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The history behind the Irving red doors

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

On Second Street between Main and Jefferson, at 137 E Second St, in Irving sit the historic Old Central. Old Central held Irving's first city hall, city offices, and fire station from 1932 to 1956. As stated on the Irvingfirefoundation.org/OldCentral.html website the building's "first floor held the city's jail and a fire truck bay while upstairs were city offices and a courtroom. Beyond city business, the building hosted community activities and firemen trained within its walls."

The words "Old Central" were spoken back to life when Irving resident, Warren Byers called for the saving and restoration of Irving's old fire station on Jan.31 Irving city council meeting.

After the fire station closed, Old Central served as a clinic, a book depot for Friends of the Library in 1998, and lastly as the Irving Fire and Police Museum Foundation offices until 2010 when the lease expired.

Throughout Irving's history, Old Central has served an important part of the community and history. Now the building sits neglected and ignored.

The building also held community activities. Irving residents learned how to preserved food here. And dur-



Irving's Old Central was the location of the city's original City Hall (Rachel Hawkins/NDG)

ing World War II, the building held the local Red Cross and the War Price and Rationing Board.

Daniel Rozier, president of Irving Firefighters Association, and former president of Irving Fire Foundation discussed the past project.

"Several years ago, the Irving Fire Foundation along with several community members and some developers attempted to negotiate with the city to secure a long-term lease on the property or purchase it," Rozier said. "At that time, there was no interest from the City Manager to do that. The McDougal Project was an ongoing project in the area at that time as well. The Fire Foundation

had reached out to various parties in an attempt to save the building by renovating it, using it as leased office and retail space and also housing a proposed IFD museum."

The Irving Fire Foundation, proud supporters of this project came up with the phrase "Save Old Central – Restoring Hope through Revitalization of Purpose".

"The historical significance of the building and the location in downtown, near the Dart station and other proposed development, looked to be promising for those options," Rozier said. "Due to lack of interest in see-

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People In The News...



Kevin Davis, Jr.



Cynt Marshall

NDG Quote of the Week: "One day our descendants will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings."

—Franklin Thomas, activist, philanthropist, and former president of the Ford Foundation

Kevin Davis, Jr.

Kevin Davis, Jr. walked through the hallways at Lancaster ISD Rosa Parks Millbrook Elementary and reminisced about the days he attended elementary school. While visiting Rosa Parks Millbrook, he sat in the library having a conversation with elementary student and author Jamarion Rainey. The two discussed Rainey's recently published book which NDG spotlighted earlier this month. At the age of 23, Davis is the newest and youngest Lancaster ISD School Board member. He strives



to inspire young leaders like Rainey, while serving on the board.

"I want to give back to the district that gave so much to me," Davis said. "I want to do everything I can to encourage future genera-

tions to stand up, be proud and go after their dreams."

Davis says he still remembers the lessons his teachers at both Rosa Parks Millbrook Elementary and Houston Elementary taught him at a very young age. He says those lessons help him to be a better leader for Lancaster ISD.

"I learned that it is ok to ask questions," Davis said. "Being the young one on the board, I ask questions to help me better serve the district as a board member."

During his time as a student in Lancaster ISD, Davis says he was surrounded by great teachers

and mentors.

"I still recall today the many times when someone at the school poured into me and cared for me even when I didn't think I could accomplish my dreams," Davis said. "Now I just want to do the same for our future leaders in the district."

For Davis it has been quite a journey getting from where he was at Houston Elementary to where he is now sitting at the desk with other board members. He has made appearances on FOX, WFAA and even ESPN as part of the "Carter 30 for 30" documentary. He

continues to follow his dreams of being an actor, producer and choreographer as he encourages the younger generation of Tigers to do the same.

"My teachers in Lancaster taught me to wear my stripes proudly," Davis said. "I will do everything I can do to ensure our future scholars have what they need to leave a lasting legacy."

Davis says he is proud to be among an amazing team of leaders here in the district. He says his hope is he can bring a breath of fresh air to the board every time he represents the district.

"I enjoy seeing and hearing about all the great things our future leaders and staff are doing," Davis said. "I am so proud to be part of such an outstanding district."

As a young board member, Davis says he feels he can relate to the young leaders who are right where he was just a short time ago.

"I always tell the young leaders to follow their dreams and do not stop when life gets hard," Davis said. "I tell them to never accept the answer NO and to wear their Tiger Stripes proudly."

Cynt Marshall

Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynt Marshall is the distinguished guest for the 6th annual In Conversation—an Evening with Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway.



operations of the Center.

Each year, a distinguished presenter helps to shine a light on the life and events of our city, state, nation and the world.

The Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community Outreach Center is named for Rev. Holmes, Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke and a long-time activist, pastor, educator and former state legislator.

Dr. Holmes served as senior pastor at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas for 29 years.

He is a former Texas State Representative, University of Texas System Regent and a faculty member at Perkins School of Theology at SMU.

A renowned activist, he has mentored scores of pub-

lic servants, educators, corporate leaders and clergy around the world.

As the newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Dallas Mavericks, Cynt Marshall is leading the charge for a culture transformation.

Her vision is that the Mavericks organization will set the NBA standard for inclusion and diversity. For years, she has championed empowering women and communities of color and worked to make resources and opportunities accessible to all. Today, she plans to take this commitment to all

aspects of the Mavericks organization.

In 2017 and 2015, she was selected as one of the "50 Most Powerful Women in Corporate America" by Black Enterprise magazine. While at AT&T, Cynt also led the team that created a world class Diversity and Inclusion culture, landing AT&T in the top 3 on Diversity Inc.'s 2017 Top 50 list of companies.

Marshall also spearheaded the work that for the first time, in 2017, placed AT&T on Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For list, one of only two

Fortune 50 companies.

Local entrepreneur and philanthropist, Roland Parrish and Parrish McDonald's Restaurants, has been the only title sponsor for In Conversation and are sponsoring this dynamic event for the third straight year. Proceeds will support Frazier House and other Outreach Center programs, services and operations.

For more information, tickets or sponsorships, contact Fannie Smith at inconversation@zwhjcc.org, 214-454-8624 or visit www.zwhjcc.org.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: The Gerrymandering of America

So, actually Senate District 9 was selected by the courts. Through a court battle Wendy Davis submitted three maps for Senate District 10. Based on the legislative maps, our family lived in Senate District 10. Senator Davis in her battle submitted three maps to the courts. Each map had our home roughly 200 yards out of SD10 and moved to SD 9. The courts accepted one of the maps that she submitted and the

maps were then adopted by the legislature. As a result of the court settlement and then Senator Davis moving our home out of SD10 and into SD9, we have the good fortune of serving in Senate District 9.

--State Senator Kelly Hancock (District 9)

Win tickets to Arlington Jazz Festival this weekend

I love music--Tom Braxton Melba Gordon Meeks Jones Julia Dean
-- Maricia D. C. Johns via Facebook

Lancaster ISD's youngest school board member strives to be a role model for upcoming scholars

Let's go Web! #webelieve

-- Mesia Davis via Facebook

Ed Gray, NDG Senior Columnist: The Gerrymandering of America

Thank you for writing about this! The people should pick our representatives and not the other way around!

-- D'Andrala Alexander via Facebook

Irving students take flight to new adventures

Having a blast showing @Rachelnhawkins1 around @ElliottEagles and introducing her to members of the Boys 2 Men after school club. Thanks @NDGEditor for covering this great story. #myIrvingISD via Twitter @IrvingISD

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Standing on the Right Side of History

By Jeffrey L. Boney
NNPA Contributor

One of the best skits that ever appeared on comedian Dave Chappelle's hit television show, the Chappelle Show, was one called "When Keeping it Real Goes Wrong." Each skit would highlight the outcome of what would happen to individuals who made the choice to 'keep it real.' In every skit, it showed how a person's decision to 'keep it real' led to a negative outcome for them doing so. In other words, when you decide to 'keep it real' there are consequences for your actions, which could backfire on you.

Former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick decided to 'keep it real', but in his case, he came out on top.

In spite of receiving pushback from those who disagreed with his stance. In spite of being blackballed from playing the game he loved. In spite of being vilified by countless people, including NFL owners — and even the President of the United States. In spite of everything that was thrown his way, Kaepernick proved that when you stand up for what you believe in, even if you have to stand alone, you can win.

More importantly, Kaepernick showed that you can motivate and inspire at least one other person to stand with you when the odds are stacked against you and make a major statement and significant impact.

This past week, it was reported that Kaepernick, who filed a grievance against the National Football League (NFL) back in October of 2017, had reached a settlement with the NFL for a substantial amount of money. Kaepernick had not played a game in the NFL since early 2017.

