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Monday Night Politics forum focuses on council races outside the southern sector

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

It was a rather quiet Monday Night Politics at the African American Museum in Fair Park on March 8, as the forum -- hosted by the Dallas Examiner -- took a look at three districts outside the South Dallas sector. This week's gathering focused on Districts 6, 13 and 14.

District 6 was the first race on the floor, and the race features a former councilmember, Monica Alonzo, looking to return to the horseshoes by unseating incumbent Omar Narvaez. Tony Carrillo is also challenging the incumbent. Narvaez was not present at the forum.

Alonzo was defeated by Narvaez in the last city council election, and took sharp aim at the current councilmember in addressing the audience.

"I am a former councilmember and wanting to seek this position because there's no representation at city hall right now for District 6," Alonzo said. "And I wanted to make sure that we get back to basics and start working with the community, whether it's neighborhood community or business community. To get the work done for not only the city,



Former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller addresses the Monday Night Politics audience on March 8 at the African American Museum in Fair Park. She is running for the city council seat in District 14 against incumbent Jennifer Staubach Gates. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

the district, but also for our future generation's quality of life that we want to have in Dallas, Texas."

As an example of what she sees as ignoring the needs of the community, she accused Narvaez of siding with business interests and failing to protect nearby residents from gentrification in the development of the Trinity Groves business district.

Carrillo, who ran in the last election in District 6, grew up in West Dallas except for a short time in Oak Cliff as a child. He says there

is a lot of corruption going on, and pandering to wealthy interests which is tearing up the community.

"I know what it's like to live in the projects and things like that," Carrillo said. "I see a lot of that in Wet Dallas. I see how these multi-million dollar organizations, where they move in and I see them at these business meetings. They just want to take over our neighborhoods, and I'm going to make a priority to try

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People In The News...



PO3 Pervis Woods



Froswa Booker-Drew

NDG Quote of the Week: "I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me." -Muhammad Ali "The Greatest"

PO3 Pervis Woods

SAN DIEGO – A Fort Worth, Texas, native and 2011 James Martin High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Pervis Woods is a religious program specialist aboard the carrier operating out of San Diego. As a Navy religious program specialist, Woods is responsible for facilitating religious programs for the crew, aiding faith practices and providing a place for them to get counseling.

Woods credits success in



the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Fort Worth.

"I moved quite a few times growing up. That taught me the value of resilience and perseverance at a young age," said Woods.

"It can be difficult to move and meet new people, but you learn not to give up and to always bounce back. That has helped me get comfortable quickly when meeting all the new people in the Navy."

Named in honor of former President Theodore Roosevelt, the carrier is longer than three football fields, measuring nearly 1,100 feet. The ship, a true floating city, weighs more than 100,000 tons and has a flight deck that is 252 feet wide.

Powerful catapults slingshot the aircraft off the bow of the ship. The planes land aboard the carrier by snag-

ging a steel cable with an arresting hook that protrudes from the rear of the aircraft.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, according to Navy officials, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Being stationed in San Diego, the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet,

means Woods is playing an important part in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

The Pacific is home to more than 50 percent of the world's population, many of

the world's largest and smallest economies, several of the world's largest militaries, and many U.S. allies. The Navy has been pivotal in helping maintain peace and stability in the Pacific region for decades.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Woods is most proud of earning the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification.

"Earning my qualification means that I had the drive and perseverance to go through the process," said

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Froswa Booker-Drew

(BUSINESS WIRE)--DHA (formerly, the Dallas Housing Authority) introduces six new advisory board leaders for the Opportunity Rising Foundation. The Opportunity Rising Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization founded by DHA in 1997 to provide education-related programs and scholarships for DHA clients and residents. Since its inception, the foundation has provided more than \$1.5 million in scholarships and assisted approximately 2,000 students with scholarships, internships, mentor-



ships and college tours.

The new members include Froswa' Booker-Drew, PHD, director of community affairs & strategic alliances for the State Fair of Texas. Formerly the

national community engagement director for World Vision, she served as a catalyst, partnership broker, and capacity-builder of local partners in multiple locations across the U.S. to improve and sustain the well-being of children and their families.

The advisory board now consists of ten diverse community leaders with expertise in academics, business, community relations, economic development, healthcare and non-profits. The mission of the advisory board is to help the foundation reach more students than ever before, while expanding youth's exposure to

educational opportunities that can help to propel them towards self-sufficiency.

The other new advisory board members are:

- Ashley Brundage, MSSW, senior vice president of community impact at United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- Clarisa Duran Lindenmeyer, executive business strategist
- Claudia Muniz, CFO at The JIREH Group
- Danielle Wesley, MHA, PMP, CSSBB, senior director, school & virtual health program for Children's Health
- Erin Offord, senior director of programs for Big

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The original Opportunity Rising Foundation advisory board leaders are:

- Byron D. Johnson, sales executive for Enterprise Holdings
- Drexell Owusu, senior vice president of Education and Workforce for the Dallas Regional Chamber
- Nakia Douglas, executive director of TRIO and Pre-collegiate Programs at UNT Dallas
- Scott Fawcett, founder and CEO of Empowered Consulting

The advisory board members from the community support the foundation's mission by reflecting its

core values and helping to garner support for the foundation from the community through advocacy.

In its 22 years of operation, the Opportunity Rising Foundation has truly made an impact. Based on a recent survey of scholars who received educational support from the foundation, we learned that:

- 71 percent are first generation college students
- 52 percent earned their bachelor's or master's degree
- 77 percent are currently employed
- 76 percent no longer receive government assistance

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Question to the Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce?

As a nearly 31 year resident of Irving, Texas, the Founder of the Irving Branch of the NAACP, and a citizen of Irving who loves Irving, Texas; my question to these two Chambers of Commerce, both of which are recipients of tax dollars from the City of Irving is; why are you all involving your-

selves in Politics, now? This seems to be against all that I have asked the Irving Chambers to do for years and repeatedly for those years; I have been told that the Chambers of Commerce here in Irving do not get involved in politics. My question to them both again and more expansively is; why now are you involving yourselves in politics and more importantly: who is your target audience; what did you do to reach out to all Irving voters to invite them to your political forum?

-- Anthony Bond



Texas Senate News

Texas Sen. Royce West pushing for college credit transfer solution

This is an important issues and I am glad to see Texas attempting to tackle transfer and articulation.

-Wil del Pilar via Twitter

Twitter comment

MAJOR shout out to @sarah4nabj @NABJ for not allowing @CNN to get a pass! I have said REPEATEDLY just bc a network leans left & has a lot of black faces on air, the question is who is in the EXECUTIVE office in ALL networks? @DrBenChavis @NDGEditor

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Minorities listen up! - A Call to Action

By Publishers for Economic Parity

A recently announced merger between BB&T and SunTrust, if approved, will reshuffle the U.S. banking industry rankings. The deal is reportedly valued at \$66 billion and will result in the sixth largest bank in the United States according to a USA Today report.

BB&T is based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, founded in 1872, today their estimated value is more than \$220 billion in assets. Their 2,200 retail banking locations are primarily located in Southeastern states such as Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. However, over the last year, they have added numerous locations throughout Texas.

