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MNP turns attention toward May 22 Democratic runoffs

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

Dallas County Democrats will return to the polls on May 22 to decide runoff winners in multiple races (Early Voting is May 14-18). *The Dallas Examiner* is offering candidates another opportunity to face the public during Monday Night Politics (MNP) forums held at the African American Museum in Fair Park. At the most recent forum, the candidates for only one of the races were present.

Deshaundra Lockhart Jones and Carl Sherman are both seeking the Texas Representative seat for District 109, which encompasses the southern part of Dallas County. They are very familiar with each other, as both have served on the DeSoto City Council.

Sherman holds a litany of endorsements from area mayors as well as Rep. Helen Giddings, who is retiring from the position. Lockhart Jones yielded the point, but asserts she has the support that counts the most.

"I have not received endorsements from individuals that are currently elected," Lockhart Jones said. "What I have done, is receive the votes of the people because I am a person for the people."

Lockhart Jones also says her Master of Arts degree separates her from the field as "the only candidate with



Deshaundra Lockhart Jones (at left) and Carl Sherman (middle) shake hands following a forum held for Texas House District 109 Monday night at the African American Museum in Fair Park. Michelle Williams (at right) was the moderator for the event. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

an advanced degree." As much of the work in Austin deals with budgets and numbers, she said her education will be an advantage for the voters.

At one point Sherman noted, "We share that degree in common." But Lockhart Jones retorted, "From an accredited school."

Sherman, who served two terms as DeSoto's first African American mayor, sees an advantage in his experience not only as an elected official, but in city management as well. He believes this will be instrumental to handling exchanges with lawmakers from other areas and across the aisle.

"I have experience as a city man-

ager, appointed in two different cities, and it's the same" Sherman said. "What you have to do is be willing to understand the other side's position. That's why I've been able to get projects done with former Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Adkins, who's on the city council now, for a \$6 million road project in DeSoto on Daniieldale Road. You have to be able to work together and understand what their needs are and it's important that you do it on the local level first."

One of the key differences between the candidates comes in the

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Dr. Tiffany G. Tyler

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Dr. Tiffany G. Tyler is the president and CEO of Communities in Schools (CIS) Nevada. CIS creates school-based strategies for improving the academic outcomes of students by addressing their basic needs. This work centers on helping school leaders understand the needs of their school populations apart from over-simplified ethnic and income categories.

As a former high school dropout, Dr. Tyler used the motivation from the birth of her first son (she said she didn't want her son to "have a dropout as a mom.") to propel her to the highest levels of academia,

as an education psychologist. While studying for her dissertation, she happened upon a report detailing circumstances that contribute to student dropouts, as well as preventative practices that retain enrollment. She uses her experiences as a former beneficiary of many of the services she now provides to inform her role as chief Advocate.

"Having the benefit of people, over the course of my return to school, who not only encouraged me to continue my education, but helped in many ways, I now have the opportunity to pay it forward every

day," Dr. Tyler said, speaking of her daily motivation to make a difference.

Dr. Tyler said that her primary responsibility is to shepherd the vision and mission of the organization: to provide children with the resources and support they need to not only graduate, but to lead a successful life. Communities in Schools operates in South Nevada, encompassing 50 schools in the Las Vegas metropolitan area, Marshall County, and Elko County. An impressive 66,720 K-12 students benefit from the integrated services provided by CIS,

yet the need still outweighs access to resources.

Dr. Tyler believes in the power of the work, but also in the power of action. In order to really move the needle on reducing dropout rates she believes we need everyone at the table; not only to discuss the challenges faced, but to also develop a course of action for moving forward. Dr. Tyler is consistently looking to partner with stakeholders and other like-minded organizations to bring more assets to schools. She serves as the co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Services Citizens Advisory Commit-

tee in Clark County and maintains board memberships on a number of organizations in the community.

The Every Student Succeeds Act, memorializes integrated support services as a successful practice and allows federal use of resources to be leveraged to provide more resources to communities. For the first time in federal education policy, integrated support services are explicitly noted as an allowable intervention for funding and noted as a strategy that dis-

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Tomiko Brown-Nagin

(Harvard Gazette)

Tomiko Brown-Nagin, a leading historian on law and society as well as an authority on constitutional and education law and policy, has been named dean of Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard President Drew Faust announced on April 26.

Brown-Nagin is the Daniel P.S. Paul Professor of Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School (HLS), a history professor in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), and faculty director of the Charles



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Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. She is also co-director of the HLS Law and History Program. She will assume her new responsibilities on July 1, succeeding Dean Lizabeth

Cohen, who has led the institute since 2011.

"Professor Brown-Nagin is known for her deep intellectual curiosity and insight, as well as her analytical skills as both a lawyer and a historian. She has made significant contributions to our understanding of the history of the Civil Rights movement and, more broadly, of issues as varied as affirmative action, education law and reform, and the Affordable Care Act," said Faust.

"This is an important moment for Radcliffe as it matures into an established and renowned institute for advanced study, with its world-class library and archive on

the history of women in America, as well as its expanding role, through the Academic Ventures program, in bringing together faculty and students from across and beyond Harvard in common pursuits," she added. "Tomiko is exceptionally well equipped to advance and build upon this important work, and I know that she will count on the insight, partnership, and support of the entire Radcliffe community as she embraces those opportunities in the years ahead."

Brown-Nagin became professor of law at HLS and professor of history in the FAS in 2012. In 2013 she

was named Daniel P.S. Paul Professor of Constitutional Law and co-director of the Law and History Program. She became faculty director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute last year.

"Tomiko Brown-Nagin is a scholar of remarkable depth and breadth, and she has already made significant contributions to Harvard through her leadership and service," said President-elect Lawrence S. Bacow. "I am fortunate that the timing of the search enabled me to meet with Tomiko, along with the other finalists. Radcliffe and Harvard will both benefit tremendously from the relationships Tomiko has

already established at the institute and across the University. I am excited that I will have the opportunity to work with such a wonderful scholar and leader in the years ahead."

"I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to lead the Radcliffe Institute, whose mission to bring scholars together across disciplinary and professional boundaries I enthusiastically embrace," said Brown-Nagin. "Radcliffe plays a vital role at Harvard and in the world, and I look forward to working with the institute's excellent staff to promote its mission and support its endeavors."

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Opinion: Ungrateful Negroes!

By Jeffrey L. Boney
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"I'm just one vote."

"My vote won't matter."

"Them White folks gone do what they wanna do anyway."

These are some of the many excuses given by some African Americans when it comes to exercising their right to vote; a right fought for by many people in this country—both Black and White—that has cost so many people so much; even their very lives.

Obtaining the right to vote was a major part of the civil rights history of African Americans in this country. However, many Black people have turned a blind eye to the struggle that it took to obtain the right to vote, flippanantly taking it for granted today.

From 1880-1965, there was an all-out assault on preventing African Americans from voting by having their right to vote deemed invalid.

Those who sought to disenfranchise Black people knew the importance of voting. They knew that voting had a profound impact on representation, political outcomes and critical decisions that needed to be made concerning major issues.

Many southern states knew that the Fifteenth Amendment prohibited blatant disenfranchisement on the basis of race or prior enslavement, those states came up with a slew of new and innovative alternative techniques to disenfranchise African Americans.

The traditional techniques of violence, such as with the Ku Klux Klan, and voter fraud relative to vote counting, welcomed new friends to the game as these new methods were introduced to American politics.

Poll taxes restrict the Black vote

After the ability to vote was extended to all races by the enactment of the 15th Amendment, many southern states enacted a poll tax as a means of restricting Black people from voting. A poll tax was a flat-rate tax levied

on all members of a population, often as a prerequisite to voting, which often included a grandfather clause. This grandfather clause allowed any adult male whose father or grandfather had voted in a specific year prior to the abolition of slavery to vote without paying the tax. Of course, this was problematic for Black people, because no Black person had the right to vote prior to the abolition of slavery and, therefore no Black person could qualify.