It was also reported that his former San Francisco 49ers teammate, safety Eric Reid, who was one of the only other players to consistently stand with Kaepernick from the beginning of his initial protest, has settled his collusion grievance against the NFL for a significant amount of money.

While the details of both

settlement agreements are undisclosed due to a confidentially agreement between all parties, it has been reported that Kaepernick's settlement amount alone is somewhere in the ballpark of \$60 to \$80 million. Reid's settlement is reported to be significantly less, but he still received a settlement, which means that both he and Kaepernick proved, over these past two years, that the NFL was wrong and did not want the truth to come out.

If the NFL was innocent of these charges, and had the evidence to prove their innocence, they would have fought tooth and nail to crush Kaepernick and Reid. But Kaepernick and Reid stood together and came out victorious, not just because they received a financial settlement, but because they were able to stand up against the Goliath known as the NFL and show that you can't silence the voice of Black people.

There were several NFL players who joined in with Kaepernick at the start of his protests in 2016, but the majority of those NFL players fell by the wayside. Reid, not only stood with Kaepernick when he was his 49ers teammate, he has also stood with Kaepernick after he got blackballed from the league.

Things got so bad for Reid, that when he became a safety for the Carolina Panthers during the 2018 NFL season, he claimed that he was being targeted by the NFL via their performance-enhancing drug testing program. After his December 17 game against the New Orleans Saints, Reid claimed that he had been 'randomly' selected to take a drug test for the seventh time since joining the Panthers the year prior. Reid strongly argued that there was nothing 'random' about the drug tests he was being selected for and that he was being targeted simply because he joined in with Kaepernick to file a collusion grievance of his own against the league.

The NFL and the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) issued statements last month, stating that there was "no evidence of targeting or any other impropriety

with respect to his selection for testing."

Reid may not have proven that these drug tests were far from 'random', but he and Kaepernick were able to prove that the NFL was into submission, sought to silence their voices and make them compliant with their demands to stop their protests. It didn't work and the NFL had to pay for it dearly.

This is a huge win for Kaepernick and Reid, and a prime example of how at least one person can influence others, as well as how a small number of people — in this case, Kaepernick and Reid — can change the game of football and change the game of life in a major way.

The NFLPA released a statement regarding the news of the settlement, stating:

"We continuously supported Colin and Eric from the start of their protests, participated with their lawyers throughout their legal proceedings and were prepared to participate in the upcoming trial in pursuit of both truth and justice for what we believe the NFL and its clubs did to them. We are glad that Eric has earned a job and a new contract, and we continue to hope that Colin gets his opportunity as well."

If we look at the course of American history, we see that grassroots advocacy, like protests, have been around for a long time and have been used to bring about significant change in this country.

If you look at Black historical figures like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali and several others who have led protests to speak out against injustice, it is clear that those civil rights champions used their platforms and influence to address the myriad issues that have negatively impacted Black people in America during their time. And sadly, those civil rights advocates who we highlight and talk about every year during Black History Month did not have the type of support we are afforded today. As a matter of fact, many of them had

just a handful of supporters getting behind their cause during their era, with some of them having little to no support at all, even from those that looked like them.

Kaepernick isn't the first Black person to have been vilified in this country for going against the grain, challenging the status quo or taking a controversial stance on issues.

Both, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Muhammad Ali, spoke out against the Vietnam War and were deemed traitors to their country and were even called communists while they were alive.

After Dr. King's speech in New York, criticizing the Vietnam War, other civil rights leaders who once stood with him, began to distance themselves from him and he was heavily castigated in local and national newspapers. Very few people stood with him.

Ali was stripped of his heavyweight boxing title and sent to jail after refusing to join the U.S. Army to go fight in the Vietnam War. He ignored the request to be inducted into the military at the Armed Forces Induction Center in Houston, Texas, and was eventually arrested, convicted of draft evasion, sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$10,000 and banned from boxing for three years.

As it has been with Dr. King and Ali, time will also be good to Kaepernick, and the history books will be even better to him for his bold and courageous act.

Now, the real question becomes, will the NFL allow Kaepernick to come back and play the game he loves without further collusion? Time will tell and the nation will be watching.

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Are hip fractures an early warning sign for Alzheimer's?

By Vanessa McMains
Johns Hopkins University

(Futurity) Most older people hospitalized for hip fracture surgery carried biomarkers of developing Alzheimer's disease even though they had no clinical signs of dementia, according to a new study.

The results add to evidence that brain alterations that lead to poor balance in older people may underpin both increased risk of hip-fracturing falls and Alzheimer's, and that hip fracture itself may serve as a first sign of undiagnosed disease, researchers say.

"We studied a group of patients without a clinical diagnosis of dementia, meaning that many of our study participants were active and living independently without overt signs of Alzheimer's disease," says Esther Oh, associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University and associate director of the university's Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center.

The study doesn't suggest



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that every older person with a hip fracture has Alzheimer's, Oh says. But it does suggest that people facing hip repair surgery after a fall be monitored closely for post-operative delirium or other mental or cognitive problems, because some may have underlying Alzheimer's disease.

What Else Is Going On?

More than 5.5 million people in the United States—most over 65—have Alzheimer's disease, according to National Institute on Aging estimates.

Several previous studies have shown that up to a quarter of older adults hos-

pitalized for hip fracture surgery are likely to die within a year, suggesting a serious medical condition may have been simmering undiagnosed prior to the falls that sent those patients to the hospital, Oh says.

The new study, which appears in PLOS ONE, was in part a response to results of Johns Hopkins research published last year which found that 34 percent of hip fracture patients develop delirium during their hospital stay. Delirium characteristics include restlessness, delusions, and incoherent thoughts and speech.

Because patients with

Alzheimer's disease are more likely to experience these symptoms, and because of the higher than normal mortality rate associated with hip fracture, Oh and colleagues designed a study to directly test hip fracture patients for Alzheimer's disease biomarkers.

Over almost five years, they recruited 200 hip fracture patients admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

Participants were an average of 82 years old, ranging from 65 to 102. The study included only hip fracture patients who received spinal (local) anesthesia before surgery, so that doctors could collect spinal fluid samples at the time of anesthetic injection.

Researchers tested spinal fluid samples for elevated levels of commonly accepted biomarkers of Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases, including the proteins amyloid beta 42 (Aβ₄₂), Aβ₄₀, tau, and tau with a phosphate chemical group attached (p-tau).

The amyloid proteins and tau appear in tangled clumps in nerve cells and in plaques that form in the brains of people with advanced Alzheimer's. High levels of p-tau indicate brain injury or other types of brain cell damage.

Clinical Dementia

Before surgery, participants also completed standard tests of mental state, memory, and cognition. On the basis of those results, participants received Clinical Dementia Ratings. A score of 0 meant completely healthy (70 participants) and 0.5 indicated mild cognitive symptoms (81 participants). A score of greater than 1.0 indicated early dementia (13 participants) and a score of 2.0 meant moderate dementia (four participants).

When researchers looked at biomarker levels in the group with a rating of 0, they found 62 out of 70 patients, or 88.6 percent, had abnormal levels of at least one of the Alzheimer's biomarkers. In the group with a score of 0.5, 80 of 81 participants had abnormal levels in one of the biomarkers.

The researchers ruled out older age as a factor skewing their results; normally 23 to 32 percent of people between 65 and 74 years old have abnormal Aβ levels. In the hip fracture patients, however, 68 percent of people in this same age range with a Clinical Dementia Rating of 0 had abnormal levels of Aβ.

Oh's group plans to monitor study participants for a year after surgery to document progression and clinical dementia ratings.

Additional researchers are from Johns Hopkins and Harvard Medical School. The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, funded in part by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, the National Institute on Aging, the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, the Roberts Gift Fund, the Swedish and European Research Councils, the UK Dementia Research Institute, and Swedish State Support for Clinical Research, funded the work.

Source: Johns Hopkins University

Sen. Hughes says SB 1050 is game-changer for quality of care in nursing homes

(AUSTIN) State Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) has filed legislation to establish a program that brings Texans' own federal tax dollars back home to improve the quality of nursing home care in the state. Senate bill 1050 provides what Hughes calls a "much-needed solution to a funding crisis that is threatening Texas nursing homes and the care they are able to provide."

And Hughes said it will not add to the state budget.

"This legislation is consistent with our state's strong, fiscally conservative approach to government," said Sen. Hughes. "SB 1050 will bring federal funding to Texas—money that is effectively being sent to other states—that will be used to solve staffing and quality issues. It is time that we truly make Texas seniors



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a priority with this legislation," Hughes said.

