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A new chapter begins for Dallas with the election of Eric Johnson as mayor

NDG's View

Eric Johnson, who has served for ten years as a state representative, earned a new job, Mayor of the City of Dallas. Despite being the last to enter the field to replace term-limited Mayor Mike Rawlings, Johnson ultimately prevailed to become the 60th mayor of the ninth largest city in the United States.

"I decided in this case, and I've decided so many times in the past: Why wait?" Johnson told supporters Saturday night. "Why hope somebody else will come along and solve the problem? If you're capable of solving it, step up to the plate and offer yourself as a solution. And that's how I got into this race."

Johnson, a West Dallas native, is only the second African American selected by the voters to serve as the leader of the city. In what was a hotly contested runoff race, Johnson's victory was evident when the polls closed, and citizens learned he had received 58 percent of the early votes. Ultimately, he defeated Dallas City Councilman Scott Griggs in 56 percent to 44 percent margin.

The North Dallas Gazette endorsed Johnson in the race, in part because of the coalition of support



Dallas Mayor-Elect Eric Johnson speaking to supporters at his victory party on June 8, 2019 (Courtesy photo)

he built across the political, social, and economic spectrum. While we want a leader willing to make the hard decisions and say no when it is in the best interest of the city, a consensus builder is critical also.

One concern raised during the campaign was the generous support Johnson received from North Dallas and the business elite. However, Johnson continued to point to diverse support as a positive example of his leadership and independence.

"I did not run for mayor at anybody's urging or insistence," he said. "I'm not anybody's tool. I'm not any-

body's fool. I'm a person who loves Dallas. We had a choice to make whether we were going to double down on division and name calling and lack of decorum and lack of unity of purpose and lack of unity of spirit, or we were going to change direction."

Dallas is at a critical crossroads and cannot continue to kick the can down the road on issues such as the staff shortage at the Dallas Police Department. This has led to the governor sending law enforcement to

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Jeri Green



Fireman Christian Serrato

NDG Quote of the Week: "Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."

— Arnold Bennett

Jeri Green

By Khalil Abdullah

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – WASHINGTON, D.C. – Jeri Green’s passion for the census is still sunrise bright. An outspoken champion of the concerns of African Americans and many people who have been diminished, marginalized or systemically undercounted, she is an enthusiastic and determined advocate for how participation in the census can contribute to healthier communities and a more equitable America.

“Let’s talk about the need for public education,”



Green said. “We know African American children continue to be undercounted every census and likely will be so again in 2020. Same for Latino and Native American children. When we say, ‘Count every

child in your household,’ it means just that. Grandchildren count, foster kids count, play cousins count. Unless this message is delivered and repeated over and over, families will miss receiving resources that are rightfully theirs.”

“And, quite frankly, why can’t we do a better job of counting formerly incarcerated Black men? We already know they are a disproportionate percentage of the over 650,000 individuals coming back to our communities from jails and prisons every year. They are returning citizens and we should be able to design ways to make sure they

show up in the census as well.”

During her 20-year career at the Census Bureau, Green coordinated visits by congresspersons, the General Accounting Office and the Inspector General’s personnel, among others, to census field sites.

“Individuals who have oversight responsibility or whose agencies conduct audits to make sure taxpayer dollars are being well spent, have a right to inspect and observe, but those visits have to be scheduled and conducted in a way that doesn’t interfere with the enumeration process or the public’s right to privacy.”

Bringing a remarkable career to an end

In 2017, she retired as Senior Advisor for Civic Engagement to former U.S. Census Bureau Director, John Thompson.

“He had left the Census Bureau and returned after a decade as a political appointee. He asked me to help him get reacquainted with the issues and concerns of the Civil Rights community, to establish some outreach.”

Green’s experience made her ideally suited for the task.

“When I started full-time, I was working on the advisory committee level,” she

recalled. “In addition to serving as the liaison to the technical advisory committee, I was responsible for the five ethnic stand-alone advisory committees: Black; Hispanic; Native American and Alaskan; Asian; Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

“Back then, each committee had its own chair and vice chair. My job was to understand their needs, engage with them and get to know and understand their issues. I just thought I could automatically do this, that it was just a natural fit for me because – I’m Black! And I

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Fireman Christian Serrato

By Lt. Jake Joy
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

SASEBO, Japan – Fireman Christian Serrato, a native of Mesquite, Texas, said he needed money for college. He had already earned an associate’s degree in applied science, but he didn’t want to keep paying for it. So he joined the U.S. Navy.

Now, a year later and half a world away, Serrato serves aboard one of the Navy’s most dependable amphibious ships at Fleet Activities Sasebo, patrolling one of the



CPO Gary Ward

world’s busiest maritime regions as part of U.S. 7th Fleet.

“Serving aboard this ship is really fun,” he said. “You get to meet a lot of new people, it’s a big ship. You get to

explore a lot of places, especially in the 7th Fleet. I don’t think I ever would have even seen Japan if it weren’t for the Navy. You learn a lot of new things.”

Serrato, a 2016 graduate of Mesquite High School, is an engineman aboard the forward-deployed Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship USS Germantown in Sasebo, Japan.

“I work on maintenance of the engines and reverse osmosis water system and maintaining the ship’s mechanical systems,” he said. “We get the ship going.”

Serrato credits some success in the Navy to lessons

learned in Mesquite.

“I have met a lot of people here who encouraged me to take the job I took,” he said. “I love it. We’re the hardest working people on the ship. We work long hours. We’re also the most important rate on the ship, without us no one is going to move.”

U.S. 7th Fleet spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South. U.S. 7th Fleet’s area of operations encompasses 36 maritime countries and 50 percent of the world’s popu-

lation with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft, and approximately 20,000 sailors.

“Getting out into Japan and seeing the way they live, tradition-wise, you get to see cherry blossom season, their New Year’s and the way they do things differently,” said Serrato.

With more than 50 percent of the world’s shipping tonnage and a third of the world’s crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy’s presence in Sasebo is part of that long-standing commit-

ment.

“The Navy is forward-deployed to provide security and strengthen relationships in a free and open Indo-Pacific. It’s not just the ships and aircraft that have shown up to prevent conflict and promote peace,” said Vice Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet. “It is, and will continue to be our people who define the role our Navy plays around the world. People who’ve made a choice, and have the will and strength of character to make a difference.”

USS Germantown is 610

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

NDG’s View: We agree that Eric Johnson is the right choice for Dallas Mayor

But he supports the Trinity River project, which is gentrification as well. He wasn’t the rep for the West Dallas area but what are his thoughts on his community no longer existing? I hate both candidates.

Mike Rawlins endorsing Johnson gives me pause. Is he gonna follow this line of mayors fighting to get strong mayor. What about the toll roads? Griggs was against that. And the unnecessary park on 35

which gives those Bishop Arts folks a reason to cross the bridge and the city cause to continue their imminent domain push. What about the mayor’s bogus rental property registration scam?

Ugh it’s just so much.

-- Brandy Johnson

I supported Eric Johnson and here’s the reason why:

(Griggs) is an ARROGANT, rude and pompous ***, the epitome of liberal white male privilege (as is Kingston).

When I ran for council in 2017 and I introduced myself at an community strategy meeting in my District

regarding the housing crisis in West Dallas, he didn’t even respond back and looked at me like I had **** on me, despite the engraved metal nametag I wore with my name and office I was running for.

