm, a pioneer in liver transplantation and a leading authority in kidney transplant with Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC), Dr. Jacqueline Lappin, medical director of the Kidney Transplant Program at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Nicole Johnson, director of quality at BUMC, honored Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA), a Dallas-based organ procurement organization, for its outstanding work in the field of donation and transplantation. STA board members and its leadership team watched as Dr. Klintmalm,

Dr. Lappin and Johnson presented a plaque to acknowledge Patti Niles, CEO and president of STA and STA for its special partnership. <https://youtu.be/0qHu-9jS-J0>

To register your donation decision, go to [donatelife-texas.org](http://donatelife-texas.org).

With a mission to connect the global community to create a sustainable world for all life and future generations, Texas-based nonprofit **EarthX is hosting the world's largest environmental expo**, conference and film festival from April 13-22, 2018, at locations throughout Dallas.

The EarthX three-day expo, five-day group of conferences and 10-day film festival champions progress and innovation by

bringing together environmental organizations, businesses, academic institutions, government agencies, interactive programming and thought leaders. The event also fosters celebration with interactive and immersive family entertainment, live music and sustainable food pavilions.

**Garland**

Garland Mayor Douglas Athas will present his annual **State of the City Address** at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the Plaza Theatre in Downtown Garland, 521 W. State St.

This event is free and open to the public. The presentation will be recorded for broadcast on the City's government access cable channel, CGTV, and will be available online

at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov), click on the CGTV videos button.

For more information, call 972-205-2400.

**Taste of Garland** is 6 to 9 p.m. March 17. Enjoy all-you-can-eat dishes from local restaurants and food establishments, door prizes, a silent auction and a live auction at The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.

**McKinney**

The McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC) and the Arts and Music Guild are now accepting artwork submissions for its **Juried Art Show** in April. Submissions will be juried by a four-person panel, and prize winners will be chosen by Karl Buchberg, retired Senior Curator, MoMA, and J. Patrick

Cooney, J. Patrick Cooney Fine Arts. The winning large-scale artwork piece will be purchased and become part of MPAC's permanent art collection.

**Plano**

Starting March 12, DART's new **GoLink service** replaces DART On-Call service in the North Central Plano zone. GoLink will provide customers personalized curb-to-curb service anywhere within the zone, including Parker Road Station.

Customers can schedule GoLink trips using the TapRide mobile app, which is available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play store. Users will choose "GoLink/DART" under "Select System." With the app, they can re-

quest a GoLink ride and track the location of the bus. Riders also may call 214-452-1827 to schedule trips.

The new North Central Plano/Chase Oaks GoLink zone expands the old On-Call zone further north to roughly Hedgcoxe Road and Chase Oaks Drive, incorporating destinations like Cinemark Legacy and The Courses at Watters Creek golf club, as well as numerous neighborhoods and apartment communities.

GoLink operates Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-8 p.m. The cost of GoLink service is regular DART fare, so riders should have their GoPass, monthly pass or annual pass ready when scheduling a pick-up.

Learn more at [DART.org/GoLink](http://DART.org/GoLink).



Dallas ISD

**'You Can Do Anything': Dallas Police Chief inspires Kimball students**

Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall inspired Justin F. Kimball High School students at an all-girls assembly to achieve their full potential.

As the first female chief of police in the city's 139-year history, Hall told the female students they can do anything they set their minds to if they work hard and persevere.

"I am so excited to speak to Dallas ISD students," Hall said after the assembly. "This community is wonderful, and we want them to know how important they

are to us in the law enforcement community."

The assembly's theme was "#Me Too: Being a Lady in Today's Society," and other speakers included:

- Dominique Torres, owner of The Torres Law Office, P.C.
- Diana Martinez, Corporate Relations Manager of LATINA Style Magazine
- Mariel Flores, English Teacher at Kimball
- Rayla Moore, Kimball Alumna (2016) and Spoken Word Art

**Plano taking applications for arts and events grants**

Are you part of a local arts group or involved with a community event?

Your efforts change how others see our City by simply bringing people together for a shared creative experience.

The City's hotel/motel occupancy tax helps create more of these experiences in Plano by providing four types of Arts and Events Grants: Small Arts, Major Arts, Special Events and



Urban/Town Center Events.

greater appreciation for the arts, cultural and diversity of our residents; encourage

the development of new programs; and celebrate collaborative projects involving multiple arts organizations.

The Cultural Affairs Commission oversees the grant process. The deadline for local nonprofit organizations to apply for 2018-19 grants is Wednesday, April 4 at noon.

More information and applications are available online.

**Hockaday, St. Philip's engineers win big**

In the bridge-building "battle of the junior engineers" held this morning at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, it was the "Excellent Engineers" team – with students from The Hockaday School and St. Philip's School and Community Center – who came out on top. Female engineer Dr. Menzer Pehlivan, star of the inspiring Dream Big 3D film, moderated the challenge and served as a roving advisor.

While rain moved the challenge indoors, it certainly didn't dampen spirits! With competitive juices flowing and fingers itching to construct, two all-girl teams (ages 10-11) – the "Four E's" and the "Excel-



Students from The Hockaday School and St. Philip's School and Community Center work to construct an engineering project under the pressure of a time limit at the Perot Museum. The "Excellent Engineers" walked away with the top prize in the recent competition. (JerSean Golatt / Perot Museum)

lent Engineers" – were each tasked to construct a bridge in 20 minutes using upcycled materials such as cardboard and duct tape.