The program will draw down federal funding available for Texas to improve nursing home care. The program is similar to programs used by 43 other states and the District of Columbia; however, SB 1050 directs the additional funding received to be specifically committed to improving quality.

Struggling to compete in labor markets across the

state, nursing home operators say the underfunding is fueling a workforce crisis, resulting in Texas suffering some of the highest annual staff turnover rates in the country: 97 percent for certified nursing assistants, 90 percent for registered nurses and 90 percent for licensed vocational nurses.

Under SB 1050, nursing homes will receive additional funding for meeting nationally recognized performance standards and for

making investments in staff wages and benefits. Funding will also be directed towards modernizing buildings to create comfortable homelike settings, and investing in new technology, all to improve overall resident quality of life.

"At \$6 an hour, Texas pays nursing homes less to care for our family members and friends than a teenager makes mowing yards after school," said Kevin Warren, president and CEO of the Texas Health Care Association, the largest organization of nursing homes in the state. "With our rate of turnover, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to consistently provide and maintain the level of care our aging Texans deserve."

Warren points to recent events as evidence of the industry's struggles. In 2018,

Senior Care Centers — the state's largest operator of nursing homes in Texas — filed for bankruptcy, while one of the largest nursing

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South Dallas Club hosts 65th Founders' Day celebration

By Gwendolyn H. Daniels

The historic South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club held its 65th Annual Founders' Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Magnuson Grand Hotel in DeSoto.

Members gathered dressed in their yellow attire trimmed in sapphire blue accessories to denote the 65th celebration. The ballroom was filled by 11 a.m. when Mistress of Ceremony and Co-Chair Ollie Gilstrap began the program. President Gwendolyn H. Daniels welcomed the waiting audience and delivered the occasion reflecting the rich history of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and the local South Dallas BPW Club. South Central District Vice Governor Terri O'Neal Ford, Ph.D. brought brief greetings on behalf of the District and the National As-



President Gwendolyn H. Daniels is inducted into the Hall of Fame. (Courtesy photo)

sociation of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

The organization's official flower is the Yellow Tea Rose. Following the greeting, members held a Yellow Rose Candle Lighting Ceremony led by Club Members Carla Dennis and Tia Locke-Simmons. The ceremonial attendants were Club Members Lynnetta Williams and Judge Shequita Kelly who conducted the lighting of candles. To conclude the

ceremony the entire membership, beginning with new members and ending with Past Presidents and Gwendolyn H. Daniels, the 2017-2019 President, each placed a Yellow Tea Rose in an enormous vase located at the front of the beautifully decorated ballroom.

Sierraleone and Company entertained the audience while Club Members Jayne Reuben, Ph.D., Marion Hill-Hubbard, Patricia Carroll, Sharon Martin and Ethel

McNeal adorned their 1954 outfits and prepared for what became a show-stopping performance entitled "A Day in the Life of Founder Sara J. Holbert Sears." Assistant Chaplain Sharon Martin delivered the blessing of the food and guests were again entertained by Sierraleone and Company during lunch. Life Member Birdie Smith was recognized as a Yellow Rose Recipient for her 20 consecutive years of membership in the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

The culmination of the celebration came with 1st Vice President Dr. Lindy Perkins introducing three distinguished women who received some of the organization's most prestigious awards. President Daniels

presented Mrs. Monica L. Smith their 2019 Professional Woman Award. Ms. Diedre L. Hardin received the group's 2019 Mabel Meshach White Business Woman Award, and Vice Governor Terri Ford, Ph.D. presented the Association's highest award, the Sojourner Truth Award to Ms. Clara E. McGinnis. Finally, President Gwendolyn H. Daniels was installed into the Club's Hall of Fame (reserved for Club Past Presidents) as she nears the completion of her administration on August 31, 2019.

The celebration ended with remarks from Founders' Day Chair Marion Hill-Hubbard who acknowledged Co-Chairs Faye Collins and Ollie Gilstrap, along with Founders' Day Committee Members Merle

Carmouche, Patricia Carroll, Winstona Chadwick, Carla Dennis, Cora Ford, Jacqueline Harrison, Gwendolyn Hunt, Frances Langston, Linda Lydia, Brenda King Murphy, and Yvonne Upton. President Daniels recognized Founders' Day Chair Hill-Hubbard and her Committee, all guests, Club Members, Ombudsmen and the South Dallas Youth Club in attendance before calling for Assistant Chaplain Sharon Martin to deliver the closing prayer.

For more information on the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., please visit its website at: southdallasbpwc.org; Facebook page: southdallas1954; Instagram: SouthDallas1954; or email the club at: southdallas1954@yahoo.com.

DART steps up service to provide safe transit for St. Patrick's fun

With less than a month until Dallas' St. Patrick's Day events, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is already getting ready for the big parade and 5K when everyone is Irish.

Parade and festivalgoers, as well as runners participating in the Dash Down Greenville 5K, can safely travel to the 40th Dallas St. Patrick's Parade & Festival, Mar. 16, when DART adds service throughout that Saturday to meet demand.

From Plano, rail service will be added to Red and Orange Line trains operating between 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. to Mockingbird, Lovers Lane or Park Lane stations.

From Carrollton, Farmers Branch and Dallas customers can ride the Green Line and transfer to either the Orange or Red Line in downtown Dallas.

Passengers riding the TRE can transfer to the Orange or special event Red



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Line trains at Victory Station.

If you normally ride Route 502 or 583 at Lovers Lane Station, service will be interrupted until the Dash Down Greenville Run has been completed. Both routes will be detoured from Lovers Lane to serve Mockingbird Station until Greenville is re-opened to traffic. Route 502 will continue to serve Park Lane Station. Red and Orange Line trains to Lovers Lane Station will not be interrupted during the parade.

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Long-time Garland ISD trustee lauded for service to students

As Garland ISD's most tenured Board of Trustees member, Linda Griffin has served the district since 1998. Year after year, she selflessly dedicates her time—without compensation—to ensure the safety, equity, financial stability and educational excellence of all students.

But Griffin's reach extends well beyond the trities of Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. Her work bene-



Linda Griffin
(Photo: Garland ISD)

fits students across the entire state as well. She not only regularly advocates for

public education in Austin and Washington, D.C., but she also promotes it at events throughout Texas.

Operating with an ABC motto of service, "Always Benefiting Children," Griffin's more than 20-year impact is now receiving some extra special attention. The Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) recently named her the 2019 School Board Member of the Year. With just

one honoree, this award signifies an unswerving commitment to representing and facilitating the educational needs of African-American students. Griffin will be recognized Feb. 22 during the annual TABSE conference in Galveston.

"Garland ISD is a leader in education across the state. It's only fitting that our Trustee be named Texas' best as well," said Superintendent Ricardo

López. "We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs. Griffin as an advocate for our students and for public education. She truly has a heart for children, and many of our district's successes can be credited to her service."

Throughout her time as a Trustee in GISD, Griffin has served as Board President three times in addition to serving as Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. She has also been

named a Master Trustee from the Leadership Texas Association of School Boards program and has won both Texas and National PTA Life Member Awards, a Woman of the Year Award from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Dallas, an Honoring First Ladies Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and more.

Rep. Johnson recognizes religious diversity at annual prayer breakfast

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson on Tuesday hosted her Prayer Breakfast to bring together faith leaders from across the North Texas region. The annual gathering, featuring the theme "Strength Through Unity: Healing Our Nation" this year, provided a platform for leaders of many different faiths to articulate the need for peace that can be achieved through unity.

"This gathering has been a strong display of the great diversity that makes up the fabric of this nation," said Congresswoman Johnson during her remarks. "Over



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson joining North Texas faith leaders in prayer at her annual Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, February 19. (Courtesy photo)

the years, we have proven that there is strength in unity and that the power of prayer and faith is real. As

we have before, this year presents us another opportunity to address the challenges we face and spread

prosperity in all the communities we are a part of."

Among the distinguished leaders who addressed the

audience, Pastor George Mason of the Wilshire Baptist Church served as the gathering's keynote speaker. In his remarks, Pastor Mason stressed the need to address challenges of inequality faced by people of backgrounds different from our own.

"If we want to heal our nation, we have to walk a path of justice to get to reconciliation," said Pastor Mason during his keynote address. "Dallas is the perfect city to start this, because it is hard to imagine a more religious city and a more unequal one. It is time

for honor, and it's time for love. It's time for healing."

The breakfast was attended by approximately 100 leaders and members of the North Texas faith community. Those in attendance advocated for peaceful collaboration for the growth and prosperity of a spiritually diverse Texas citizenry. Leaders present were from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and non-denominational faith communities. All the faith leaders spoke candidly about opportunities to unite our community in the wake of developing challenges.