Whites used impossible literacy tests to bar Blacks from the polls

The first formal voter literacy tests were introduced in 1890. Literacy tests were used to keep Black people from voting and were administered at the discretion of the officials in charge of voter registration. Whites did not have to take the literacy test, if they could meet the alternate requirements that systematically excluded Blacks. These included demonstrating political competence in person, which Black people tried to adhere to, or falling under the Grandfather Clause. If the official wanted a person to pass, he could ask the easiest question on the test. The same official would require a Black person to answer every single question correctly, in an unrealistic time frame, in order to pass.

Southern states abandoned the literacy test only when forced to do so by federal legislation. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 suspended the use of literacy tests in all states in which less than 50 percent of voting-age residents were registered as of November 1, 1964, or had voted in the 1964 presidential election. After the passage of the Voting Rights Act, Black voter registration in the South increased significantly.

Much has been given

The names of individuals who lost their lives in the struggle for freedom during the modern Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968 are inscribed on the Civil Rights Memorial in

Montgomery, Ala. Those unsuspecting victims became martyrs, killed because of their focus on securing voting rights and fighting for the civil rights of Black people in this country.

On August 13, 1955 in Brookhaven, Miss., Lamar Smith was shot dead on the courthouse lawn by a White man in broad daylight while dozens of people watched. The killer was never indicted, because no one would admit they saw a White man shoot a Black man. Smith had organized Blacks to vote in a recent election.

Reverend George Lee, one of the first Black people registered to vote in his county, used his pulpit and his printing press to urge others to vote. On May 7, 1955 in Belzoni, Miss., White officials offered Lee protection on the condition he end his voter registration efforts, but Lee refused and was murdered.

On September 25, 1961, Herbert Lee, who worked with civil rights leader Bob Moses to help register Black voters, was killed by a state legislator in Liberty, Miss., who claimed self-defense and was never arrested. Louis Allen, a Black man who witnessed the murder, was also killed.

Jonathan Myrick Daniels, a White Episcopal Seminary student in Boston, had come to Alabama on August 20, 1965, to help with Black voter registration in Lowndes County. He was arrested at a demonstration, jailed in Hayneville and then suddenly released. Moments after his release, he was shot to death by a deputy sheriff.

On January 10, 1966 in Hattiesburg, Miss., Vernon Ferdinand Dahmer, a wealthy businessman, offered to pay poll taxes for those who couldn't afford the fee required to vote. The night after a radio station broadcasted Dahmer's offer, his home was firebombed. Dahmer died later from severe burns.

Jimmie Lee Jackson was beaten and shot by state troopers on February 26,

1965 in Marion, Ala., as he tried to protect his grandfather and mother from a trooper attack on civil rights marchers. His death led to the Selma to Montgomery march and the eventual passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Much is required

There is so much at stake in this country for Black people during this upcoming midterm election. As things continue to play out in the news concerning issues like the highly-argued Affordable Care Act, Voter ID laws and criminal justice reform, African Americans have a real opportunity to let their voices be heard at the ballot box so that all issues impacting the Black community are thrust to the forefront of America's conscience.

So many other groups in this country have taken the Civil Rights Movement playbook, crafted by Black activists, and used it to advance their causes and improve their situations.

The question now is, will Black non-voters continue to take their precious voting rights for granted, or will they embrace the unwritten obligation that each Black person has to 'pay it forward'?

Time will tell. November will be here before we know it.

But Black non-voters need to register to vote now. There are no excuses. Time to stop being ungrateful negroes.

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Five healthy habits may add more than a decade to life

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including eating a healthy diet, regular exercise and not smoking, could prolong life expectancy at age 50 by 14 years for women and just over 12 years for men, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal *Circulation*.

America is one of the wealthiest countries worldwide, yet Americans have a shorter life expectancy compared with other high-income countries, including Japan, Canada and Norway. Heart disease and stroke are major contributors to premature death in this country, with 2,300 Americans dying of cardiovascular disease each day, or one death every 38 seconds. Researchers point out that the U.S. healthcare system focuses heavily on drug discovery and disease management; however, a greater emphasis on prevention could change this life expectancy trend.

To quantify the effects of prevention, researchers analyzed data from two major



American Heart Association

ongoing cohort studies that includes dietary, lifestyle and medical information on thousands of adults in the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study. These data were combined with National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data, as well as mortality data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to estimate the impact of lifestyle factors on life expectancy in the U.S. population. Specifically, they looked at how the following five behaviors affected a person's longevity: not smoking, eating a healthy diet (diet score in the top 40 per-

cent of each cohort), regularly exercising (30+ minutes a day of moderate to vigorous activity), keeping a healthy body weight (18.5-24.9 kg/m), and moderate alcohol consumption (5-15 g/day for women, 5-30 g/day for men).

Over the course of nearly 34 and 27 years of follow-up of women and men, respectively, a total of 42,167 deaths were recorded, of which 13,953 were due to cancer and another 10,689 were due to cardiovascular disease. Following all five lifestyle behaviors significantly improved longevity for both men and women. Other noteworthy findings

from the study include:

- Compared with people who didn't follow any of the five lifestyle habits, those who followed all five were 74 percent less likely to die during the follow-up period; 82 percent less likely to die from cardiovascular disease and 65 percent less likely to die from cancer.
- There was a direct association between each individual behavior and a reduced risk of premature death, with the combination of following all five lifestyle behaviors showing the most protection.

Between 1940 and 2014, Americans' life expectancy at birth rose from around 63 years to nearly 79 years. However, researchers believe the improvement of life expectancy would be even larger without the widespread prevalence of obesity—a known risk factor for heart disease, stroke and premature death.

"Quantifying the association between healthy lifestyle factors and longer

life expectancy is important not only for individual behavioral changes but also for health communicators and policy makers," said study author Frank B. Hu, M.D., Ph.D., who chairs the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston. "It is critical to put prevention first. Prevention, through diet and lifestyle modifications, has enormous benefits in terms of reducing occurrence of chronic diseases, improving life expectancy as shown in this study, and reducing health-care costs."

The American Heart Association recommends people work to protect themselves from heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer, with Life's Simple 7®—easy-to-embrace ways to significantly lower your risk of heart disease and improve your health. Life's Simple 7 includes being physically active; achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight; eating a healthy diet; avoid-

ing tobacco; and maintaining healthy levels of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. Additionally, the Association's Healthy For Good movement helps consumers make lasting changes to improve nutrition, physical activity and well-being.

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Starting tackle football early sets kids up for brain problems

Playing youth tackle football may lead to earlier onset of cognitive, behavior, and mood symptoms in later life, according to a new study.

Researchers conducted telephone clinical interviews with family and friends of 246 deceased football players and found that those who began tackle football before age 12 experienced symptoms an average of 13 years earlier than those who started playing at age 12 or older.

"Thirteen years is a huge number," says Michael Alosco, an assistant professor of neurology at Boston University School of Medicine, and lead author of the study in the *Annals of Neurology*. "The younger they started to play football, the earlier these symptoms began."

The researchers, who

controlled for total years of play, level of play, and factored in what decade athletes started playing (to account for different styles of

play and protection through the years), found that each year younger that athletes

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Rep Eric Johnson: Why I'm running to be the next Speaker of the House

By Rep. Eric Johnson

Last year, when Texas House Speaker Joe Straus declared that he would not be seeking another term as Speaker, I announced that I would consider running to succeed him. I soon began talking with family, my closest friends, and my constituents about running. My wife and I considered what running for Speaker would entail for our family, with two sons under the age of 5: the days and nights away from home visiting with House members in their districts, the late-night strategy sessions, the myriad public appearances. But we also discussed what it would mean for Texas if I were to win, and this led me to become an official candidate for Speaker



Rep. Eric Johnson

of the Texas House of Representatives.

When I look back over my eight years as a member of the Texas House, I am deeply troubled by the far rightward shift in our state government

and the excessive partisanship and the poor legislation this shift has spawned. Texas has become a one-party state, and this has been to Texas's detriment. Bipartisanship is no longer valued in Austin; in

fact, many perceive it as a political liability. We spend more time in Austin debating wedge political issues aimed at weeding out moderates in a particular political party than we do addressing the real problems facing our state like school finance, access to health care, and our aging infrastructure. This hyper-partisanship must end if Texas is going to succeed in a future marked by increased competition, both nationally and internationally, for human capital and investment. The quality of the legislation we debate and pass in Austin must also drastically improve: a bathroom bill might be a good political wedge issue, but it won't lower anyone's property taxes, help any Texas student graduate from high school, or prepare a sin-

gle Texas city for the next Hurricane Harvey.