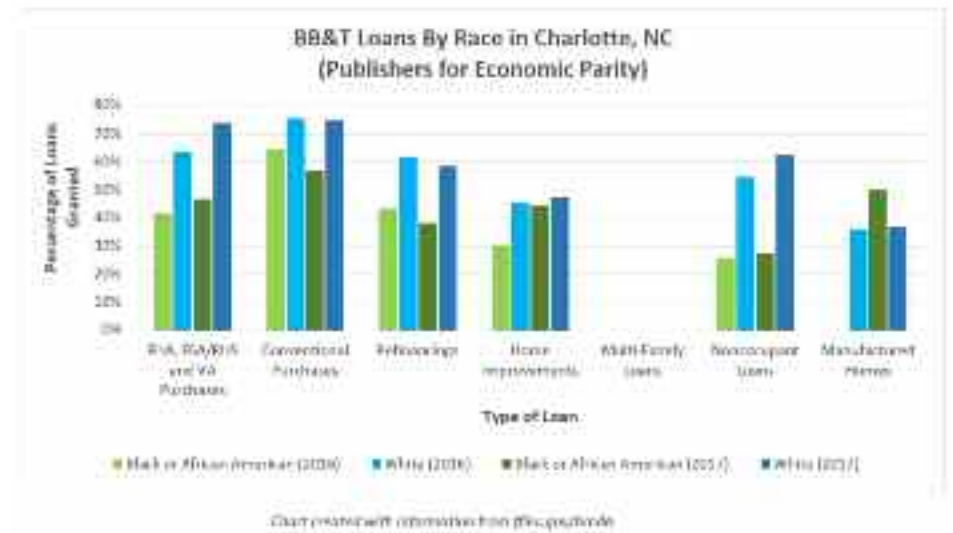
SunTrust, founded in 1891, is based in Atlanta, Georgia and control more than \$200 billion in assets, as well as, offer services via their 1,249 retail banking locations. They are primarily located in Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states.

Despite their successes, the merger between these two financial institutions could lead to more harm than good. The practice of banks discriminating against minorities is well documented and has been reported in the majority of U.S. banks. BB&T and SunTrust are among the most notorious.

One of the most notable cases took place in 2012. After reviewing 850,000 residential mortgage loans, the U.S. Justice Department determined SunTrust exercised bias against minority applicants according to a statement from the Justice Department. As a result, SunTrust ended up settling the case to the tune of \$21 million.

Also, in 2008, BB&T’s Community Reinvestment Act rating was lowered from “outstanding” to “satisfactory.” This occurred as a result of an abundance of violations regarding the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, as reported by the South Florida Business Journal.

Data pulled from the Federal Financial Institutions Ex-



amination Council’s (FFIEC) Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) website further demonstrates this discrimination. In 2016, 82 Black or African American applicants and 537 White applicants ap-

when the White applicants sought conventional home purchase loans in 2017, 75 percent were approved while only 57 percent of African-American applicants were approved.

low the law and provide us with that information within the thirty (30) day deadline. I wonder if this failure to comply with the law is representative of their lack of concern for what minorities think about their bank?” Michael Eagan, Attorney for Publishers for Economic Parity

As of press time, SunTrust has yet to respond to either letter.

From news stories to HMDA data, it is evident something is not right. For too long, these banks have been getting away with treating minorities as if they are “lesser than.” This is a call to action to fight the unjust treatment these communities have been met with when applying for loans.

In the coming weeks, public meetings regarding the merger will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia at the following dates, times and locations:

- Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m., EDT, Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Rich-

“We have reached out to SunTrust Bank to obtain their Community Reinvestment Act results but as of April 3, 2019, they have failed to follow the law and provide us with that information within the thirty (30) day deadline. I wonder if this failure to comply with the law is representative of their lack of concern for what minorities think about their bank?”

- Michael Eagan

Attorney for Publishers for Economic Parity

plied for conventional home purchase loans with BB&T in the Atlanta, GA area. Of all the White applicants, roughly 73 percent were approved for loans. Meanwhile, of all the Black or African American applicants, only about 51 percent were approved for loans.

Similar data was collected in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. Data showed

It is worth noting two letters were sent to SunTrust by the Publishers for Economic Parity (PEP) lawyer, Michael Eagan, requesting information regarding their loan statistics.

“We have reached out to SunTrust Bank to obtain their Community Reinvestment Act results, but as of April 3, 2019, they have failed to fol-

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Irving police chief advocates for heart health study for officers

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

The Irving Police Chief is concerned the job is killing his staff.

“You look at statistics across the United States every year, the National Loss of Law Enforcement Officer Down Memorial produces statistics that get from the Federal Bureau of Investigations of line-of-duty deaths,” Jeff Spivey, Irving Police Chief said. “As you examined those statistics, what you find are police officers dying of heart attacks at or near the same rate from which they die from felonious attacks. If we can by doing some extensive testing identify those heart attacks before



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they occur, then we can help our police employees either get the heart treatment they need through either surgery or by diet and exercise and in the long run save their life.”

At the Irving City Council meeting on April 4, item 6 on the agenda was spiritedly debated. The resolution read:

Approving a Consulting

Agreement Between the City of Irving and Sigma Tactical Wellness, LLC in the Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$100,000.00 for Cardiac/Metabolic Screening of Law Enforcement Officers with the Irving Police Department.

The item passed 8 to 1, but it was not without council members expressing concerns. Councilmen

David Palmer did request to have the remove the item from the agenda.

“It’s not that I disagreed with the concept of having some additional cardiac testing done, not only for police officers but other members of our city employees who go under a lot of physical stress on a daily basis,” Palmer said. For example, the firefighters, sanitation, road workers, and others frequently find themselves in stressful situations.

“I’m not convinced that spending \$100,000 through the consulting agreement is the best way to do this,” Palmer said.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ward also shared concerns.

“I know a lot about law enforcement and what they go through in their careers so I will be supporting this,” Ward said. “My son is in law enforcement, but I would have to agree with some my colleague’s thoughts (Palmer) about employees and heart testing because we have this clinic that we go to. To get this started I am going to be voting for this, but with some conditions.”

Ward requested the City Manager, the assistant city manager, and the HR department to get together and develop a more comprehensive plan.

In support of this item, Irving Councilmen Al Zapanta invited Chief Spivey to approach the podium to

answer questions.

“If I remember correctly during our work session yesterday we had a pretty good discussion, especially now with the environment our police officers and firefighters are encountering,” Zapanta said. “In a lot of ways, like the military, we get the traumatic stress that impacts all of us under these kinds of conditions.”

“The vendor we have entered into the program with has especially targeted first responders, mainly police officers, in a clinical study, as they try to determine causes and cures for heart disease in police officers,” Spivey said.

Spivey stated this group

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Parkland urges awareness, action in the prevention of sexual assault

Do these statistics alarm or surprise you?

- Every 92 seconds an American is sexually assaulted
- Every 9 minutes a child is sexually assaulted in the U.S.
- Eight out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim
- College-age men and women are at high risk of sexual violence
- More than 6.3 million Texans have experienced some form of sexual assault in their lifetime

In addition to these disturbing facts, said Melissa Reilly, LCSW, Director of the Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/ Rape Crisis Center at Parkland Health & Hospital System, sexual assault, including childhood sexual abuse, is an underreported crime. It’s estimated that more than 91 percent of sexual assault victims in Texas do not report to law enforcement.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has designated April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month in recognition of the widespread prevalence of sexual assault nationwide. The theme of this year’s ob-

servance is “Awareness to Action.”