Collin College to offer vet tech and insurance mgmt degrees

The Collin College board of trustees approved two new associate degrees at the Feb. 26 board meeting. The two associate of applied science (AAS) degrees will be in veterinary technology and insurance management.

The new associate degrees will be implemented upon approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Both AAS degrees are elements of the college's Master Plan and Vision 2020 Strategic Plan to add career and technical (workforce) and academic programs which align with projected Collin County labor market needs.

"We are working hand-in-hand with area industry representatives to create degree programs that will simultaneously benefit our local economy as well as our students," said Dr. Brenda Kihl, Collin College District executive vice president and chief academic officer. "The college's new degrees and certificates will provide job opportuni-

ties for students, employees for area businesses, and improve our community."

Each new associate degree includes a 15-semester credit hour general education core and career and technical education courses specific to the knowledge and skills required for employment in the industry.

The veterinary technology

degree will include 60 semester credit hours.

The insurance management degree will include 60 semester credit hours as well as a level I certificate in insurance industry, a level I certificate in sales and agency and a level II certificate in insurance industry. Level I and level II certificates are developed as stack-

able credentials within the AAS degree. Stackable credentials offer students the opportunity to take courses within a level I certificate which apply to a level II certificate and ultimately apply to an associate degree.

For more information about Collin College degrees and programs, visit www.collin.edu.

Ntarupt launches 'Talk About It Dallas' campaign to prevent teen pregnancy

Texas is ranked fourth in the country in teen births, and first in repeat teen births. Dallas County has the highest teen birth rate of any major Texas city and exceeds the national average. In several Dallas County zip codes, the teen birth rate mirrors that of Afghanistan, Honduras, and Iraq. Dallas County teen mothers are more likely to live in

poverty, and less likely to complete education that would take them out of poverty: only about half of teen mothers earn a high school diploma by age 22 (compared to 90% of women without a teen birth) and 2% receive a college degree by age 30.

Research cites that preventing teen pregnancies from occurring is solvable

through awareness, resources, and education, which is what led Ntarupt (North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens) to create the "Talk About It Dallas", a city- and privately-funded campaign that launches today. While the campaign is a first of its kind for Dallas, similar campaigns in other cities have proven to be successful, like

in Milwaukee, WI where teen birth rates for girls 15 to 17 years old were reduced by 65% over 10 years.

"I launched the Mayor's Task Force on Poverty to address our city's economic inequities head-on," said Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings. "Through that work, we found that teen pregnancy is one of the major contributors to poverty. Curbing that

rate is a moral imperative. I am pleased that the City of Dallas is taking part in the solution to this challenge."

Research on teen fathers shows that nearly 92% are not married to the mothers of their children, leading to single-parent, single-income households. Reduced income and low educational attainment by teen mothers results in their children

being less likely to receive proper healthcare and nutrition and being more likely to suffer negative health and behavioral outcomes, which combine to perpetuate Dallas' ranking as 3rd highest in the nation for child poverty.

Research from the Centers for Disease Control indicates teens seek accurate

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Carrollton's new mobile app allows additional engagement with the city

The City of Carrollton has partnered with developer CityFront Innovations, LLC to launch a new free mobile app that will provide residents with another tool for engaging with the City.

Whether looking for a local restaurant or business, reporting an area of the street that needs repair, scrolling the City's latest news and upcoming events, or searching

information available via the City's website, the app puts everything Carrollton at your fingertips.

It's even possible to pay resident's utility bill, pay an alarm permit, or resolve a traffic violation.

The app's integrated image recognition technology, along with GPS-enabled tracking on a smartphone, lets users report an issue by

snapping a photo and submitting it to the City for review.

The image is sent directly to the City of Carrollton where the photo will be assigned to the appropriate City department.

The app also allows voice-activated reporting, if preferred, and text messaging, or a combination.

Content from a variety of

search engines and applications provides the ability to search local restaurants and businesses in the app and even allows the user to add personal likes to help individualize the experience.

The City does not filter this information; the results are the most up-to-date information available online and delivered in a way that caters to the individual's search



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Carrollton

TexFest will be held on March 2, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Downtown Carrollton Square, in Carrollton. Slip on your cowboy boots and get ready to have a Texas-sized good time at the fourth annual TEXFest. The free celebration of Texas Independence Day features craft beer and performances by local Texas Music artists. For more information visit Cityofcarrollton.com.

Dallas

Inalienable Rights: Living History Through the Eyes of the Enslaved will be held on March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dallas Heritage Village, in Dallas. During Saturday's public event, a team of interpreters will address topics such as the daily life of an enslaved person and the critical need to preserve what is left of the structures associated with the enslavement of Africans and African-Americans.

Irving

Irving's Got Talent will be held on March 1, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Irving Arts Center in Carpenter Hall, in Irving. Join them for an evening of entertainment as Irving's best musicians, dancers and other performers compete in our annual teen talent competition. Audience members will be able to text their vote for best performance

of the night. Refreshments and light snacks will be served at intermission. Open to the public. Free admission. For more information contact (972) 721-8090.

The Bear Creek Story from Emancipation through the Civil Rights Movement will be held on March 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, in Irving. Free tours will be offered of three historic structures on the site.

They showcase the history of the Bear Creek community, which tells the story of the African-American experience from the time of emancipation of the slaves through the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. The structures include: the Green House, owned by the first African-American landowner in Bear Creek who was also a former slave; the J.O. Davis Home, an educator in the community; and the Prince Hall Gilbert Grove Masonic Lodge, one of the few surviving Prince Hall Masonic Lodges in the country.

Night of Promise 2019 will be held on March 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Irving Convention Center, Junior Ballroom, in Irving. Family Promise of Irving hosts its seventh annual gala fundraiser. Gloria Campos joins as this year's Honorary Chair, and the event fea-



tures a delicious full-course meal and dancing to live music by the Doc Gibbs Band.

A raffle drawing for two Southwest Airlines tickets and a \$1,000 Hilton gift card sweetens the evening's excitement, while the silent auction, featuring a broad array of generously donated items, is always a crowd favorite.

Night of Promise has grown to host hundreds of civic-minded, area residents who have a big heart for homeless families with children by assisting those who have lost or are at risk of losing their housing regain self-sufficiency.

Families work one-on-one with a Case Manager to navigate available resources and build skills.

FPI also provides food, shelter, community resources, and encouragement through a network of over 450 volunteers. Get your tickets today at <http://www.familypromiseirving.org/>.

Grand Prairie
The Grand Prairie State

of the City will be held on March 7, starting at 6 p.m. at the Ruthe Jackson Center,