That behavior is consistent with him threatening a high ranking city civilian employee with bodily harm.

And you want to talk about gentrification? He and other whites are doing that quite well in North Oak Cliff and effectively displacing minorities.

Nope, I hope he loses tonight. I’m not keen on Eric but he’s definitely

NOT Scott.

-- Buster Spiller-Craft

Why did you support the mayoral candidate who is funded by former Enron CEO Forrest Hoglund? He’s probably looking for over-priced, no bid contracts for his computerized educational programs negotiated behind closed doors. His friend Peter Collins held fundraisers for Congressman Van Taylor who authored bill to allow investors to turn a profit on kids’ math scores.

-- George Shawnessey

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The new face of Dallas



Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

The election of Eric Johnson to Mayor is historical for Dallas.

His election completes a blackout of the Dallas premiere political structure. The Mayor is black, the District Attorney is black, the Sheriff is black, the Dallas Police Chief is black, the Fire Rescue Chief is black, and the Dallas City Manager is black. It is indeed a testament to the political power of African-Americans in Dallas.

In 2019, African-Americans in Dallas cannot blame anyone from lack of access to power. With this access to

power, what will the result be?

Black Dallas residents should take advantage of this moment, because it may not ever happen again. African-Americans need to organize politically to keep them in office. There are those who are rejoicing at the change,

politicians, T.C. Broadnax, as the Dallas City Manager, is responsible for running the day-to-day operations of Dallas, black political clout has been realized. From Dallas City Hall with Mayor-Elect Eric Johnson to law enforcement lead by Dallas County Sheriff, Marian

community.

This reflects a change in the policies which led to Dallas County's horrific and lousy track record of prosecuting and incarcerating dozens of innocent people. Change is not merely locking up guilty people, it is freeing those who are innocent, or should not be jailed in the first place.

This is the face of power in Dallas, it is the face of Black Power, not by raising voices, but by raising votes. Political power means more than just getting elected, it means delivering change once elected. Black elected power means more than symbolism, it means making a difference for us ALL, no matter what color.

I am Ed Gray, and this is straight talk.

“This is the face of power in Dallas, it is the face of Black Power, not by raising voices, but by raising votes.”

there are those others who are fighting the change.

African-American elected officials can affect change for the betterment of ALL Dallas. The team elected in the past year is unprecedented. In addition to the

Brown, and Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall, we no longer can say we are denied access to power.

In the Dallas County District Attorney's office, John Creuzot has pledged to end the mass incarceration of our

Watching a father and son

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NPPA Newswire Contributor

You must have seen the video. A father speaking with his pre-verbal son about the season finale of Empire. The video went viral at warp speed and DJ Pryor—the father—was overwhelmed by the outpouring of emotion that the interaction with his son evoked.

I have watched the video several times and love it. What especially struck me, and continues to, is that Pryor does not speak “baby talk” to his son, Kingston Jierre. He is holding a conversation and his son is attempting to do likewise. The son looks back and forth between the television and his father, moves his

hands around and offers commentary. It does not matter whether his words make no sense. This was just the sort of interaction that needs to happen with a child at that age.

This video stands in contrast to what I frequently see with parents who ignore their children in favor of a cell phone call or listening to music, on the one hand, or yelling at their children on the other hand.

When my daughter was about the age of Pryor's son I distinctly remember being out of town and calling home. I would always make a point of asking my wife to put my daughter on the phone so that she could hear my voice and so that I could hear hers. One evening I called, and my daughter got

on the phone. It was remarkable. It was just like the Pryor video. My daughter held a conversation with me...in gibberish! But she did it so well with changing intonation, chuckling and seemingly asking me questions. I realized in that moment that she was on the verge of talking.

It is not just that the Pryor video is adorable. It reminds the viewer of the components of love that must exist between a parent and child. Pryor was not holding his son in any particular manner; in fact, he was not holding him at all. The two of them were looking back and forth between each other and the television. Pryor was taking his son very seriously and you could tell that the son felt

that in a very deep manner.

The sort of interaction between father and child as seen in the Pryor video should remind us that our work to raise our children is communicated through actions, words, gestures and the look in one's eyes.

Pryor and his son, Kingston Jierre, are lucky to have one another. And, although she is not in the video, I am sure that the child's mother contributed immensely to a situation whereby the son was ready to engage his dad.

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Mayor-Elect
City of Dallas
Eric
Johnson

NDG congratulates Mayor-Elect Eric Johnson and Councilmember Carolyn King Arnold for their wins in the runoff election last Saturday. We are proud to have endorsed them and look forward to the good work they will do for our residents.



Dallas City Council
District 4
Carolyn King
Arnold

Enriching men's health and well-being

By: Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

You can tell June has arrived when temperatures begin to peak, the kids are out of school and families to gather around for a Father's Day BBQ. June is also recognized as National Men's Health Month, focusing on raising awareness for common and preventable health issues. It also serves as an opportunity to encourage check-ups for threats men are potentially prone to experience during their lifetime. A combination of practices including healthy eating, balanced exercise and proactive preventative care can decrease the impact of such prevalent common health concerns.

The saying "you are what you eat" truly goes a long way when it comes to men's



June as we celebrate Father's Day, it is a good time to remind Daddy to visit the doctor during Men's Health Month and then spend time with him. (Photo: @photosbyphab / Wikimedia Commons)

overall well-being. Your body's food intake has a great impact on how it func-

tions and pursuing a healthier lifestyle can begin as simply as planning a grocery

list. During your next visit to the grocery store, seek foods that can boost male health such as lean red meat, avocados, pistachios, orange vegetables, and leafy green vegetables. A balance of these types of foods lends to supporting a nutrient-dense diet which is key to staying healthy, lean, and strong.

One of the next biggest contributors to men's overall health is balanced exercise. Leading a healthy lifestyle begins with consistent practice throughout the week. Begin by outlining a weekly workout regimen based on your physical activity level and availability. Workouts that focus on strength training, cardio and intervals can easily be tailored to fit any schedule. Next, men should set realistic goals tailored to their health needs. This is a

great way to not only fuel your drive but to also ensure consistency for your exercise program.

Lastly, a key means of maintaining a healthy lifestyle for men is to pursue proactive checkups with their physician. Preventative care is often overlooked by men because they simply "feel healthy." However, this does not negate its importance. Whether it is around your birthday or the mark of each summer, it is recommended to set a date to ensure accountability for yearly physicals. The most prevalent men's health concerns include heart disease, stroke, prostate cancer, lung cancer, and mental health issues such as depression. Regular visits that include open and honest communication with one's physician

can be an effective method to proactively detect and treat any issues.

The importance of focusing on male health is to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives. Therefore, if you are experiencing any difficulties pertaining to eating patterns or exercise habits or if you are displaying any type of symptom, schedule a consultation with your family physician. As a medical expert, they can provide you with a comprehensive action plan and conduct proper testing.

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

Why has teen suicide been so hard to impact?

LOS ANGELES — Teenage suicide rates have been increasing at alarming rates. In fact, suicide is now the second-leading cause of death for teens (after accidental injury). Even though there has been a more intense national focus on the topic of teen suicide than ever before, we haven't been able to slow this disturbing trend. Suicide prevention expert Dr. Mark Goulston says that before we can stop teen suicide, it's crucial to recognize why this crisis is so pervasive today.