What Texas needs is a strong, pro-growth, progressive leader presiding over the Texas House to act as a counterbalance to a far-right Governor and Lieutenant Governor. I am running for Speaker to help restore normalcy to Texas state politics. Whether the issue is increased funding for Pre-K or removing Confederate monuments from the Texas Capitol, I have never backed down from a legislative fight – not even when my chief opponents have been the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas. Right now, this is exactly the kind of leadership we need in Austin, and this kind of leadership has always come naturally to me.

In the coming months, I

will share more about me and my family, and I will also describe in more detail my vision for Texas and what I will do if I am elected Speaker to help bring about this vision. I appreciate your support and your prayers as my family and I embark upon this incredible journey. May God bless you and the Great State of Texas.

A few facts about Representative Eric Johnson:

- Born and raised in House District 100 in Dallas, which he currently represents

- Attended Dallas Independent School District schools until he received an academic scholarship through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas to attend Greenhill School from

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Live Happy offering 20 summit scholarships to encourage positive education

Since its inception, Live Happy has been committed to helping people live purpose-filled, healthy lives, and as such, has been a strong partner in the positive education movement, which was founded in 2008 based upon the work of Martin Seligman, PhD. Live Happy is a presenting sponsor of the 2018 World Positive Education Accelerator and will be offering twenty student scholarships to young people ages 15-21 with an interest in education, psychology and public policy.

Live Happy founder Deb Heisz is giving the opening state comments at this year's summit, and is excited to offer student scholarships. "It

is so important to have student voices participating in this year's event," notes Heisz. "If we want to make meaningful change through the Appreciative Inquiry process at WPEA, engaging with students will be a critical part of the long-term success of the endeavor."

Positive education evolved from the recognition educators, parents and social scientists have for a need to better equip young people with the life skills for success. Positive education advocates that teaching well-being skills like empathy, open-mindedness, critical thinking, learned optimism, mindfulness and resilience, and it is thought to be crucial to

equipping the next generation of global citizens with the skills they will need to thrive.

The World Positive Education Accelerator: 2nd Festival of Positive Education + Appreciative Inquiry Summit (WPEA) will be held June 25-28 in Fort Worth and will bring together more than 1,500 innovators in education, psychology and business to further the impact of the positive education movement.

Students interested in applying for scholarships, which cover the WPEA's \$695 student ticket price, should complete the short application at www.ipen-festival.org/scholarships.

While event registration is included in this scholarship, travel, lodging and incident-

tal expenses are not. Applications must be completed by May 15, 2018. Those re-

ceiving scholarships will be notified no later than June 1, 2018.

DART hosts health fair for seniors

Have you marked your calendar and registered to attend DART's Older Americans Information and Health Fair? The event will be held Thursday, May 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Centennial Hall in Fair Park. Centennial Hall is an easy walk from DART's Fair Park Station on the Green Line, and a shuttle also will be available at the rail station to take you to the entrance.

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Teachers and parents address gun concerns at Dallas ISD meeting

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

Many concerned teachers, administrative, and parents voiced their concerns regarding having teachers 'locked and loaded' with firearms at the April 26 Dallas ISD board meeting.

The speakers shared how nervous they feel about students being in what they consider, "unsafe zones."

Joanna Cattanch, a mother and candidate for State Rep. HD 108, spoke before the board members regarding her concerns.

"My kindergartner now has to undergo active



Teachers, parents and administrators dress in red with the word 'respect' to show concerns about teachers being armed in their classrooms.

shooter drills and hid in the closet at his school at Robert E. Lee Elementary because of DISD policy. I can't tell you how sick I feel knowing how unsecure a

classroom really is.

"I wish that he could've had a safe public school experience like I did," Cattanch said. "I can't tell you how frustrated it is to know that most of our school's doors are not even bullet-proof. I can't tell you how many times I heard teachers tell me about the faults they have in classrooms from phones that don't work, to school doors that have large vents in them that can literally be kicked in."

The state of Texas already allows teachers who complete training to become school marshals.

Representative Jason Villalba, R-Dallas in an earlier statement said, "It's understandable that parents would be nervous about having guns on campus, That's why we created this to be tailored and narrow, and that the educators will also be highly trained peace officers."

Many people, especially teachers, do not like the idea of carrying guns to classes. They believe teachers are only there to do their job - teach their students.

So far the exact number of educators allowed to bring guns into their class-

rooms is undisclosed. Texas lawmakers decided to keep the information confidential for safety reasons.

According to Rep. Villalba, around 100 people, primarily in smaller communities, have completed the training.

President Donald Trump set off a national debate on arming teachers after the shooting in Florida at Parkland when a former student killed 17 students and teachers. Trump suggested one way to prevent these shootings is allowing 20 percent of the teachers to bear arms.

AT&T Byron Nelson tournament drives hope for area youth

The AT&T Byron Nelson is more than just a top-flight professional golf tournament, it is also an economic driver for a program with a storied history of helping Dallas' youngest and most vulnerable citizens through the Salesmanship Club of Dallas.

"One of the things I appreciate about the Salesmanship Club, in particular Momentous Institute is how early they begin to invest in these kids to help them understand no matter what their circumstances are, you can be anything you want to be," said former Dallas Mayor and U.S. Trade Rep. Ron Kirk. "Helping our kids and particularly underserved kids



The real winners in the AT&T Byron Nelson golf tournament are the students served by the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and Momentous Institute. (Photo: Mark Humphries / Momentous Institute)

get a start I think is some of the most important work that any group can do. I think the Salesmanship

Club, to their credit, has re-defined in terms of golf at least and golf sponsorship what charitable giving

means. As they move back to Dallas and we welcome them back to Trinity Forest, I hope the tournament be-

comes even bigger because the more successful the tournament is financially, the more the Salesmanship Club can do to help our young people."

The Salesmanship Club has been operating for more than 95 years and its members have been committed to transforming kids' lives. The Club unites more than 600 members by core values of fellowship, commitment, respectfulness and humility. Each year, day in and day out, Club members focus their dedicated efforts to support Momentous Institute, which builds and repairs social emotional health for kids and families through education, therapeutic programs, research

and training.

"Life is traumatic, and trauma that our students and children experience is incredible," said Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College. "I think sometimes as you get older, really unless you are coming into contact with students on a regular basis you can lose sight of that. When I think about everything that our students go through, I don't think there can be enough Momentous Institute."

So while the world's best golfers send their drives soaring during the competition beginning on May 16, remember they are also sending the hopes, dreams and expectations of area youngsters soaring as well.

AVID Model Showcase shows educators best practices

Young Women's STEAM Academy at Balch Springs Middle School recently hosted the Dallas ISD AVID Model Showcase where more than 50 educators gathered to learn and see best practices about AVID hands-on.

The showcase experience included Dallas ISD Trustee Jaime Resendez, Deputy Superintendent Israel Cordero, Deputy Chief Stephanie Elizalde, and a few others who came to support AVID and share a few words of inspiration.



The showcase experience included classroom observations and a chance to speak with experienced

AVID teachers, administrators, and students.

Dallas ISD is celebrating 16 years with the AVID pro-

gram and is thrilled to have two AVID National demonstration schools in the district, T. J. Rusk Middle

School and A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School. As the program continues to grow, it is adding more campuses and working hard to show student achievement through proven data.

Tamika Stevenson and Ebony Palmer, AVID District Coordinators, work daily with campuses to make sure the four domains of AVID are met: Instruction, Systems, Leadership, and Culture. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readi-

ness and success in a global society.

"I have a degree in the STEM field and have always valued the importance of training young women in the areas of STEM," said Dallas ISD Chief of School Leadership Stephanie Elizalde. "As educational leaders it is critical that we to teach our young women three C's - Competence, Courage and Compassion, and it is clear today that the young women at this school are truly being led by example."

