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More bold actions needed to abate the nation's \$1.5 trillion debt crisis

By Charlene Crowell

The annual season of college commencements have a unique way of bringing together multiple generations of families in celebration. For the 135th graduating class of Atlanta's Morehouse College, commencement marked another event that was as unexpected as it was generous.

Robert F. Smith, the event's speaker who is also Chairman and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, announced he would pay the entire class' student loan debts. This unprecedented gift, expected to run as high as \$40 million, now enables the newest Morehouse men to begin careers free from the burdens of debt that accompany the start of many careers. Smith's generosity also directly affects the lives of multiple family generations who contributed to the sharing costs of these college educations.

In a related interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Yasmin Farahi, policy counsel for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) reacted to the impact of Smith's gift "on the lives of these graduates and their families will be incredible," she said. "But it's also worth recognizing the impact it has on the lives of their family members who have



Billionaire Robert F. Smith surprised the 2019 Morehouse College graduates with the gift of leaving college debt free. (Image: NNPA)

co-signed on these loans or would otherwise be supporting these graduates as they worked to get out from under their student debt. Student loan debt is an intergenerational problem."

New research from the AARP Public Policy Institute provides insights on how increasingly older borrowers are taking on debt to help younger family members.

And when it comes to Black families, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all helping their kin at higher rates than other ethnicities or races. This help can include not only

direct borrowing, but also cosigning their student family member's loans. Should a student borrower default on cosigned loan(s) with family members, the cosigner's financial stability is jeopardized.

"People ages 50 and older owe 20 percent, or \$289.5 billion, of that total, up from \$47.3 billion in 2004," states the report. "The overall increase reflects a sharp rise in both the number of families borrowing and the amounts they borrow.... For many families, the

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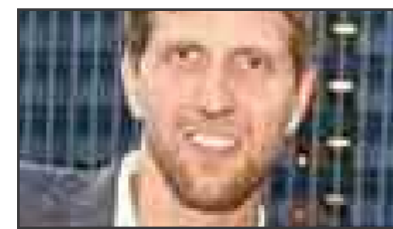
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People In The News...



Jeremiah Onifadé



Dirk Nowitzki

NDG Quote of the Week: "The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all."

— John F. Kennedy

Jeremiah Onifadé

Jeremiah Onifadé, also known as “The Hashface,” wants to let you know that things get better. The Nigerian-born artist has seen—and survived—the evils of persecution and lived to tell the tale. Multiple tales, in fact. Each of the artist’s prints, pieces and sculptures tell a distinct story. On Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 at 1337 Chemical St. in the Dallas Design District from 6 to 9 p.m. each day, people will be able to see these stories collected in person—and, he hopes, find solace through his work.

“My goal is to share my



Emily Berger

story with others so they can know that they have the power to tell their own story,” he says. “So they can feel represented.”

Representation and identity are both integral parts of Jeremiah’s vision and

artistry. The artist was born and raised in the Northern part of Nigeria. He saw his homeland torn apart by a religious crisis between Islam and Christianity—a crisis that hit home for Jeremiah. At just 13, he watched family members persecuted and friends killed. His father, an engineer, lost his business because clients abandoned him. Stricken by poverty, Jeremiah was thrust into the role of breadwinner. All of this strife and hardship molded who he would become as an artist. He channeled his struggle into creativity, and the boy who used to trace his father’s blueprints blossomed into an artist.

“I’ve faced three major challenges in my life,” he says. “Persecution, poverty and coming to America.”

Jeremiah emigrated to the States to attend the renowned Savannah College of Art and Design, but he realized that an art school education wasn’t an automatic entry to life as an artist.

Founded in 1978 to provide degrees in programs not yet offered in the southeast of the United States, Savannah College of Art and Design now operates two locations in Georgia, a degree-granting location in Hong Kong, a degree-granting online education program, and a study abroad location in Lacoste, France with rotating

course offerings.

The university operates 16 galleries, notably Gutstein Gallery, Pei Ling Chan Gallery, Pinnacle Gallery and La Galerie Bleue in Savannah; Gallery 1600, Trois Gallery and Gallery See in Atlanta; and Moot Gallery in Hong Kong.

“I used to think I had to go to art school to be an artist, but what does it mean to be an artist?” he asks. “Is it technical skill, your philosophy, your story, or a combination of all three?”

Jeremiah’s artistry and career have blossomed because of his focus on the story. When he felt lost, he rekindled his passion by focusing on characters, creating mood

and creating stories. Whether it’s an acrylic piece or a sculpture, he’s eager to share those stories with the public.

“This is an introduction of myself to the public,” he says of the June 8 show. “Through this work, I want to share my identity, and help others share theirs, too.”

Jeremiah Onifadé’s debut art show, titled “A Prelude to the Beautiful Unknown,” will take place on Saturday, June 8 and runs through Saturday, June 9 in the Dallas Design District from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening. In addition to his original artwork, it will include a DIY station for visitors to interact with and a live art piece on-site.

Dirk Nowitzki

Communities Foundation of Texas’ 11th annual North Texas Giving Day is officially underway with non-profit kickoff events taking place through June 4. After a banner 10th anniversary year, North Texas Giving Day is back to outdo itself once again. To a sold-out kickoff in Dallas this morning, event organizers at Communities Foundation of Texas announced that Dirk and Jessica Nowitzki will serve as honorary chairs.

“Jessica and I are thrilled to be this year’s honorary chairs of North Texas Giving



Day. The North Texas community has given so much to me and my family over the last 21 years, and we can’t think of a better way to get involved in the community that has supported me on and

off the court,” says NBA Dallas Mavericks legend Dirk Nowitzki. “Last year’s giving day generated a landslide \$48 million. I challenge everyone to join us in beating another major record for Dallas by donating to your favorite non-profit on North Texas Giving Day.”

“Giving back is a huge part of our family, and we’re thrilled to join forces with Communities Foundation of Texas to spread the North Texas Giving Day message and rally everyone who lives here to give back to our community on September 19,” echoes Jessica Nowitzki.

Registration for nonprofits

to benefit from North Texas Giving Day opened May 23. Nonprofits must register every year, and can do so by visiting www.northtexasgivingday.org/resources. Registration closes August 19, 2019.

“With ten years under our belts, and the adored Nowitzki family at our side this North Texas Giving Day, we are brimming with excitement about the impact we can make for the thousands of nonprofits supporting tens of thousands of North Texans,” said Susan Swan Smith, Chief Giving Day Officer at Communities Foundation of Texas. “Com-

munities Foundation of Texas and our donors are proud to bring this tidal wave of good to the community for the 11th year and look forward to getting this party started.”

Peer-to-peer pages are the ultimate way to show fans can support of their favorite nonprofit(s). By creating a page, they are lending their voice, resources and network to an organization of choice. This feature allows the supporters to highlight the organizations closest to their heart while promoting the campaigns and helping them reach their fundraising goals. With personal fundraising

pages, the public is invited to make North Texas Giving Day even bigger; helping raise more dollars and touching more lives during this 18-hour giving extravaganza.

This year, super fans can begin creating their pages on Aug. 1. Visit their website for toolkits showcasing tips and tricks on making your pages pop.

Another way supporters can help is through volunteering their time. Last year’s donors pledged more than 400,000 hours -- that’s the equivalent of 212 full time workers, time valued at more than \$10 million dollars.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Why Insurance Rates Continue to Rise in Texas

That is some great advice. Thanks for sharing it with me.

-- Tyree Paladon
Byndom

Irving leaders, Muslims need to make a 360* turn

Good Afternoon,
Today, I read the *NDG*’s editorial titled, "Irving Leaders, Muslims Need to Make a 360 Turn," and was dismayed by the assumption that the Muslim community in Irving is not actively participating in the

civic engagement process. The Irving 360* program is an incredible resource for Irving residents, I know this because I was a participant in the most recent 10-week session that concluded earlier this year. I am a Muslim and out of the total participants in the program this year, a fifth of those in the class were Muslim!

It seems as though the author, despite good intentions, did not do any due diligence before making the assumption that Muslims were not already part of the processes. In fact, the inaugural Irving 360* class in 2017-2018 also had members from the Muslim

community participate. The author of the article should also know that there are several members from the Muslim community in Irving serving on various boards and commissions within the city; I for one serve on the Housing and Human Services Board.

I concur with the editorial that it’s of the utmost importance that city leaders and minority communities, including the Muslim community, should continue meaningful engagement. However, it is also equally important to recognize the steps that have and are being taken already, which this article does not do. By not recognizing these steps,

you are invalidating the work that those in the Muslim community have done to build solid civic relationships within our great city.

I would certainly like to speak to the author to provide additional clarity and see how we can push a more accurate narrative of the Muslim community’s engagement at the city level. For reference, here is a short video about the most recent Irving 360* Academy session - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qP1Xx5VoIEY>.

-- Fuad Dadabhoy

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We agree that Eric Johnson is the right choice for Dallas mayor

NDG’s View

Eric Johnson is a native of Dallas and a practicing attorney for the past 15 years. He currently represents Dallas and parts of Mesquite in the Texas House of Representatives in District 100, first elected in a special election in April 2010. He was re-elected in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and again in 2018. The North Dallas Gazette (NDG) found an open office and listening ear when we reached out to Johnson regarding establishing a fair playing field for small business owners. Others across the political, social, and economic spectrum have spoken up to share why they believe Johnson is the right man to lead the City of Dallas. The North Dallas Gazette joins those voices and endorses him as our candidate of choice in the runoff election on Saturday, June 8.