in Grand Prairie. Tickets must be purchased through the Grand Prairie Chamber

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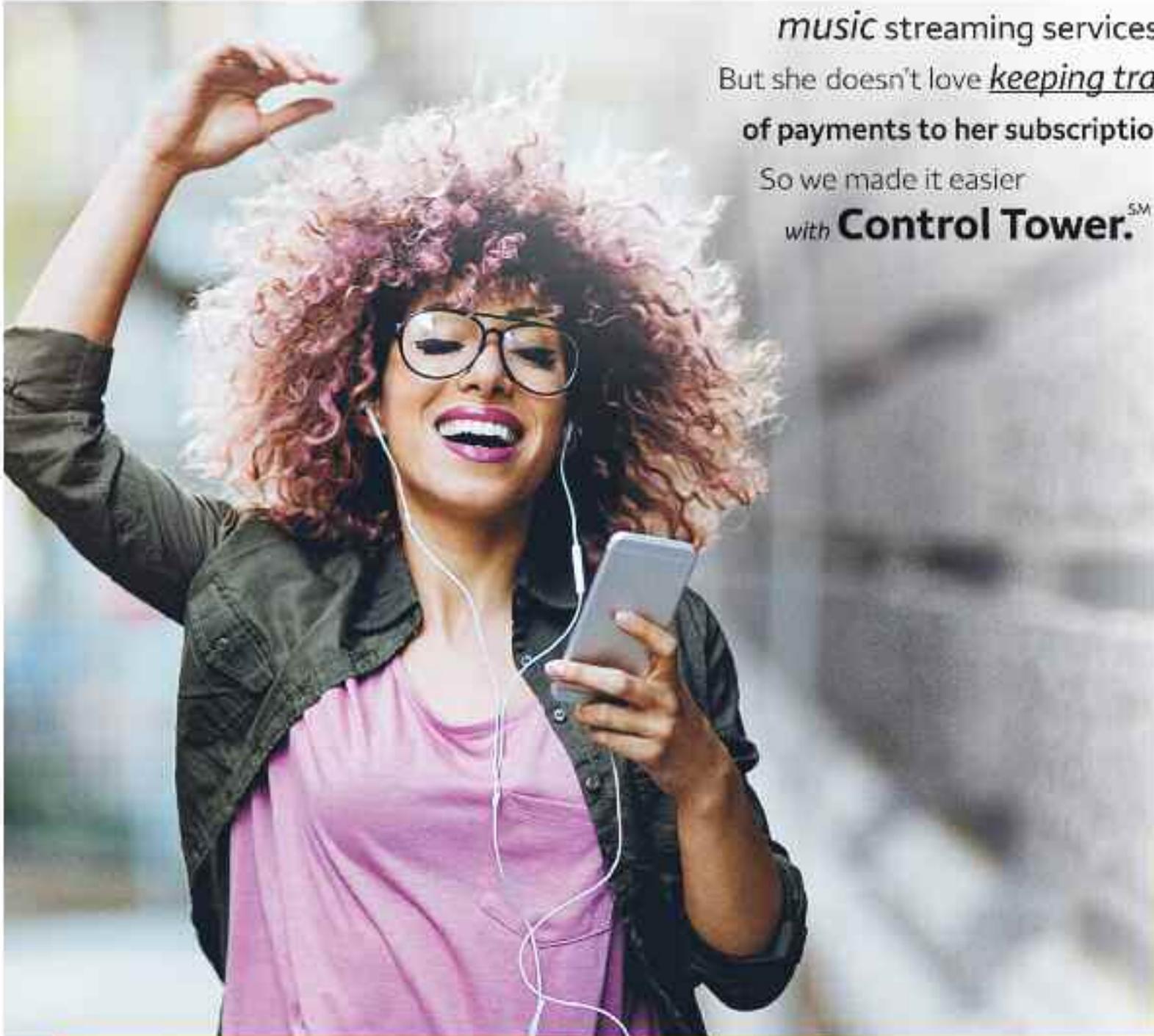
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Director Spike Lee wins first Oscar at 91st annual Academy Awards

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

Director Spike Lee, who was famously passed over for Best Film and Best Director for his 1992 film “Malcolm X,” won his first Oscar at the 91st Annual Academy Awards.

Wearing a purple suit and hat and seated in the front row at the Dolby Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, Lee was nominated for two Oscars: Best Adaptive Screenplay for “Blackkklansman,” and for Best Director of the same film.

Though Lee did not win for Best Director for



Lee's production company, 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks, has produced over 35 films since 1983. (AMPAS / Courtesy)

“Blackkklansman,” the evening featured a great deal of diversity as the Director of the film “Roma,”

Alfonso Cuarón, was awarded for Best Director.

Lee's production company, 40 Acres and a Mule

Filmworks, has produced over 35 films since 1983. Lee, 61, has created several memorable films including,

“She’s Gotta Have It” (1986), “School Daze” (1988), “Do the Right Thing” (1989), “Mo’ Better Blues” (1990), “Jungle Fever” (1991) and “Malcolm X” (1992).

When Best Actor nominee Denzel Washington, who starred in “Malcolm X,” lost to Al Pacino for his performance in “Scent of A Woman” it was considered one the biggest snubs in Oscars history. Overall, “Malcolm X” won no major awards.

“It was so funny and so horrifying because it was based on the truth and truth is so precious these days,”

said legendary singer and film director, Barbra Streisand, as she introduced Lee’s film “Blackkklansman,” at the Academy Awards.

Though Lee was born in Atlanta, he was raised on New York and has made Brooklyn, NY his hometown.

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NDG Entertainment: Music hits the spot this week in DFW

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

Don't miss out on **Feature Friday This Friday At Status**. This event will be held on March 1 and March 2, at Status NightClub, in Dallas. The Co-Operative Group aspires to curate a culmination of luxury, fashion and creativity infused into the night life experience. STATUS is not only a premier Lounge but an expression of a state of mind! The Co-Operative Group's mission is to create great vibes, an amazing experience and everlasting memories. For tickets visit Eventbrite.com.



Dance it up at Urban Fêtes presents: **SILENT “R&B vs TRAP” Party Dallas** on March 1, at Taboo Lounge, in Dallas. Vibe out to 3 Live DJs spinning the hottest New & Old School Trap & R&B hits you can find. You must be 21 or older to attend. There is a strict no refund policy unless Urban Fetes cancels the event. Be sure to RSVP at <http://www.silent-partydfw.eventbrite.com>.

Jam out to **Jammin’ The Reggae Day Party** on March 2, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Heroes Lounge, in Dallas. Be sure to stop by during the day party. \$1 drinks and no cover until 10 p.m. Live entertainment includes DJ QB, DJ Boladi, DJ Shawn Sniper, DJ Malcom Vex and more.

Come see **Wiz Khalifa and Curren\$y** perform live on March 7, at 7 p.m. at the House of Blues, in Dallas. For more information and tickets visit Houseofblues.com.

Tom Joyner will bring his

farewell tour to Dallas in August. Tickets for the “**One More Time Experience**” go on sale to the public Friday, March 1st at 11 a.m.

You can purchase tickets at MAJIC945.com. Joyner will host the event in multiple cities with more artists and guests expected to join the tour throughout the summer. Dallas will be a special stop on the tour with the city being a pivotal point in his career. Joyner originally gained popularity as “The Fly Jock,” a name coined for his daily travel schedule to anchor two drive-time radio shows—mornings in Dallas and afternoons in Chicago.

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Arlington Jazz Festival brings cool vibes to DFW this weekend

Jazz is a genre of music that has not only cultivated fans all over the world, but has also spread its influence into other styles of music from rock to hip-hop and beyond. A wide-ranging showcase of this style is coming to Arlington for local audiences to enjoy firsthand.

Jim Austin Online is hosting the 2019 Arlington Jazz Festival taking place on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 at the Arlington Music



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Hall located at 224 N. Center Street in Arlington.

Guests are invited to enjoy two nights of Smooth

Jazz with the biggest names in music.

Guitarist Black Arron is headlining an all-star lineup

on Friday night. Other performers for the evening includes jazz legend Joe McBride, hometown phenom Josh Giles and the sultry sounds of saxophonist extraordinaire Tom Braxton. Then on Saturday night, jazz favorite Kim Waters along with Jarrod Lawson with his soul infused jazz piano and international superstar Yuko Mabuchi.

“As we celebrate our third year of the music festival at the Arlington Music Hall,

we couldn’t be more pleased about how it continues to grow year after year,” says event promoter Jim Austin.

“We listened to the music fans here in North Texas and around the country, and we have added even more Smooth Jazz to the festival for everyone to enjoy!”

Radio personality King Charles will serve as the host of the festival. The festival will benefit the National Multicultural Western

Heritage Museum.

Do not miss the premiere music event of the year when the 3rd Annual Arlington Music Festival comes to the Arlington Music Hall!

All seats are reserved and are \$45 to \$125 per show. Vendor booths and sponsorships are available.

For tickets, visit www.arlingtonmusic hall.net or call 817-923-9305 for more information on becoming an event sponsor or vendor.

Anastasia production brings glimmer to the Dallas stage

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

Anastasia, The New Broadway Musical opened in Dallas on Feb. 19 and will run until March 3 at Music Hall, in Fair Park.

Originally, this magical tale of the Russian Empire open in 2017 in New York and was acclaimed to be a sweeping adventure, romance and historical epic whose fine craftsmanship

will satisfy musical-theater fans.

Anastasia, a Broadway musical inspired by the animated 1997 Don Bluth film, is a loose adaptation and inspiration of the story of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia, in which her family escapes execution. In the year of 1916, the musical follows an orphan named Anya. Although she has lost most of her memories, she begins to

share thoughts of the life she knew before.

Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Anya, played by Lila Coogan, along with Stephen Brower as Dmitry, Edward Staudenmayer as Vlad, Jason Michael Evens as

Gleb, Joy Franz as Dowager Empress, and Tari Kelly as Countess Lily, them and the entire ensemble all give a wonderful and colorful performance which will keep your attention until the end.

The lighting design and set design alone will keep you wanting more.