After the 20 minutes, the students nervously watched as a series of progressively heavier "strength tests" using weighted beanbags

was performed.

It was all in conjunction with the return of Dream Big 3D, an inspiring and heartfelt film that celebrates the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels big and small and reveals the heart that drives engineers to create better lives for people around the world. After a popular stint at the Perot Museum last year, Dream Big 3D will run through May 24, 2018.

While the "Excellent Engineers" walked away with bragging rights, both teams had a blast learning about teamwork and problem-solving while finding exciting inspiration for STEM in the vibrant Perot Museum.



# Jesse Holland pens first feature novel about Marvel's *Black Panther*

By Freddie Allen  
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In the first novel commissioned by Marvel about the Wakandan superhero, award-winning journalist and author Jesse Holland takes a deep dive into the mythology of the Black Panther and the lives of the characters depicted in the groundbreaking feature film.

Marvel's "Black Panther" has earned \$922 million worldwide and \$512.6 million domestically. The film is on its way to becoming, "the second-biggest comic book superhero flick in North America behind "The Avengers" (\$623M in 2012)," according to Forbes.com.

Before "Black Panther" smashed box office records, Holland had written a non-fiction book titled "The Invisibles: The Untold Story about Slaves in the White House."

A description of the "The Invisibles" on Amazon.com says, that the book chronicles "the African American presence inside the White House from its beginnings



Marvel Studios

in 1782 until 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that granted slaves their freedom."

An editor from Lucas Films read "The Invisibles" and loved it, Holland said, and reached out to him to write a history for Finn, the African American character in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Those conversations led to Holland's novel "Star Wars: The Force Awakens-Finn's Story."

Holland said that "Finn's Story" landed him on Marvel's radar.

"[Marvel Studios] was making a movie about the Black Panther and wanted to know if I would be interested in writing the first

novel about the iconic Marvel character," said Holland.

The author said, "Yes," immediately. Holland said that there was just one catch: The entire novel had to be written in six months.

Luckily, Holland had been a Black Panther fan since he was a child. When Marvel offered to send him some Black Panther comic books for background material, he told them, "You don't have to, because I already own them."

Holland went back and read Black Panther comic books written by Reginald Hudlin and Christopher Priest; he even went back to the very beginning with Stan Lee and Jack Kirby.

Marvel's Black Panther

character has existed since the 1960s and preceded the launch of the Black Panther political party, by just a few months.

According to the website History.com, in a 1990 interview with "The Comics Journal," co-creator Jack Kirby said that he came up with the Black Panther when he realized that he didn't have any Black characters in his growing Marvel Universe.

"I had a lot of Black readers. My first friend was...Black," Kirby said in the interview. "And here I was ignoring them, because I was associating with everybody else."

Holland said that Marvel asked him to develop a mythology around the character that would be relatable to modern audiences. Holland started with the classic Black Panther origin story written by Reginald Hudlin and fleshed it out.

"I had to go from a six-issue comic book to 90,000 words," said Holland. "So, I had to flesh out the story a little bit and add a few more themes to it."

Still, Holland said that a lot of the themes that are

woven into Ryan Coogler's film adaptation are the same themes that he used in his novel, "Black Panther: Who is the Black Panther?"

"Themes of family, the connection between the T'Challa and his mother and his sister...the themes of honor and duty, you can see those themes with T'Challa trying to figure out how he is going to fit in as the new monarch of Wakanda," said Holland. "You can see the same themes in his relationships with his bodyguards, the Dora Milaje, and how they fit into this new society."

Holland continued: "So, if you really want to know who W'Kabi is—the Black Panther's adviser—he has a major story line in the novel. If you want to know more about Shuri, the Panther's sister...she has a whole story line in my book, too. If you want to know about the history of the Panther and his mother, Ramonda...if you want to know the motivations behind what the screenwriters wrote in the movie, my novel goes through all of that."

Holland said that in addition to the record-breaking

movie, his novel is the very first time a major piece of literature was written about the Black Panther.

The fact that Marvel not only created a comic book for the Black Panther character, but also a movie and a major novel shows how important and groundbreaking this character is, Holland said.

"The success of the Black Panther and the cultural phenomenon that the film has become shows Hollywood that if you can tell a good story, the Black community will support these ventures and everyone else will, too," Holland added.

Holland said that his "Black Panther" novel is the perfect stepping stone for people who want to know more about the Wakandan superhero and his family depicted on screen.

"The novel tells the story that people can relate to: about fathers and sons, about mothers and daughters, about honor, duty and sacrifice," said Holland. "It tells the story that helps reflect not only who the Black Panther is, but who we are, as the African American community."

# Frisco's Riders will add celebrity appearances to their schedule

By Jazlyn Mercer  
NDG Staff Writer

This season the Frisco RoughRiders will host a variety of celebrities to add to their promotional schedule.

Thursday April 5, the RoughRiders will kickoff the season featuring DJ Spinderella of Salt-N-Pepa. He will perform at the first Party at The Yard.