We selected Johnson over Scott Griggs, who was first elected to the Dallas City Council in 2012 because Johnson has done more for the southern sectors of Dallas than Griggs. Johnson has worked hand-in-hand with the city and developers who want to bring economic stimulation to areas mostly populated by people of color. Growing up in West Dallas, Johnson understands the impact on the daily lives of residents when City Hall and business leaders neglect their neighborhood.

In his recent endorsement of Johnson, Rev. Zan Holmes stated, “We need someone who will do the hard work of building bridges between different



Dallas voters will have the final say in the Dallas Mayor race on June 8. The runoff election features Rep. Eric Johnson vs. Dallas City Councilman Scott Griggs (Courtesy photos via Facebook and website)

constituencies and helping everyone come together to address our challenges and take advantage of our opportunities.” We believe the widespread support Johnson is receiving in his candidacy reflects his ability to build those bridges.

Griggs has done a commendable job

“Say NO to Griggs” does not mean forever for NDG but rather, not right now. We believe Griggs has done an amazing job of bringing necessary small community funding to various Dallas neighborhoods, but Dallas’ southern residents need more than neighborhood pilot projects, which result in little more than pretty flowers. Yes, fixing up the storefronts and landscaping is a good start. However, if the business owners do not have access to capital for investment in their enterprise, it is a cosmetic fix which perhaps provides a brief increase in enthusiasm, but can it be sustained?

These communities also need procurement opportunities and minority inclusion overall, allowing them a chance to build a sustainable and vibrant neighborhood.

Just like the bustling downtown and uptown residents, Southern Dallasites aspire to live in areas rich with opportunities for work and play.

We like his proposal to attract banks to the community to offer more than payday lenders and check cashing stores with their related fees. However, if the city offered more than \$200 million to attract a grocery store and have been unsuccessful for more than a year - how can voters have confidence this endeavor will result in anything more than a reasonable effort and four years later, being in the same position.

Also, as fears mount on creeping gentrification in Southern Dallas, we are concerned when we look at the Oak Cliff / Bishop Arts neighborhoods. While Griggs may tout the growth of those communities, it has come at a high cost for some. Families have been forced to move out because of the unaffordable sharp increase in property taxes. Modest older homes are now being sold for more than \$350,000. Long-time neighborhood businesses are pushed out for drugstores or unaffordable apartment

homes.

Can we trust Griggs to protect Southern Dallas as the developers turn their eyes to the last area in the city with sizeable undeveloped land blocks?

Addressing how the city does business

In the fiscal year of 2016, more than 41,000 permits were issued by the City of Dallas. In 2018 more than \$401 million were awarded to minority-owned companies in Texas alone. Unfortunately, that is just a drop in the bucket for Black businesses persistently seeking to do business with Dallas. The Procurement Department at City Hall alone is in total disarray with little to no continuity, and it seems it is not a priority. While there are always pressing demands and a limited tax revenue base, but it does not negate the fact this particular department is unable to fully grasp the need for people of color in a broader breadth.

Johnson is ambitious and in tune with the needs of the residents of Southern Dallas. That is why we believe there will come a time when he will be able to provide the leadership necessary to ensure vendors of color have access to procurement opportunities, which reflects not only equality but also equity.

Again, our intent is not to belittle the efforts of Griggs and his accomplishments, we just believe the time is right for us to rally behind Johnson and give him our support and vote.

Early voting is May 28 - June 4, with Election Day on Saturday, June 8.



Mayor
City of Dallas
Eric
Johnson

NDG endorses Carolyn King Arnold for the District 4 seat on the Dallas City Council and Eric Johnson in the Mayor’s race. Election Day is June 8, with early voting running from May 28 to June 4.



Dallas City Council
District 4
Carolyn King
Arnold

2019 March of Dimes Graduate Nursing Scholarships awarded

ARLINGTON, Va. — March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit for the health of moms and babies, has awarded its 2019 March of Dimes Graduate Nursing Scholarships to three exceptional nurses for post-graduate and doctoral studies in the field of maternal-child nursing. The announcement was made recently at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

“Congratulations to these remarkable nurses for their outstanding commitment to the health of moms and babies in their communities,” says Stacey D. Stewart, President and CEO of March of Dimes. “March of Dimes is proud to help these nurses continue their education at this important stage of their careers. With our graduate nursing scholarships, we also help ensure that more moms and babies



Noelene Jeffers was one of three nurses awarded a 2019 Nursing Scholarship by the March of Dimes

around the nation will get the highest quality care.”

Noelene Jeffers of Washington, DC, is a registered nurse and certified nurse midwife and is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Future of Nursing Scholar at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Jeffers has worked in underserved

communities in the DC area for many years. Her goal is to become a nurse-midwife scientist who utilizes research to understand the multifaceted nature of maternal and infant health disparities found in communities of color in the United States and improve them. Ms. Jeffers has received special designation as the re-

ipient of the March of Dimes Margaret C. Freda Scholarship, established in 2016 to honor long-time March of Dimes National Nurse Advisory Council Chair Dr. Margaret Comerford Freda. This designation is given to the highest scoring scholarship applicant.

Emily Johnson of Lakeside, Arizona, is a registered nurse pursuing a Master of Science degree in nursing at the University of New Mexico, with a specialization in midwifery. Ms. Johnson served in the Peace Corp from 2011 to 2013, educating young women on health and advocating for women's rights. She has spent time as a perinatal doula for underserved women in the Baltimore area, and as a labor and delivery nurse and lactation consultant on the Navajo and Fort Apache Reservations. Through her work and studies, she has

developed an understanding of how intergenerational trauma, poverty, unresolved grief, and other stressors that Native American communities have faced predisposes them to increased rates of prematurity and poorer health outcomes.

Heidi Young-Blackgoat of Flagstaff, Arizona, is a registered nurse pursuing a Master of Science degree in nursing at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, with specializations in midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner. Ms. Young-Blackgoat has a vast range of experience with patients and families in the maternal health spectrum. She has provided care for babies in the NICU affected by maternal prenatal substance use. She has also worked extensively with vulnerable populations such as teens and immigrants for whom English is not their

first language. Most recently, she has focused on addressing the poor morbidity and mortality rates among women of color, including women in indigenous communities, by providing respectful and culturally-appropriate care.

Qualified applicants for the March of Dimes Graduate Nursing Scholarships are registered nurses currently enrolled in a graduate program in maternal-child nursing at the master's or doctoral level. Applicants must be a member of the ACNM, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWONN), or the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN). Applications for the 2020 scholarships will be available in September 2019 on the March of Dimes website, marchofdimes.org/scholarship.

Five reasons you should consider a stand-up desk

By Amy Alexander
Richardson Chamber
of Commerce

If you're like many professionals, you spend a significant portion of your day sitting at a desk. According to research, that's a problem.

In fact, multiple studies have linked a sedentary lifestyle with an increased risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even cancer. Not surprisingly, sitting all day is associated with an increased risk of weight gain and obesity.

Fortunately, even if you have a desk job, you may not be desk-bound. Standing desks are becoming an increasingly popular choice

among office workers, offering a host of benefits.

Reduces lower back pain

Sitting for hours puts a lot of stress on the body. If you suffer from back and leg pain, then you've likely noticed that the longer you sit, the more uncomfortable you feel. According to a study conducted by the CDC in 2011, standing can reduce back pain by 54 percent. Standing also promotes better circulation, helping to prevent leg pain.

Prevents neck strain and decreases headaches

If you're sitting in front of a computer monitor all day, then you probably find yourself straining your neck towards your monitor. This

causes your spine to curve into a "C" shape, which has both short-term and long-term problems like disc damage, shoulder pain, pain in your neck, and headaches. When you stand, you restore a healthy "S" shape to your spine, reducing pain through your back, neck and head.

Boosts energy

Standing burns more calories and requires that the body put forth more energy, but that doesn't mean that your energy levels will take a hit. In fact, because standing promotes better circulation and allows your body to take in more oxygen, you feel better for longer. Simply standing while you work can give you the energy boost equal to

a cup of coffee, without the crash that comes later.

Improves productivity

Unsurprisingly, that energy boost leads to greater productivity. A study conducted by the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health showed that just by standing rather than sitting, office workers can improve their productivity by as much as 46 percent.

It's part of a robust wellness program

Many employers have recognized that implementing a wellness program that support workers' physical and mental health not only creates a better work environment, but it can help reduce out-of-control healthcare costs, em-

ployee absenteeism and diminished productivity.

Transitioning to standing desks can drastically cut down on the number of hours that employees spend sitting, helping to prevent serious health problems.

These are just a few of the many benefits that standing desks provide for office

workers. While there are special considerations that need to be made (for example, hours of standing in place can result in foot and joint problems) making this transition and reducing the number of hours that you or your employees spend sitting is a simple way to boost morale and promote a healthy lifestyle.

AARP Texas calls on Governor Abbott to sign 'incredibly good' bills for older Texans, consumers

AUSTIN — The 2019 session of the Texas Legislature resulted in passage of bills that AARP Texas is calling on Governor Greg Abbott to sign into law to improve the wellbeing of older Texans and other consumers.