“In Texas, two in five women and one in five men have been sexually assaulted,” Reilly stated. “Additionally, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Sexual violence crosses all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds. Unfortunately, children are not immune from this type of assault.

At Parkland, every person seeking medical care of any type is screened for abuse, whether it’s physical, sexual or emotional. Parkland’s VIP/Rape Crisis Center offers support to children, teens, adults, and families by providing free counseling, a 24-hour response for victims seen at Parkland facilities, and help to find emergency shelters, legal assistance, and other services. Spanish-speaking staff is available and services in other languages are offered through medical interpreters.

Parkland’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program provides specialized care to victims of sexual assault presenting in the Parkland Emergency De-

partment. SANEs are registered nurses who have completed education and clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or abuse.

“Parkland’s goal is to address the medical, social and emotional needs of a sexual assault survivor. This comprehensive approach assists the patient in his or her recovery following the assault,” Reilly said. “After a sexual assault, survivors experience different emotions including fear and depression, changes in their behaviors and often feel disconnected as they have difficulty trusting others.”

In addition to psychological and social impacts, sexual abuse often leads to medical problems for victims which are often overlooked. A 2015 report compiled by the University of Texas at Austin found that physical, mental and emotional problems that limit activities are nearly twice as prevalent among sexual assault victims as among non-victims. Sexual assault victims are almost twice as likely as non-victims to suffer from asthma, frequent headaches, irritable bowel syndrome, and chronic

pain.

The study stated the financial impact to the Lone Star State of sexual assault is conservatively estimated at \$8 billion annually.

Parkland’s VIP/Rape Crisis Center began serving the community 21 years ago and has assisted thousands of survivors of sexual assault since opening in 1998. In 2018, the Center served 2,683 victims of sexual assault, family violence or assault. Twenty percent were male, 80 percent female. A total of 5,000 counseling hours were provided.

“Educating the community about the prevalence of sexual assault is one way to help prevent it,” Reilly said. “We want individuals, families and the community to know about the resources available to them. Promoting safe behaviors, healthy relationships and equitable policies will help keep everyone, including children, safer.”

Some of the ways to turn “awareness to action,” according to experts like Reilly:

- Speak out – use your voice to spread awareness about sexual violence.
- Support survivors and yourself – spend time in na-

ture, with supportive friends, journaling, or doing something else that makes you feel strong, healthy and cared for.

- Stay educated – learn the facts, laws and policies about sexual assault in your area.
- Take action – volunteer at or donate to organizations supporting survivors of sexual assault; learn about self-defense and healthy relationships and teach your children ways to stay safe.

Today and every day – If you or a loved one is in an abusive situation and needs immediate assistance, call the Parkland Rape Crisis Center hotline at 214-590-0430. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is available 24/7 by phone at 800-656-HOPE.

To make an appointment with a counselor or find out more information about Parkland’s services, please call the VIP/Rape Crisis Center at 214-590-2926.

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The **Vignette Art Fair** will be held from April 11 to April 14, at various times at the Women's Museum building at Fair Park, in Dallas.

Vignette Art Fair is an alternative fair that highlights talent that has been under-recognized and made ancillary by art institutions and establishments. This satellite fair will bridge the gap between local and international art scenes by displaying the work of creative female, and female identifying, minds during a time when the international art market descends on Dallas.

This exhibition is free and open to the public during public viewing hours in The Women's Building. For more information visit www.texasvignette.org.

The **2019 Dallas International Film Festival (DIFF)** will open on April 11 and run until April 18, at Magnolia Theatre in West



DBDT

Village, at Dallas. DIFF will screen more than 110 films from 25 countries. All-access festival passes are available now and range from \$75-\$500. Individual tickets start at \$12. To learn more visit www.dallas-film.org/.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre: **Encore! Rising Excellence** will take place on April 12 and April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Moody Performance Hall, in Dallas. My'kal J. Stromile choreography takes influence from ballet, stretching beyond the classical form and layered with many facets of expressionism. Encore! choreog-

rapher Lorenzo "Rennie" Harris is known for going outside the box to choreograph hip-hop works fusing Shakespearean narrative with hip-hop vocabulary while mixing hip-hop music with rock, modern and classical sounds. Tickets start at \$35. To purchase them visit attpac.org.

Celebrate **Record Store Day** on April 13, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Josey Records and Music, in Dallas. Josey's is opening early and staying open late to celebrate Record Store Day. This homage to record store culture and vinyl includes live bands, DJs, food and drinks. Exclusive Record Store Day releases and special limited edition vinyl will be for sale. To learn more visit facebook.com/events.

Irving

Irving's School's **Out Program** will be held on April 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lee Park Recreation

Center, in Irving. Parents can register their children for a full day of supervised fun and enjoyable activities

including games, sports, crafts and more. For children in grades K-5. Registration deadline is April 12.

Cost is \$20 per child and includes lunch. For more information contact (972) 721-2508.

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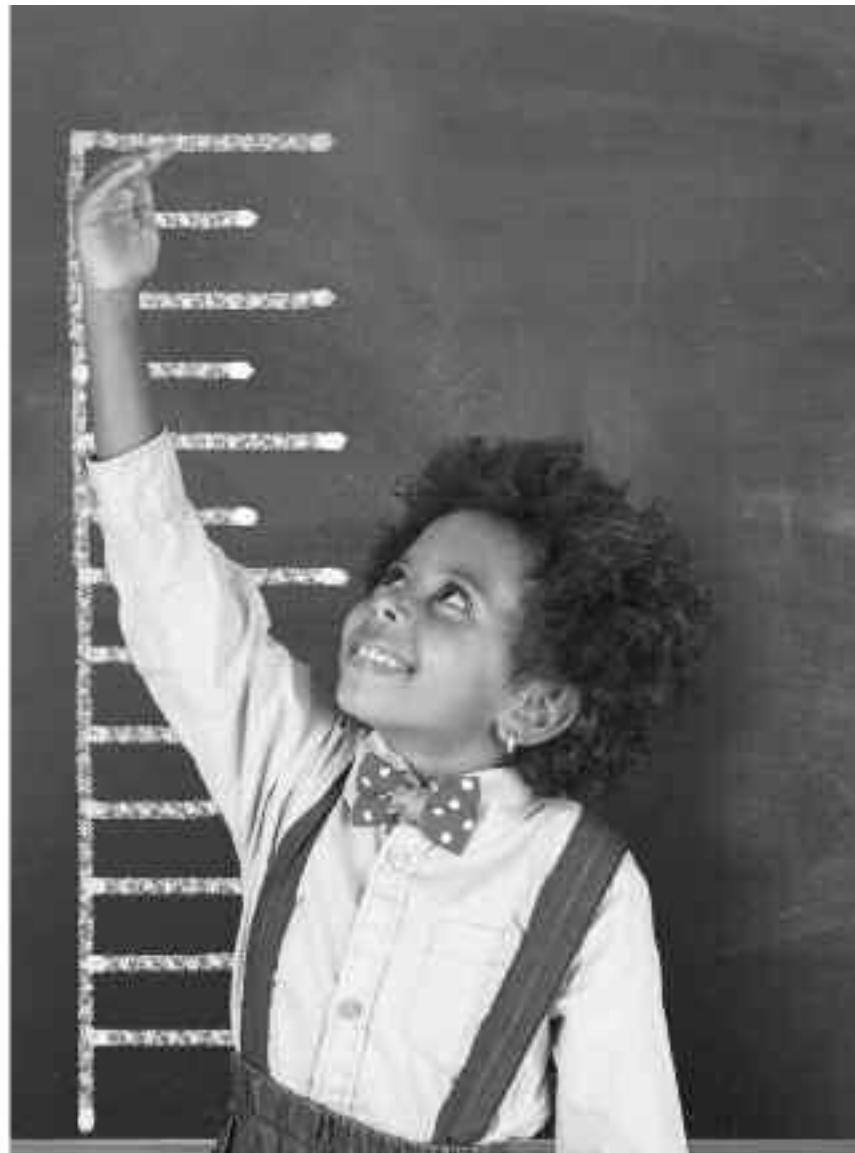
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Institute's new partnerships widen the way for university entrepreneurs