The passion of art brings Plano community together

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

As the sun set on a warm Friday afternoon, the golden streets of historical Downtown Plano were filled with the sounds of live music, laughter, and the tangling smell of various foods.

The Plano Artfest that took place in the Downtown Plano Arts District was held from April 27th to 28th. Families, local artists, and several vendors were invited to explore the creativity of works that was designed by many craftsmen and artisans.

Among these artists in the middle of a park, was a man who was spray-painting a



Huberts Lemonade proved to be popular among the young visitors to Plano's Artfest. (Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

piece of work that was hung between two trees.

"We do this event every year," Eder Martinez said. "What I'm doing is using aerosol to make siggraph art. We're using cellophane

wrap. We wrapped it around the trees and now we're creating art."

The art Martinez was working on took him 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

The festival was designed

to be built around artistic inclusiveness, creative curiosities, and cultural connections. During this event there were various works of arts that were being showcase. There were woodcarvers, glass blowers, painters, henna designers, and entertainers.

It also feature performances from local art groups, family chalk art, and a kids zone with bounce houses, face panting

In the crowd, and entertainer dressed as a purple 7 foot fairy in stilts entertained and took photos with families. She fluttered around the fair gracefully with a scepter talking to people at the festi-

val.

"I am a fairy and this is my first year doing the Art Festival, but I do other festivals around the area," an entertainer who played Arita the fairy said. "I usually do the renaissance festival, but I am enjoying this festival a lot. There is so many lovely people."

Artists that range from professional, amateur, visual artists, or performing artists were encourage to participate in the art fest.

One of the activities featured at the art fest was a section where people were using chalk to write on cars. Chalk My Car returned to the festival for it's second year in the

row

"This originally started out as a way to buy more cars, but then I was thinking about how to modernize them" Tony Coke, chalk star said. "Now it has turned into my full time business. I have been doing this full time since the first of January 2018, but I actually started easing my way into it in 2017.

"I started with one car and now we have four cars," Coke said. "These cars have photo booths inside them as well. Typically for an event like this, we will partner with a sponsor and put their brand on the cars as well as the digital and physical photos.

Irving Concert Series will feature Latin Rhythms in May

Irving's annual concert series showcases live music performances by bands from across the state. The 2018 series brings a variety of tunes to the stage with

two exciting themes.

In May residents are invited to groove to the 'Latin Rhythms' of Tejano and Salsa bands, featuring a performance by the top Selena

tribute band in Texas. Gourmet food trucks will be on-site at all shows.

Concerts run from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Parking and admission are free. In the

event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to an indoor location. See details on the inclement weather plan at the bottom of the page.

The May 4 evening concert has been moved to the ballroom of the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson.

Food vendors will be in

the parking lot, and attendees are permitted to bring outside food as well. No alcohol, glass containers, smoking or pets are permitted inside the building.

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Allen

Talking History: When the World Seemed New: George H. W. Bush and the End of the Cold War will be presented on May 8 at Allen Public Library - Upstairs Program Room, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Attendees will learn how President George H. W. Bush responded to one of the most critical turning points in modern history, the end of the Cold War, with Dr. Jeffrey Engel, of Southern Methodist University. Free; no registration Ages 16+; younger children welcome with an adult. For more information contact (214).509.4905.

Carrollton

"May the 4th Be With You" Star Wars Event will be held on May 4, in Downtown Carrollton from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be Star Wars-themed booths, activ-

ities, laser tag, and games. Two movie screenings will be at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Plaza Arts Theater located in the Downtown Carrollton Square.

Dallas

The African American museum is hosting their **33rd annual Fundraising Gala** at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, May 5 starting at 6:30 p.m. Guests will experience a vibrant and glitzy Harlem Renaissance-styled cabaret as the African American Museum, hosts its annual fundraising gala and auction. This particular event raises critical resources to support museum operations, its key programs and recent, upcoming or permanent art exhibitions, including: The Souls of Black Folks; Facing the Rising Sun: The Freedman's Cemetery; The Levenson Collection of Jazz; Monti-

cello: The Legacy of Slavery, and Tina Williams Brewer-Rising from the Thicket: A Retrospective. The event also supports the Museum's enriching and educational Science of Art STEAM summer camp, serving disadvantaged youth from the southern and western sectors of Dallas.

The Power of 3 Women will be held on May 6. Dr. Ester Davis, Valder Beebe, Dr. Linda Amerson will be honored with the Aquarius Award, and will also bestow "Power Awards" to nine women of Hamilton Park UMC. These women are entrepreneurial, spiritually focused, humanitarian, philanthropic, and dedicated to making the world a better place. For more information visit @valderbeebeshow on facebook.

Her Nexx Chapter, Inc. is

hosting **High Tea at the Rosewood Mansion and Straight Talk with Female Doctors** Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Mansion on Turtle Creek, Promenade Ballroom (2821 Turtle Creek Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75219). Guests are invited to enjoy high tea, fashion, social connection and a panel of female doctors who understand the challenges of women's health. Discussions will present holistic, wellness and alternative options for today's women transitioning into new phases of their lives.

The panel of doctors will provide an overview of the dynamics in regards to optimal health and hormonal imbalance. From alternative medicine to traditional, from treatments for PMS, premenopause or postmenopause to low sex drives or thyroid unpleasanties. Ladies will learn about several approaches

within their reach to find relief to lifestyle changes, addressing the health concerns of today's women.

Proceeds will be donated to support women in active treatment for breast cancer.

To purchase tickets for this event, contact Her Nexx Chapter, Inc. at www.HerNexxChapter.com.

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden's Artscape Chairwoman, Kaki Hopkins, announced that the most famous name in gardening, entertaining and decorating, **Martha Stewart, is the Great Contributor** to Art Award honoree and speaker on May 11 at Rosine Hall to talk about her latest book. Just released, Martha's Flowers: A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering, and Enjoying features decades of Martha's gardening advice, along with more than 100 creative arrangements by

Kevin Sharkey, her longtime friend and colleague.

A reception starts at 10 a.m. with book sales, signing and bidding for the Invitational Fine Art Auction silent auction, which will be donated by dozens of acclaimed artists and local Dallas notables. The luncheon begins at noon.

Grand Prairie

Traders Village will host their **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** on May 5 at Traders Village in Grand Prairie. There will be live music and fun on THREE different stages at Traders Village on Saturday and Sunday. The music starts at 11 a.m. under the Blue Expo and 12 noon under the Big Red Patio each day. Admission is free and parking is \$4. For more information visit, tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie or call 972-647-2331.

The NNPA journalism fellowship open to all HBCUs

By Freddie Allen
Editor-In-Chief
NNPA Newswire

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), in partnership with Chevrolet, recently announced that the 2018 Discover The Unexpected (DTU) Journalism Fellowship will now accept applications from communications and journalism students attending any one of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) across the country.

In 2016, the DTU Journalism Fellowship launched at Howard University. The following year, the program expanded to include Morehouse College, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. Now communications and journalism students at more than 100 HBCUs can apply.

"This year's program also provides an opportunity for the aspiring, young journal-



Discover The Unexpected Journalism Fellows (from left-right): Noni Marshall (Howard University); Alexa Imani Spencer (Howard University); Darrell Williams (Morehouse College); Tiana Hunt (Clark Atlanta University); Ayron Lewallen (Morehouse College); Taylor Burris (Spelman College); Jordan Fisher (Clark Atlanta University); and Kelsey Jones (Spelman College). (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

ists to look beyond the newsroom for story ideas," said Michelle Alexander, the diversity marketing manager for Chevrolet. "They will have an opportunity to travel across several states in the all-new 2018 Chevrolet Equinox to discover inspiring stories along the way."

Hip-hop legend MC Lyte will also return as the program's ambassador.

For the third year in a

row, *The Washington Informer* and *The Atlanta Voice* will participate in the program; the *New York Amsterdam News* in New York City and *The New Journal & Guide* in Norfolk, Va. will also host DTU journalism fellows.