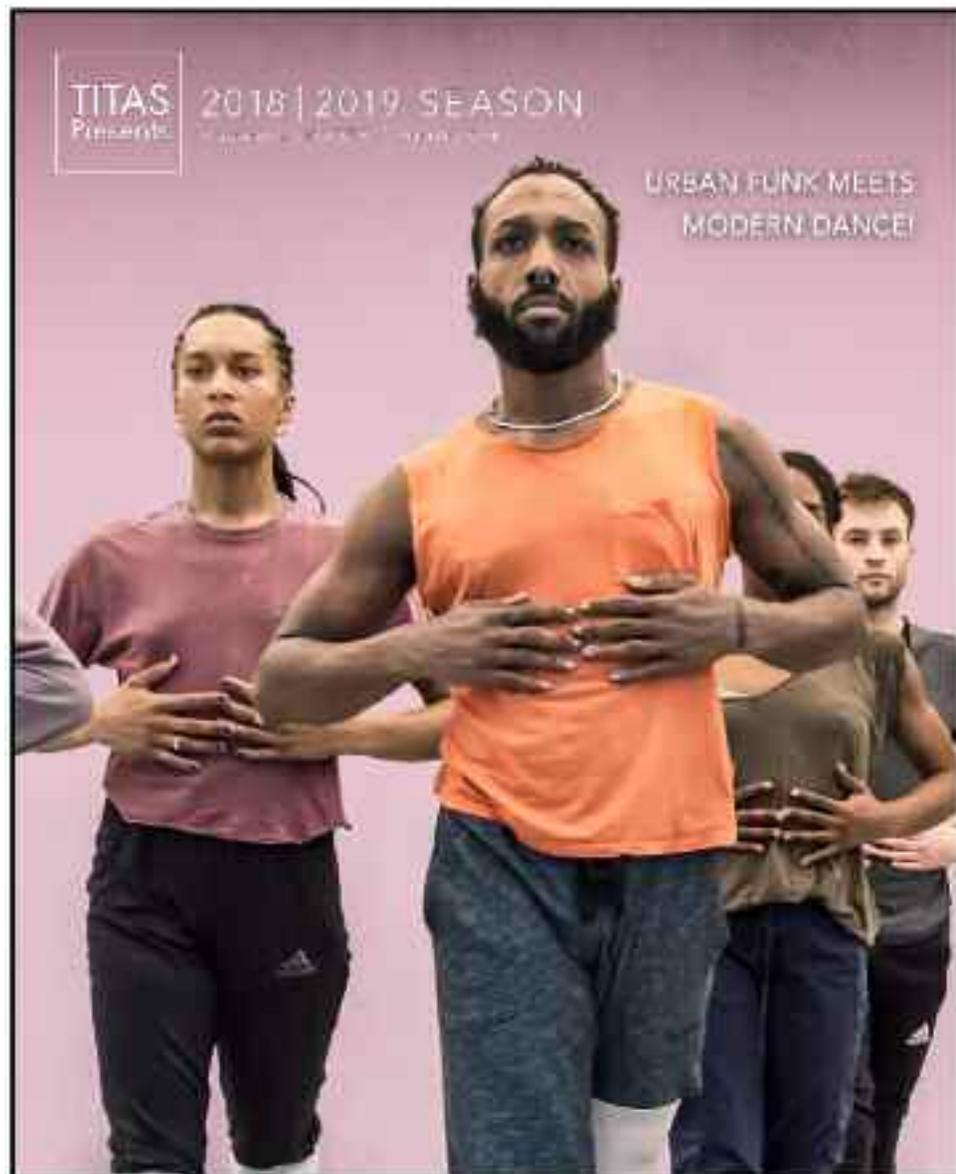
While the musical itself does change a few things to stay more realistic, there are a couple of parts lovers of the original movie will no-

tice. Songs like “A Rumor in St. Petersburg”, “Learn to Do It”, “Once Upon a December”, “Journey to the Past”, and “Paris Holds the Key (To Your Heart)”, can be found in this musical.

The choreography is nothing short of amazing. From the musical numbers like the traveling scene’s “We’ll Go From There” to the Neva Club’s “Land of Yesterday” or even “Quartet at the Ballet,” you will experience the

cast members dancing all over the stage with their colorful costumes.

The live orchestra, along with the sound design, and costume design was the icing on the cake. The (mostly) original score directed by Tony Award-winning director Darko Tresnjak, sparkly ball gown dresses, and the never-ending changes of scenery, *Anastasia* will leave you wanting more.



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Education Department helps loan servicers instead of borrowers

By Charlene Crowell

In an increasingly competitive global economy, highly skilled workers have a sharp advantage in securing and keeping employment. And as technological advances result in life-long learning in many occupations, many worker-students turn to federal student aid, the largest source of funding for higher education, to expand and/or hone their value in the marketplace.

But a newly-released audit report finds fault with how the Department of Education (Department) is managing both its loan funds and its 15 contract student loan servicers. According to an Office of Inspector General (OIG) report released on February 12, “borrowers might not have been protected from poor services, and taxpayers might not have been protected from improper payments.”

That statement covers a range of student loan concerns and include loan payments, loan consolidation, principal and interest pay-

ments and repayment options like income-driven repayment plans and forbearance. But its content takes direct aim at the Federal Student Aid (AID) division of the Department, charged with being a thrifty steward of the billions of dollars dedicated to higher education.

Could it be that the current student loan crisis is facing the same threat today that was rampant a decade ago during the mortgage crisis? Are borrowers’ payments being properly applied? Or are unchecked and unaccountable loan servicers bilking consumers into unwarranted costs and payments?

I’m betting that the 44 million borrowers who together owe more than \$1.4 trillion in student loan debt seriously want to know.

“FSA’s not holding servicers accountable could lead to servicers being paid more than they should be (the contracts with servicers allow FSA to recover amounts paid for loans not serviced in compliance with requirements),” states the re-

port.

“FSA management rarely used available contract accountability provisions to hold servicers accountable for instances of noncompliance,” continued the report. “By not holding servicers accountable for instances of noncompliance with Federal loan servicing requirements, FSA did not provide servicers with an incentive to take actions to mitigate the risk of continued servicer noncompliance that could harm students.”

According to OIG, all student loan servicer contracts are supposed to be awarded on the basis of performance measures in five weighted areas. Two factors, borrower satisfaction and the percentage of borrowers who were not more than five days delinquent, together account for up to 60 of the contractors overall score. Servicers are also evaluated on the percentage of borrowers whose loans were more than 90 days late but less than 271, and a percentage who were more than 270 days delinquent but less than 361, and

an FSA employee satisfaction survey.

Although the Department has 15 student loan servicer contracts, four were the biggest beneficiaries during the OIG’s audit period. As of September 30, 2017, federal student loan debt was \$1.147 trillion with 93 percent of those loans assigned to PHEAA (\$319 billion), Great Lakes (\$236 billion), Navient (\$215 billion), and Nelnet (\$180 billion).

In February 2017, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) sued Navient Corporation and two of its subsidiaries for allegedly using shortcuts and deception to illegally cheat 12 million borrowers out of their rights to lower loan repayments. These practices, according to CFPB, led to an additional \$4 billion in borrower costs.

Much of the unnecessary costs were the result of Navient’s widespread use of forbearance that boosted corporate profits by minimizing time spent advising distressed borrowers. For example, three-years of deferment

on \$30,000 in student loans would cost a borrower an additional \$6,742.

Navient also had another dubious distinction. In 2017, more consumers filed complaints about Navient than any other student loan servicer. Complainants identified dealing with the servicer or lender as the key issue, compared to only 34 percent whose problems were based on an inability to pay their loans.

“The Inspector General’s damning revelations that the Department of Education failed to track all instances of non-compliance or to hold servicers accountable for errors demonstrates its lack of commitment to protecting student loan borrowers”, said Persis Yu, director of the National Consumer Law Center’s Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project. “Unfortunately, this revelation is consistent with the Department’s prior actions, which have repeatedly put the interests of big business ahead of the interests of student loan borrowers.

Many consumer advocates

would agree with the Trump Administration’s mounting actions that favor businesses before consumers. The recently-announced rule reversal on payday loans is another example. In 2018, guidance that protected people of color from discrimination in auto loan financing is yet another.

“Policies and practices must assure student success while minimizing costly debt errors that become unnecessary burdens,” said Whitney Barkley-Denney, a policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending.

“In this past year, Department of Education has justified its aggressive steps to shield student loan servicers from liability by claiming that it rigorously oversees its servicers,” added Yu. “This report from the Inspector General demonstrates that claim is false.”

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Migration restrictions limit long-term economic growth

Relaxing migration restrictions globally could deliver a threefold increase in global GDP, according to prize-winning research by SMU economist Klaus Desmet. In contrast, if current restrictions are maintained, areas like the United States and Europe will see their productivity advantage erode over the long term, according to a new economic model developed by Desmet and research colleagues.