Students at The University of Texas at Dallas with a desire to be entrepreneurs now have the opportunity to engage mentors, access workspaces and accelerate the launch of their products, thanks to new partnerships with two startup accelerator programs and a technology think tank.

The UT Dallas Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship announced in March that it has partnered with Capital Factory, an early stage tech investor. UT Dallas students and alumni with a tech-related product or service idea are encouraged to apply for co-working privileges and mentor network access at Capital Factory.

The partnership marks the latest in a series of formalized relationships that the institute has entered into with the goal of elevating the University's role in entrepreneur-driven economic development in North Texas and beyond.

In February, the institute announced its founding partner role in the Dallas Entrepreneur Center (DEC) Network's Innov8te Smart Cities Incubator. And in January, UT Dallas became the first university in the U.S. to join the Blockchain Research Institute (BRI).

"Great startup ventures are the result of countless hours and tireless support of many people," said Steve Guengerich, executive director of the institute. "They start with the core team of founders and advisors, which is where UT Dallas plays its role. But in addition, success requires savvy investors, experienced men-



The Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UT Dallas regularly hosts meetups for students to interact with mentors. Chris Wilkes (left), president and CEO of Enginsoft USA, talked to students at a recent event. New partnerships are helping give students more opportunities to get their startups off the ground.

tors and enthusiastic partners — bringing the very best that a region or industry has to offer to aid the startup. That's our motivation for the BRI, Capital Factory and Innov8te partnerships."

Capital Factory

The relationship with Capital Factory will accelerate to market the products and services of ventures founded by members of the UT Dallas community, said Guengerich, also a clinical associate professor of management in the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

A limited number of individual and team co-working memberships to Capital Factory's location in the Uptown district of Dallas are available to UT Dallas students and qualified alumni, faculty and staff — regardless of their school or degree. New cohorts are admitted monthly.

"UT Dallas was one of the first places I visited when I toured Dallas for the first time, and I was impressed," said Joshua Baer, Capital

Factory founder and CEO. "The strength of its student body and faculty — from the business school to engineering to computer science to life sciences — was exceptional, as was its shared entrepreneurial mission. We've already invested in more than one UT Dallas alumni company, and I expect to see that number continue to grow."

Blockchain Research Institute

An independent, global think tank headquartered in Toronto, the BRI works to identify the strategic implications and opportunities of blockchain for business, government and society. Blockchain is a digital, public ledger that records online transactions and serves as the core technology for cryptocurrencies like bitcoin.

Alex Tapscott, BRI co-founder and co-author of *Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin and Other Cryptocurrencies Is Changing the World*, will serve as a distin-

guished visiting scholar and adjunct professor at UT Dallas.

Faculty members and students will have opportunities to participate in live webinars with global experts. Dr. Zhiqiang (Eric) Zheng, professor of information systems in the Jindal School, is the lead researcher involved from UT Dallas.

"Welcoming UT Dallas to our membership helps the BRI's multimillion-dollar research program support not just the commercial or regulatory world, but academia as well," said Don Tapscott, co-founder and executive chairman of the BRI. "We look forward to helping

the world-class researchers and educators navigate the blockchain revolution."

A grand opening launch celebrated the partnership recently during Dallas Startup Week.

Innov8te Smart Cities Incubator

In February, the institute formed a new partnership with the DEC Network called the Innov8te Smart Cities Incubator.

Located in the West End in downtown Dallas, the incubator focuses on smart city technology research and development for the region. Its mission is to support and highlight Dallas-Fort Worth companies focused on build-

ing products and technologies in areas such as data analytics and visualization, the "internet of things," artificial intelligence and machine learning, blockchain and virtual reality.

Guengerich said UT Dallas students and alumni are increasingly proposing new ventures related to civic innovation, and the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science is a leader in the internet of things and other areas of smart cities innovation.

In addition to the institute, founding collaborators include AT&T Inc., Cisco Systems Inc. and Microsoft Corp.

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is only targeting police officers at this point. But in the area, they have done some others with fire department personnel.

"What they are looking for, is because of the stress police officers are under, because of the shift work that they work, because of the number of overtime hours that they work, there are a number of factors that figure into the number of

heart disease," Spivey said.

Spivey assured the council the expenditures will not exceed the \$100,000 price tag on the agenda. So far, the number of employees currently enrolled leaves the forecasted city's costs under budget. By comparison, the price of this initiative is much less than paying the benefits or for treatment of just one of the police officers who suffer a heart at-

tack on duty or fatality.

The money which is being paid will not come out of the general fund budget, funding is from a separate source the police has access to, which is an allowable expense for officer safety and wellness.

"I think this is a proactive step to take as the Chief of Police to help my employees stay healthy and serve the residents of this community," Spivey said.

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The Carrollton Police Department has signed on with Mark43, a leading cloud-based public safety software provider, becoming the first Texas agency to implement the multi-tenant Mark43 records management system (RMS).

The cloud-based RMS technology will enable unprecedented data sharing and efficiency for Carrollton public safety by facilitating processes including writing reports, investigating cases, logging physical evidence, and managing videos, images, and audio content securely in the



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cloud. The application is device-agnostic and will save officers invaluable

time by enabling seamless communication and report-filing out in the field.

“Mark43 is the ideal technology provider to support our vision,” said Carrollton Police Chief Derick Miller. “We are dedicated to leveraging our employees’ unique abilities by equipping them with innovative law enforcement technology, and we are proud to be trailblazers as the first Texas agency to implement Mark43’s game-changing platform.”

With more than 60 public safety agencies signed from coast to coast, Mark43 is dedicated to meeting state and federal requirements for each of its clients. The

implementation will enable the Carrollton Police Department to consistently comply with requirements mandated by the Texas Incident-Based Reporting System (TIBRS) and state racial profiling reports for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

As the pilot Texas agency to assist Mark43 in its design of mobile applications, digital evidence management, and other future Mark43 products, the Carrollton Police Department will receive the designation of a Mark43 Center of Ex-

cellence.