"Many children today are suffering deeply," says Dr. Goulston, co-creator and moderator of the new documentary Stay Alive, a new 75-minute video/podcast documentary serving at-risk populations, which is available here on YouTube (#StayAliveNow). "We can't move the needle on teen suicide until we identify what drives this suffering. Once everyone can empathize with the isolation, pain, and fear impacting today's teens, we can offer them true understanding, and help them feel heard and far less alone."

Stay Alive can help view-

ers get an inside look into what it feels like to be on the journey from despair to healing. The documentary, featuring suicide survivor Kevin Hines and suicide prevention advocate Rayko, delivers messages of education, compassion, and caring for those who are in deep despair, along with guidance for their families and friends who love them. The raw and intimate personal disclosures, paired with proven approaches to help those who are suffering, make this program uniquely valuable and unlike any other, you have ever seen.

"To save lives, we must also remove the societal stigma surrounding suicide," says Dr. Goulston. "This begins with helping the people who care about at-risk individuals gain understanding and offer support. The next step is helping society recognize the true struggles of those at risk. Misunderstanding and judgment only further isolate a person who is suicidal. Instead, it's time for more compassion. When everyone understands how much suffering is really going on, we have a real chance to reach out and save

lives."

Here are some of the reasons Dr. Goulston says that teenage suicide has been so hard to impact.

Teens are not likely to reach out for available help

They feel that what they are going through is a "failure." Teens are afraid that any struggle they encounter might be considered failure, and they worry that their parents will be disappointed in them. They may think, When I tell my parents how or what I am feeling, I will feel more exposed and ashamed, and when I see that they can't do anything, I'll feel even more alone and worse.

Teens don't want to need somebody. Traversing the psychological terrain between teenage dependence and young adult independence is fraught with anxiety, confusion, and fear. But teens aren't going to reach out in despair as you might imagine. The more a child needs their parents, the less independent and more ashamed they feel. Adolescents making their first foray in independence may feel shame when they can't handle everything on their own.

Shame intensifies their isolation. Shame is about wrong being, which means that a person feels there is something essentially wrong or "bad" about them. These feelings make them less likely to reach out because they think that there is something inherently bad or evil about them.

Teens worry that parents won't understand. They feel that their parents won't understand what they're going through, and even if they are understood, teens often believe there's nothing parents can do to make them feel better.

They don't want to worry their parents. Teens may also believe that reaching out will make one or both of their parents more worried and anxious, and they feel guilty about that.

Their pain is likely to go unnoticed

Everyone thinks not my kid. Often, when a teen dies by suicide, their bereaved parents say, "I had no idea." When other (rightfully shaken) parents hear this, they wonder how anyone could overlook an at-risk child. They may even say, "That would never happen to

my kid." People always think that suicide impacts other people's kids, but the reality is that it can strike very close to home. As a result, we sometimes aren't as vigilant or don't recognize warning signs for what they are.

The warning signs are hard to spot and may come too late. Parents need to be aware of any changes in their child's demeanor—keeping in mind that these changes

can be difficult to spot among naturally moody teens who tend to isolate themselves even in the best of circumstances. Teens are moody—that's to be expected—but parents shouldn't write it off as just moodiness. When it crosses over into physiological disturbances of sleep, appetite, sexual desire, or just an unshakable dark feeling, and

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Dallas protest held to raise awareness of the Sudanese Revolution

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Contributing Writer

Murder, rape, military dictatorship, and isolation from the rest of the world.

For the past couple of months, these are the injustices the Sudanese have endured due to their desire of just wanting a simple fundamental human right. Freedom.

On April 11, 2019, Omar al-Bashir, Sudan's President, was overthrown, ending his three years of dicta-



Elthea Elzid holds the Sudan flag (Rachel Hawkins/NDG)

torship. While the Sudanese people believed their freedom had finally arrived, it was shortly taken away

when the military council, in collaboration with the previous president took over. Thus, leading to the

present day.

On June 9, a Dallas solidarity protest for Sudan was held at the Irving Convention Center. Dozens of Sudanese showed to give their support and want for a change.

"Unfortunately the Government has killed some people who are protesting against the military dictatorship," said Rodwaan Saleh, a former Irving city council candidate. "We hope for a democratic government in Sudan. It has been continu-

ously a military government that's causing a lot of misjudgment. They did not govern the country the way it needs to be governed."

The Sudanese community in Dallas includes an estimated 500 families.

"We are asking that the Sudanese government changes into a duly and rightfully democratically elected government," Saleh said.

In an attempt to clear the sit-in on April 6, security forces killed 22 people in

Sudan.

On June 3, over 30 people were killed when security forces attack protest leaders' Khartoum sit-in at the center of the movement, opening fire, torching tents.

Since the June 3 massacre, the state of Sudan has implemented an internet blackout and media censorship. Observers believe this was done to isolate the Sudanese people and hide the truth.

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Allred joins Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) as Associate Member

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) this week announced he has joined the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) as an Associate Member

along with a total of 11 new Associate Members.

"In North Texas, diversity has always made us stronger and it is truly an honor to join the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus,"

said Allred. "The Asian American community in North Texas has a rich history of civic engagement, from the cultural organizations across our region to the many chambers of com-

merce. As the Asian American community grows in North Texas, I look forward to working with CAPAC on issues facing AAPI individuals as we all work together to make sure that everyone has

a chance to live their version of the American Dream. I thank Chair Judy Chu for this opportunity."

According to the U.S. Census, the 32nd District of Texas is increasingly diverse

and with more than 64,000 Asian-Americans (about 8 percent of the District's total population) calling the district home. CAPAC now has a record number of 75 members.

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help following a month which ended with 42 murders and citizens learned that in a city of nearly 1.2 million residents the force had less than 20 detectives to handle these investigations until reassignments were made.

Rapid and consistent growth for more than 10 years is laying bare the challenges we are facing as it relates to our infrastructure. From road repairs to the fact a rain storm can reportedly knock out 40 percent of the traffic signals. The same storm left more than

300,000 without power, with full restoration not forecasted before Thursday at the earliest. Then there is the growing affordable housing crisis and rapidly rising homelessness, which is having a tremendous impact on the school district.

The list of challenges facing the Mayor-Elect Johnson when he raises his hand on Monday, June 17 to take the oath of office at his inauguration, is extensive. However, coming from humble beginnings, his father was a Dallas Police officer, Johnson's academic abilities were no-

ticed. He was selected to participate in a joint venture between the Boys Clubs and Greenhill School. The young Johnson faced the challenge and graduated from the prestigious private school in 1994 and then earned an undergraduate degree, with honors, from Harvard University, a graduate degree from Princeton University, and eventually a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

The remaining city council races

Carolyn King Arnold, also endorsed by the North Dallas Gazette, prevailed

against political newcomer Dawn Blair in District 4. Arnold earned a full term to deliver on her promises to develop smart economics initiatives to address housing and transportation issues. She also promised to create workforce and education opportunities through vocational training.

Adam Bazaldua's victory in District 7, replacing one-term councilman Kevin Felder and defeating former council member Tiffinni A. Young, is just as historic as Johnson's. With his victory, the Dallas City Council has four Hispanic members for the first time in history.

His campaign was impressive and even more impressive has been how hard he has worked since the storm on Sunday. He has organized meals, consistently shared critical storm updates, and been in the streets with his sleeves rolled up to help the community he serves.