The season will also highlight celebrity guests such as Reggie Vel Johnson, Officer Carl Winslow from Family Matters and Sargent Al Powell from the Die Hard movie franchise to to celebrate First Re-



David Burke / Wikimedia

sponders and Community Night. The event is presented by Operation Blue Shield. There will be a meet and greet with Vel Johnson.

On Friday June 29, There will be a Tribute to Forrest Gump Night featuring Mykelti Williamson, the

scene-stealing "Bubba." Fans can share their favorite shrimp recipes with Williamson during the public Meet & Greet. Fans legally named "Jenny" can show their IDs at the Riders Box Office to receive one free ticket to the game

On Saturday, June 9, Salute to Sandlot Night welcomes Chauncey Leopardi, known as "Squints," the bespectacled member of the neighborhood baseball crew in The Sandlot. Sandlot Night features an in-game Leopardi Meet & Greet, our very own team dog Brooks dressed as "The Beast," s'mores at concession stands, a PF Flyers

giveaway autographed by Squints, and more.

On Saturday, August 18, the Riders get you ready for another school year with Back to School Night featuring Peyton List, who played "Emma Ross" on Disney Channel's Jessie. Fans are encouraged to bring school supplies to donate to the Frisco RoughRiders Foundation

Back to School Supply Drive benefitting local students.

All these celebrities, and more will join the RoughRiders this summer. To see all the celebrities and events, please visit <https://www.milb.com/roughriders/news/riders-bringing-in-biggest-collection-of-celebs-in-team-history/c-267502754>.



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# St. Patrick's festivities to enjoy in Dallas this weekend

On Saturday, March 17, The Greenville Commerce Association will host the annual **Lower Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day Block Party**, the largest one of its kind in Dallas. Guests 21 and older are encouraged to dress in green and come prepared for a day full of great music, beer, and plenty of St. Patrick's Day cheer.

The party has been a long standing tradition on Lower Greenville for over 30 years.

The event will feature three music stages conveniently located near the sponsoring bars, and a wide selection of beers. Some of the best bars in Dallas will be participating.

For more info, please visit <http://do214.com/events/2018/3/17/st-patrick-s-day-block-party>.

Friday, March 16, Dallas Farmers Market hosts a **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**. Guests can celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with The Market, featuring Pipes & Drums group, food, beverages, live music, games, specials and more. Enjoy green beer and specials with Live

music from Tauvy Thomason, drink specials and plenty of fresh seafood. The event will also feature Pipes & Drums group with Green beer specials all day and food specials with take a photo and tag on social media for 10 percent off at the register and a chance to win something green (cactus/succulent). Wear green

and get 10 percent off any purchase. Admission is free.

For more info, please visit <http://do214.com/events/2018/3/16/st-patrick-s-day-celebration>.

March 17, The Oak Lawn Band will present **Feeling Lucky?** a celebration of fate and fortune at the Latino Cultural Center.

This family-friendly event will feature music from a variety of lucky inspirations from Irish folk tunes, to rainbows to the glitz of casinos. Some featured pieces include Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen, Molly on the Shore and Irish Tune From County Derry, by Percy Grainger, Perthshire Majesty, by Samuel Hazo, and Daft Punks Get Lucky.

## City Men Cook returns for 17th season, announces new host, website and more

City Men Cook announced recently that on-air personality, Demetria Obligor will join the event's roster of celebrity hosts, the new website is now mobile friendly and Lawton Oklahoma has joined the family of cities, City Men Cook is scheduled for Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gilley's Dallas, at 1135 S. Lamar St., in Dallas and The Prairie building,



Demetria Obligor (WFAA.com)

Comanche Fairgrounds 920 Sheridan Lawton Oklahoma.

City Men Cook is an annual culinary event, deemed as one of the largest urban Father's Day celebrations in the country. It is been aptly nicknamed as the largest Sunday Dinner in North Texas. Now it will be Oklahoma too.

Demetria Obligor is the WFAA traffic reporter for Daybreak and she can be seen weekdays between 4:30 am to 7 am. Obligor is a bold

and dynamic anchor who is perfect for City Men Cook as she represents a new 'forever bond' between community and culture. @DemetriaObligor

"Obligor is a fresh new face on the media scene that embodies energy, intelligence and modernity and she has commanded the respect of others worldwide," says Terry Allen, Event manager. @terryallenpr

"The men who cook are proud to do something they love to give back and connect to their communities and show men in a very positive light," says Brother Will Scott, president of the Eta Xi Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Lawton OK.

"We are overjoyed to enter into this new chapter with City Men Cook, while maintaining our traditions of

food and celebration," Allen added. "Our mission is clear and what remains most important is that we continue our commitment to fathers and father figures in our families and communities through this showcase of men, mentors and leaders. We are an official FedEx Cares event. I could not think of a better day to do so than on Father's Day," said Allen. @citymencook

## Frontiers Of Flight Museum hosts Wings Of Freedom tour and offers North Texans an ultimate flying experience in vintage WWII aircraft

The Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. at the southeast corner of Love Field Airport, will host an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime flying experience and exhibit that's sure to be a crowd pleaser for the whole family! The museum will feature the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour in Dallas March 28-April 1 in honor of our WWII Veterans.