“I am deeply appreciative to the members and leaders of the Texas Legislature for their work on behalf of older Texans,” said AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson. “Now we look to Governor Abbott to sign into law some incredibly good

bills.”

Among the measures approved by the Legislature that AARP Texas is calling on the governor to sign into law are:

State Budget

House Bill 1: The proposed new state budget in-

cludes funding for AARP-backed priorities, including monies to cover needed pay raises for frontline Adult Protective Services caseworkers and investigators, operate the Texas Lifespan Respite Care Program,

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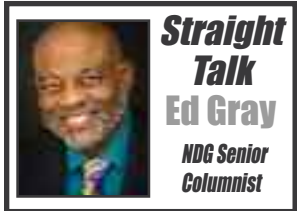


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Decision time for residents in the Dallas Mayoral Race



Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

The Dallas Mayoral runoff election of June 8 offers us a choice between State Representative Eric Johnson and City Councilman Scott Griggs. I give no endorsement but offer common sense. In the African American community, it appears Eric Johnson has strong sup-

port in the community, however, will African-Americans confirm their support at the ballot box?

Representative Johnson offers his experience as a State Representative to enhance Dallas. City Councilman Scott Griggs, likewise, offers his experience as a Dallas Councilman as a reason to vote for him. Frankly, this election is a tossup.

In an unusual switch, the black candidate is the establishment candidate, and the white candidate is the out-

sider. Have black politicians finally arrived? There is no doubting Representative Johnson is qualified. However, the question is not Johnson's qualifications, but rather can the black community receive increased economic parity with the election of an African-American mayor?

This is not about white or black, it's about green. Whoever is elected, and yes the winner will come from the south of Trinity River, he must address the economic

disparities separating north Dallas from south Dallas. Despite the election of any of these candidates, they must overcome the political culture that has left Southern Dallas relegated to a colonial outpost for the North Dallas political power structure.

We must look at gentrification, as the way developers seize cheap land of the colonized people of the "southern sector." Keep in mind colonies have two things that lead to their economic oppression, cheap land, and an

exploitable workforce.

One election cannot remake Dallas, it does not matter, whether Scott Griggs or Eric Johnson is elected. If you have no grocery stores because you live in a food desert, or there is no adequate public transportation to get to the jobs outside of your neighborhood, then this election may not be for you and more likely you will stay home.

Symbolism, whether someone is black, or comes from the southern sector, just

won't do for me. Because at the end of the day, if you lost your home to gentrification, or if there is no food in your part of the desert, this election is merely window dressing. Window dressing on a home that is no longer affordable.

These are the issues Dallas needs to address for the long term and that's Straight Talk.

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Rep. Anchia passes several key bills during Eighth Session in the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN - This week the 86th Legislature adjourned Sine Die with Chairman Anchia passing major legislation to increase pipeline safety, provide justice for exonerees, and promote good government.

"After a gas explosion in Dallas took the life of 12-year-old Linda "Michellita" Rogers, it became clear that we needed legislation to

protect Texas families from the dangers of deteriorating pipeline infrastructure," said Chairman Rafael Anchia.

House Bill 864 and House Bill 866 are on their way to the Governor for signature and will reduce the risk of deadly natural gas explosions. These bills strengthen reporting requirements, increase transparency, and dramatically accelerate the

removal of dangerous pipes.

Representative Anchia continued his decade-long efforts to support exonerees by expanding the Tim Cole Act, which increased the assistance for wrongly incarcerated Texans.

"Individuals impacted by this bill lost decades of their lives due to failures of our justice system. While those lost years will never be re-

paid, the state should assist in helping these innocent women and men regain a life of dignity," said Rep. Anchia.

The Representative continued to be a champion for good government in the 86th session. He passed Senate Bill 2018 (Senator West), that marked the final chapter of the corrupt Dallas County Schools, which was

mired in scandal with five individuals pleading guilty to federal corruption, and the payment of over \$4 million in bribes.

Chairman Anchia's effectiveness could be measured, not only by the bills he passed, but also by the growing influence of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC), which early on drew a line in the

sand that voter suppression and anti-immigrant policies would not be tolerated.

"This session commenced with the Secretary of State's attempted voter purge and nearly ended with the most harmful voter suppression legislation since the strict photo ID. By stopping both the voter purge and SB9,

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which provides respite services for family members who care for a person of any age with any chronic health condition or disability, and to expand the Guardianship Compliance Program.

Prescription Drugs

House Bill 2536: As one of the nation's most aggressive drug-price transparency measures, House Bill 2536 requires drug manufacturers to turn over information to the state when the cost of a drug increases more than 15 percent in a year, or more than 40 percent over three years.

Nursing Home Safety

House Bill 2050: To improve nursing home safety and stop the overdrugging of nursing home residents, House Bill 2050 requires the written consent of nursing home residents or their legally authorized representative before antipsychotics are prescribed. Prescribers or their designee would also need to inform the resident or designee of the risks and benefits, as well as alternatives, to the antipsychotics.

Guardianship

Senate Bill 31: Establishes a Guardianship Abuse Deterrence Program that gives courts the tools to ensure that guardians live up their important duty.

Surprise Medical Bills and Freestanding ERs

Senate Bill 1264: This landmark legislation would end surprise medical bills for Texans and establish an arbitration system for health care providers and insurers to resolve billing disputes.

House Bill 1941: would protect Texans from exorbitant charges in emergencies to stop price gouging at freestanding emergency rooms.

House Bill 2041: Reforms various marketing practices of freestanding emergency rooms in Texas by addressing terminology that can confuse consumers, such as whether they "accept" and "take" patients' health insurance.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

House Bill 278: Signed by the governor on May 16,

House Bill 278 will improve access to health care by ending unnecessary monthly, face-to-face unnecessary meeting requirements that advanced practice registered nurses must currently have with over-seeing physicians.

Rural Broadband

House Bill 1960: Signed by the governor on May 25, House Bill 1960 will improve access to high-speed internet to underserved areas. The bill establishes a Broadband Council in the governor's office.

House Bill 2422: To improve access to high-speed internet, House Bill 2422 would create a so-called "one dig" policy for Texas to help coordinate certain broadband projects at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Training for Older Workers

House Bill 1074: Ensures older workers are able to participate in workplace trainings. House Bill 1074 extends age-discrimination protections to include workplace trainings for workers age 56+.

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2083	\$250,000 50X Cashword Overall Odds are 1 in 3.55	\$10	6/28/19	12/25/19
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UNCF, 70 organizations call for more classroom diversity

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — The Association of American Educators Foundation, a 501(c)(3) educational foundation supporting the mission of the Association of American Educators (AAE), a national non-union professional association, has sent a letter signed by more than seventy-five education organizations to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and leaders in Congress calling for their help in addressing the lack of teacher diversity in our nation's classrooms.

The letter, citing federal data and university studies, reports that 53 percent of public school students are children of color, while only 18 percent of teachers identify as a person of color. Studies reveal this disparity causes overall lower student achievement and outcomes, especially in populations of at-risk students and students of color.

The letter states, "We believe that increasing teacher diversity elevates the teach-



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Harold Jones, a paralegal specialist and diversity officer at Navy Medicine Support Command, reads to first-grade students at Timucuan Elementary School as part of a Navy Medicine Support Command-sponsored community service volunteer program at the school. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Bruce Cummins/Released)

ing profession and improves the lives and outcomes of all students," and calls on all parties involved to play a role in addressing the problem and volunteers the services of the undersigned organizations to help Congress and the Department of Education determine how proposed regulations and legislation may increase or decrease teacher diversity.

"Our teaching population is not reflective of the students they serve, which is no fault of the good women and men in teaching today," explains Colin Sharkey, Executive Director of AAE and AAE Foundation. "We know this lack of racial diversity can have a devastating effect on the academic achievement of students of color and it means countless persons of color are dis-

couraged from choosing education, which has a negative impact on the profession."

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization, was the first to join the effort. UNCF Vice President of K-12 Advocacy Sekou Biddle, who co-signed the letter with Mr. Sharkey, stated, "UNCF is dedicated to improving outcomes for African-American students to ensure they are well-equipped to enter and succeed in college; and we are committed to working with AAE to develop sound and effective solutions to diversify the teacher workforce."

Seventy-five education organizations representing teachers, preservice teachers, school counselors, education staff, principals, superintendents, charter school leaders, education reformers, tutors, and teacher educators have signed the letter. The list of

signatories includes National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Network of State Teachers of the Year, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Diverse Charter Schools Coalition, Educators Rising, Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity, National Council for the Social Studies, National Association of Special Education Teachers, Organization of American Historians, American Association for Employment in Education, Association of Teacher Educators, American Association of Physics Teachers, Kappa Delta Pi, Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and Educators for Excellence.

Sharkey highlighted the variety of signatories, "That such a broad range of organizations can come together and endorse a single statement reflects the seriousness of the issue and the selfless commitment of the

signatories to advocate for what is best for students."

McKenzie Allen, AAE Foundation's Director of Advocacy and an educator who taught at schools serving mostly students of color, reflected, "Sixty-five years after the Brown v. Board of Education decision we are still failing to provide an equitable education for all students, especially students of color. We can and must address this problem."

"We believe the collective effort of these signatories and other organizations committed to this issue will lead to solutions improving pathways for the next generation of educators and addressing issues of morale, training, and support disproportionately impacting teachers of color but too commonplace for all teachers," added Sharkey.