Paula Blackmon captured victory to represent District 9 where she promised to work with the district to improve Dallas ISD and address the property tax burden the district's homeowners have faced. Like many in the race, public safety was one of her primary focuses.

One area of concern from those who preferred her opponent Erin Moore is if Blackmon will protect White Rock Lake from private developers. She pledged to "prioritize the overall wellbeing of the lake.

David Blewett defeated incumbent Philip Kingston in a heated race in District 14. Kingston had developed a reputation as a strong voice against the status quo in city politics. Blewett, who had run for the seat prior to Kingston's time on the council, said the current councilmember had become "too divisive."

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stays stuck there, it has then crossed over into a mood disorder and can be incredibly destructive.

Tech and social media mean less

face-to-face interaction

Social media fuels adrenaline and teens are getting hooked. "We have become an adrenaline-fueled society," says Dr. Goulston. "In the past, emotional closeness, tenderness, and love triggered dopamine, a pleasure chemical. But nowadays

people are addicted to adrenaline, which also triggers dopamine. Social media gives us all adrenaline, which excites us and makes us feel powerful. It tells kids they don't have to feel powerless, vulnerable, frustrated, and angry."

Teens interact online but connect less in person. Social media perpetuates a lack of bonding and connectedness. Teens are spending more time online and less time hanging out together

and socializing. Instead of forging real relationships, they are bonding to the Internet. As a result, they are less emotionally intimate with each other and spend more time in isolation.

Social media provides more opportunities for social rejection. Teens care a lot about what their friends think, so much that it literally hurts. Two researchers at UCLA discovered that social rejection actually registers as bodily injury or pain in the brain.

Adults tend to have

a hard time connecting with teens

Teen issues are the same as they've always been, but the circumstances are different. Every parent was a teenager at one time, yet things are very different today than they once were. Even though teens have some of the same issues their parents had (like dating, curfews, the pressure at school, and bullying), the circumstances are different. Colleges are more competitive than ever, and technologies like Facebook and texting

add new layers of complication to teen relationships. With all these new circumstances, it's impossible for adults to truly understand and empathize with what their kids are going through.

Symptoms can look a lot like failure or laziness to parents. Adults—and high-achieving parents in particular—see what teens are capable of, and are so concerned about them "blowing it" that they fail to recognize pain and warning signs when they occur. It's easy for parents to write off a child's

moodiness or assume that they are blowing their chances for success due to laziness. But when parents do this, they could be missing the pain that is driving the symptoms. This causes them to react to what their teen does, without ever noticing the pain their teen is feeling.

If you or someone you love needs help, call 911 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

UTD camps offer plenty of summer fun, learning for kids

Catering to students with diverse interests, The University of Texas at Dallas offers a wide range of summer programs for kids as young as 5 and as old as 18. Here's a roundup of the current camps still open for registration. Listed below are only a few of the camps being offered.

Sports Camps

Basketball Skills Camp

Boys and girls ages 5 to 18 can participate in one of three camp sessions presented by the UT Dallas women's basketball coaching staff. Students will be divided into age groups for five days of skill sessions, games and other activities at the UT Dallas Activity Center. Bonus: All campers will get a T-shirt and a basketball. June 17-21, June 24-28, July 8-12; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (extended camp to 5 p.m. available).

Elite Boys Prep Soccer Camp

The UT Dallas soccer coaching staff will be running this camp geared toward boys ages 14 to 18 looking to improve their knowledge of the game and learn more about college soccer and recruiting. The



UT Dallas

program includes two nights at a UT Dallas residence hall with meals provided. Campers will need to bring soccer cleats, shinguards and sunscreen. Registration is open until June 21 for residential campers and June 28 for commuter campers. June 28-30.

Elite Volleyball Camp

This camp is designed for high school girls looking to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Students with varsity/junior varsity or club team experience can participate in this overnight camp, which includes simulated games and drills, training on techniques, classroom sessions and camp activities. The registration deadline is June 21. July 12-14.

Girls Sports Leadership Camp

Girls in seventh to 11th grades will be introduced to basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, soccer and more at this weeklong camp, which combines sports play and skill development, as well as decision-making skills and team-building activities. Girls will learn directly from college athletes and coaches. Register today and see a sample schedule of a typical camp day. June 15-19, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Academic Camps Brain Boost Summer Camp

The Brain Performance Institute's half-day camp helps teens and tweens learn how to boost their creativity

and think outside of the box through activities and experiences. Each day brings new adventures, from scavenger hunts to obstacle courses and informational sessions. Students 10 and older will learn how to innovate and socialize through this fun, educational program. Registration ends June 19 for Week 1 and June 24 for Week 2. June 24-28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; July 29-Aug. 2, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Brain Performance Institute, 2200 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas.

Chinese Language and Culture Summer Camp

The University offers a three-week camp for children 6 and older to help build Chinese language skills and introduce participants to calligraphy, painting, kung fu, tai chi, folk dances and crafts. The deadline for registration is June 3. June 10-28, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Erik Jonsson Academic Center.

Mean Green Comet Debate Institute

UT Dallas and the University of North Texas have collaborated to bring the most established debate camps to the Dallas area this summer.

Students will learn from some of the best strategic thinkers and educators from the high school and college debate communities. The deadline for registration is June 1. Learn more about specific sessions and camp information here. June 21 to July 17, UT Dallas campus.

Callier Center for Communication Disorders Camp Interact

Camp Interact is a therapeutic day camp for children who have completed first through fifth grades. It is designed to give children with communication deficits a chance to participate in team-building activities, fun shops and drama-related exercises. Children may have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder/Asperger's, ADHD or mild language impairments to participate. Aug. 5-9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Callier Center Richardson.

Read to Succeed

Designed to improve literacy skills for children entering kindergarten to fourth grade, Read to Succeed includes lessons that implement phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary

and reading comprehension. Learn more here and review registration information. June 4-July 18, Tuesdays and Thursdays, preschool to kindergarten 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; first through fourth grade, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Callier Center Richardson.

STEM Camps Coding Camps

More than 200 coding camps are available to elementary, middle and high school students. From dancing robots to webpage design and virtual reality app design, there's a camp for every skill level, age group and interest. See the full list of camps, dates and registration deadlines.

Design Connect Create

Design Connect Create introduces fascinating physics concepts to rising ninth to 12th grade girls. Students can learn about STEM careers from guest speakers, participate in interactive activities, go on field trips and solve cool problems with other students their age. The weeklong day camp is offered in two sessions in July. July 8-12 and July 15-19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Governor's signatures give a green light to a brighter future for education

Texas AFT announced they are happy that the governor—by signing HB 3--listened to the thousands of educators, parents, and activists calling for a much-overdue investment in our schools and a package of fixes to the school finance system that will give a solid foundation for funding our

future. The new school finance system also provides a framework for continuing pay raises for our teachers and the entire school employee team.

"The bill signed into law today is a significant building block that will allow our state to continue funding public education to a level

that's needed to meet the challenges of our increasingly diverse state," said Texas AFT President Louis Malfaro. "We still have a long way to go on getting educator pay and health-care benefits to the level that will be needed to ensure that teaching will be an attractive profession in the future, but

this law gets us started in that direction."

Texas AFT also is pleased that the governor signed Senate Bill 12, which addresses increased funding for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas pension fund.