“We are honored that the Carrollton Police Department chose us over a host of bigger legacy providers who are prominent in their area,” said Scott Crouch, CEO and Co-Founder of Mark43.

“Our close work with Carrollton police to meet community and state-specific needs will facilitate future success and expansion of Mark43. As our nation’s second-largest state, Texas is a particularly meaningful market that is full of possibilities for driving public safety forward.”

Irving approves new hike, bike trail near West Irving DART Station

In February, the City of Irving approved the 2.4-mile Rock Island Road bike and pedestrian trail between the West Irving DART station and Irby Lane.

The \$3.65 million project includes a 10-foot-wide trail

that will accommodate bicycle and foot traffic, provide a major east-west pedestrian route, and will offer safe and reliable access to light rail service. The project will include lighting along the trail. The

North Central Texas Council of Governments was instrumental in securing the funding through the Federal Highway Administration, Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Irving.

The bike and pedestrian trail is part of the larger Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail system.

Once completed, the trail will connect the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving and

Dallas.

Construction is expected to begin on this section in April and should be completed by spring 2020, weather permitting.

City staff also is working on proposals to complete

Irving’s Campion Trail. Roughly 15 miles of the city’s master-planned, 22-mile greenbelt is accessible for public use

In the future, the city plans to fully connect all sections of Campion Trail.

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Dallas, don't miss your shot to see *Hamilton*

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

It's sassy, it's a head-bobber, it's historically inspired, it's *Hamilton*!

This cultural phenomenon of a Broadway musical takes what we know about history and gives it an authentic flair and a one of a kind experience. *Hamilton* the musical will run until May 5, at Music Hall at Fair Park, in Dallas. Since starting in 2015, it seems the hype has been followed all the way to Dallas, four years later.

Hamilton, created by Lin-Manuel Miranda, and inspired by the 2004 biography Alexander Hamilton, follows the rise and fall of one of America's Founding Fathers.

The musical begins in 1776 in New York when Hamilton, played by Joseph Morales, meets Aaron Burr played by Nik Walker, John Laurens played by Ean S.



Joan Marcus

Cochran, Marquis de Lafayette played by Kyle Scatliffe, and Hercules Muligan played by King David Jones during "My Shot."

Hamilton then becomes George Washington's aide-de-camp during "right-hand man," meets Angelica, Eliza, and Peggy ("The Schuyler Sisters") and marries Eliza Schuyler, played by Emily Jenda ("Helpless"). The rest of the musical follows *Hamilton's* ex-

perience in the United States as the young nation wins its independence, and *Hamilton* is selected as the first Secretary of the Treasury.

What makes this retelling of *Hamilton* so unique is the choice of non-white characters. As you look upon the sea of black and brown faces, you start to realize Lin-Manuel Miranda purposely did this to reflect the type of society we live in.

While it may not be entirely historically accurate, it is culturally precise as a reflection of a 21st century nation built by immigrants.

Even down to one of the lines *Hamilton* shouts in the middle of a song sequence, "Immigrants, we get the job done," it is evident everything in this musical is done with meaning.

This is especially displayed in the music. The songs are either rapped, sung or talked through in hip-hop, R&B, or pop style. There are 34 original songs in the musical, some of the audience favorites being "My Shot," "The Schuyler Sisters," "You'll Be Back," "Satisfied," "That Would Be Enough," "The Room Where It Happens," and "It's Quiet Uptown."

You can definitely tell the sound design, orchestra arrangement, music coordinators, did a fantastic job to keep the musical choices upbeat and exciting

throughout the entire production.

But it is not just the musical choices which make the musical unique. The set design and lighting designing provide a significant impact on how the audience experiences the show. While the background does stay the same in the show, the lighting and set pieces does a fantastic job of transporting the audience back in time.

Before the show, audience members will also have the opportunity to check out a historical collection in collaboration with the Dallas Public Library, and Seth Kaller Inc. This collection holds documents from the Revolution War and Founding Era.

These documents include one of *Hamilton's* most re-

vealing love letters to Elizabeth Schuyler. A first edition of the "Reynolds Pamphlet", which survived Eliza's attempt to have them all burned, *Hamilton's* critical financial papers, and draft letters rallying to defeat Jefferson at all cost after Washington declined to run for a third term, Original letters and documents of *Hamilton*, Washington, Jefferson, Burr, and more. Also featured are *Hamilton Jr's* annotated copy of the Federalist Papers.

This unique collection will be on display, in the lobby of the Music Hall free of charge until May 5.

So if you want to be in the room where it happens, it's highly suggested you check out *Hamilton* while it's in Dallas.



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mond, 530 East Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina; and

- Friday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m., EDT, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 1000 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

If you are unable to attend the meetings in person, we urge you to file a formal complaint with the banks regarding their past wrongdoings and post a copy of this complaint on the PEP Facebook page.

Once the merger is complete, BB&T will roughly double in size. This merger marks the formation of a financial superpower that is not to be taken lightly.

Homeownership comprises the majority of a family's net worth. With these institutions consistently denying loan applications submit-

ted by minorities, we will continue to be denied the same opportunities to accumulate wealth as our non-minority counterparts.

Requests to speak at the Charlotte and Atlanta meetings must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 15 for the Charlotte meeting and by 5 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 23 for the Atlanta meeting.







Written comments can be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261 as well as the FDIC's Atlanta Regional Office, 10 10th Street, NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30309-3849.

These institutions must be held accountable for their actions. Together, we can make our voices heard.

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Undermain Theatre latest play features a couple caught in middle of U.S. and Mexico's on-going drug war

The Undermain Theatre is presenting the final play in Matthew Paul Olmos' 3-play cycle, *Whither Goest Thou America: A Festival of New Plays*. Four weeks of staged readings of new American plays examining the current American Landscape. Each week of the series has focused on a different playwright and play with readings of the play by an ensemble.

The fully-staged world premiere of *So Go the Ghosts of Mexico*, part three by Matthew Paul Olmos is the centerpiece of the festival. It is also the final installment in this three-play cycle exploring the U.S./Mexico drug wars.

A young Mexican couple gets caught up in the web of the drug trade between the two countries, changing their lives forever. But is their or-

deal what it seems or a mirage of disinformation created by unseen forces? Somewhere between truth and illusion a mother from Mexico searches for her missing daughter.

The third part of Matthew Paul Olmos's poetic trilogy explores the human struggle of the US/Mexico drug wars and the shadowy forces which create the market and distribution system shaping

the world on both sides of the border.

The preview performances are April 11-12 at 7:30 p.m. with opening night scheduled for Saturday, April 13. Then the show will continue each Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. until Sunday, May 5.

The Undermain Theatre is located at 3200 Main Street in Dallas. Tickets are available at undermain.org.



Undermain Theatre



The One You Never Forget is one of many films to be presented at the Dallas International Film Festival.

Three flicks to see at the Dallas International Film Festival

The 13th Annual Dallas International Film Festival kicks off on Thursday, April 11 and the weekend is filled with a wide range of options for movie lovers. The options include Latin America cinema, family friendly flicks, plenty of documentaries, of course short films - what festival would not have shorts to race through. You can find the full

slate of films at dallasiff.org.