“What we find is that the population-dense places, by virtue of having dense and large markets, will eventually start innovating. Once

their productivity takes off, they will enter in a virtuous circle of innovation and density,” says Desmet, the Ruth and Kenneth Altshuler Centennial Interdisciplinary Professor of Economics.

“Many of today’s population-dense places are in East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. With current migration restrictions prohibiting movement elsewhere, these will remain the densest places. Eventually they will take off, and in the very long run, several centuries from now, they will become the world’s productivity leaders.

“This is already happen-

ing in some areas, such as China,” Desmet says. “In contrast, the U.S. and Europe will lose out. They can stop this reversal of fortune from happening by adopting freer migration policies.”

Desmet, David Krisztian Nagy and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg received the Robert E. Lucas Jr. Prize for this research, “The Geography of Development,” published in the Journal of Political Economy. The Lucas Prize is awarded biannually for the most interesting paper published in the Journal of Political Economy.

Most existing research

has focused on the short-run effects of liberalizing migration restrictions, Desmet says.

“Our research is taking into account the long-run effects,” Desmet says. “Initially, when migrants arrive, there are adjustment and integration costs, and the benefits may be elusive. In the longer run, however, migrants contribute tremendously to productivity and innovation. Unfortunately, the current debate on migration is hopelessly focused on very short-run issues, and completely fails to take into account its long-run impor-

tance.”

The costs of limiting migration will be difficult to see over the next ten to 20 years, Desmet says. “But the world is slowly moving in the direction of a productivity reversal.”

To conduct the migration research, the team developed an economic model that looks at economic growth on a global scale, but at a fine level of geographic resolution, using income, population, land-use, roads, railroads, rivers and ocean data for the entire globe, Desmet says.

“What is innovative about

the model is that it gives predictions, not just for the localities directly impacted by a particular shock, but also for the rest of the world.”

The researchers tested the model by running it backwards, 150 years in the past, then compared the predictions to actual data. They found the model compared well with actual events, lending credibility to its ability to predict the future.

For the migration study, the model predicted several centuries into the future, critical for studying migration in particular, Desmet says.

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ing any of the proposed ideas acted upon by city staff at that time, the project stalled. For lack of a better term, interest in the project died.”

The City of Irving leased the property to the Irving Professional Firefighters

until Tommy Gonzalez, City of Irving’s previous City Manager, decided to ask the organization to vacate the property. Then the city condemned the property.

“The Irving Professional Fire Fighters Association (IPFFA) expressed interest

for several years in wanting to purchase the property as well to house their offices and possibly a fire museum/public education facility,” Rozier said. “These conversations occurred with then-City Manager Tommy Gonzalez both prior to and after being evicted. The lack of cooperation and communication led the IPFFA to

move forward on an alternate location and they have since relocated to a different property in South Irving.”

Any Irving residents interested in working on this historical project should contact their city council member.

“The property has quite a bit of historical significance to the City and of course the Firefighters that lived there,”

Rozier said. “As an organization, the IPFFA would like to see it preserved in some respect. In actuality, according to GIS studies, Irving has a need in that area for an additional fire company to adequately serve that portion of the city. It would be great to see the city rehab the property, assign an engine company there and provide that

portion of the city better fire and EMS response capabilities much as it did with the addition of Fire Station 12 for Hackberry Creek. The IPFFA would be very supportive in any endeavor to preserve the history of the building. We would love to see it back as a functioning firehouse serving the citizens of South Irving.”

D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton set to introduce bill to require federal agencies to advertise with Black Press

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

Legendary and longtime D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is hoping to accomplish what may not have been possible during the last Congress.

Norton, who is in her 28th year in Congress, plans to reintroduce H.R. 7215 which would require all government agencies to report on expenditures for contracts for advertisement and other purposes.

Her spokesman Benjamin Fritsch said this week that Norton would roll out the resolution soon.

She first introduced it last fall and it was referred to the House Committee on Budget but the 115th Congress then went into recess.



At a 2016 Black Press Week event, Norton stood with leaders of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the National Association of Hispanic Publications to call for a federal report on advertising spending by government agencies with minority-owned media. (NNPA)

The new Democratic-controlled 116th Congress should afford Norton the opportunity to push through her resolution and perhaps gain a voting-member's support to enact legislation.

Because she's a D.C. delegate, Norton doesn't enjoy full voting rights and isn't

permitted to vote on final legislation.

Still, her impact on Congress has resonated for nearly three decades and, at a 2016 Black Press Week event, Norton stood with leaders of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the National

Association of Hispanic Publications to call for a federal report on advertising spending by government agencies with minority-owned media.

Because of her relentless pursuit, Norton was able to obtain a new Government Accountability Office report that concluded that, of the \$5 billion spent on advertising by federal agencies over the past decade, just \$50 million went to Black-owned businesses.

The report didn't detail how much of the \$50 million went to Black newspaper owners, only that they were included among all black businesses.

After the report's release in July, the NNPA called on Congressman Cedric Richmond, the chair of the Con-

gressional Black Caucus, and members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to "forcefully raise their voices of discontent and reaffirmation of the demands for equity, justice and fairness and end to this kind of systemic refusal to treat African American-owned and Latino-owned businesses along with others in a just, fair and equitable manner."

Norton said her bill would specifically require federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spent in the most recent fiscal year on advertising contracts with newspapers and media companies owned by minorities and women, as well as projections of such spending for the upcoming

fiscal year.

The Congresswoman also sent letters to all 12 appropriations subcommittees, requesting that they require each agency under their jurisdiction to include this advertising data in their budget requests.

"The federal government is the largest advertiser in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure fair access to its contracts for minority and women-owned newspapers and media companies," Norton said.

"My bill would provide the transparency to ensure federal agencies are striving to reach minorities, who often get their daily news from smaller media outlets who serve communities of color."

To feel happier at work, share 'the real you'

By Amy McCaig
Rice University

(Futurity) At work, it's healthier and more productive just to be yourself, according to a new study.

The study examines 65 studies focusing on what happens after people in a workplace disclose a stigmatized identity, such as sexual orientation, mental illness, physical disability, or pregnancy.

Eden King, a coauthor of the study and an associate professor of psychology at

Rice University, calls the decision to express a stigmatized identity highly complicated.

"It has the potential for both positive and negative consequences," she says.

The research overwhelmingly indicates, however, that people with non-visible stigmas (such as sexual orientation or health problems) who live openly at work are happier with their overall lives and more productive in the workplace. Self-disclosure is typically a positive experience because it

allows people to improve connections, form relationships with others, and free their minds of unwanted thoughts, King says.

Workers who expressed their non-visible stigmas experienced decreased job anxiety, decreased role ambiguity, improved job satisfaction, and increased commitment to their position. Outside of work, these people reported decreased psychological stress and increased satisfaction with their lives.

But the study found that

the same results did not apply to people with visible traits, such as race, gender, and physical disability.

"Identities that are immediately observable operate differently than those that are concealable," King says. "The same kinds of difficult decisions about whether or not to disclose the identity—not to mention the questions of to whom, how, when, and where to disclose those identities—are probably less central to their psychological experiences."

Because most people appreciate gaining new information about others, the expression of visible stigmas is likely to have less of an impact, King says.

"Also, people react negatively to those who express or call attention to stigmas that are clearly visible to others, such as race or gender, as this may be seen as a form of advocacy or heightened pride in one's identity," she says.

The researchers say more work will help understand the motivations for express-

ing different stigmas. They say they hope the meta-analysis will help workplaces and policymakers protect individuals with stigmas from discrimination.

The study appears in the *Journal of Business and Psychology*. Additional coauthors are from Rice University; Texas A&M University; the University of Memphis; Xavier University; Portland State University; and the University of California, Berkeley.

Source: Rice University

Michaels partners with Boys & Girls Clubs to empower youth to unleash their creative potential

The Michaels Companies, Inc. recently announced a new three-year partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.

With the newly-minted Making Great Futures program, Michaels is dedicated to inspiring change within the Clubs' creative arts programming by reno-

vating select art spaces, sharing educational tools and resources, and facilitating team member engagement opportunities, as well as serving as the organizations preferred arts and crafts provider.

"The extraordinary mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs deserves tremendous support," said Chuck Rubin, Chairman and CEO

of The Michaels Companies. "At Michaels, inspiring creativity and making it easy for kids and teens to fuel their imaginations is the cornerstone of our business.

It is our hope that the Making Great Futures program will help nourish critical youth development and provide an opportunity for Club members to confi-

dently explore and discover their creative voices to positively and significantly impact their lives."