"DTU fellows will be assigned to write stories that spotlight positive and powerful people and events," according to a media advi-

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Dallas' Arts N' Beats raises funds for charity cause

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

To end off Dallas Arts Month with a bang; artists, sponsors, and creators of all types gathered at the Fashion Industry Gallery to celebrate the 2nd annual Arts N' Beats on April 28.

This charitable event highlighted *The Pursuit of Hope*, which is a social movement for those who have impairments. This is a feature-length documentary telling the story of the Haitian Amputee Football Team as they pursue the World Cup of Amputee Soccer.

The goal is to not only encourage those with impairments to break through physical and social barriers but to raise awareness so that one day the sport can be adopted by FIFA and the Paralympics.

"This is really just a creative space for those across DFW that are involved in art, fashion, film, cinematography," Sean R. Dougherty, business strategist of Giving Excellence



Desmond Blair, an amputee artist, paints live at Arts N'Beats in Dallas. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

Movement said. "The real mission behind this event is to support the Pursuit of Hope. We're giving opportunities to those in Haiti so they can get their lives and jobs back. They are seen as outcasts within their own community, but this is giving them an outlet to become part of a soccer team."

Nearly 1 million people in Haiti are amputees or

have disabilities. Since many of their families consider them cursed, they are forced to deal with poverty, lack of jobs, and sometimes even homelessness. *The Pursuit of Hope* tells the story of team members as they seek to find acceptance in their own country and desire to become models of hope for Haiti and the rest of the world.

One of the featured artists

highlighted at the event was Leroy Roper Jr, a journalist, artist, and writer. He has been an artist since he was five years old. He was an award-winning professional journalist before he finished high school. This event also marked the 30 year anniversary of the first article written about him in New York.

"My works are internationally known as Portraits of the Soul," Roper Jr. said.

"I paint canvas nine by ten feet to 20 by 30 feet. My works are called Portraits of the Soul because I talk with the people who come into work with me about what's happening with their lives. Then I interpret their reality into my world of fantasy.

"For example, if someone's going through major changes in their lives I'm going to paint them as a symbol of change. I may put them on fairy wing or give them giant butterfly wings because when you come out of the cocoon of the past, you are then able to fly upon your own wings. For me, one-half of those wings represents the worst experiences you've had in your life, and the other half represents everything else."

Amputee artists, models, and creators also performed live at the event. Among these artists was Desmond Blair. He performed live art by painting in front of a crowd. Due to his tenacity, determination, and staying focused; he went from crayons to paint brushes

and from drawing stick figures to portraits while graduating from high school at the age of 16 years old.

"Born with what some may call a disability I use my art to inspire and demonstrate that impossible. I'm possible," Blair said.

Another artist who was featured at the event was a writer called Nick F. Hawkins.

"I'm known as 'Nick the Writer,' and I wrote the book *Woke Up on The Wrong Side of The Universe*," Hawkins said. "When you look at my poetry you'll see that there are two poems in one. Every poem I write out in rhyme format, and then I have a cryptic sub poem in every one of them in light purple that describes in a shorter phrase of what that poem meant."

The event also featured a fashion show where models, including amputees, walked that stage to show off the latest designs.

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began to play tackle football correlated with an earlier onset of cognitive problems by 2.4 years, and behavioral and mood problems by 2.5 years.

"There is something unique about the age you start playing football," says Alosco. "There is something about it that is contributing to those symptoms." He notes that some athletes included in the study began playing tackle football as early as age 5 or 6.

"There is a recommendation that children under the age of 14 shouldn't play tackle football," says senior author Ann McKee, chief of neuropathology at Boston VA Healthcare System and

director of Boston University's CTE Center. "This paper would provide some support for that."

Not just CTE

The researchers were surprised to find that younger age of exposure to football was not associated with increased pathology in the brain. Furthermore, the relationship between younger age of exposure to football and earlier symptom onset occurred both in players who were diagnosed with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), a progressive degenerative brain disease found in people with a history of repeated head trauma, and those who were not.

"I think that's a really im-

portant result of this study," says McKee, who notes that 211 of the players in this study had been diagnosed with CTE after death, while the brains of most of the remaining 35 showed signs of other neurodegenerative diseases, like Alzheimer's disease.

"This finding wasn't just for people who died of CTE, this was for people with any disorder that affected their cognition, behavior, or mood. Early exposure made them more susceptible to any later life pathology," says McKee, who hypothesizes that early exposure to tackle football somehow decreases a person's "cognitive reserve"—their ability to resist symptoms of any brain disease.

Parents and Pop Warner

Alosco points out that the

years before age 12 are especially critical for brain development, and that may have played a role in the findings.

AI can detect athlete's concussions years later

"Those are the ages where the gray matter of your brain is really growing, the vasculature of your brain is really growing, the connections between neurons are forming," he says. "Neurodevelopment is really at its peak."

The study has several important limitations, most notably selection bias in the brain collection itself—families of players with symptoms of neurodegeneration are far more likely to donate brains to research. In addition, Alosco and his colleague Jesse Mez, an as-

sistant professor of neurology at BU School of Medicine, gathered data on symptom onset by interviewing family members of players, who may not have perfect recall.

Despite the limitations, the research adds to a growing body of evidence pointing to the dangers of repeated head trauma, especially in young athletes, and it appears to validate increasing concern among parents and players. The number of American kids ages 6–12 playing tackle football dropped to 1,217,000 in 2016, down slightly from 1,262,000 in 2015, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. Pop Warner, the largest youth football program in the world, has

officially limited contact during practices since 2012.

McKee and Alosco hope that the findings will further elucidate risk factors for neurodegenerative diseases like CTE, and eventually pave the way for early detection of CTE, which currently is only diagnosed by autopsy.

"Continuing to tease apart what affects the disease development, what affects the symptoms, will help us move forward and eventually identify who's at risk," says Alosco, "and eventually develop diagnostic clinical criteria."

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the Department of Defense, and others funded the study.

Source: Boston University

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Five movies to see at the 2018 Dallas International Film Festival

Movie buffs have plenty to choose from to see at 12th annual Dallas International Film Festival (DIFF). In fact more than 100 films from 25 countries are featured in the eight-day festival. Several venues are hosting the event around town they include:

- The Magnolia in Uptown's West Village
- Studio Movie Grill – Spring Valley
- Alamo Drafthouse – Cedars and more

It is hard to figure out



Jurassic Park is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its theater debut.

what to see with so much to choose from, but here are five suggestions:

- *Won't You Be My Neighbor* - A film focused on the

legacy of Mister Rogers by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Morgan Neville (*Twenty Feet from Stardom*)

- *First Reformed* - A film

directed by Paul Schrader following Reverend Ernst Toller (Ethan Hawke), a solitary, middle-aged parish pastor at a small Dutch Reformed church in upstate New York on the cusp of celebrating its 250th anniversary

• *Sammy Davis Jr.* - I've Gotta Be Me - Directed by Samuel D. Pollard, the film is the first major film documentary to examine Davis' vast talent and his journey for identity through the shifting tides of civil rights

and racial progress during 20th-century America

• *Eighth Grade* - Bo Burnham directs this film about 13-year-old Kayla endures the tidal wave of contemporary suburban adolescence as she makes her way through the last week of middle school

• *Sons of St. Clair* - A music documentary directed by Tim Newfang following Krayzie and Bizzy of iconic R&B group Bone Thugs N Harmony into the recording studio as the duo

sets out to prove to the younger generation that they can still create relevant music today

As a bonus recommendation, how can you skip a chance to see *Jurassic Park* on the big screen again as the film celebrates its 25th anniversary.

For show times and a listing of all the movies in the festival visit www.dallasfilm.org. The event promises to be a movie lover's paradise.

Inaugural Plano Comedy Festival comes to North Texas

The Plano Comedy Festival will hold Plano's largest comedy event from June 7-10.

This event will feature headliners like Aaron Aryanpur, from Funniest Comic in Texas, FOX, Jonny Bratsveen from

Comedy Central's Hart of the City, Mac Blake from Just For Laughs in Montreal and Josh Johnson from Comedy Central, FOX and 40 of the best stand-up Texas-based comedians who have performed all over the coun-

try.