More information, including the full letter text, list of signatories, articles and studies cited in the letter, is available at aaeteachers.org/diversity.

Survey: Teen girls' interest in STEM careers declines

A new survey by Junior Achievement (JA) conducted by the research group Engine shows that only 9 percent of girls between ages of 13 and 17 are interested in careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This is down from 11 percent from a similar survey in 2018. Teen boys' interest in STEM careers increased slightly to

27 percent, up from 24 percent in 2018. The survey of 1,004 teens was conducted from April 16 to 21, 2019.

"The decline of interest in STEM careers is disappointing given how much emphasis is being placed on promoting STEM to girls," said JA Dallas President Jan Murfie. "One element that may need to be emphasized more

is ensuring that STEM professionals are serving as role models and working with girls in educational settings as part of these initiatives."

A 2009 study from MIT indicates that young people are interested in STEM at an early age, but begin to lose interest as they become older due to a lack of interaction with mentors and role mod-

els in the STEM fields. A way Junior Achievement is addressing this is by bringing STEM professionals into classrooms to deliver the organization's career-readiness programs.

Other findings from the survey include:

- 85 percent of teens say they know what kind of job they want after graduation,

down slightly from 88 percent in 2018.

- While girls' interest in STEM careers like engineering, robotics and computer science declined, their interest in careers in the medical and dental fields increased to 25 percent, up from 19 percent in 2018.

- Half of all teens (51%) expect to work this summer.

However, more than two-thirds of 16- and 17-year-olds (69%) expect to have a summer job.

- Top summer jobs include retail (26%) and food service (26%). These are followed by outdoor work (17%) and babysitting/child care (14%). Very few (5%) anticipate working in an office over the summer.

Texas Legislature accomplishes top priorities before 2019 session concludes

By Richard Lee
Texas Senate News

(AUSTIN) The 86th Legislative session concluded Monday, with lawmakers delivering on a promise made by state leadership back in January: sweeping school finance and property tax reform.

"In my inaugural address I said that this will be the session we enact historical school finance reform by putting more money into the classroom, paying our

teachers more, reducing recapture and cutting property taxes," said Governor Greg Abbott in a press release issued late Saturday. "Tonight, without a court order, the legislature did just that by passing one of the most transformative educational bills in recent Texas history."

The two bills saw final passage in both chambers Saturday evening. The first, HB 3, was shepherded through the process on the Senate side by Education

Committee Chair and Friendswood Senator Larry Taylor. He said it represents groundbreaking reform for an education system that has lagged behind the changing needs of Texas schoolchildren.

"What we are doing here today...will move us towards continued prosperity for this state," he said. In all, the bill would put \$4.5 billion more into the classroom. This money would flow through funding formulas, and would direct

more to students with economic disadvantages, those still learning English, and those with dyslexia. It would create an optional July term for eligible students and full-day, quality Pre-K programs for students from low-income backgrounds. The only outcomes-based funding in the final version would reward schools for every student they graduate ready for college, the workforce or the military.

Teachers would see a

salary increase, but it wouldn't be the even, across-the-board \$5,000 originally included in the Senate version. Instead, it would create a mechanism by which teacher pay would increase whenever the legislature ups the basic allotment, the fundamental variable in school formula funding.

HB 3 would raise that more than \$1,000, to \$6,160, of which nearly a third must go towards salaries for non-administra-

tive public school employees. Districts would also have the option of developing a system to identify their best teachers and pay them more, but that system couldn't factor in results from state accountability tests. There are also incentives for teachers who are willing to teach at high-need or rural campuses.

Administrators will have flexibility in how these funds get distributed, so the

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Carrollton reports first positive West Nile mosquito trap of the season

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed one mosquito sample testing positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in Carrollton. This sample was collected from the mosquito management area 7A. Area 7A is located between S. Broadway Street, Whitlock Lane/Keller Springs Road, Josey Lane, and Belt Line Road. This area can be viewed in detail at cityofcar-

rollton.com/westnile. The City of Carrollton conducts mosquito trapping in seven areas of the city each week of the mosquito season, May-October, and has collected 21 samples so far this year.

Carrollton Animal Services will conduct ground-based spraying in the neighborhoods outlined above, weather permitting, Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday,

May 29, beginning around 9 p.m. and continuing until completed. Spraying will not be conducted in the event of wind speeds in excess of 15 mph or inclement weather.

Cory Heiple, Environmental Services Director, encourages citizens to practice the '4Ds' to reduce the risk of WNV:

- DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're out-

side, use insect repellants that contain DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- DRESS: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.

- DRAIN: Remove all areas of standing water in and around your home.

- DUSK & DAWN: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active.



Irving ISD, Parks & Rec add lunch program to camp offerings

Irving's Parks and Recreation Department will provide healthy meal options to complement the schedule of exciting summer camp activities at four recreation centers (Georgia Farrow, Lee Park, Northwest Park and Senter Park). The program is offered in cooperation with Irving Independent School District (IISD), Texas Department of Agri-



culture and a federal grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Youth, ages 18 or younger, are eligible to participate in the program.

Lunch preparation and delivery will be administered by IISD Monday through Friday. Hot and cold meals include one meat, two vegetables/fruit, bread and milk.

Lively Pointe only serves afternoon snacks. Call recreation centers for more details.

Irving Parks and Recreation provides a full-time

day camp program throughout the summer, offering 10 one-week sessions for children. Eligible campers must currently be attending kindergarten through fifth grade during the 2018-19 school year.

The first day of camp is Monday, June 3. Camp hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Offered at six different locations throughout the city, Summer Splash Camp is designed to keep children active and engaged. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sports, video games, and awesome twice-a-week field trips to places such as Six Flags Over Texas, Main Event family entertainment centers, Texas Rangers baseball games, Medieval

Times and local zoos.

A valid Irving Parks and Recreation (IPAR) identification (ID) card is required for registration. Each session is \$100 per camper, and session fees include all field trips, camp T-shirt and morning and afternoon snacks. A free lunch program is offered at all locations except Mustang Park Recreation Center.

Plano Parks named Best in Texas, ranked 15th in the nation

Plano Parks and Recreation retained its title as the highest-ranking parks system in Texas, according to a recent Trust for Public Land (TPL) report. The department was ranked 15th out of 100 of the U.S.'s largest cities for park access and quality in the TPL's 2019 ParksScore Index. Cities are awarded points

based on the TPL's analysis of four important characteristics of an effective park system: acreage, investment, amenities, and access.

Approximately 75% of Plano residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park. The department continues to expand and enhance its services with new parks, play-

ground renovations, trail connections and educational programming.

Three new parks include:

- Windhaven Meadows Park: This 123-acre park will include a splash pad, all-abilities playground, dog park, passive open space and trails.

- Dog Park at Bob Woodruff Park: A new dog

park is expected to open later this year.

- Glasscock Park: A future 7.11 acre park site named after former City Manager, Bruce Glasscock.

"Plano's parks provide residents with a sense of place, instilling in them a unique sense of pride for the community in which they live,"

said Robin Reeves, Plano Parks and Recreation director. "Our department plays a tremendous role in maintaining the quality of life that makes people of all ages and abilities want to live, work and play here, and we take that role very seriously. It's humbling to know our amenities touch the lives of

so many in so many ways."

Plano Parks and Recreation is a four-time National Gold Medal award winner and has been a nationally accredited agency since 1994. Today, it is one of only 15 parks and recreation agencies in the State of Texas and 168 in the nation to hold this accreditation.

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actual amount of increased pay will vary district to district. In all, the bill puts about \$2 billion towards teacher and other public school salary increases.

The bill would also reduce local school property tax rates by an estimated 13

cents per \$100 valuation by 2021, providing more than \$5 billion in property tax relief within 2 years. It also seeks to rein in rate growth by requiring districts to seek voter approval if they wish to exceed a 2.5 percent rate increase in any year. SB 2,

by Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt, would create a similar limit for most municipal tax rates, at 3.5 percent. That bill also includes a number of transparency and taxpayer education provisions. If voters approve no rate increases above these new limits, it would save an estimated \$980 mil-

lion in property taxes statewide by 2024.

"This is astonishing tax relief," Bettencourt said of the two bills.

Following passage of both measures, Lt. Governor Patrick thanked the Speaker of the House, the Governor, and both chambers for working together to

accomplish a landmark session.

"This is truly an historic evening," he said. "It's going to save taxpayers a lot of money, give teachers more money and change the way we educate students and finance and make us number one in the country to lead on education re-

form."

The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene again in January of 2021, when lawmakers will see how well these education and property tax reforms worked over the 19-month interim. Until then, the Senate stands adjourned sine die.

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MALC protected the right to vote of thousands of Texans."

MALC was most effective in the final days of session when an attempt to fund federal surge operations along the U.S. - Mex-

ico border was removed from the appropriations bill. The surprise addition of \$100 million in the emergency budget was immediately rebuffed after it was argued that these funds would bring Texas' bill for

border security to an all-time high for redundant outcomes.

"While last session MALC had to lead the fight against anti-Latino bills, this session we played a proactive role in managing the house and passing big bills," added Anchia.

Finally, Rep. Anchia was named Chair of the newly-formed House Committee on International Relations and Economic Development (IRED) by Speaker Dennis Bonnen. The IRED Committee heard over 100 pieces of legislation, from both the House and the Senate.