The Wings of Freedom Tour, Presented by the Frontiers of Flight Museum, will bring extremely rare bomber and fighter aircraft to North Texas for a local living history exhibit as part of 110-city nationwide tour. Best of all, visitors at the Frontiers of Flight Museum will not only get a chance to view the interactive display, they will actually have an opportunity to "fly into history" aboard these legendary aircraft. Visit: <https://www.flightmuseum.com/wings-of-freedom/>.

Aviation enthusiasts of all ages will be "flying high" when they see the vintage Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress "Nine-O-Nine"



Courtesy photo

WWII heavy bomber, Consolidated B-24J Liberator "Witchcraft", the North American B-25J Mitchell "Tondelayo" and the Bell UH-1E "Huey" Iroquois. The tour also welcomes one of the newest additions to the Foundation's historic fighter aircraft, TF-51D Mustang "Toulouse Nuts."

This is a rare opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history. The B-17 is one of only nine in flying condition in the United States, the B-24J is the sole remaining example of its type flying in the world. The P-51 received the prestigious Grand Champion award for restoration. The B-25 is best known as

the type of bomber that flew the infamous Doolittle Raid, and the Huey helicopter was originally flown by Medal of Honor recipient Stephen Plessy in the Vietnam War.

Visitors are invited to explore the aircraft inside and out. Special admission prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 for access to up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. Includes entrance into the Frontiers of Flight Museum. In addition to the general public, local veterans and their families are encouraged to visit and share their experiences and stories with Museum guests.

"We are delighted to welcome the return of Wings of Freedom Tour to the Fron-

tiers of Flight Museum," says Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones, President Frontiers of Flight Museum. "It's an honor to join the Collings Foundation to recognize this flying tribute to the flight crews who flew them, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the soldiers, sailors and airmen they helped protect; and the citizens and families that share the freedom that they helped preserve."

The B-17, B-25 & B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission. Despite the risks of anti-aircraft fire, attacking enemy fighters, and the harrowing environment of sub-zero temperatures, many B-17s and B-24s safely brought their crews home. The P-51 Mustang was affectionately known as the bombers "Little Friend" - saving countless crews from attacking Axis fighters. After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to

rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared. The rarity of the B-17, B-25, B-24, P-51 and Huey helicopter - and their importance to telling the story of WWII and Vietnam is why the Collings Foundation continues to fly and display the aircraft nationwide at special venues like Dallas' Frontiers of Flight Museum.

The Wings of Freedom Tour at the Frontiers of Flight Museum will offer participants plenty of amazing opportunities for visitors to earn aviator bragging rights. Guests will explore these majestic aircraft inside and out and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history.

Although flight experience is not required, some adventurous fans will have an incredible chance to accomplish one of their "bucket list" goals by experiencing the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person. Get some "stick time" in the

world's greatest fighter! P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. B-25 flights are \$400 per person. Huey flights are \$80 bench / \$100 front. For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924.

The Wings of Freedom Tour, presented by the Frontiers of Flight Museum, will arrive at Dallas Love Field at 1:30 PM on March 28 and will be on display at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field until the evening of April 1. Hours of ground tours and display are: 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28; 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29 through Sunday, April 1. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times above.

For more information call: 214-350-3600; email [info@flightmuseum.com](mailto:info@flightmuseum.com); or visit [www.flightmuseum.com](http://www.flightmuseum.com). To reserve a flight experience, call the Collings Foundation: 1-800-568-8924.

# SXSW Accelerator Pitch Event winners announced

AUSTIN -- This week, South by Southwest (SXSW) Conference and Festivals announced the winners for the 10th annual SXSW Accelerator Pitch Event, which took place March 10-11 during the Startup & Tech Sectors Track at the Downtown Hilton Austin. In addition to the 10 winners chosen among the 50 finalists – five finalists for each of Accelerator's 10 categories with one winner per category – one finalist also took home the overall "Best In Show" distinction.

The category winners of the 2018 SXSW Accelerator Pitch Event are:



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| "Entertainment and Content": Vochlea Music | "Social and Culture": ICON 3D        |
| "Health and Wearables": Nanowear           | "Sports and Performance": Nix        |
| "Hyper-Connected Communities": GrubTubs    | "Transportation": GoKid              |

To honor the event's 10th anniversary, SXSW Accelerator also announced its inaugural "Best In Show" winner – Nanowear, a New York-based connected-self technology platform for diagnostics and disease management based on proprietary cloth-based nanosensors and analytics.

Special awards were also presented for "Best Bootstrap" (Leaf) and "Best Speed Pitch" (Roots Studio).

Each winner received \$4,000, two badges for next year's SXSW Interactive conference, trophy, and most importantly, exceptional exposure to SXSW attendees and potential investors who

are looking for the latest in cutting-edge technology and innovation.

"The 10th anniversary of our Pitch Event was celebrated with the best of the best in technology innovations, as showcased by our winners this year," said SXSW Accelerator Event Producer, Chris Valentine. "Congratulations to each of them and to the companies that are going above and beyond to reshape the world in which we live with their advancements and forward-thinking when it comes to creating, partnering and ultimately growing beyond the startup phase. It's been a pleasure to watch the evolu-

tion that has taken place over the past 10 years in the tech scene, and we're pleased to continue bringing together the various startup ecosystems from around the world."