This is the first year of the Plano Comedy Festival. It was founded to support the rapidly growing comedy community in the North Texas Area as well as highlight some great Plano born and raised Co-

medians.

This event will feature two shows a night, and on Sunday night there will be a Comedian Roast Battle at World Famous Hyenas Comedy Club. On Thursday night the event will be held at Taste of the Is-

lands, a Dallas Comedy Scene mainstay. Friday and Saturday nights will be held at the Art Centre Theatre in Plano.

Individual tickets for the shows are available for \$15 online up to the day of the festival at [\[atre.com\]\(http://atre.com\). Single day passes and full weekend VIP passes are available for \\$25 and \\$4\) at \[artcentretheatre.com\]\(http://artcentretheatre.com\). Sunday night will be a free event with a two-item minimum.](http://artcentrethe-</p>
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Free parking is available at all venues.



Win tickets to DCT's Jungalbook

The Dallas Children's Theater brings to stage Kipling's original 1894 coming of age tale. Young fans will join Mowgli in learning the moral lessons of home, betrayal, life and death, and loyalty.

NDG readers can win tickets for two to see the show opening weekend. Visit our Facebook page and tell us why you love Kipling's beloved *The Jungle Book* for a chance to win tickets. Selected winners will need to pick up the tickets at our office before Thursday.

Mowgli lives in the jungle surrounded by panthers,

bears, wolves, snakes, and tigers. They are his protectors, and he believes he is one of them. When Mowgli comes face to face with a fearsome tiger, he is forced to choose between his bond with the jungle and the reality of his humanness. This classic story of the struggle for survival and a place that feels like home will have audiences on the edge of their seats.

Jungalbook is on stage at DCT from May 4-26, the recommended ages for the audience are theater fans 5 years old and up. Visit DCT.org for tickets and showtimes.

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sory about the program. "The fellows will be responsible for all aspects of storytelling: writing, videography, photography, research, on-camera reporting and social media posting."

This year, "the fellows will be placed in two, three-person teams," the media advisory explained. "Over the course of the internship, each team's road trip will take them to two different cities where they will spend four-week intervals working alongside experienced staffers at NNPA member newspapers."

Alexa Imani Spencer, a journalism student at Howard University participated in the program last summer, working at *The Washington Informer*.

"Working for a historically Black publication helped me to understand the full worth of our institutions, as Black people," Spencer said. "[The fellowship] helped me to understand that there has always been a voice throughout

history that has advocated for us and there will always be somewhere, where we can advocate for ourselves, so long as we continue the legacies of these publications."

Spencer continued: "The Black Press is an institution that the next generation of young, Black journalists has to preserve."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. the president and CEO of the NNPA, said that the third year of the DTU Journalism Fellowship represents significant progress in the NNPA's ability to tap into the rising genius of African American millennials, exposing them to the power of the pen.

"Journalism has experienced renewed interest in the Black community," Dr. Chavis said. "There has al-

ways been a need to not only report the news of Black America to the world at large, but also to be an advocate for the empowerment of African and African American communities across the United States and around the world."

Dr. Chavis said that the partnership between the NNPA and Chevrolet is setting a standard for the rest of corporate America.

"This is not about philanthropy, this is more about engaging the African American community through the contributions of Chevrolet to the NNPA," Dr. Chavis said. "It really strengthens one of the fundamental institutions in the Black community, which is the Black Press."

Spencer said that the 2018 DTU fellows will not only experience personal growth, but that they will

also gain a family by completing the program. Spencer also said that the Black Press represents another avenue, where HBCU students can help the Black community thrive.

Dr. Chavis agreed. "There are tremendous opportunities [in the Black Press] for HBCU journalism and communications students to not only to make their mark in the profession, but to also provide an invaluable service in the Black community," Dr. Chavis said.

The deadline to submit applications is April 30. Learn more about the NNPA's Discover The Unexpected Journalism Fellowship at www.nnpa.org/dtu.

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Irving joining Shop Main Street America initiative

The Irving Economic Development Partnership is collaborating with Women's Leadership LIVE (WLL) to roll-out a new national program in Irving called Shop Main Street America (SMSA).

On Friday, May 4, Shop Main Street America will provide free business development training for small business owners, with an opportunity for entrepreneurs to pitch their dream product(s) to the American Dreams Star Entrepreneur team for a chance to appear on television Home Shopping Network (HSN), reaching 96 million house-

holds.

Then on Friday evening, a shopping, dining, entertainment extravaganza will feature local vendors and family entertainment. Local businesses, community leaders and other organizations are working together to grow small businesses and revitalize the Heritage Crossing District Main Street area.

"Shop Main Street America is a great complement to First Friday Date Night in the Heritage Crossing District of Irving. The renewal of Irving's historic downtown area with small businesses, as well as the very

creative activities sponsored by local merchants are bringing new life to the heart of our city. It's resurrecting a wonderful nostalgic feel to our community, and we invite everyone to participate," Beth Bowman, President/CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce said.

The Shop Main Street America event, created by Irving Heritage Crossing District merchants, Main Street community leaders, Irving Economic Partnership and Women's Leadership LIVE, will feature a free business development

workshop on creating a successful small business. The May 4 workshop 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Study USA in the Irving Innovation Center at 801 W. Irving Blvd.

Workshop facilitators are successful entrepreneurs with proven tips on how to launch a small business and keep it on track, as well as advice for business owners who wish to take their business to the next level using social, broadcast and print media to gain exposure, marketing vs. branding basics, and financial advice from an angel investor.

Got something you think would be a winner on HSN?

Entrepreneurs with dream products will have a chance to find out at the Shop Main Street America's "Pitch Contest"! Bring your product(s) and presentation to the Pop-Up Market from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The qualified winning entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to introduce their brand/products nationally on LIVE TV to HSN's 96 million households and win an opportunity to be showcased in upcoming publications.

Following the training, Shop Main Street America will move to Irving's Main Street for an evening of food, fun, music, and shop-

ping. Training participants, local vendors and artisans are invited to put up a free product booth and make sales.

The family fun begins at 5 p.m. at Heritage Park. Children can receive free haircuts and kites from the First Responders at Irving Police and Fire Departments. After a meal at one of nearby restaurants, wrap-up the evening with Irving's Concert Series at the Whistlestop Plaza.

To participate in the training program and to pitch your product, pre-register at www.shopmainstreetamerica.com.

Parkland's Rise to Success program helps employees continue education

As a child, Axel Juarez suffered from a kidney disease that often left him hospitalized. He carries with him vivid memories of being a frightened kid in a hospital room surrounded by his parents and the "fantastic nurses who helped make the experience just a little more bearable. Not a lot of people have great memories of hospitals and most would rather avoid them, but those nurses helped shape what I would pursue as my own career."

Juarez is pursuing his dream as part of Parkland Health & Hospital System's Rise to Success Youth Fellowship program. The innovative program recruits and trains recent high school graduates to become patient care assistants at Parkland. While working part-time at Parkland, participants continue their education through the Dallas Community College District to achieve a degree in the



Parkland Hospital / Facebook

healthcare arena.

"This program provides a great opportunity for those who have an interest in a healthcare career but might not have had the opportunity or the resources to attend college," said Gerard Camacho, MPA, JCDC, Parkland Academy's Director of Career Development.

Juarez is one of 32 individuals currently enrolled in the Rise to Success program, with another 10 scheduled to join in May.

In his application for the

program, Juarez wrote, "I want to be that nurse for a scared child and their parents, the one who helps alleviate some of the stress and fear that they may have. I want to help save a child's life just like mine was over a decade ago."

Currently working as a patient care assistant in the cardiology unit at Parkland and attending classes at Eastfield College with plans to enroll in nursing school at Brookhaven College to earn his bachelor's and

master's degrees in nursing, Juarez doesn't plan to stop there. He's set his sights on becoming a pediatric Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and "a leader in the medical field who inspires and trains future generations."

"I'm aware that some of the changes I want made may go beyond my time, but I at least want to leave a lasting impact and legacy that changes the healthcare field for the better, not just for a child, but for everyone in need," Juarez said. "That is my goal, that is my dream, and nursing is the pathway I have chosen to save lives and change the world."