In addition to his leadership of IRED, Chairman Anchia sponsored a number of bills related to economic development. Notably, House Bill 4347 provided much needed reform to the current convention center hotel tax rebate program. Six cities have used the pro-

gram and the State of Texas is projected to receive a 2-to-1 return on investment from these tourism projects. HB 4347 accomplishes three goals: creates tourism jobs, stimulates the Texas economy, and reforms an important tax rebate program.

Arlington

Don't miss the Texas Numismatic Association Coin and Currency Show from May 31 to June 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Arlington Convention Center, in Arlington. Coin and currency dealers from across the country will be buying and selling rare coins, currency, gold and silver. The show also includes free educational exhibits, free youth auction, gold coin raffle and Scout Merit Badge program. Also: grading services and free appraisals. Kids under 18 admitted free. For more information visit <http://tna.org>.

Dallas

The DreamHack Dallas 2019 will be held from May 31 to June 2, at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, in Dallas. DreamHack Dallas will feature all the core content of a DreamHack festival, such as the BYOC LAN, e-sports

tournaments, cosplay, live music an expo area and more. Plus, the 2019 event will include CORSAIR DreamHack Masters, which will bring together 16 of the best teams in the game Counter-Strike: Global Offensive for a large-scale arena tournament, with a \$250,000 prize pool. A Madden NFL 19 Tournament will be open to anyone attending the festival with prizes totaling \$25,000. General admission day passes are \$30, and 3-day festival passes are \$69. Bring Your Own Computer tickets start at \$87. Attendees also can rent monitors and PC for \$87-\$373.

The Dallas Festival of Books and Ideas: The Literary Cityplace will take place from May 31 to June 1, at Interabang Books, in Dallas. Shape the future of Dallas through powerful ideas at the fifth annual Dallas Festival of Ideas. Since 2015, the city-wide event

has aimed at shaping the city of the future by igniting, uniting and energizing Dallas residents. Join nationally known speakers and prominent local leaders as they present and discuss ideas to unite and energize the city. Be a part of "The Connected City." The 2019 event features a new look and incorporates the Dallas Book Festival into its programming. A celebration of books and authors will be the capstone event on Saturday of this first-ever Dallas Festival of Books and Ideas. 2019 schedule:

— May 28 - The Physical City at UT Dallas Center for BrainHealth Brain Performance Institute 2200 W. Mockingbird Lane.

— May 29 - The Welcoming City at The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture

— May 30 - Science in the City at UT Southwestern Medical Center, T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building, 6001 Forest Park

Road.

— May 31 - The Literary City at Interabang Books, 10720 Preston Road.

— June 1 - Summer in the City at Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young St.

— June 1 - The Inspired City at Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St.

Don't miss Freedman's Town to Botham Jean: Stories for Racial Healing on June 1, starting at 1 p.m. at Bachman Lake Branch Library, in Dallas. Seven Dallasites share their personal stories about racial divide in Dallas over the decades. The show is directed by master storyteller Dr. Njoki McElroy and produced by Oral Fixation, the popular storytelling series. Admission is free. Storytellers include Jeremy Bonner who was a friend of Botham Jean, who was shot and

killed in his apartment by an off-duty Dallas police officer in 2018.

Garland

The Garland Sounds of Summer Concert Series will take place from May 31, to June 12, at Historic Downtown Garland. Garland's Sounds of Summer Concert Series returns with free, family-friendly concerts under the beautiful Texas stars. The concerts are scheduled every other Friday, May 31 through July 12. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. with an assortment of vendors selling food, drinks and more. Bring chairs and/or blankets for comfortable seating during the concert. The evening ends with a fireworks display.

This event will feature Back in Black (AC/DC Tribute Band).



City of Irving

Irving

Travel the world without leaving Irving at the sixth annual Canal Fest, which will be held on June 8, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Levy Event Plaza, 501 E. Las Colinas Blvd. Each year, Canal Fest celebrates world cultures through dance, music, art and food. Those attending are encouraged to ride the DART Orange Line to the Las Colinas Urban Center Station. A free shuttle will provide transportation between the station and the event.

Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School in Dallas Celebrates College Selection of Senior Class

Young Women's Preparatory Network (YWPN), the largest network of all-girls public schools in the nation, held a College Signing Day event at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School in Dallas to celebrate the graduation and college selection of more than 60 seniors. The girls celebrated their college selections in front of family, friends and special guests.



Irma Rangel students in Dallas celebrated the announcement of their college choices (Courtesy photo)

"This fall, I am attending The University of Texas at Arlington as a Terry and Honor student. Senior Signing Day for me is not only a way to express and share my joy with the Class of 2019 but to encourage other classes that they can also achieve," said Irma Rangel student Jacqueline Hernandez, who will attend the University of Texas - Arlington in the fall. "Senior year was a gateway for me to step into new challenges of applying for colleges and scholarships. I am excited to show

on Senior Singing Day how challenges are worth the fight."

2019 Graduating Senior Class Statistics

- 61: The number of girls graduating - 100 percent of the senior class
- 48 (79%) are first generation college students
- 25 (41%) are first generation high school graduates
- 100% of seniors were admitted to a 4-year institution

The graduates were offered \$6 million in scholarships to-date to these col-

leges and universities. One-hundred and thirteen colleges and universities have extended offers of admission to at least one student in the Class of 2019.

The first graduate in Irma Rangel history will go directly to an international institution for college at Yonsei University, Underwood International College in South Korea.

One graduate is a Grissom Scholar at Centre College

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Film Review: *John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum*

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

Should the glorification of gun violence, as depicted in this action/thriller, become a thing of the past? Is that notion worth a discussion? Think on it.

John Wick is back. In Chapter 3 of this ultra-violent franchise, this assassin digs deeper and deeper into an underworld of hit men and women who are greedy for conquests and money.

Stunt double (The Crow, Matrix) turned director Chad Stahelski (John Wick, John Wick: Chapter 2) starts this tale of lawlessness and adjudication with Wick knee-deep in action. He's running pigeon-toed down rain-soaked streets, across Times Square, through traffic. Before you can take a breath, a hit is put on him with a \$14M bounty. What did he do? He knocked off a member of an assassin's organization, The High Table, in the wrong place.

That kind of loot brings more killers out of the woodwork than roaches scoping out a piece of cake on a kitchen counter. The dude is "excommunicado." He's the prey, and the hunters want him dead, not alive.

Hopefully the Stuntman's Association and Stuntwoman's Association demanded bonus payments for the 90 body doubles in this movie. Whatever the lead stars can't do, they do with a verve and athleticism that is astonishing to watch.

The action in this crazed ode to human destruction,



Keanu Reeves in *John Wick Chapter 3 Parabellum* (Courtesy photo)

whether it's on horseback or motorcycles or in a hotel or souk, is some of the most mind-boggling and kinetic that's ever been displayed on-screen. The level of carnage is startling—if not overwhelming. Gunshots pierce bodies, heads, knees and throats. Again, and again.

Keanu Reeves as Wick is 30% a punching bag and 70% an aggressive warrior. Martial arts. Gunplay. Reeves convinces you completely that Wick is the professional all other killers look up to. There is no franchise, as we know it, without him. He dominated *The Matrix*, and now this.

Ian McShane is back as Winston, the haughty proprietor of the Continental Hotel. He runs his business but is under the thumb of a syndicate that calls the shots and enforces their rules. His right-hand man Charon is played with stern conviction by Lance Reddick (*The Wire*). Add into the mix: The Adjudicator (Asia Kate Dillon, *Orange Is the New Black*), who implements consequences. The stealth killer Zero (cult icon Marc

Dacascos, lately of *Hawaii Five-O*) and his deadly ninjas. A local NYC neighborhood leader, Bowery King (Laurence Fishburne). And a Belarusian ballet master named The Director (Anjelica Huston).

The biggest surprise, in a perfectly cast movie, is Halle Berry as Sofia. She plays an old acquaintance of John's and he needs her help. Initial scenes between the two sitting at a coffee table are dull, like a second-rate acting class. But oh heavens, when the fighting begins Berry pulls out her A-game and is more vicious than a rabid dog. Speaking of which, her performance is enriched greatly by the appearance of two Belgian Malinois. That canine breed was reared to be herders but are now used for policing and protection. Berry and her two four-legged weapons are integral to this chapter and help make it more unique than the other two. In fact, if Sofia gets a spin-off, a legion of fans will follow her.

Tip your hat to: Cinematographer (Dan Laustsen, *The Shape of the*

Water), for his dynamic camerawork, rich lighting and saturated colors. The musical score (Tyler Bates, Joel J. Richard), it punches up the frenzy with every note. Spot-on editing (Evan Schiff, *John Wick: Chapter 2*), footage is cut so tight it doesn't give you time to gasp for air. Evocative production design (Kevin Kavanaugh), art direction (Ian Bailie, Teddy Setiawan, Chris Shriver) and set decoration (Letizia Santucci, David Schlesinger) that collectively give the film a masterful look and feel.

Chad Stahelski creates a world all his own, taking style hints from filmmakers like John Woo (*A Better Tomorrow*), Chan-wook Park (*Oldboy*) and Sam Peckin-

pah (*Straw Dogs*). Few directors are this deft at creating a wall of violence that intensifies right up to the end. It's stunning, relentlessly vicious, soulless and well-planned. The script (Derek Kolstad, Shay Hatten, Chris Collins and Marc Abrams) dishes it out, and Stahelski shovels it to the audience, as *John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum* builds to a chaotic ending. Fight after fight. Gun battles in rapid succession. And more climaxes than a couple on a honeymoon.