Meanwhile here are three worth considering:

- *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* - Discover Ted Bundy through the eyes of his girlfriend Liz. Like many women around America who could not imagine a smart, charming and attractive man like that can not possibly be as evil the police and pros-

ecutors suggest. The film will open in select theaters next month and be available via Netflix but you can catch it on opening night April 11.

- *The One You Never Forget* - As a teen prepares to attend his first dance, his parents reminisce about their own but then suddenly Carey gets elusive and is not so cooperative with his father's plan. Film

features Tasha Smith from *Empire* and Malik Whitfield from *The Temptations*. See it Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m. or Tuesday April 16 at 4:30 p.m.

- *Midnight Family* is the story of the Ochoa family in Mexico City that runs a for-profit ambulance. They are competing against other EMTs, while corrupt police

forces his family to try and go legit. But the financial pressure could jeopardize their patients well-being and their financial stability. Screenings are Sunday April 14 at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17 at 10 p.m.

For tickets and locations of the films showcased from April 11 - 18, visit dallasiff.org.

Exhibit inspired by Langston Hughes now open at the Dallas Museum of Art

The Dallas Museum of Art is presenting *America Will Be!: Surveying the Contemporary Landscape*, a focus exhibition of works primarily from the DMA's collection of contemporary art that take the American landscape as a point of departure. If scenic images of the land were historically used to glorify the territory that would come to be called America, this exhibi-

tion looks at contemporary artists who have redefined the landscape genre through a variety of media and strategies. *America Will Be!* broadens the concept of the landscape through literal depictions of the natural world and allusions to a diversity of American experiences.

The title of the exhibition is a rousing line from "Let America Be America Again,"

a 1935 poem by Langston Hughes. In the poem, Hughes yearns for a future where the grandiose promises of the American dream are finally delivered to all people, regardless of race, class, or country of origin. He swears that every worker who has constructed America will redeem "the land, the mines, the plants, the rivers" and the spirit of the nation.

"The Dallas Museum of Art has a strong interest in further developing areas of artistic production that have historically been underrepresented in its collection," says Dr. Agustín Arteaga, The Eugene McDermott Director. "America Will Be!" showcases how new acquisitions in its contemporary collection can augment its collection of postwar masterworks

to tell richer and more varied stories of American visual culture and identity."

In conjunction with *America Will Be!*, Lonnie Holley will appear at *Late Night in April*. Holley is one of the most renowned sculptors, installation artists, and performers of the Deep South. Improvising with his longtime collaborator, cellist Dave Eggar, and performers

from the POINT ensemble, Holley will create a performance that evokes experiences both personal and universal, haunting and hopeful. The event is presented in partnership with the SOLUNA festival. Holley's promised gift *The Journey: From Africa to America* (1983) will be shown in the exhibition.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 6.

NDG Entertainment: Munch it up, relive the 90s or catch some tunes in DFW

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

Eventbrite.com.

Join in on the fun at the **90's Block Party** on Henderson Ave, on April 13, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at High Fives, in Dallas. Join Dallasites101 and Dallas Sport & Social Club as we take you back to the 90's! Grab your scrunchies and choker necklaces, and meet us on Henderson Ave the evening of Saturday April 13th for a 90's Block Party! Tickets can be purchased at

You can see **Tokyo Jetz** perform live this weekend on April 14, at 7 p.m. at the Cambridge Room at House of Blues, in Dallas. To purchase tickets visit Concerts1.livenation.com.

You don't want to miss **DMX - 20 Year Anniversary Tour - It's Dark and Hell is Hot** on April 15, at 8 p.m. at the House of Blues, in Dallas. Tickets will start at \$30 and go up to \$87.50. To purchase tickets visit



concerts1.livenation.com.

Experience the **Trevor Noah: Loud & Clear Tour** on April 19, starting at 7:30 p.m. at The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory, in Irving. Tickets start off at \$79.50. For more informa-

tion and tickets visit concerts1.livenation.com.

Don't miss out on the retelling of the story: **The Wizard of Oz**, on April 19, starting at 7 p.m. at Casa Manana, in Fort Worth. Follow the yellow brick road! This musical favorite tells the story of Dorothy and her dog Toto, who have been swept away by a tornado to the land of Oz. As they search for their way home, they meet a Scarecrow, a Tin Man, and a Cowardly

Lion who help guide them on their way to find the magical Wizard of Oz. Based on the beloved 1939 movie featuring your favorite tunes such as, If I Only Had a Brain and Somewhere Over the Rainbow. The Wizard of Oz will have you humming and dancing whether you're experiencing it for the first time or the tenth! For tickets visit 1.ticketmaster.com.

Munch it up at **D-Town Food Fest**, on April 20,

from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at City Hall Plaza, in Dallas. This festival is all things surrounding Food so please come hungry!!

Our festival will stretch over 8 Hours with over 60 different participating food vendors. Outside of food there will be plenty of fun including Live Music from some of Dallas's best bands! Tickets start at \$5. Make plans to be at the 2019 D-Town Food Fest by visiting Eventbrite.com.

After 51 years, fair housing still an unfinished journey

By Charlene Crowell
NDG Special Contributor

Fifty-one years this month, the Fair Housing Act (the Act) was enacted to ensure that housing discrimination was illegal. Yet just days before the annual observance of Fair Housing Month began,

headline news articles reminded the nation that housing discrimination still exists.

For example, on March 19, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) fined Citibank \$25 million for violations related to mortgage lending. At issue was Citibank's "relationship pricing"

program that afforded mortgage applicants either a credit on closing costs or a reduced interest rate. These cost breaks were intended to be offered to customers on the basis of their deposits and investment balances. According to OCC examination at Citibank, these "relationships" did not include all eligible

customers – particularly people of color. The regulator's conclusion was that the bank's practices led to racial disparities.

The settlement calls for all 24,000 consumers affected to receive \$24 million in restitution.

Days later on March 28, the federal department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD) charged Facebook with violating the Act by enabling its advertisers to discriminate on its social media platform. According to the lawsuit, Facebook enabled advertisers to ex-

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to save these houses."

Carrillo proposed a lottery system to "adopt" one or two houses a year, bring them up to code and keep West Dallas residents in the neighborhood.

In District 14, incumbent Philip Kingston faces two challengers; David Blewett and Warren Johnson. The challengers were not present at the forum, and Kingston said their absence was noteworthy as he stated both challengers had been opposed to Kingston's calls to remove Confederate statues from city property and changing the names of DISD schools named for Confederate veterans. He added that one of them even filed a lawsuit to keep it from happening.

"I'm not saying that's why they're not here, but I do know those two things to be facts," Kingston said.

Kingston, not known for his shyness on the council, also addressed his nominating of Sandy Greyson as mayor Pro Tem. The nomination came at a time when there was no sitting councilmember from District 4, and drew criticism from some in the African-American community as there had been a tradition of having a Black member in the position when there was a White mayor.

"Well I was specifically referring to Casey Thomas being an inappropriate person to fill that role because he does not have a reputation for integrity," Kingston said. "He does not have a reputation for strong leadership. And so perhaps I should have just said that. I mean that couldn't have been misconstrued. Right? But I was specifically referring to not having Casey. Then I actually voted for Tennell (Atkins)."