Ana Laureano describes herself as an "average student, average daughter, average talent." But, she says, she does not have an average determination.

"I do not have the average dreams. I will bring change into the world. It

will take time, but certainly it will happen," she said.

Laureano, who is also part of the Rise to Success program, works weekends as a medical interpreter at Parkland and is in her second semester of nursing school. In her spare time, or what little of it there is, she's become what she describes as "passionate" about planning and calendars. "I color code everything and when it says it's time to go to the gym, I go to the gym," she says, laughing.

Still, it's that kind of determination that Laureano said will guide her in the future. As the second in her family to attend college — her mother is a teacher — the Rise to Success program "sounded too good" to be true. But she soon realized the Parkland program could help her achieve her goal of earning a BSN. From there, she's contemplating enlist-

ing in the military followed by medical school with thoughts of becoming a surgeon who specializes in operating on babies who are still in the womb.

"I set my goals high. I love learning and I've always been fascinated by how the body works," Laureano said, noting that recently she's also thought about becoming a cardiologist.

"Parkland's Rise to Success program has opened doors for these futures leaders," Camacho said. "They are incredibly bright and talented individuals who have set their sights on goals that, thanks to this program, are within reach."

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As they pay down college loans, Millennials are taking a hard look at homeownership

By Christopher G. Cox
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(NNPA) As the U.S. economy recovers from a decade of slow growth, more and more millennials—generally defined as people born between the early 1980s and about 2004—are becoming a

significant factor in the real estate market, as they pay off student loans and become established in their professions.

And with more and more millennials hitting peaks within their education, Brooke Cashion, a broker with Allen Tate Realtors and the president of the Winston-Salem Regional Association

of Realtors, said that she could see the correlation between education levels and higher real estate investments.

"I work with many, well-educated millennials who are finally working in the professions they trained so hard for and are settling down and getting married," Cashion

said. "Some are looking for more traditional properties, while others prefer modern construction, but they are all looking for a good real estate investment that will help them to grow their money."

As millennials begin to get on their feet financially—after years of struggling with student debt and difficulty

finding jobs in their chosen fields—Cashion explained that these same young people, tend to be conservative in their financial planning and want to avoid taking on more debt than they can comfortably afford.

In addition, Cashion also said that millennials are looking for homes that re-

flect their lifestyles, that allow them to live among likeminded neighbors, and that offer them the opportunity to be a part of the communities where they live.

"I find that millennials are very empathetic," Cashion said. "They want to play a

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role in making their communities better places to live.”

Brian A. Hudson, the executive director and CEO of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, agreed with Cashion, that community is very important to millennials.

“They want to live close to where they work, especially

when they can obtain a mortgage that is less than the rent they are paying,” Hudson said.

In addition, Hudson said that the hot rental market in the last five years has caused more and more millennials to evaluate the tipping point between paying rent and paying a mortgage.

“Even if they are not sure how long they will be in a certain community, many believe it makes sense to transition from renting to owning, when rent payments equal or exceed mortgage payments,” Cashion said.

However, homeownership is not without obstacles for millennials, with Cashion noting a lack of housing inventory, as one of the major

conflicts.

“I recently had a listing that had seven offers only a short time after it went on the market,” Cashion said.

Millennials comprise 30 to 40 percent of Hudson’s client base. Hudson noted that this level of interest is not unusual for quality properties in the current real estate market.

In addition, Hudson also

said that another important factor in reaching millennials, is making use of digital media.

“Running magazine and newspaper ads, as we did for years, does not work well with millennials. These days you have to be on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter and other social media, because that’s what they rely on to get information,” Hud-

son said.

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area of charter schools. Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foremen (who is listed as an endorsement on Sherman’s website) challenged the candidates on their position.

Sherman said he is concerned about the proliferation of charter schools in South Dallas and wants to bring business to the table to address ways to improve the public schools.

Lockhart Jones is not as adverse to the charter schools. She noted charter schools have historically served disadvantaged children, and currently the community does not have the resources to compete globally, which is where today’s students will have to compete.

There was one question from the audience concerning “rumblings” of corruption in one of the campaigns. Both candidates stated the forum was not the place for such a discussion.

MNP will be held again on May 7, featuring runoff candidates in four local judges’ races and the Constable’s office in Precinct 4.

Other runoff races

In the race for **Texas Governor**, former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez faces Houston area investor Andrew White after the two rose to the top of a field of nine candidates.

Valdez brought in almost 43 percent of the vote (carrying Dallas County by more than 63 percent). She wants to move toward universal healthcare, equality of opportunity in the job market, address school finance issues and clean water.

White calls himself a “common sense Democrat.” He has a “Made in Texas” plan to create 1 million new

jobs in the state over the next five years. He has also won the endorsement of three of the state’s largest metro newspapers.

In the race for the U.S. **House of Representatives in Texas District 3**, Democrat Lorie Burch is in a runoff with Sam Johnson (who bears the same name as the Republican retiring from the seat).

Burch pledges that “visibility and accountability” will be the hallmarks of her time in office. She laments the partisanship in Washington and says she will be able to bridge the divide. Voting rights, education and healthcare are among her top issues.

Johnson describes himself as a “politician who listens more than he talks.” He is a lawyer who has lived in the district his entire life (outside of his time in education). He touts his dedication to women’s rights, healthcare and protection of Dreamers among his top campaign priorities.

In **Congressional District 6**, Jana Lynne Sanchez and Ruby Faye Wooldridge are engaged in a runoff to see who will compete for the seat vacated by Joe Barton.

Sanchez has a background in journalism and entrepreneurship. A self-described problem-solver, she said she originally had no aspiration toward politics but that the country is in dire need of leadership. Her four-point platform covers issues ranging from renewable energy to strong national defense.

Wooldridge is a minister and former counselor. As a divorced grandmother she says she can relate to many of the challenges in her district. She has extensive political

support experience and is focused on the economy, education and healthcare.

The race in **Congressional District 32** has Colin Allred facing off against Lillian Salerno for the opportunity to move onto the general election ballot.

Allred is a former NFL football player and a civil rights attorney. He describes a career-ending neck injury as a door-opening opportunity to pursue his dream of studying law and serving the community. He worked for Obama in HUD before returning home as a voting rights attorney and political counsel.

Salerno is a native Texan, entrepreneur and attorney. She is an advocate for the protection of healthcare workers, having written and passed legislation in that area. She also served as the Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development during the Obama administration.

There are four local judicial races going to runoffs, beginning with the **68th District Court** where incumbent Martin Hoffman faces a challenge from Kim Brown.

Hoffman has been elected to the position three times, beginning in 2006. Prior to taking office he worked as an attorney for 13 years.

Brown grew up in Oak Cliff and is the daughter of a retired Dallas Police Officer. She has been practicing law for more than 20 years and has served as a visiting judge in Dallas County.

In the **193rd District Court**, incumbent Carl Ginsberg is facing a challenge from Bridgett Whitmore.

Ginsberg has been on the bench since 2007. He was a civil attorney in private practice from 1996 until the election of 2006. He is a Texas board-certified attorney.

Whitmore is a native of Dallas and graduated from Yale in 1995 before going to Tulane for her law degree in 1998. She has experience as both a private lawyer and assistant district attorney.

In **Dallas County Court-at-Law No. 4**, incumbent Ken Tapscott faces Paula Rosales in the primary runoff.

Tapscott was elected to the bench in 2006 and has been re-elected twice. He has more than 21 years as a civil attorney and was the 2017 “Elected Official of the Year” for the Dallas County Democratic Party.

Rosales is an attorney with

experience across five areas of law; and has lived in three countries, speaking three languages fluently. She held the advantage in the first round of voting, but didn’t get a majority.

In the **Dallas County Court of Criminal Appeals No. 2**, Pamela Luther and Marilyn Mayse are in a runoff to see who will be unopposed in the general election.

Luther has worked as an attorney on both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. She received the highest number of votes in the first round of voting but did not win a majority.

Mayse is on her second try for judgeship having competed in 2016. She has 23 years of felony court experience following 11 years of military service.