You have to admire the spectacle, the rampant, grotesque brutality. If you can't, at least the target audience of action/thriller/martial arts fans will. They'll be euphoric.

But questions arise. "Should impressionable tweens and teenagers be allowed to see this mind-numbing violence?" "How will they process it if they do?" "Is an 'R' rating (parents must accompany anyone under age 17) appropriate? Would an "NC-17" rating (no one under 17 can see this film) be more fitting?"

After weary adult filmgoers stumble out of the theaters, those issues may arise as they chat over a stiff drink, try to calm their frayed nerves and say to themselves: "WTF?"

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(only 10 are awarded nationally).

Three students are Terry Foundation Scholars who will attend UT Arlington, Sam Houston State Univer-

sity and the University of Texas at Dallas.

One member of the senior class is the only senior in the country to be offered the Goizueta Scholar at Agnes

Scott College.

Nineteen students received State Fair of Texas scholarships.

One student was offered the Richard D. Cohen Scholar at Boston University.

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Addison

You can't miss **Taste Addison** from May 31 to June 2, at Addison Circle Park, in Addison. Taste Addison comes to Addison Circle Park, bringing with it some of the city's most popular restaurants to serve food and drinks. There's also live music each day of the event. This year's performers on May 31 are country artists Walker Hayes ("You Broke Up With Me") and Josh Abbott Band ("She's Like Texas"). On June 1, Deep Blue Something ("Breakfast at Tiffany's"), Spin Doctors ("Little Miss Can't Be Wrong"), Plain White T's ("Hey There Delilah"), Smash Mouth ("All Star") and the All-American Rejects ("Gives You Hell") take the stage. Performances by tribute bands are planned for June 2. Tickets



Taste of Addison

on May 31 and June 1 cost \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12. Admission is free for kids 5 and under. VIP tickets are also available, and those include drink and food vouchers, special restrooms and a good view of the concert stage. On June 2, admission is free for all ages.

Dallas

Mark your calendars for **Dallas Pride 2019: Miller Lite Music Festival** on June 1, at Centennial Hall at Fair Park, in Dallas. Dallas Pride weekend kicks off with a daylong festival at

Fair Park featuring live entertainment, community and vendor booths, pet adoptions, a Family Pride Zone for children and Teen Pride area. Performers include Estelle, Ada Vox, IDT Band, Hip Van Winkles, Roommates and the Rose Room cast. Festival activities take place rain or shine in the Centennial Building, Automotive Building and the Esplanade. Tickets are \$10 adults / \$5 teens 13-17 / free for children 12 and younger. The 36th annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade takes place on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. Parade route will encircle the Cotton Bowl. The parade is free for spectators.

Explore all there is to see at **Voly in the Park**, in June 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Klyde Warren Park, in Dal-

las. Join VolunteerNow for the Fifth Annual Voly in the Park, a free outdoor festival designed to connect people with 75 nonprofits to find their perfect volunteer opportunity. This free, family-friendly event is the largest volunteer festival in Dallas, and features hands-on volunteer projects, nonprofits across all cause areas, and live entertainment.

You must see **TITAS/Dance UNBOUND: Command Performance** on June 1, starting at 7 p.m. at Winspear Opera House, in Dallas. A star-studded cast of international dancers from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, MOMIX, PILOBOLUS and New York City Ballet to blazing hot dancers from The Cher Tour and Cirque du Soleil perform at this annual

event. More information visit www.attpac.org.

Lewisville

Experience old traditions at **Fiesta Charra**, on June 1, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Lewisville Rodeo Grounds, in Lewisville. Experience the traditions of Old Mexico at Fiesta Charra. See a charreada (Mexican rodeo) demonstration, ballet folklorico and the dancing horses of the charra riders. La Reunion Nortena will headline the music lineup which also includes a Juan Gabriel tribute and a Mariachi group. In addition to the horse-specific events, there will be Ballet Folklorico dancers, traditional children's games and attractions, food trucks and concessions. Admission is free. Limited public parking

at the rodeo grounds will be available for \$10, benefiting Festival de Cine Latino Americano. Attendees also can park along the street where it's legally permitted; at North Point Church, 422 N. Mill Street; and at Lewisville City Hall, 151 W. Church Street. A free shuttle service will be running all day from the east parking lot of City Hall.

Plano

Celebrate the **Happy Birthday Plano Party** on June 2, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Texas Pool, in Plano. Celebrate Plano's 146th birthday at the iconic Texas-shaped pool. Enjoy special treats (while supplies last), sign an oversized birthday card and enter to win a Texas Pool T-shirt.

Jubilee Theatre announces upcoming 2019-2020 season

FT WORTH – Jubilee Theatre, one of the longest running African-American theaters, announces their 39th Season. Under the new direction of Artistic Director D. Wambui Richardson, Season 39 has been titled *Shades of Us* which embodies the diversity of voices and styles included in the upcoming season that includes both plays and musicals.

"Truly it has been an honor and pleasure to craft my first season at Jubilee," said Richardson. It was Ossie Davis, who said, "I find, in being black, a thing of beauty: a joy; a strength; a secret cup of gladness." "In this cup you will find the many shades, hues and perspectives of not just being an African American but of the universal experiences we all share...we are proud to announce our 2019-2020 Season *Shades of Us!*," said Richardson.

"Single Black Female" by Lisa B. Thompson runs September 27 – October 27, 2019.

A comedic female duo production that moves with rapid-fire vignettes which examine the lives of thirty-something African American middle class women as they search for love, clothes, and

dignity in a world that fails to recognize them among a parade of stereotypical images.

"If Scrooge Was A Brother" A Musical Revue by Ekundayo Bandele runs November 22 – December 22, 2019.

It's Christmas Eve and Ebenezer Scrooge is seeking to snuff out the season's cheer by demanding all debts owed him be satisfied before nightfall. Facing imprisonment, a Christmas without presents and a feast, the residents are desperate. In this urban spin of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, the ghosts and characters are icons of Black culture performing gospel, R&B, and even reggae songs.

"To Be Young, Gifted And Black" by Lorraine Hansberry runs January 24 – February 23, 2020.

"Though it be a thrilling and marvelous thing to be merely young and gifted in such times, it is doubly so—doubly dynamic—to be young, gifted and black." After winning fame with her play *Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry, uniquely and boldly, weaves through her life experiences that shaped her. In angry, loving, bitter, laughing, and definitely proud turns, the story,

voice, and message are Lorraine Hansberry's own, offering a glimpse of the black experience in mid-century America. "

"How I Got Over" by Nate Jacobs runs March 20 – April 26, 2020.

Celebrate the legendary Queen of Gospel, Mahalia Jackson, and other gospel greats in this musical revue. Come enjoy soulful renditions of award-winning religious songs like "Precious Lord," "Move On Up a Little Higher," and "His Eye Is On the Sparrow." Experience the joy and hope of gospel music in this high-energy, hand-clapping, foot stomping and most of all soul-stirring performance.

"My Tidy List Of Terrors" by Jonathan Norton runs May 22 – June 21, 2020.

A coming of age tale set against the backdrop of the Atlanta Child Murders of 1980. Ishmael Johnson was taught in church that all your sins fall on you at the age of twelve. When tragedy hits, Ishmael begins to view his immortality differently. In a journey of self-discovery, Ishmael and his mother navigate the troubled waters of physically and spiritually maturing from a boy to a man.

"Da Kink In My Hair"

Written by Trey Anthony runs July 31 – August 30, 2020.

"If you want to know a black woman, you touch her hair," says Novelette, as she delves into the tresses and stresses of her clients to reveal their hidden stories. In

the salon of their West Indian stylist, hurried women congregate to have their hair done for dates, jobs and upkeep. They leave with not just a new hairdo, but a lifted soul and a lightened heart. This remarkable musical tells their incredible, uncensored, unforgettable tales

through dance, song and stories that will move, inspire, and delight!

Season tickets may be purchased online at jubileetheatre.org, in person at the theater Box Office, located at 506 Main Street or by calling 817-338-4411.



**CITY OF DALLAS
NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF DALLAS
JUNE 8, 2019**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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CITY OF DALLAS §

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a runoff election is ordered to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 5 members to the city council of the city of Dallas to be designated as Member of Council, Place 15; Member of Council, Place 4; Member of Council, Place 7; Member of Council, Place 9; and Member of Council, Place 14, respectively.