"This is great news that retired educators will be fi-

nally be getting some of the financial relief they so desperately need, as most retired educators haven't received any cost-of-living increase ever," said Cheryl Anderson, a retired educator and chair of the Texas AFT Retiree Plus program. "An additional pension payment in this law for this year will

help with immediate needs, but more important is the state finally stepping up and increasing its contribution to the pension fund to allow for a permanent cost-of-living increase in the near future. This law also will benefit current teacher by creating a more sound pension fund for their future."

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feet long. The ship can travel at speed in excess of 20 nautical miles per hour. Germantown is one of eight Whidbey Island-class dock landing ships currently in service. The ship's primary purpose is to launch equipment and personnel for amphibious missions.

Approximately 22 officers and 390 enlisted men and women make up the ship's

company. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the ship running smoothly. The jobs range from washing dishes and preparing meals to maintaining engines and handling weaponry.

Serving in the Navy means Serrato is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military

readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's

population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

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

There are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career. Serrato is simply proud to serve.

"That's a big step," he said. "I'm not the type of person to make big choices like this. But it's definitely something to be proud of. My parents didn't want me to come in at first. But they're more accepting now. They're very proud of me."

As a member of one of the

U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Serrato and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes, contributing to the Navy the nation needs.

"The Navy gives you responsibility and maturity," he said. "I see some people come in who still have a child's mindset. This is an actual, serious job. It's something you have to take seriously."

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Allen

Be a part of **International Yoga Day**, a worldwide celebration of yoga, where the Ancient Science meets modern times At Dallas Yoga Fest. The goal of Dallas Yoga Festival is to support healthy lifestyle for people of all ages through the science of yoga as well as related and complimentary health fields.

The festival kicks off Saturday, June 15 at 8 a.m. and runs all day until 5 p.m. with classes, guest speakers, meditation and more. The event is at Ereckson Middle School at 450 Tatum Dr. in Allen.

Dallas

Let Me Be Myself tells the story of Anne Frank in a modern way, addressing identity, exclusion, and discrimination. Anne's experiences connect deeply with today's youth as they grow and learn that all actions

and words matter.

Free with admission, VR tours are available in 15-minute sessions from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Must be booked online.

Visit our website to sign up for an available Anne Frank House Virtual Reality Tour time: www.DallasHolocaustMuseum.org/news/events. Let Me Be Myself is on view now through July 31.

The special guest on this week's edition of **Coffee and Politics 101** is Mark York with the Dallas AFL-CIO will come and discuss the importance of labor unions, even in a right-to-work state. The show is presented live from the African American Museum at Fair Park and can be seen live streamed via Facebook Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

While at Fair Park visit the Texas Discovery Gar-

dens for their **Made for Shade** plant sale to learn more info about using native plants in your landscape.

They are focusing on plants which will actually thrive in a shaded location. This presentation illustrates and discusses in detail the surprising number of our native species adapted to these challenging conditions. Cost is \$15, \$10 for members.

Garland

Join the Garland Chamber of Commerce for the **June Small Business BOLD Workshop** where you will get all your questions answered by industry experts at no charge. Scheduled for Tuesday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at 520 N. Glenbrook Dr. in Garland.

Graduation Traffic Reminder - Through June 21,



The Lewisville Animal Shelter is offering a special to help you find your purr-fect new family member during June which is National Adopt-A-Cat month (Pixabay)

Garland ISD's Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., will host graduations for many area educational institutions.

In general, motorists can expect traffic congestion along Naaman Forest Boulevard and adjacent roadways approximately an hour before and 30 minutes after graduation events. Non-graduation traffic should bypass that area, if possible.

Lewisville

Animal Shelter running cat adoption special for month of June June is **National Adopt-A-Cat** month, so the Gene Carey Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is offering a special on cat adoptions. Through June 30, all single cat adoptions will be \$25. If someone chooses to adopt two cats, the fee will be \$40 for both. The Gene Carey

Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 1-5 pm. It's located at 995 E. Valley Ridge.

Richardson

Pardon our Dust: Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has begun platform extension work at Galatyn Park Station. The work is part of a broader project that involves lengthening the platforms at 28 Red and Blue Line stations over the next two years to accommodate more cars on DART trains. Work is expected to continue at Galatyn Park for the next four months. Rail service will not be disrupted but riders need to be aware of the active construction zone at that station and to be extra careful in and around the area. For more information, visit www.dart.org.

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"We have lost about 108 people in the last three days," Salah Eldin Farah, marketing manager at a local transportation company said. "People are still in the street, but yet they have decided to demonstrate by having a sit-in (when people decide not to go to work, and close all of their shops)."

The government recently decided to talk with the Sudanese people.

"People decided not to go back," Farah said. "This is the craziest revolution ever in Sudan. These people have completely decided not to go back. Either we get democracy, or we all die. Now, after what we have seen, the military regime is backing up, and wants to talk."

Al-Bashir's rule over Sudan is considered one of the most oppressive governments in modern history.

The international community and media have continued to ignore the issues.

"We would like for the

U.S. government to start and support the people in the foreign policy," Elsi Elhadi, President of the Sudanese Community in Dallas-Fort Worth said. "Unfortunately, the foreign policy in the U.S. is not supporting the civil transitioning government in Sudan. We want to make sure we're supporting our families in Sudan. We're sending them money and money. We have their voice."

Elhadi said the previous dictator was supported by Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Egypt.

Regardless of the blackout, it is still firmly believed

the Sudanese will continue to raise their voice and share their opinions by holding onto their dreams of freedom and maintaining their non-violent resistance.

But until their freedom comes, the protestors believe it is the responsibility of concerned Americans to stand up and give a voice to the voiceless. One way you can do this is by using the hashtag #IAmTheSudanRevolution.

#IAmTheSudanRevolution has been circulating around social media to bring awareness, especially throughout the international community, of the atrocities, the Sudanese are enduring.



Ethnic Sudanese in their national dress code. Ali Elkinein, Saeir Fagiri Salih, Adi (Rachel Hawkins/NDG)

Go fill your wishes and see Aladdin on stage in Dallas

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Contributing Writer

Over 83 special effects in each show, 337 costumes made by over 300 people which features 2,039 fabrics from Morocco, Turkey, India, Uzbekistan, China, Tahiti, Japan, Guatemala, Mexico, France, Italy, England, and Germany.

And let's not, of course, forget the 8,644 Swarovski crystals on each gold costume in "A Friend Like Me."

This spectacular show is, of course, Aladdin the Musical at Music Hall at Fair Park, until June 23, features Dallas-Fort Worth natives like Major Attaway, who plays Genie, and Clinton Greenspan, who plays Al-



Major Attaway portrays the iconic genie in the stage production currently running. (Photo: Matthew Murphy)

addin.

Also features in the show is Jonathan Weir as Jafar, Kaenaonālani Kekoa as Jasmine, Reggie De Leon as Iago, Jerald Vincent as the

Sultan, Zach Bencal as Babkak, Ben Chavez as Omar, and Colt Prattes as Kassim.

Aladdin, based on the same name of the 1992 Dis-

ney animated movie, follows the story of a young 'street rat' named Aladdin who lives in the magical world of Agrabah.

Wanting to become more, he finds a golden lamp where he is given three wishes from the genie. Now having the power to wish for (almost) anything he wants, Aladdin uses his newfound power to win the heart of the princess. He also needs to deal with those who desire what is his.