This year's SXSW Accelerator Pitch Event featured startups from around the globe presenting innovative products in front of a live audience and panels of expert judges, which included successful entrepreneurs, investor, and industry influencers.

For a complete list of the 2018 finalists, including alternates, and the Accelerator Pitch Event judges, visit: <https://www.sxsw.com/awards/sxsw-accelerator>.

## SBA seeks North Texas entrepreneurs for Emerging Leaders Executive Training

FORT WORTH – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the launch of the 2018 Emerging Leaders executive education program designed specifically for small business owners who want to grow their businesses. Local area recruitment for the 2018 training cycle is currently ongoing by the SBA Dallas/Fort Worth District Office. Classes are scheduled to begin this spring in Dallas.

Interested business executives should complete the online registration form.

"This is a great opportunity for local small business to take advantage of and learn strategies on how to increase their sales and profits. Most importantly, this training is provided at no cost to the participants" said Herbert Austin, SBA's Dallas/Fort Worth District Director. SBA will select 20 small business owners to participate in the 7

month program. This is the 10th year of the SBA Emerging Leaders Program in the Dallas/Fort Worth District.

The Small Business Administration's Emerging Leaders initiative provides free entrepreneurship education and training for executives of small, poised-for-growth companies that are potential job creators. This intensive executive entrepreneurship series includes nearly 100 hours of class-

room and CEO mentoring group time. It also provides opportunities for small business owners to work with experienced coaches and mentors, attend workshops, and develop connections with their peers, local leaders, and the financial community.

Since its inception in 2008, the SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative has trained over 5,000 small business owners, creating over 6,500 jobs, generating over \$300

million in new financing, and securing over \$3.16 billion in government contracts.

For questions, please contact Elsie Collins at the SBA Dallas/Fort

Worth District Office: [elsie.collins@sba.gov](mailto:elsie.collins@sba.gov) or [DFWDO.Email@sba.gov](mailto:DFWDO.Email@sba.gov).

For more information, call (817)684-5500 or (817)684-5530.

## DeVos cuddles companies while abandoning student loan borrowers

By Charlene Crowell

For the 44 million American consumers who struggle with a still-growing student loan debt of \$1.4 trillion, the problems wrought by debt collectors and loan servicers is a nagging problem. Servicer changes and errors, unexplained fees that worsen the debt and difficulty in securing income-based repayment plans are all painfully familiar to these consumers.

These debts are particularly onerous for Black Americans who utilize federal student loans more than other races or ethnicities: 87 percent. By comparison, Latinos borrow 65 percent of the time and Whites even

lower at 60 percent, according to data from the Center for American Progress.

So, one must wonder why Betsy DeVos, the Secretary of Education, would draft a plan that would once again favor these companies instead of consumers. These are the same companies that receive \$1 billion in taxpayer dollars to service and collect loan debts.

In recent days, multiple news outlets have reported an Education plan that proposes to preempt state laws that allow state attorneys general (AGs) to hold debt collectors and loan servicers accountable.

Just last October, a bipartisan group of 26 AGs wrote

Secretary DeVos and advised against giving these businesses immunity from state-level oversight and enforcement. Citing fraud and abusive practices, the AGs spoke directly to the harms that would be caused to students and borrowers. They also urged that state and federal officials work together to end the harmful practices of bad actors in the student loan industry.

"[E]very state has well-established laws prohibiting companies – many of which are also regulated federally – from engaging in unfair and deceptive practices targeting state residents," wrote the AGs on October 23. "The Industry Requests, however,

seek to enlist the Department in an industry gambit to evade state policing. There is no principled reason for this result, especially in the middle of a crisis demanding co-operation across government."

In addition to the AGs, other federal offices have respectively found problems with these companies as well.

For two consecutive years, 2015 and 2016, the federal Government Accountability Office found failures by student loan servicers that include not providing information to borrowers about their payment options and difficulty reaching servicers. The

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## 'Black Panther' success amplifies findings of UCLA's Hollywood Diversity Report

With its glowing reviews and box office success, "Black Panther" is a revelatory moment for the entertainment industry.

The Marvel Studios film, with a script by African-American writers Joe Robert Cole and Ryan Coogler, directed by Coogler and featuring a gender-balanced cast of predominantly black actors, earned more than \$260 million in the U.S. alone by five days after its release — and by then had earned more than \$260 million more overseas.

Those results underscore what UCLA's Hollywood Diversity Report has been telling us about the appetites of film audiences in the U.S. and overseas, and suggests that the industry at large should invest in hiring that is reflective of the U.S. population, which is nearly 40 percent minority and at least 50 percent female. The fifth annual report was published today.

The study analyzed the casts of and talent behind the top 200 theatrical releases of

2016 and 1,251 broadcast, cable and digital platform television shows from the 2015–16 season.

The report dispels what it calls the "myth of international distribution" — the Hollywood notion that films with diverse casts won't succeed in the increasingly important markets outside of the U.S. In 2016, the study found, U.S. films with the most diverse casts were released in fewer international markets than those with overwhelmingly white casts, despite the fact that the world's population is as diverse as the United States.