Biliera Johnson, City Secretary

For more information call 214-670-5654

EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance for the Saturday, June 8, 2019 City of Dallas runoff election will be conducted at the early voting locations listed below. Any qualified voter of the City of Dallas may vote early by personal appearance at any of the listed locations. Early voting locations are subject to change. The most current list of early voting locations is available in the City Secretary's Office, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling (214) 670-3738 or accessing <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/upcoming-election-information/>. Dates and times of all locations will be open for early voting are as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

**DALLAS COUNTY
DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING**

May 27 (Monday)	No Voting Today – Memorial Holiday
May 28 – May 31 (Tuesday through Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
June 1 (Saturday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
June 2 (Sunday)	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
June 3 – June 4 (Monday and Tuesday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH	10101 WALNUT HILL LN	DALLAS	75238
BETTY WARMACK LIBRARY	760 BARDIN RD	GRAND PRAIRIE	75052
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER	285 UPTOWN BLVD	CEDAR HILL	75104
DALLAS ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	9400 N. CENTRAL EXPY	DALLAS	75231
DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH	901 N. POLK ST	DESOTO	75115
EASTFIELD COLLEGE PLEASANT GROVE CAMPUS	802 S. BUCKNER BLVD	DALLAS	75217
EL CENTRO COLLEGE-WEST CAMPUS	3330 N. HAMPTON RD	DALLAS	75212
FRANKFORD TOWNHOMES	18110 MARSH LN	DALLAS	75287
FRETZ PARK LIBRARY	8990 BELT LINE RD	DALLAS	75254
FRIENDSHIP WEST BAPTIST CHURCH	2020 W. WHEATLAND RD	DALLAS	75232
**GEORGE L ALLEN SR COURTS BLDG -Main Early Voting Location-	600 COMMERCE ST	DALLAS	75202

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Location	Address	City	Zip
GRAUWYLER PARK REC CENTER	7780 HARRY HINES BLVD	DALLAS	75235
HARRY STONE RECREATION CENTER	2403 MILLMAR DR	DALLAS	75228
HIGHLAND HILLS LIBRARY	6200 BONNIE VIEW RD	DALLAS	75241
J. ERIK JONSSON CENTRAL LIBRARY	1515 YOUNG ST	DALLAS	75201
<p>* SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARKING - During the entire early voting period, free above-ground and underground parking is available to citizens visiting the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ("Library") to vote. Free metered parking is available on the west and north side of the Library (corner of Young and Ervey Street). Underground parking can be accessed on the north side of the Library (Wood Street, traveling east). A parking attendant will be available at the entryway to the underground parking area. The parking stub will be validated by Dallas County election staff which will enable exit from the underground parking area at no cost. The underground parking area will be closed at the end of each early voting period. Any vehicles not moved by the end of the voting period for a specific day will be locked in, with access to the vehicle delayed to the next working day. • DISABLED (CURBSIDE) VOTING - Although free meter parking is available, it is recommended that those citizens desiring to utilize curbside voting use the underground parking method. Notify the parking attendant or security officer of the intent to vote "via curbside." The parking attendant will notify the election judge and a voting device will be brought to your vehicle. <p>Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3738 if you have any questions or require assistance during the early voting time periods.</p>			
JAYCEE ZARAGOZA RECREATION CTR	3114 CLYMER ST	DALLAS	75212
LAKWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY	6121 WORTH ST	DALLAS	75214
LOCHWOOD LIBRARY	11221 LOCHWOOD BLVD	DALLAS	75218
MARSH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH	10716 MARSH LN	DALLAS	75229
MARTIN LUTHER KING CORE BLDG	2922 MLK BLVD	DALLAS	75215
MARTIN WEISS REC CENTER	1111 MARTINDELL AVE	DALLAS	75211
MOUNTAIN CREEK LIBRARY	6102 MOUNTAIN CREEK PKWY	DALLAS	75249
OAK CLIFF SUB-COURTHOUSE	410 S. BECKLEY AVE	DALLAS	75203
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH	7611 PARK LN	DALLAS	75225
PAUL L. DUNBAR LANCASTER-KIEST LIBRARY	2008 EAST KIEST BLVD	DALLAS	75216
PRESTON ROYAL LIBRARY	5626 ROYAL LN	DALLAS	75229
RENNER-FRANKFORD LIBRARY	6400 FRANKFORD RD	DALLAS	75252
REVERCHON RECREATION CENTER	3505 MAPLE AVE.	DALLAS	75219
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RICHLAND COLLEGE - MAIN CAMPUS - GUADALUPE 'G' BLDG.	12800 ABRAMS RD	DALLAS	75243
ROWLETT CITY HALL ANNEX	4004 MAIN ST	ROWLETT	75088
SAMUELL GRAND RECREATION CENTER	6200 EAST GRAND AVE	DALLAS	75223
SKYLINE BRANCH LIBRARY	6006 EVERGLADE RD	DALLAS	75227

Upcoming DFW area job fairs

May 31 ADT Home Security Hiring Event

The ADT Home Security Hiring Event will be held on May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2727 LBJ Freeway Fourth Floor STE 436, in Farmers Branch. Now hiring for their locations in: White Settlement, Benbrook, Mansfield, Saginaw, Haltom City, Cleburne and other surrounding cities. Please submit your application via Indeed prior to attending and you will be contacted by Human Resources via email to schedule an interview. As a Professional Sales Consultant you will be meeting with new homeowners to determine which home security package will be meet their needs while providing excellent customer service and completing the sales process. We will provide you with professional paid training and on-going support from management to ensure your success in this long-term career with rapid advancement opportunities! To apply, visit Indeed.com.

June 4 Macy's Hiring Event

The Macy's Hiring Event will be held on June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 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 Sales and Retail Stock. To apply, visit Glassdoor.com.

June 6 "MONEY MOVES" Young Adults Hiring Event

The "MONEY MOVES" Young Adults Hiring Event will be held on June 6, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at W.H. Adamson High School, 309 E. 9th Street, in Dallas. UPS, Amazon, Walmart, the City of Dallas, and FedEx will be attending this event. For more info visit Eventbrite.com.



June 6 Dallas Job Fair

The Dallas Job Fair will be held on June 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel Dallas Market Center, in Dallas. Open the doors of opportunity when you meet and interview with the top hiring companies in Dallas. This career fair will allow you to learn about the businesses that are hiring and what their hiring needs are. Tired of sending your resume over the web to get no responses back? Put a face with a name and make a great first impression. Register today, and you could get hired live at the next career fair in Dallas. To register visit Eventbrite.com

June 10 USPS Material Handler Hiring Event

The USPS Material Handler Hiring Event will be held on June 10, from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. at 920 Minters Chapel Rd, in Grapevine. USPS Material Handler is a part-time position, pay rate is start at \$12.80 and after training (1 week) \$17.07. For this job you must

and unload postal bulk mail carts and containers.

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fer of mail and freight, as applicable.

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 - Must be 18 years old.
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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.



The position is for up to 20 hours a week at \$8.00 per hour. Applicants must have reliable transportation.

Send resume and writing samples to: businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com

NDG seeks Intern Video Producer

The *North Dallas Gazette* is a community-driven newspaper with a digital presence seeking a new Video/Audio Producer Intern for our new video platform and to assist with the growth of our media company through quality video production.

The Producer will be responsible for recording, editing and preparing final draft of our video content in our in-house studio. The producer will record and broadcast via Facebook weekly shows. Afterwards using Final Pro Cut and other related tools, the footage will be finalized and uploaded to our YouTube channel.

The right candidate will have the following skills:

- Experience using video and audio production and post production techniques and software for live streaming and final YouTube videos.
- Experience using digital content software.
- Basic graphic design experience.
- Create content based upon agreed criteria.
- Understand how to use various social media platforms for live video events.
- Good time and project management skills.
- Attention to detail as it relates to spelling and grammar.
- Provide regular status updates to stakeholders and management.

The work will be completed at our studio located at Regal Row & Stemmons with a schedule of up to 15 hours a week. Pay rate is \$12-15 per hour.

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June 1, 10 am – 12 Noon
Ladies, you are invited to join us at our first Saturday, monthly Women Ministry, (W.O.R.T.H) Women of Restoration, Truth and Hope. This is great fellowship and plenty of fun.

June 2, 9:45 am
Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

June 5, 7 pm
You are invited to join us for Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor

Bernadette and others as we study a new book by Dr. Henry Cloud, Never Go Back, to things that didn't work the first time, with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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June 2, 9:45 am
You are invited to join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, followed by our Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed. It's for God's glory and honor.

June 5
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 of all; be prepared to grow.

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May 31, 8 p.m.
All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive

male leadership.)

June 2, 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.

June 3, 7 p.m.
You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

Pastor Rickie Rush
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MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP) (Uniting the Body of Christ for World Impact)

June 2, 10 a.m.
Join us for Morning Wor-

ship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory. Don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

June 5, 7 pm
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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www.mocop.org

SHILOH MBC IN PLANO (WHERE COMMUNITY BECOMES FAMILY)

June 2, 8 and 11 am
You are invited to our Worship Services as we honor God for His goodness and faithfulness.

June 3 – 7, 6:30 pm
Vacation Bible School will be from 6:30 to 9 pm. This year's theme is "Super Training University with Jesus".

June 5, 7 pm
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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Death and birth of a vision



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

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24

Almost every significant thing God births He allows to die before the vision is fulfilled in His own way.

Abraham had a vision of being the father of a great nation (birth). Sarah was barren and became too old to have children (death). God gave Abraham and

Sarah a son in their old age. He became the father of a great nation (fulfillment).

Joseph had a vision that he would be a great leader and that many would bow down to him (birth). Joseph's brothers sold him to some merchants and he became a slave.

Later he was falsely condemned to spend his years in prison (death). God allowed Joseph to interpret the dreams of the butler and baker and later the king, whereupon, he was made a ruler in the land (fulfillment).