Kingston pledged to accelerate what he calls "justice and equity work" if re-elected for another term on the Dallas City Council.

The final presentation of the evening was in District 14, where incumbent Jennifer Staubach

Gates faces a challenge from former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller. Gates was not able to attend the forum, giving Miller the floor for the entire segment.

"I am the first Mayor of Dallas to ever run for the Dallas City Council," Miller joked with the audience at the beginning of her presentation. "I don't have extraordinary political ambitions, because I'm not going up. I'm running for council."

Miller said she is running simply because she is a homeowner and she is very frustrated with what is happening in the neighborhoods around where she lives. She has been assisting homeowners in zoning and development cases for the past six years, and says returning as a councilmember is her best option for addressing the problems.

She was, once again, asked about how Dallas lost the stadium deal to Arlington to serve as the home field for the Dallas Cowboys. She recalled negotiations with Jerry Jones, and how his desires and requirements were too big for what Dallas was willing to give. Arlington, on the other hand, was willing to make more concessions for the NFL franchise -- in-

cluding homeowners being removed from the area by eminent domain, and special tax usage -- than what Miller was willing to ask of Dallas residents.

"They spend their money on stadiums and we spend our money on public transit," Miller concluded.

Housing issues being at the heart of her latest run, Miller addressed gentrification questions from the audience by calling for a wide range of home ownership levels, and single and multi-family housing options, to be spread throughout the entire city. She said there would be a different focus for her as a member of the council than there was when she served as mayor.

"I look forward to whoever the council is, and whatever their needs are," Miller said. "I look forward to helping all homeowners city-wide. I'm full of energy and I'm full of passion and I care a lot. And that's why I'm running."

The Dallas City Council election will be held on May 4, with early voting beginning on April 22. Monday Night Politics will resume on March 15. It begins at 6 p.m. at the African American Museum in Fair Park, and is free to the public.



Dallas City Councilmember Philip Kingston (at right) responds to audience questions as Monday Night Politics moderator Demetria McCuin looks on. Kingston is running against two challengers for the District 13 seat in the upcoming election.

(Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. unveils revamped Homestart program

North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. (NDBT), has unveiled its revamped HomeStart program, a mortgage program designed to make home loans affordable for Dallas residents looking to become first-time homeowners.

The HomeStart program provides loans in amounts up to \$236,180. To be eligi-

ble for the program, applicants can have a total household income up to a maximum of \$71,650, and the home financed must be located within one of the communities served by NDBT.

“Our HomeStart program was created to help families build a solid foundation for their future,” said Larry

Miller, president of North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. “We are constantly looking for ways to enhance the services we provide and our HomeStart program is further evidence of that effort. We believe loans provided through this program support community development and enable our borrowers to fulfill their dream

of homeownership.”

Properties eligible for the program include single-family detached and attached homes, townhomes, and condominiums. Loans are available for new as well as existing properties. Some restrictions may apply.

Founded in 1961, North Dallas Bank has five bank-

ing centers located in North Dallas, Addison, Frisco, Las Colinas, and Plano. Headquartered on the corner of Preston Road and LBJ at 12900 Preston Rd in Dallas, the bank is dedicated to helping people make

smarter choices in business and life by offering authentic banking solutions and innovative online banking tools. North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. is Member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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clude people based on their neighborhood – a high tech version of the historical redlining of neighborhoods where people of color lived.

With 210 million Facebook users in the United States and Canada alone, the social media mogul took in \$8.246 billion in advertising in just the last financial quarter of 2018.

As April’s annual observance of Fair Housing Month began, the Chair of the House Financial Services Committee used that leadership post to bring attention to the nagging challenges that deny fair housing for all. In her opening statement at the hearing held April 2, Chairwoman Maxine Waters set the tone and focus of the public forum.

“According to the National Fair Housing Alliance, individuals filed 28,843 housing discrimination complaints in 2017,” said Waters. “Under the Trump Administration, fair housing protections are under attack.... According to news reports Secretary Carson proposed taking the words ‘free from discrimination’ out of HUD’s mission statement.”

“He also reportedly halted fair housing investigations”, continued Waters, “and sidelined top advisors in HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. These are unprecedented attacks on fair housing that must not go unanswered.”

Several committee members posed similar concerns and offered comments that echoed those of Waters. Additional issues raised during the hearing spoke to a lack of enforcement, data collection, gentrification, racial redlining, restrictive zoning, and disparate impact.

A panel of housing experts provided substantive testimony that responded to many of these issues, while also acknowledging how many fair housing goals have not yet been achieved.

Cashauna Hill, the Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center provided additional information on delays encountered with HUD’s Fair Housing investigations. Although HUD set a standard for these complaints to be investigated within 100 days, many complaints go well beyond the agency’s own guidelines. Cases older than 100 days are categorized as “aged” in HUD parlance.

“In 2017, HUD had 895 cases that became aged during that same year, and it had 941 cases that were already considered aged at the beginning of the fiscal year,” noted Hill. “During that same time period, Fair Housing Assistance Program agencies had 3,994 cases that became aged and 1,393 cases that were already considered aged at the beginning of the fiscal year.”

“Practically, what this means for groups like the Fair Housing Action Center,” continued Hill, “is a delay in making victims of discrimination whole, and a delay in correction of housing providers’ discriminatory behavior.”

Speaking on behalf of the Zillow Group, Dr. Skylar Olsen, its Director of Economic Research cited additional data that underscored racial disparities and problems that continue with access to credit.

“Homeownership is a key tool for building wealth, and more than half the overall

wealth held by American households is represented by their primary residence,” said Olsen. “But access to homeownership is not shared equally. In 1900, the gap between black and white homeownership rate was 27.6 percentage points. Today it is 30.3 percentage points.”

Further according to Olsen, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) shows that “black borrowers are denied for conventional home loans 2.5 times more often than white borrowers.”

Even among renters, Skylar noted racial disparities in major metro areas like Atlanta, Detroit, Houston and Oakland, California adding, “local establishments and amenities including banks, health institutions and recreational facilities are less prevalent in communities of color than white communities.”

Debby Goldberg, Vice President of Housing Policy and Special Project with the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) was also a panelist.

“Not all neighborhoods were created the same,” testified Goldberg. “The long history of housing discrimination and segregation in the U.S. has created neighborhoods that are unequal in their access to opportunities. They are not unequal because of the people who live there. They are unequal because of a series of public and private institutionalized practices that orchestrated a system of American apartheid in our neighborhoods and communities, placing us in separate and unequal spaces.”

Goldberg also stated that racial discrimination included consumers of color with varying incomes.

“While many low-income communities, no matter their racial composition, suffer from disinvestment and lack of resources, even wealthier, high-earning communities of color have fewer bank branches, grocery stores, healthy environments, and affordable credit than poorer white areas.”

Ms. Goldberg also posed a core question that was as basic as it was direct.

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Upcoming DFW area job fairs

April 13 Job Fair at Northwood Club

The Job Fair at Northwood Club will be held on April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northwood Club, in Dallas. This event is open to the public with no appointment needed. For job descriptions and to complete an application please go to our career website at <https://northwoodclub.applicantpro.com/>.

Full-time positions offer competitive benefits for medical, dental, vision, 401(k), vacation and personal time off.