Whereas the animated movie features Aladdin's pet monkey Abu, he is replaced by his three best human friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim.

Princess Jasmine's pet tiger is also replaced by her

three attendants who is played by Olivia Donalson, Liv Symone, and Annie Wallace.

Aladdin the Musical features 19 songs. Five of the songs comes from the original animated movie: "Arabian Nights," "One Jump Ahead," "Friend Like Me," "Prince Ali," and "A Whole New World."

During each performance, 52 costume changes occur in less than 30 seconds.

Just like the movie, the musical is filled with magic, music, wonders, and comedy. From the special effects from the fire to the background set design of the marketplace, Aladdin is sure to dazzle any child and

adult.

Aladdin was directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw, with design team, with sets, costumes and lighting from Tony Award winners Bob Crowley, Gregg Barnes, and Natasha Katz, and music written by Tony and Academy Award winner Alan Menken and with lyrics penned by the legendary Howard Ashman, Tony Award winner Tim Rice, and book writer Chad Beguelin.

If you want all of your wishes to come true, go and see the Dallas Summer Musical's production of Aladdin the Musical at Fair Park.

NDG Entertainment: Theatre, jazz and dining for Father's Day Weekend

The 21st annual New Works Festival Staged Reading Series kicks off this weekend at Kitchen Dog Theater. The series on next weekend will feature NIGHTBIRD by R. Eric Thomas, Saturday, June 22 at 4 p.m. It is a story which features a black millennial couple, Pam and Chelle, refurbish a home in a downtrodden Baltimore neighborhood across from the former site of a Confederate statue. Chelle, an artist, starts to build a new monument to take its place. Info and tickets at Kitchen-DogTheater.org.

Chocolate Secrets is not only a great place to enjoy your favorite dessert and wine, actually they have a full bar, but also music. They offer live jazz Wednesday - Saturday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Also, Open Mic night is Monday at 7 p.m. Details at mychocolatesecrets.com.

Take Dad out dining for Father's Day
The 7th annual Father's



Ocean Prime Dallas is serving steak with a truffle poached egg, bacon roasted potatoes, asparagus and caramelized onions topped with sliced truffles, parmesan cream and chives.

Day Tour hosted by Dallas Brew Bus - Get on the bus to visit three local breweries: Outfit Brewing, Turning Point, & Peticolas. For \$60 enjoy samples of several brews at each place and learn how they are made. Between stops the guides will share info on the growing craft brew scene in North Texas and answer questions. Meet at Peticolas' PARKING LOT (1301 Pace St, Dallas) no later than 11:15 a.m. on Saturday June 15 for a prompt 11:30 a.m. departure

Mingling over Mimosas promises a brunch experience like none other. This event is your opportunity to dress up, enjoy great drinks,

and vibe to music with like-minded individuals while supporting several black owned businesses and enjoying the beautiful African American Museum of Dallas. Guests are invited to enjoy the mimosas bar, catered brunch, and music by DJ GS of Black Spadez Media from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ocean Prime Dallas will be offering a Steak & Eggs feature only available for Father's Day. For an additional \$12, you can accessorize any steak with a truffle poached egg, bacon roasted potatoes, asparagus & caramelized onions topped with sliced truffles, parmesan cream & chives.

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Irving's annual Juneteenth celebration and concert scheduled for June 15

For more than 24 years, the city has hosted a Juneteenth event commemorating the date that Texans first learned of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Join the City of Irving and the West Irving Improvement Association from 4 to 7 p.m. June 15 at 3925 Jackson St., for the 2019 celebration.

This year's celebration also will feature a free concert featuring HD Groove Band and The Inspiration Band.

Outdoor games and chil-

dren activities will be available throughout the event, as well as self-guided tours at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Museum Complex.

Guests are invited to bring family and friends to immerse themselves in history will they enjoy live music and free food while supplies last.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for the concert.

For more information, call the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center at 972-721-2501.



Irving's annual Juneteenth celebration is known for its family-friendly mix of music, food and fellowship commemorating the end of slavery in Texas. (Photo: City of Irving)

UT Dallas to host Juneteenth celebration with food, music and fun

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

UT Dallas is hosting Juneteenth Celebration: Family Reunion on Friday, June 14 in the Visitor Center Atrium at 5 p.m. until

7:30 p.m.

UT Dallas' Juneteenth Celebration features:

- Texas-style BBQ
- Texas History Trivia
- Sweet treats
- Games
- Live band
- Health and wellness fair featuring the Student Wellness Center, Student Health Center, American Diabetes Association, and Environmental Health and Safety
- 16th Annual Staff Bake-off

ZWHJCOC Juneteenth Economic Forum speakers focus on southern sector economy

Several local Dallasites will provide information and discuss how to positively impact Dallas' Southern sector economy from organization budgeting and using the digital economy, to financing small businesses and looking at health barriers that impact economic development.

These sessions and more are planned for the 3rd Juneteenth Economic Forum sponsored by the Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community Out-

reach Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Frazier House, 4600 Spring Ave., Dallas.

Individuals, Religious and Community Organizations interested in Economic Development in the South Dallas area are invited to participate. Attendees will engage in discussions to help advance the economic situation of those who live in the South Dallas community.

Two special presentations

are planned:

- The Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Champion Award will be presented to Roland Parrish, President and CEO of Parrish McDonald's Restaurants, Ltd.

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated perseverance and determination in his/her support of the Outreach Center and its mission to improve the lives of those in poverty by providing them education

and job skills. Parrish has been the presenting sponsor for the Outreach Center's In Conversation fundraiser since that category was established three years ago.

- Graduates of the 2nd

Low Voltage job skills training class will be recognized for completion of their 4-weeks of study learning how to install home theatres, Internet service, satellite dishes and more.

This event is free and open to the public. To register, visit www.zwhjcoc.org/juneteenth-registration-form-2019. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Reparations must include the costs of predatory lending

By Charlene Crowell

In recent years, the spate of homicides linked to questionable uses of deadly weapons and/or force, have prompted many activist organizations to call for racial reparations. From Trayvon Martin's death in Florida, to Michael Brown's in Missouri, Eric Garner's in New York and many other deaths - a chorus of calls for reparations has mounted, even attracting interest among presidential candidates.

While no amount of money could ever compensate for the loss of Black lives to violent deaths, a growing body of research is delving into the underlying causes for high poverty, low academic performance and - lost wealth. Public policy institutes as well as university-based research from the University of California at Berkeley and Duke University are connecting America's racial wealth gap to remaining discriminatory policies and predatory lending.

This unfortunate combination has plagued Black America over multiple decades. And a large part of that financial exploitation is due to more than 70 years of

documented discriminatory housing.

The Road Not Taken: Housing and Criminal Justice 50 Years After the Kerner Commission Report, returns to the findings of the now-famous report commissioned by President Lyndon Johnson. In the summer of 1967, over 150 race-related riots occurred. After reviewing the 1968 report's recommendations and comparing them to how few were ever enacted, the Haas Institute tracks the consequences of recommendations that were either ignored, diluted, or in a few cases pursued. Published by Berkeley's Haas Institute for Fair and Inclusive Communities, it weaves connections between education, housing, criminal justice - or the lack thereof.

"Although in some respects racial equality has improved in the intervening years," states the report, "in other respects today's Black citizens remain sharply disadvantaged in the criminal justice system, as well as in neighborhood resources, employment, and education, in ways that seem barely distinguishable from those of 1968."