Moses had a vision of leading his people out of the bondage of Egypt (birth). Pharaoh as well as his own people drove Moses out of Egypt after Moses' first at-

tempt to relieve their bondage (death). God gave Moses signs and wonders to convince Pharaoh to free the people and bring them out of Egypt



Ms. Thalia Sinclair Wilson is a 2019 graduate of Reedy High School, in Frisco. She is the daughter of Eugene and Yolanda Wilson. Thalia is a member of National Honor Society and a Varsity track athlete, where she is a captain of her team. She is an officer of the Reedy Black Student Alliance and Joining Generations- a community service organization. She is an active member of Bethel Bible Fellowship Church and Sister Tarpley's Picture of the Week.

and into the Promised Land (fulfillment).

A grain of wheat has a "vision" of reproducing itself and many more grains of wheat (birth). The grain dies in the ground (death). A harvest springs up out of the very process of "death" in the ground (fulfillment).

Seniors 2019 graduates has God given you a vision that is yet to be fulfilled? If that vision is born of God, He will raise it up in His own way. Do not try to raise the vision in your own strength. Like Moses, who tried to fulfill the vision of freeing the Hebrews by killing the Egyptian, it will only fail. But wait on your heavenly Father to fulfill the vision in you. Then you

will know that it was His vision when He fulfills it in the way only He can do.

Dear God, I pray that out of Your glorious riches that You may strengthen the Seniors 2019 graduates with power through Your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And I pray that they being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge; that they may be filled to the measure of all Your fullness, in the name of Jesus.

Out to Pastor: Eating out of my comfort zone

Dr. James L. Snyder

One pleasure the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and myself enjoy is going out for a quiet dinner together.

The delight on my wife's side is that she does not have to cook the meal and then clean up afterwards.

Once in the early days of our marriage, I decided to surprise her by cooking supper for her. She spent the afternoon shopping with some friends and so I thought it was the proper time for me to do this.

As soon as my wife walked in the door, she stopped and said, "What is that awful smell? What are you burning?"

I must confess there was a nice balance to that meal. Some was undercooked and some overcooked. If you balance them together, maybe something comes out right, I am not sure. Nothing, however, met the standard that my wife upholds in the culinary department. All the appliances in the kitchen were shocked by a disaster they had never seen before. And, never since, because I am banned from cooking in the kitchen.

As we were sitting at our

table at the restaurant, I was smiling. My wife looked at me and said, "Okay, what are you smiling about?"

I have never brought it up since that time and I was very hesitant about doing it now. Upon her insistence, I told her I was thinking about the time I cooked her dinner.

She stared at me for a few moments and then burst out in hilarious laughter.

"I don't think," she said between laughter, "you cooked anything that night except your goose."

That is the only expertise I have, I suppose, cooking my own goose.

We chuckled about that as we looked at the menu to see what we were going to order.

The waitress brought us our drinks, I had coffee and she had lemon tea, and we went back to studying the menu.

It was then that I noticed something. It had never crossed my mind until this point. I'm rather observant in life, particularly noticing the little things. But this night I was shocked.

Staring at the menu my mouth dropped open, my eyes expanded to their limit.

Then I heard some laughter across the table. I looked

up and she was laughing one of her laughs that I knew had to do with me.

"Have you decided what you going to order yet?"

I muttered, stuttered and said nothing at that point.

"I know what's wrong," she giggled.

"Nothing's wrong," I tried to convince her.

"You mean to tell me," she said between giggles, "that you have not noticed the prices on this menu?"

Finally, putting the menu down I confessed I had noticed the prices and could not believe how expensive everything was. I did not

know what to do, we were out to enjoy the evening together and I was in a predicament.

"You know," she said quietly, "there's a pizza shop around the corner. Maybe we could go there tonight."

Driving home that night I thought of what the apostle Paul said. "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

The best part of a night out is not how much the meal costs, but who you are sharing it with.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, and lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Ocala,

FL. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

NDGtv
North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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NDG Book Review: *The Undefeted* is a book to start conversations

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You wanted it. And you wanted it very much.

But, ah, well, you didn't get it. You worked and you begged and maybe you even saved but you didn't get what it was that you wanted. You were sad, but you got over it. You'll try again, work harder, save more and, as in "The Undefeted" by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson, one day, you'll reach your goal.

This book is just for you. But it's something you have to share because it's "for the unforgettable," too. It's for those people who opened



the doors to all kinds of new opportunities for everyone, but they never became famous for it.

It's for people who did whatever it took to get to America, to thrive and find a home and happiness. This book is for people who struggled, and for those who didn't.

It's about people who were strong and were admired for that strength. It's for those who believed in themselves but who also put their faith in a higher power. It's for those who "tackle vision" and those who don't hide their light behind anything, ever.

It's for soldiers and dancers, marchers and players, boxers and parents and kids, and it's for you. It's for Black lives that matter and for the people who never got a chance to know that. It's because of the "unspeakable."

Share this book for those who won't be stopped,

who'll keep dreaming and reaching and imagining and proving. It's for the athletes we know, and for the ones we don't know about yet. It's for performers we sing along with, and for songs not written. It's for those who tried and tried until the last breath they had.

You'll have to share it, but this book is for you. It's "for us."

"The Undefeted" is one of those things that's really had to nail down.

It's a quick read that may be too quick for some kids; it's over almost before it begins because author Kwame Alexander's words are

spare and not very attention-grabbing for the very youngest of children. It doesn't help that the picture-book-style illustrations are attractive but they aren't particularly colorful or active.

For gradeschoolers, none of that will matter because "The Undefeted" is a poem set to picture and it's inspirational for them, especially if they're just learning about African American history. But there's a possibility for those kids that the power behind the illustrations by Kadir Nelson might be missed because the stories of the people in

this book are at the end and not always with the pictures.

Adults, however, might find this book to be a treasure. Alexander's poem pulses with strength and the artwork, from an adult's POV, is perfectly rendered. You may recognize the people depicted – and if not, there's always the back of the book.

The trick, perhaps, is to carefully share this book with the child you love, explain, and let it spark conversation. Once kids understand, "The Undefeted" is a book they'll want very much.

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amount they owe increases over time because they are not paying enough to cover interest and pay down principal." Defaults result in lost tax refunds, garnished wages, and decreased benefits from both Social Security retirement and disability benefits – very real risks for the estimated 8.4 million student loan borrowers ages 50 and over.

The ways in which family members' share the cost of college enrollment is also changing.

Although the AARP report found that 30% of older Black consumers cosigned private student loans for family members, far more – 45% borrowed on their credit cards. This level of credit card debt exceeds that incurred by Whites (31%), or Latinx (39%).

Further, a disproportionate jump in borrowing from retirement savings accounts are also negatively impacting older Black consumers. While only 6% of comparable Whites used these funds, Black utilization was triple that of Whites at 18%. Older Latinx tapping into retirement savings were more than double that of Whites at 13%.

When the financial impacts of the nation's racial wealth gap are added to these disparities, it's little wonder that Black America

suffers from acute financial stress. As this column recently reported, Black wealth averages only a dime for every dollar of wealth held by Whites.

Clearly, public policy reforms can and should address this national financial crisis. AARP's proposed remedies include:

- Increased public investment in higher education;
- Encouraging the use of uniform financial aid award letters so they are more easily compared;
- Ending offsets of Social Security benefits and other federal payments affecting older consumers; and
- Allowing federal Parent PLUS borrowers to enroll directly in income-driven repayment plans.

While these reforms should be heartily supported by the federal government that sets budget priorities, the likelihood of interminable lawmaker debates or neglect still looms large.

This past February, a CRL letter to several U.S. Senators alerted them to the disproportionate impacts of the student loan crisis on consumers of color, as well as a list of remedies to abate the crisis.

"Students of color still face barriers in accessing higher education, still hold disproportionate financial burdens, and still struggle to

overcome bad information from servicers," wrote CRL. "Student loan debt is a real crisis for many people of color, and it exacerbates the racial wealth gap... The time has come for large, systemic change and not tinkering around the edges of the Higher Education Act."

"Unless bold, new actions are taken," warned CRL in its letter, "a generation will be trapped in debt undertaken to advance their lives.

Among CRL's recommendations were to:

- Increase Pell grants and move that funding into the Education Department's mandatory budget;
- Increase and expand aid for Minority Serving Institutions via Title III and Title V;
- Encourage borrowers to make student debt payments based on 8% of discretionary income, and then discharge any remaining balance after 10-15 years;
- Guarantee that all loan forgiveness be tax-free; and
- Protect borrowers from aggressive collections and benefit garnishment.

While these and other federal aid reforms are debated on Capitol Hill, there remains yet another sphere of influence that could extend the kind of goodwill borne from Mr. Smith's adoption of Morehouse's Class of 2019: increased Black philanthropy.

If other highly successful Black businessmen and women, professional athletes, recording artists and others followed Smith's example, HBCU's like North Carolina's Bennett College might not have needed a national emergency financial rescue. With a new infusion of financial resources, more students on college campuses could breathe a financial sigh of relief, knowing that people who look like them provided help beyond their own family's re-

sources.

Without a doubt, the nation needs more need-based scholarships and grants – especially at HBCUs. If that were to happen, a stronger sense of community could emerge with a renewed sense of pride.

As Mr. Smith said in his May 19 commencement address, "We have nourished the soil with our blood. We've sown the land with our sweat. We've protected this country with our bodies, contributed to the physical,

cultural and intellectual fabric of this country with our minds and our talents."

Here's hoping that more who have been financially blessed, will choose to pass a portion of assistance to those wanting to earn their way into the nation's middle class.

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