April 13 Grapevine Job Fair

The Grapevine Job Fair will be held on April 13, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Grapevine High School, in Grapevine. In partnership with the Grapevine Community Outreach Center, the Grapevine Chamber is hosting the 6th Annual Grapevine Job Fair.

The goal is to connect quality applicants with employers in our community.

April 23 Dallas Career Fair - Sales & Management

The Dallas Career Fair - Sales & Management will take place on April 23, at 6 p.m. at Courtyard Dallas Carrollton and Conference Center, in Carrollton. Job seekers who attend these events are more likely to obtain a new position than those who only 'apply' to job postings. Mark the date on your calendar & be sure to attend. Feel free to invite others. Be sure to dress professional. To apply visit [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

May 1 Multi-Profession Diversity Job Fair of Dallas

The Multi-Profession Diversity Job Fair of Dallas will be held on May 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Embassy Suites by Hilton - Dallas DFW Airport South, in Irving. Be sure to pre-register, dress professionally, bring plenty of re-



sumes, and keep an open mind.

They will be looking for positions in the following areas: sales, customer service, call center, management, general business, marketing, retail, administrative, insurance, banking, engineering, accounting, finance, education, law enforcement, government, military, hospitality, human resources, technicians, tele-marketing, healthcare, it, and more. To RSVP visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For questions contact 815.308.5426.

May 2 Dallas Veterans Job Fair

The Dallas Veterans Job Fair will be held on May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

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April 17, 7 pm

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April 17

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study class and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most

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April 14, 10 a.m.

Please join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

April 15, 7 p.m.

This is not an April Fool's joke; you are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

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April 17, 7 pm

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There are two days in every week about which we should not worry about, two days which should be kept free from any fear and apprehension.

One of these days is

YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. **YESTERDAY** has passed forever beyond our control, there is nothing we can do about it, no matter how we try!

All the money in the world cannot bring back **YESTERDAY**. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. **YESTERDAY** is gone forever.

The other day we should

not worry about is **TOMORROW** with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promises and poor performances. **TOMORROW** is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in **TOMORROW**,

for it is as yet unborn. Also, it's not promised to you.

Now this leaves only one day—**TODAY**—any man or woman can fight the battles of just one day, it's only 24 hours. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities—**YESTERDAY** and **TOMORROW** that we break down.

It is not the experience of

TODAY that drives men mad—it is remorse or bitterness for something that happened **YESTERDAY** and the dread of what **TOMORROW** may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time!

-- Author Unknown

Thought for the Week. "Mahatma Gandhi once

wrote that there were seven sins in "The World" they are, 1) Wealth without work. 2) Pleasure without conscience. 3) Knowledge without character. 4) Commerce without morality. 5) Science without humanity. 6) Worship without sacrifice, and, 7) Politics without principle.

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Woods. "It took me over a year of continuous effort."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard the carrier. Approximately 3,200 men and women make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly -- this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear reactors. Another 2,500 men and women form the air wing responsible for flying and maintaining the aircraft aboard the ship.

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"I love being part of something bigger than myself, and having the opportunity to create a lasting impact on what is going on around the world," added Woods.



David Edward Lott, Sister Tarpley's first grandson is a 2019 High School graduate from Hebron High School in Carrollton, Texas

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NDG Book Review: *Power Up* is a great introduction to STEM

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



You are a really great kid. You can run fast and jump high. You can smile and sing and catch a ball. You might even know how to make a sandwich or help out around the house. You're pretty awesome all around, but in "Power Up" by Seth Fishman, illustrated by Isabel Greenberg, you're insides are especially incredible.

Here's something you might not know: You're a fireball from the skies.

No, really. If you could look inside your body, you'd find the same ingredients

that make stars. And get this: if you could harness it properly, your littlest finger on your right hand has energy enough to run millions of refrigerators and TVs, light up hundreds of schools, and run an entire city's worth of stoplights. All on the same day!

It takes energy to do

everything; even just sitting and listening to music or reading a piece of paper takes energy. The bones and muscles inside you take energy to keep you singing and jumping and smiling, from the smallest bone inside your head to the largest bone in your thigh, from the smallest muscle in your ear to your largest muscle, the one you're sitting on!

Human beings have energy to run longer than the fastest animal on earth. They can create musical instruments and make songs. Humans learned to cook food, to invent cars and trains, to build cities and

sidewalks, and to look for stars in the skies. Maybe we're even looking for another fireball...

The thing to remember about the energy inside your body is that sometimes, it needs to replenish. That can be done by eating food that's good for you, getting a full night's sleep, and being active every day. If you get all these things and you take care of the energy machine that is your body, then your brain is cared-for, too.

And that brain? It lets you imagine and invent, do math, work on a computer and understand science, re-

member important things and unimportant things. It keeps you interesting, funny, and smart. It makes you powered up.

Time and again, in a dozen ways, you've told your child that he or she is important and special. He knows it's true. Let "Power Up" show her in even more ways.

Through quickly-read pages brimming with facts, and artwork that's as action-packed as the words it accompanies, author Seth Fishman and illustrator Isabel Greenberg teach their audience with a "gee-whiz" tone that takes information

to kid-level but without dumbing it down. Young readers may be skeptical at what they'll learn (you might, too!) but Fishman takes care of that by including two pages in the back of his book to further explain the science and biology involved. That underscores what's mentioned in earlier pages and it will encourage a deeper curiosity and interest in further exploration.

For the 4-to-8-year-old who goes nonstop, this is a great introduction to STEM learning, and it's fun to read, too. "Power Up" could be the right book for the greatest kid you know.

Needs of Irving's seniors voiced at April 4 city council meeting

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

Seniors in Irving need jobs, not seminars, to ensure a secure foundation.

"Why is there so much focus placed on financial coaching seminars and workshops," Emma West, an Irving resident, asked city council members. "The number one need is jobs. That will help seniors so that they will not consistently need assistance, food, and shelter."

During the April 4, Irving City Council meeting, West voiced her opinion on the needs for seniors over 55.

"Now after attending

many job fairs in Irving, for this being offered is not the best match for the skills seniors have. Not minimal wage jobs or standing on their feet," West said. "One of the job programs I attended was at Irving Cares called Invest In Yourself."

West stated at the program did not feature employers with available jobs. Instead, the information they shared focused on financial coaching, and announcements regarding upcoming job fairs.

"Irving Cares is only open 14 total hours a week," West stated. "Seniors need more than informational coaching. They

need immediate help with payments of utilities and housing. We have many non-profits focusing on different needs, but not one of the needs are focused on senior needs."

According to Irving Cares' website, their mission is to provide "focused assistance for Irving residents to address a financial crisis." Seniors are welcome, but the nonprofit's focus is not specifically to serve seniors only.

They offer Irving residents a variety of services which include food pantries, rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, and money management

classes.

West also stated she contacted Senior Source about the programs and possibility of having a job fair in Irving.

They directed West to contact Irving Heritage,

who informed West the challenge is their events are typically planned one year in advance.

"Programs should not be about 'we have a program,' but programs should be about addressing a real need

of your citizens right now," West stated. "Everyone seems to have a reason on why they cannot adopt new procedures for the needs senior citizens have now, and not after they are homeless."

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