In 1968, the Kerner Com-

mission report found that in cities where riots occurred, nearly 40% of non-white residents lived in housing that was substandard, sometimes without full plumbing. Further, because Black families were not allowed to live wherever they could afford, financial exploitation occurred whether families were renting or buying a home.

As many banks and insurance companies redlined Black neighborhoods, access to federally-insured mortgages were extremely limited. At the same time, few banks loaned mortgages to Blacks either. This lack of access to credit created a ripe market for investors to sell or rent properties to Black families, usually in need of multiple needed repairs. Even so, the costs of these homes came at highly inflated prices.

In nearly all instances, home sales purchased "on contract" came with high down payments and higher interest rates than those in the general market. The result for many of these families was an eventual inability to make both the repairs and the high monthly cost of the contract. One late or missed payment led to evictions that again

further drained dollars from consumers due to a lack of home equity. For the absentee owner, however, the property was free to sell again, as another round of predatory lending. As the exploitive costs continued, the only difference in a subsequent sale would be a home in even worse physical condition.

The Plunder of Black Wealth in Chicago: New Findings on the Lasting Toll of Predatory Housing Contracts, also published this May, substantiates recent calls for reparations, as it focuses on predatory housing contracts in Illinois' largest city. Published by Duke University's Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity, this report analyzed over 50,000 documents of contract home sales on the Windy City's South and West Sides and found disturbing costs of discriminatory housing in one of the nation's largest cities, as well as one of the largest Black population centers in the nation.

Among its key findings:

- During the 1950s and 1960s, 75-95% of Black families bought homes on contract;

- These families paid an average contract price that was 84% more than the homes were worth;

- Consumers purchasing these homes paid an additional \$587 each month above the home's fair market value;

- Lost Black Chicago wealth, due to this predatory lending ranged between \$3.2-\$4 billion.

"The curse of contract sales still reverberates through Chicago's Black neighborhoods (and their urban counterparts nationwide," states the Duke report, "and helps explain the vast wealth divide between Blacks and Whites."

Now fast forward to the additional \$2.2 trillion of lost wealth associated with the spillover costs from the foreclosure crisis of 2007-2012. During these years, 12.5 million homes went into fore-

closure. Black consumers were often targeted for high-cost, unsustainable mortgages even when they qualified for cheaper ones. With mortgage characteristics like prepayment penalties and low teaser interest rates that later ballooned to frequent and eventually unaffordable adjustable interest rates, a second and even worse housing financial exploitation occurred.

A 2013 policy brief by the Center for Responsible Lending, found that consumers of color - mostly Black and Latinx - lost half of that figure, \$1.1 trillion in home equity during the foreclosure crisis. These monies include households who managed to keep their homes but lost value due to nearby foreclosures. Households who lost their homes to foreclosures also suffered from plummeting credit scores that made future credit more costly. And families who managed to hold on to their

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

William B Stavig or
Sherry A Stavig

Plaintiff

and

Kansas Department of Revenue,
Juan DeAlba, Pedro Narvaaz, On Track Car
Credit DGA JD Snyder

Defendants

Case No. **19CV1128**

Pursuant to Chapter 80 of
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Wells Fargo provides \$1.2 million in funding for minority-owned businesses

AUSTIN – Minority-owned businesses are one of the fastest growing groups of entrepreneurs in the U.S., with 11.1 million minority-owned businesses comprising 40 percent of all small businesses – nearly double the rate since 2007. With \$1.2 million in new funding from the Wells Fargo Foundation,

BCL's Diverse Growth Fund provides a new path to capital for established minority-owned businesses, with relaxed underwriting and collateral requirements, and includes no-cost small business coaching for the life of the loan.

Growth capital is the biggest barrier to creating a

strong, sustainable business. Many entrepreneurs need access to capital to create new income streams, diversify their services and products, and ultimately create new jobs. The Texas Small and Diverse Growth Fund, operated by nonprofit lender Business and Community Lenders (BCL) of Texas, will level the

playing field for growing minority-owned businesses.

"With the Texas Small & Diverse Loan Fund, we're taking a major step toward helping diverse businesses access the capital they need to grow," said Paige Harris, Vice President of Community Lending & Investment at Wells Fargo. "We're so happy

to work with our nonprofit lending partner BCL of Texas to address the wealth gap amongst businesses owned by people of color, women, veterans and other diverse owners."

The \$1.2 million grant is part of the Wells Fargo Works for Small Business: Diverse Community Capital Program,

a collaboration with the Opportunity Finance Network to empower diverse small business owners with greater access to capital and training and to spark small business growth across the country. To date, the program has helped small businesses create and retain more than 45,000 jobs nationwide.

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know all these issues. Wrong, wrong, and more wrong," she said laughing.

"You cannot just assume, because you're a person of color, that you understand another culture. It took time to talk to Native Americans, to understand the road they traveled and their customs. It was the same for each of those committees. It was a very humbling experience that made me a stronger employee and a stronger translator for the Census Bureau. I had to develop a level of trust that the Bureau didn't have with these communities."

Regarding her decision to resign, she said when Director Thompson opted to leave in 2017, "I followed him out the door. It was time."

Concerns about political interference in the Census

Her 10 years of prior employment in the District of Columbia government counted toward federal retirement eligibility. Reasons for leaving were personal and professional. For one, the politicization of the Census Bureau, under the Department of Commerce's then-new Secretary Wilbur Ross, carried some weight.

Green opposes Ross's efforts to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 form. She concurs with other experts that doing so would likely reduce the number of survey respondents and thus undermine the government's constitutional mandate to count all residents. But, the citizenship dispute, soon to be decided by the Supreme

Court, was just one factor in her decision.

Despite the Census Bureau's growing emphasis and reliance on technology for the 2020 count, "we are still going to need human capital and the funds won't be there," Green said. During the Obama administration, the Republican-controlled Congress mandated that 2020 Census costs be held to the life-cycle costs of the 2010 Census. "Who in the world can buy 2020 groceries on a 2010 budget?" she asks. In her opinion, already, and as a direct result of insufficient funding, there have been other consequences that may negatively impact census accuracy.

New beginnings come from unexpected calls

Between imagining how her daily work might be constrained and what she would do with more time to herself – continue practicing and performing with D.C.'s own KanKouran West African Dance Troupe or devoting longer hours to genealogical research – the idea of retirement began to fit like a favorite garment. She didn't see the phone call coming, but she heard the message loud and clear.

"Marc Morial dialed me up on my cell phone right after I retired from the Census Bureau and said, 'We need you,'" Green recalled. As president of the National Urban League (NUL) for over 15 years, a two-term mayor of New Orleans, and a former Louisiana state legislator, Morial knows and understands how cen-

sus-derived revenue pours into county and city coffers to fund infrastructure projects and social service programs.

Morial chaired the 2010 Census Advisory Committee, an entity not reconstituted by the Trump administration for the 2020 Census. The committee focused on Hard-To-Count communities and had become part of Green's portfolio during Morial's tenure. Green now serves as senior advisor to the NUL on the 2020 Census and is a key participant in the NUL's Census 2020 Black Roundtable, but her path to the NUL began long before.