In 2016, the report found, films with casts made up of 21 to 30 percent minority actors enjoyed the highest median global box office ticket sales and the highest median return on investment. Films with the most racially homogenous casts were the poorest financial performers.

Even as the report demonstrates audiences' preference for films and TV shows with diverse casts, it paints a pic-

ture of an industry slow to correct its own gender and racial disparities. The level of representation for women and minorities mostly improved from 2015 to 2016 — especially in acting roles in film and cable shows — but their numbers remained stagnant in some areas and declined in others.

The 2018 report also coincides with the growing strength of the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements, which have exposed sexual harassment and assault in nearly every industry, including entertainment. Ramon said those efforts have amplified the rallying cries for gender diversity in Hollywood, and they could be another important sign that the industry is poised to transform how women are represented on the big and small screens, and in studio board rooms.

Women remained underrepresented, compared with their numbers in the U.S. population overall, in all 11 employment categories the report examines; and they

actually lost ground, compared with last year's figures, as lead actors in broadcast scripted shows, as creators of cable shows and as directors. Women directed only 6.9 percent of the top 200 films, down from 7.7 in the previous year's report.

The job title with the best gender parity was lead actor roles in cable scripted shows, of which 45 percent were held by women.

This year's report again illustrates that Hollywood studios are leaving money on the table by not developing films and TV shows with more diverse casts. The data demonstrated that TV shows with greater diversity typically get higher ratings and enjoy higher levels of social media engagement across all ethnic groups.

Among viewers in Asian, Black and Latino households, the majority of the top 10 broadcast scripted shows featured casts that were at least 21 percent minority. In white households, half of the top rated shows boasted at least 21 percent minority

casts. The same held true for scripted shows on cable.

Black actors held 12.5 percent of film roles, 17 percent of roles in broadcast scripted shows and 13.3 percent of roles in cable scripted shows analyzed by the report — figures that are generally in line with the African-American population in the U.S. overall. But all other minority groups were underrepresented.

For the first time, the report examined the intersection of race and gender among actors. Across all ethnic groups, women in film roles were underrepresented compared to men of the same ethnicity.

Among white and black actors on broadcast scripted shows, women had fewer roles than men during the 2015–16 season. Latino women and mixed-race women claimed more roles than men of those racial backgrounds. Meanwhile, men and women of Asian descent were represented nearly equally, although Asian actors had a small

percentage of roles overall.

And while Jordan Peele, who is African-American, and Greta Gerwig each received nominations for directing and screenplays for this year's Academy Awards, positions in directing and writing continue to have the deepest divides for both people of color and women.

Minorities made up 12.6 percent of film directors for the movies in the report; and minorities made up just 8.1 percent and women only 13.8 percent of writers of those movies.

The report also includes a preliminary analysis of gender and racial diversity among 2017–18 television programs. Actors of color claimed 28 percent of the lead roles for new scripted shows in broadcast, cable and digital, but women lost ground in acting roles. And there were fewer women or people of color among TV show creators compared to the 2015–16 season, the report found.

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there is a lack of opportunity, and that's why I'm running," Turner said. "I feel like these programs — like Montessori, like IB, like dual language immersion — all these things that parents are demanding to be in all our schools, including in the heart of sunny South Dallas."

Henry comes to the table with a background in education, having taught in Los Angeles. He also has experience working in the political realm, on a senator's staff and interning for the ACLU. He says he's been advocating for educational equity in Dallas for the last eight years.

"When you look at a community like South Dallas and we have five low-performing schools, which is unheard of," Henry said. "And we're not looking at opportunities to bring in schools of choice; and bring in more schools specifically schools like H.S. Thompson, which rightfully so, closed because of the population."

The three candidates on-

stage were well acquainted with each other. Nutall pointed to a five-year period of "mentorship" for Henry, which he acknowledged. Turner, as a community organizer in past years, has had difficulties with Nutall in her capacity as a board member, accusing her of "shutting down" potentially beneficial programs if she does not like the leadership.




District finances, and specifically the controversial decision of the school board recently not to move forward with a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), was one of the questions which came from the audience. Complicating that decision was the threat of putting the district into "recapture." With a solid chunk of the voting public ready to vote on a tax increase, the failure to bring an option to a ballot is destined to be one of the issues in the next school board election across the district.


Turner said he would have supported the 13-cent tax option (one of three proposed at

the time), though he concedes it would almost certainly have put the district into recapture, and thereby losing some funds to the state. He noted plainly that Dallas ISD was facing a \$40 million shortfall at the time. Henry said the district is not going to "be saved" by action at the state or national level, and that Dallas residents are going to have to come up with some solution or another at the local level. Nutall did not choose to comment on that question.

The subject of charter schools and the perceived financial "penalty" paid by public schools when they move into a community is also one of the top items of concern among constituents. Nutall pointed out that there is one charter school located in District 9, so the issue is not as much of a hot topic as in other districts. However, on principle, all three candidates said they were guarded against the economic impact of charter schools, but supported parental choice and insisted on charter school be held to the same standard as public schools.

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## March 19 United Career Fair

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The career fair will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more info, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com>

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## 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](https://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.