"Our partnership with Michaels will empower kids and teens at Boys & Girls Clubs across the country to make, to think creatively, to dream in color," said Jim Clark, pres-

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Upcoming DFW area job fairs

March 2 Life Time Athletic Dallas - LifeCafe Hiring Event

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March 3 Job Fair Security Officer Careers

The Job Fair Security Officer Careers will be held on March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1451 Empire Central Suite 106, in Dallas. Security officers usually perform the following tasks under the direct supervision of their Supervisor or Manager. Conduct routine patrols of the site which they are assigned either by foot or patrol vehicle. Performs access control functions to the facility and or buildings. Protects client property and personnel as per the site standard operating procedures. Monitors CCTV and alarm systems as needed. Implements emergency protocols and or drills as needed and or required. For more information please visit Glassdoor.com.



March 5 Cosmetics and Beauty Hiring Event

The Cosmetics and Beauty Hiring Event will be held on March 5, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various locations. Macy's will be conducting on-the-spot interviews and extending job offers for open positions. Available positions will vary by location, but may include positions in Retail Cosmetics/Fragrances. To apply visit www.macyjobs.com.

March 6 Dallas Job Fair

The Dallas Job Fair will be held on March 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Double-

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Hiring managers will be onsite and ready to offer

first and second interviews to qualified candidates.

We recommend that you: Arrive at the career fair no later than 11am and wear business professional attire. Attendees should bring at

least 10-15 copies of your updated resume Display an engaging and motivated attitude.

To apply please visit the notice for this event found on LinkedIn.com.

Paid Internship opportunity for writers, college students in the Dallas Area

The *North Dallas Gazette* has an internship position available. The goal is to provide students and aspiring writers an opportunity to gain published clips, experience and professional feedback.



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NDG seeks Intern Video Producer

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March 6

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March 6, 7 pm

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Black History Month 2019



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Association for the Study of African-American Life and History's 2019 theme **Black Migrations** emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subse-

quently to new social realities.

While inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through today.

Beginning in the early decades of the twentieth century, African American migration patterns included relocation from southern farms to southern cities; from the South to the Northeast, Midwest, and West; from the Caribbean to

US cities as well as to migrant labor farms; and the emigration of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities, such as Paris and London, after the end of World War I and World War II.

Such migrations resulted in a more diverse and stratified interracial and intra-racial urban population amid a changing social milieu, such as the rise of the

Garvey movement in New York, Detroit, and New Orleans; the emergence of both Black industrial workers and Black entrepreneurs; the growing number and variety of urban churches and new religions; new music forms like ragtime, blues, and jazz; white backlash as in the Red Summer of 1919; the blossoming of visual and literary arts, as in New York, Wash-

ington, D.C., Chicago, and Paris in the 1910s and 1920s.

The theme **Black Migrations** equally lends itself to the exploration of the century's later decades from spatial and social perspectives, with attention to "new" African Americans because of the burgeoning

African and Caribbean population in the US; Northern African Americans' return to the South; racial suburbanization; inner-city hyperghettoization; health and environment; civil rights and protest activism; electoral politics; mass incarceration; and dynamic cultural production.

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ident and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

"Michaels commitment and dynamic approach to our mission is both exciting and inspiring. Together, we will enable all young people – especially those who need us most – to reach their full potential and find their path to a great future."

"We are thrilled to partner with Michaels to inspire creativity and make art even more accessible at Clubs across Canada," said Owen Charters, President & CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.

"With Michaels stores in every province in Canada, and team members ready to volunteer their time and energy, we know this collaboration will help kids unlock their potential for self-expression and imagination."

Arts programming and education have a significant impact on a child's development, in addition to increasing their interest in arts-related fields of study and work.

To encourage Club members' creative growth, Michaels and Boys & Girls Clubs are providing kids and teens with access to the tools to pursue creative thinking and the ability to make without limits, with a goal of improving all-around engagement and achievement.

To help Club members

and staff expand their boundaries, Michaels will transform select Club art spaces into ultimate craft rooms, complete with all the supplies—from paint and paper to easels, and everything in-between—needed for social and emotional creative expression.

Michaels will also work with Boys & Girls Club teams annually to ensure that youth development professionals are armed with a robust, celebratory and comprehensive approach to training and development to further cultivate optimism, originality and, most importantly, the confidence to bring kids' and teens' visions to life.

To celebrate the launch of this partnership, Michaels is hosting a two week in-store activation designed to engage shoppers in supporting Boys and Girls Clubs.

Starting February 24th, for every Kids' art, craft, and science kit purchased in store, across the US and Canada, Michaels will donate \$1, up to \$50,000, to support Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.

To learn more about Michaels and the Boys & Girls Clubs partnership, visit www.investors.michaels.com/giving-back.



L to R: Bro. Eugene Wilson, Sis. Toni Brown, First Lady Ve Woodson, Bro. Greg Douglas, Sis. Valencia Yarborough and Pastor Larry Gardner after a Stellar Black History program at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton, Senior Pastor Terrance Woodson

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NDG Book Review: *Good Kids, Bad City* will outrage and fascinate

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your hands were clean. Freshly washed, not a speck of dirt, they were as clean as your conscience. You did no wrong; instead, you promoted what was good and right. But in “Good Kids, Bad City” by Kyle Swenson, past actions sometimes don’t matter.

Over a decade ago, somewhere near Kyle Swenson’s desk at a Cleveland-area weekly newspaper, letters were piled up from prisoners begging for journalistic investigation of denied crimes. Like many newsfolk, Swenson was skeptical of those vows of innocence, so he dismissed



the letters and others like them. Still, because he was fresh out of ideas for his monthly feature story, he agreed to meet someone to talk about a crime that happened before Swenson was even born.

Kwame Ajamu arrived with a box of papers that shocked Swenson to his core.

On May 19, 1975, as Swenson learned, salesman Harry J. Franks was collecting from his accounts when he was shot and killed on a Cleveland sidewalk. Coming home from a pick-up basketball game, Ajamu, Wiley Bridgeman, and Rickey Jackson pushed into a surrounding crowd and saw the white man bleeding on the concrete, but they didn’t stick around. The situation seemed under control. Franks was dead; there was no reason to linger.

They hadn’t been there when Franks was shot, but on

May 25, Bridgeman, Ajamu, and Jackson were arrested and charged with murder on the basis of a false account given by a 12-year-old boy, a lie that folded into more mistruths encouraged by corrupt police. Jackson, Ajamu, and Bridgeman swiftly went to trial and were ultimately sentenced to death. Their sentences were later commuted to life.

Released in 2003 after making parole, Ajamu had “talked about his case to anyone who would listen” but no one believed him. That changed in 2011, when a lawyer suggested he take his story to a newspaper reporter.

They arranged to meet at a

coffee house. Ajamu “was nervous.”

“That’s when,” says Swenson, “I walked through the door.”

That sentence reads as though it should have a cape and SuperPowers, doesn’t it? But no, there’s much more to “Good Kids, Bad City” and author Kyle Swenson was merely a catalyst: he was the listener Kwame Ajamu needed.

To help readers better understand the subtleties of this tale and its full impact, Swenson shares the history of Cleveland, Ohio, a highly progressive city nearly two centuries ago but one that slowly fell victim to racism

further complicated by corruption. Thorough accounts put things into keen perspective here, especially when we’re invited into the homes of the accused men and their families and we get to know the men as boys. And yet, even with those once-happy sightlines, this story might’ve been just another tale of wrong accusations, except for one thing: Swenson also tracks the accuser, the boy, as he grows up.

That story-within-a-story mushrooms in a way that you’ll want to see. It’ll outrage you as it fascinates. It’s a draw that makes “Good Kids, Bad City” a book to get your hands on.

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information about sexual health and view their parents as the biggest influencers of their sexual decisions, and, perhaps counterintuitively, that teens who talk with their parents about sex, relation-

ships, birth control and pregnancy have sex at later ages, use condoms and birth control more often if they do have sex, have better communication with romantic partners, and have sex less

often. TalkAboutItDallas.com is the online hub of a multi-year campaign that bridges the information gap by providing parents and teens accurate, non-judgmental, shareable information about sexual health, abstinence,

contraception, consent, STIs, sexuality, gender identity, cost to raise a baby, and more. Additionally, the site gives the public information on the long term social and economic effects of teen pregnancy and tools to get involved to help make an

impact. It also provides conversation starters for teens, parents, and “askable adults” because while talking about it isn’t always easy, it is vitally important.

With a campaign goal to reduce the teen birth rate by 50 percent by 2022 in Dal-

las County’s 12 zip codes with the highest birth rates, future campaign phases will reach teens and parents where they are and keep them talking at opportune moments such as prom, spring and summer breaks, and back to school.

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