In the Democratic primary for the **Texas State Board of Education, District 12**, Suzanne Smith garnered less than 50 percent of the vote, technically facing a runoff challenge from Laura Malone-Smith. However, Smith reported on Facebook that her challenger had filed paperwork to withdraw and conceded the runoff race, leaving Smith a clear path to face the Republican challenger in November.

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May 15 Arlington Answers Job Fair

The Arlington Answers 2018 Job Fair will be held on May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Church on Rush Creek, in Arlington. This year internship within the IT field will be pro-

vided, along with free social media headshots. For more information visit www.eventbrite.com.

May 16 Lattimore Materials Company Job Fair

Lattimore Materials Company Open House is holding a job fair on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 15900 Dooley Road in Addison. There are positions available for professional mixers, drivers, tankers and diesel mechanics. You must be 21 to apply. For more information visit workco.wfsdallas.com.

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May 5, 10 a.m.

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May 6, 9:45 a.m.

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May 9, 7 p.m.

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May 9

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May 9, 7 p.m.

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May 9, 7 p.m.

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We are never to find our value in what we do. Instead, our value is solely based on who we are in Christ. The apostle Paul wrestled with this after he came to faith in Christ. He had grown to the top of his field as a Jewish leader. "If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but

that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith."

-- Philippians 3:4-9

You'll never really know to the degree that your self-

esteem is rooted in your work until your work is removed. Unemployment, illness, or a financial crisis can lead to job loss.

Why not evaluate where you are in this area of your

life. Affirm with God your desire to be known by Who (Jesus) you know versus what you do.

Because we can learn from God's creation all around us, *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."*

-- Romans 1:19-20.

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The Bible tells us that God is revealed in His creation every day. Look at the human body and consider the likelihood of how thousands of body parts that must work together. Someone created it to work this well. If it were a manufactured product, it would be in the repair shop all the time because of all the moving parts required to make it work. Therefore, trust God for your value is in Him, not what you can do or how much you make.



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NDG Book Review: Harriet Gets Carried Away

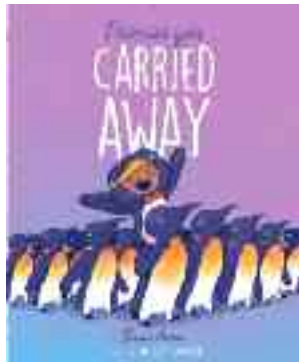
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You love wearing your Daddy's shoes.

You wear Mommy's shoes, too. You love that clomping around, the wiggly-wobbly feel, and the fun of pretending that you're someone else. Dressing up is great but be careful. As in the new book, "Harriet Gets Carried Away" by Jessie Sima, things could quickly get out of hand.

More than almost anything in the world, Harriet loved playing dress-up.

She had a whole trunk full of costumes and she didn't need a reason to wear



them. She just did, as often as possible and everywhere she went. Every dentist appointment, every day in the park, every birthday party.

And so, on the day of her own birthday party, Harriet was dressed as a "busy bee" and she certainly was busy

helping her dads with the decorations. But before their guests arrived, they would need to buy snacks and party hats, so Harriet changed into her "extra-special errand-running costume." It was her penguin outfit and when she was done, they took the subway to the store.

Once they were there, Harriet's dads hurried to the deli counter, so Harriet waddled off to find the best party hats. She knew where they were but between deli and derby, she found "something else."

There were penguins! Dozens of them that looked

just like Harriet in her black and white penguin costume, and they were apparently getting ready for a party of their own! They barely noticed that a little girl was in their midst; they just kept buying ice and taking it to a big balloon outside in the park. One of them told Harriet that they were going "back home" because the city was "a nice place to visit" but penguins didn't want to live there – and they took her with them!

Or, well, they tried, anyway, but Harriet didn't want to live the rest of her life on ice, she missed her dads, and she didn't want to miss

her birthday party. But there was a problem: how would a little girl in a penguin costume ever manage to get home?

There are two ways of looking at "Harriet Gets Carried Away." Only one is good.

On one hand, this is a cute book that will appeal to a preschooler's imagination, with its theme of dress-up and make-believe. Harriet is a confident little girl who isn't one bit fazed by the adventure that her costume causes, and kids will get a kick out of the places she goes because she was mistaken as someone

she isn't. That kind of pretending is what preschoolers do best, and that makes this book relatable.

On the other hand, parents may have to take a deep breath and put aside their reservations about unsupervised kids in big-city stores, and the issues of them going somewhere with someone they don't know.

The take-away here is to beware of your audience: for some kids, the caution may be warranted and the book postponed. For other 4-to-8-year-olds, "Harriet Gets Carried Away" may be an enjoyment shoo-in.

Four food finds for Cinco de Mayo to keep your hunger satisfied

For DFW foodies, Cinco de Mayo means Tex Mex and margaritas. Here are five suggestions to get your taco, guacamole and margarita fix on May 5th.

Liberty Burger joins the fiesta with a South of the Burger, topped with Cheddar

cheese, shredded lettuce, tortilla strips, avocado, refried beans, and pico de gallo. Another choice is their Chillerno, with queso blanco, flame-roasted Poblanos, and Chipotle BBQ sauce. Keep your eye on their Facebook page for

the secret password which will get you a free soda or ice tea.

The new kids on the block, **Big Beat Dallas**, in Irving is hosting their first Cinco De Derby on Saturday. For \$5 you can choose from: frozen margaritas,

Mexican beers, tequila shots, tacos (x2), tamales (x2) and churros.

In Carrollton, **El Rincon Mexican Restaurant & Tequila Bar** located at 1114 S Elm St #100 is hosting a

block party from Noon – 9 p.m. with a live DJ, and drink specials Saturday night.

Taco Cabana is hosting "TCinco" celebrations all weekend long with food

and drink specials, including \$3 margaritas, \$4 frozen vodka raspberry lemonade, one dozen flautas for \$9.99, daily specials and a chance to win free food for an entire year.



Richard FLEMING for

Carrollton City Council

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A PROVEN LEADER

A Proven Leader in the Community

- As a 3 term Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD school board trustee, collectively as a corporate governmental body have enacted policies on behalf of the district, advocated on behalf of our constituents, set a tax rate and approved annual budgets.
- I have been an advocate for school teachers and students in Austin during past Texas legislative sessions for increased funding for our schools.
- During my term as school board trustee CFB has increased its graduation rate from 82% to 84%.
- As a Board of Directors for Dress for Success-Dallas I have been an advocate for women causes, empowering them to achieve their economic independences as well as teaching financial literacy classes.
- As a Board of Director and Treasurer for Metrosmart Services I have been an advocate for families and the elderly living in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch area.
- I serve on National, State and Local boards, where I have been an advocate for businesses in Texas for fair competition and better taxation.
- and my community service in this community spans 40 years so I have a pulse of the community as well.
- In 2012 I was honored by receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Inaugural induction in R.L. Turner's High School Hall of Fame.
- In 2013 I was honored to receive the Farmers Branch Rotary 2013 Community Service Award.
- In 2015 I was honored to receive the 2015 Community Service Star Award.

A Proven Leader in the Business

- I am the CEO and Founder of State Tax Group, LLC a state and local tax advisory and consulting services firm.
- I have work with state and local governments for over 26 years in identifying and recovering underreported taxes for collections.
- I was honored to be appointed to the Texas State Comptroller's Glen Hegar's "Taxpayer Advisory Group" from 2014 to Current.
- I have recovered \$11.1 Million Dollars for the State of Texas and municipalities throughout the State of Texas.
- In 2012 I was honored to receive Exxon-Mobil's Minority Business Enterprise of the Year.
- In 2013 I was honored to receive Phillips 66 Minority Business Enterprise of the Year.
- I am the only candidate in this race to serve on National, State and Local boards and tax and economic development committees.

Carrollton City Council matters and being a city council member matters.

In every organization it is very important that you elect or hire "the right people" in the "right seats" to do the right job. Of all the candidates in this race, I am the only candidate in this race with state and local government experience. I am the only candidate in this race to have balance a budget of \$270 Million dollars. I am a Proven Leader in the community and a Proven Leader in Business.

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