## March 24 Gaylord Job Fair

The Gaylord Texan is hosting a hiring fair from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are looking for full time, part time and seasonal

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For more info, please visit [www.careers.marriott.com](http://www.careers.marriott.com)

## March 29 CCA/Goodwill Hiring Fair CCA and Goodwill Job

Connection host a hiring fair from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come dressed for success and bring at least 20 copies of your resume. There will be on the spot interviews. Some of the companies present include Nebraska Furniture Mart, Waffle House, Target, the University of North Texas and more. The hiring fair will take place at the Lewisville Library. 1197 W Main St in the Community Room.

For more info, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com>

## April 3 Health Workshops SMU Health Professions

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**March 18, 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.

**March 21, 7 p.m.**

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette, and others conducting a 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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Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has worked with states and the Department of Justice to hold accountable the nation's largest servicer of federal student loans, Navient. In early 2017, CFPB sued the company for steering student loan borrowers into costly forbearance agreements that pad interest costs instead of enrolling borrowers in income-based repayments.

Similarly, Massachusetts sued the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the National Collegiate Student Loan Trust for overcharging stu-

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**March 19, 7 p.m.**

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**March 18, 10 a.m.**

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ers. And given the Education Department's record of siding with servicers over borrowers, the state role is more critical now than ever."

A CFPB report, also released in October 2017, analyzed student loan complaints on a state-by-state basis. With more than 50,000 complaints filed with the Bureau, poor student loan servicing and servicing errors were frequently reported. The number of complaints were markedly rising in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Texas and Pennsylvania.

"This kind of caving to special interests abandons the Department's duty to be a

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thrifty steward of the public purse," said Whitney Barkley-Denney, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Consumers are entitled to support and response from all levels of government. Hence, states must preserve their ability to protect borrowers residing in their respective jurisdictions."

"There is simply no precedent or provision for such a federal fiat," concluded Barkley-Denney.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's Deputy Communications Director. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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# Women's History Month, Part II



Sister Tarpley

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**Ida B. Wells-Barnett** in 1892 became part owner of the Memphis Free Speech, a Black newspaper, and began her anti-lynching campaign.

And, nearly seventy years after the first account of a lynching of a Black man in America appeared in Freedom's Journal, the first Black Newspaper, she and a delegation from Chicago called on President William McKinley to protest the apathy of "This Christian Nation" and the White House to the "lynching of mostly Black men."

**Phillis Wheatley** was purchased directly off "an African slave ship, in 1761" by affluent white Bostonians. She was taught to read and write by the Wheatley family and published Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral, the first book of poetry by a Black woman in 1773.

**Dorothy Irene Height**, through the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) now personifies "the defense of the Black family." She was one of the founders the Black Family Reunion Celebration in

1986, and encouraged millions of African Americans to refocus on the Black family and its positive role in the struggle for equality in American life.

**Barbara Jordan** from Houston, Texas was elected to Congress in 1972. She became the first Black elected from Texas since Reconstruction.

Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois was elected the nation's first Black female Senator in November 1991.

**Fannie Lou Hamer**, a self-described "grass-root" person, she came to symbolize the Black woman as the venerable "spine" of the ongoing Black struggle for freedom and equality in the 1960s and the 1970s. She courageously exposed her body and soul to the violence and indignities of being Black in a racist society in order to liberate Blacks, and all people.

**Ruby Dee** and her husband Ossie Davis distinguished themselves as artists and activists. She is influential to the protracted struggle of Blacks to be. She fused her artistic talents with her historic perspectives of, and commitments to the Black struggle for freedom and equality. She established the Ruby Dee Scholarship in Dramatic Arts to encourage and support young Black women in the arts.

**Johnnetta Betsch Cole**,

in 1987 became the first Black woman president of the 111-year-old Spelman College. In May 1992, she announced a gift of \$37 million to her institution to bring more of the nation's most talented African American women to Spelman.

**Camille Cosby**, along with her husband, Bill Cosby in 1988 gave Spelman College a gift of \$20 million. At the time, it was

the largest single gift to a historical Black college, and the largest single philanthropic gift by African Americans.

**Mary C. Terrell** played an influential role in helping Black and white woman "throw off the yoke of oppression" of white racism and sexism in America. Terrell's commitment to eradicating the Jim Crow effects of Plessy v. Ferguson led her, as one of two

Black women (the other was Ida B. Wells-Barnett) to help found the Niagara Movement in 1909, which was the forerunner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

She was also an active member in the National American Woman Suffrage Association, whose activities led to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote in 1920.

**Lorraine Hansberry** was a prominent voice cry-

ing for the "total liberation of Black peoples all over the world," especially the liberation of Blacks in their protracted struggle for freedom and equality.

Hansberry's controversial play, A Raisin in The Sun (1959) (it was the first play on Broadway by a Black female playwright; it had 538 performances which indicated its acceptance by white society, the patrons of Broadway theater.) It also signaled a new era for the role of the Black artist in the American civil rights struggle.



Sister Tarpley, Sister Elma Turner, and Sister Rachel Lewis. Seated is Sister Oreler Murry, all four are AKA the Golden Hands of Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton, Texas

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## NDG Book Review: *Grandma's Purse* is a joy for girls of all ages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

What's in the bag?

It looks like it could be a surprise. Lots of things that come in a sack that size are good things. Maybe it's a doll or a truck or a bar of chocolate. Maybe it's a whistle or a puzzle. Or maybe, as in the new book "Grandma's Purse" by Vanessa Brantley-Newton, it's a whole lot more than that...

Here's some good news: Grandma Mimi is coming to visit!

She gives the best hugs. She always has "treasures" to share, and every one of



them hides in the bottom of her purse. When she's around, you can barely stop looking at that purse. It's "full of some magical things." It's full of what makes Mimi, Mimi.

Once you've gotten your hug and Mimi's comfortable on the sofa, you can ask politely to see what's inside that magical purse. It's

going to be something great. Or maybe it'll be something useful. Or maybe something silly.

"You never know what you'll want to have with you!" says Mimi.

For instance, she keeps a mirror in there, and a lipstick so she's ready to leave kisses all over your cheeks. She needs her "smell-good," so you know she's been in your living room long after she leaves. Mimi always carries an second pair of earrings because any time might be time to look "extra-fancy." There are hairpins in her purse, so she always looks put together,

and a coin purse that Grandpa brought her from an overseas country far, far away. The coin purse reminds her of Grandpa. There's candy, because she never knows who might be hungry. Her phone and her glasses are there; so is a scarf to keep her warm and a long line of pictures protected in plastic. It's almost like Mimi carries everything!

Lucky for you that she sometimes doesn't mind if you play with her things. When you put on her lipstick, her "smell-good," her scarf, and her glasses, well, look at you: you could al-

most be Mimi.

But wait.

What's that in the bottom of Mimi's purse?

What could it be?

Rare is the big girl who doesn't remember being a little girl with a fascination for an elder's handbag. All those memories will rush forth when you see what author-illustrator Vanessa Brantley-Newton has in store for your little one in "Grandma's Purse."

Beginning with the joyous cover, you know you're in for a book that tells a story by picture alone. Indeed, when your child picks up this book to pretend-read

it, she'll easily know what's going on by Brantley-Newton's artwork.

Even so, you'll want to read this one aloud. Not only is it a story of being silly, being surprised, and being loved between generations, but it's also just generally one that purse-loving, surprise-loving girls will appreciate, no matter what their ages.

Surely, then, your child will love "Grandma's Purse" almost as much as she loves to rummage through a handbag. For that 3-to-6-year-old and this book, the fun's in the bag.

## National Geographic publishes a special edition single-topic issue exploring race and diversity in the 21st century

WASHINGTON -- National Geographic has published a single-topic issue exploring the subject of race in the lead up to the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination this April. The April edition of the magazine, *The Race Issue*, features a pair of black and white fraternal twin sisters from the United Kingdom, Marcia and Millie Biggs, on the cover (more here). The Biggs twins on the cover are a catalyst for readers to re-think what they know about race. The full issue is available now at [natgeo.com/TheRaceIssue](http://natgeo.com/TheRaceIssue).

The *Race Issue*, which is accompanied by a discussion guide aimed at parents and educators (here), includes the latest research, powerful anecdotes and unparalleled visual storytelling to explore the human journey through the lens of labels that define, separate and unite us. Select features include:

- "Skin Deep," an article on the genetics of race and roots of scientific racism, by Pulitzer-Prize winning author Elizabeth Kolbert and photos by Robin Hammond.

- "The Things That Divide Us," a look into the evolutionary roots of group bias and current efforts to combat this bias, with text by David

Berrebby and photos by John Stanmeyer.

- "The Rising Anxiety of White America," by renowned journalist Michele Norris, who looks to 2044 when America will be less than 50 percent white and details the cultural shift already taking place. Photos by Gillian Laub.

- "The Stop," a powerful piece featuring anecdotes from black and Hispanic motorists who've been pulled over by the police due to the color of their skin. This piece was reported in partnership with ESPN's *The Undeclared*, with text by Michael Fletcher and photos by National Geographic photographer Wayne Lawrence.

- "Streets in His Name," a photographic essay, with text by award-winning journalist Wendi C. Thomas, on streets around the world bearing MLK Jr.'s name and how they reflect the legacy he left behind.

- "A Place of Their Own," which showcases a new brand of activism at historically black colleges and universities as racial tensions escalate across the country. Text by Clint Smith and photos by Nina Robinson and Ruddy Roye.

The *Race Issue* kicks off the magazine's "Diversity in America" series. Throughout

the rest of 2018, the series looks at racial, ethnic and religious groups in the United States, including Muslims, Latinos, Asian Americans and Native Americans, and examines their changing roles in 21st-century life.

In conjunction with the publication of the issue, Na-

tional Geographic has also launched a social media campaign, #IDefineMe, calling on individuals to share their experience with race and what it means to them. Through photos, videos or text across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, the online community is encouraged to

respond to the call-to-action: Science defines you by your DNA. Society defines you by the color of your skin. How do you define yourself? #IDefineMe

Additionally, "America Inside Out with Katie Couric," a documentary television series covering some of the

most complicated and consequential questions in American culture today, premieres April 11 on National Geographic.

The *Race Issue* is available online now at [natgeo.com/TheRaceIssue](http://natgeo.com/TheRaceIssue) and on print newsstands March 27.

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