A look back of how it began

Just as the Morial family can trace part of its lineage to the Whitney Plantation in Louisiana, Green's folk, on her mother's side, are descendants from formerly enslaved laborers on the Worsley Plantation near Rocky Mount in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

Green was born in Washington, D.C., a descendant of part of the African American Worsley migration that eventually settled here. "My grandfather used to make me and my little sister hockies. He couldn't read or write, nor could his mother, who was a formerly enslaved woman."

After Eastern High School, Green pursued her undergraduate degree in Afro-American studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. At the time, there was no rapid public transportation linking her Washington neighborhood

to the College Park campus as the D.C. Metrorail system had not been built. Without a car, the bus ride stretched out interminably. Travel time proved less a barrier than the social climate she encountered.

"Yes, it was only 15 miles, but it was like going to the Deep South, culturally and otherwise," Green explained. "It was a real eye-opener for me. The whole blackface thing with Gov. Northam in Virginia? That was nothing. We saw blackface all the time at College Park in the 70s, a land-grant university built by formerly enslaved people."

At College Park, she also encountered the Pan Africanism of Kwame Turé, the former Stokely Carmichael. "He made regular visits out there and would encourage us to be active and to fight injustice. We were the ones who fought for tenure for Black professors, for African American studies programs, and for the establishment of the Nyumburu Cultural Center, which provides a physical space for meetings and activities and is still there today."

"African Americans are struggling to deal with police brutality, voter suppression, gentrification, and access to health care ... so getting them to turn their attention to the census takes time and commitment."

While earning her master's degree in Urban Planning and Urban Affairs at Washington University in St. Louis, Green had her first prolonged encounter with "reams and reams of

census data." Job opportunities brought her back home where she worked for a few organizations before being hired by D.C. Department of Public Works. It was a sprawling agency that Green recalls "was responsible for almost anything in the city with wheels, from public transportation to trash collection" before its duties were parceled out in a city government reorganization. Most of her time was spent working out of the mayor's executive office. She served under Mayors Marion Barry and Sharon Pratt Kelly.

A mentor encouraged her to apply for openings at the Department of Commerce during its recruitment drive to staff the 2000 Census.

"I left a full-time job at the District government to join the Census Bureau as a temporary employee in 1997," Green said.

The practice of bringing former temporary workers aboard after a decennial year is not unusual, those workers' skills and performance has been subject to evaluation by Census Bureau staff who can then make full-time job offers to the best prospects.

Green is a veteran of three censuses. "I worked on the run-up to the 2000 Census; through the 2010 Census; and for the run-up for the 2020 Census when I left the Bureau in 2017, and I'm still working on 2020 issues with the National Urban League."

"African Americans are struggling to deal with police brutality, voter suppression, gentrification, and access to health care," she ob-

served, "so getting them to turn their attention to the census takes time and commitment. But when you look at the issue of Black men being counted where they are incarcerated instead of where they reside, and how that affects political representation and the electoral process, what we at the National Urban League call prison-based gerrymandering, and then you also count the per-person census dollars lost to their communities because, again, that money stays within the communities not their own where they are imprisoned, we cannot remain silent."

Green still bristles as she talks about the first census in 1790 when African Americans were not counted as full human beings – Native Americans not counted at all. And she has found, within an analysis of the 1860 Census data – and, due to the Civil War, the last census that recorded a captive population – names and information on some of her forbears in North Carolina. She knows full well, however, that most African Americans won't be as fortunate in their quest for family, kinship, and identity.

"Instead of being defiant and not participating in the census, be defiant and let America know we're still here," Green inveighed.

Looking to the other side of the 2020 Census, Green envisions more time with children, grandchildren, and, she said, quite frankly, "I'm trying to be on somebody's beach."

Upcoming DFW area job fairs

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With its first Granbury restaurant rapidly nearing completion, the popular Louisiana-based brand is seeking 65 candidates for multiple positions at the restaurant, which will be located at 1041 E. U.S. Hwy. 377.

Interviews will be scheduled through July 3 at the Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites located at 1517 Plaza Drive N. Interested crewmember candidates are encouraged to apply online at RaisingCanesJobs.com (search for Granbury) or stop by the hiring center Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Every Monday thru July 22 Pegasus fairs

Pegasus Personnel has so many jobs available they are holding a job fair every Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applicants are invited to visit their office or call 972-252-8808 for more info. Their office is located at 4441 West Airport Freeway Suite 225, Irving, Texas 75062.

June 18 Furr's Hiring Event

Furr's Fresh Buffet is interviewing experienced Managers in the Dallas area. General Manager, Kitchen Manager, Assistant Manager & Shift Leader are the positions open. Locations Include: Dallas, Garland, Plano & Arlington. The job fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 300 E Interstate 20 in Arlington on I-



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cess to jobs, housing, education, and other things necessary for a full and productive life.

The 2nd Chance Job & Resource Fair aims to provide these members of DFW society with a true

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The event is Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 9 AM - 1 PM at Community MBC at 115 W. Beltline Rd., in DeSoto.

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"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified." Isaiah 61:3.

This story is told by an individual. "It was the worst time in my life. Feeling betrayed by God, I stormed out of the door and walked up the heavily wooded hill behind my house.

Reaching the hilltop, I

raged at God. "God!" I shouted, "Is this how you treat someone who is faithful to You?! I've waited and waited. I've worked and prayed.

And, for what? For this?" My lungs hurt and my throat was raw - but I had one more thing to say to God. "I hate You, God! I hate You!"

I sat down on an old oak tree that had broken at the base and was lying on the ground. For the next three hours, I sobbed uncontrollably, unable to speak, unable to pray.

I wondered how God could abandon me. I wondered if He even existed. Maybe I had wasted my life believing in a myth.

Finally, I got up to leave. When I looked over at the fallen oak that I had sat on, I noticed something inter-

esting. The fallen tree was pointed toward the base of another oak tree - a tree that stood strong and tall with wide spreading branches.

At that moment, I heard a quiet voice inside me say, "Today, like this broken oak tree, you are a broken man.

But this brokenness was needed in order for you to become like the large, strong oak tree that stands before you."

Years later, I would look back and know that God Himself had spoken to me out of my period of dark-

ness and silence. Even when I raged at God and told Him I hated Him, God was faithful and forgiving.

Today, He has replaced the ashes of my despair with the oil of gladness.

He has planted me firmly like a strong and sturdy oak tree, and I live my life in gratitude for His mercy."

Do you find yourself in a dark place? Share your true feelings with God. You will be surprised how well He is willing to listen.

If it's the simple things . . ." The simple things in life are the things that can irritate some Christians and the things that can bring them the most pleasure. As Christians we should thank God for the small things and the simple things.

Like the widow's mite, a small thing to one person can be great thing to some-

one else. Ask God to help you to stop and think before you react to little things that irritate you. Ask Him to help you to always appreciate the simple things of life, for they are truly what you should enjoy.

Thank God for the beaches, mountains, lakes and forests; thank Him for the light and warmth of the sun and the freshness and life in cooling rain; thank Him for the wildflower so bright and pretty and the singing bird so beautiful.

Thank Him for a child's love and a pet's devotion; thank Him for a baby's breath and an old person's smile; thank Him for a glass of cold water on a hot summer day. There are endless things to be thankful for, but the greatest of all is love. Don't forget to thank Him in Jesus' name.



Sister Tarpley at her Alumni, Booker T. Washington High School, now BTW's Art Magnet School and a head bust of George Washington Carver

Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church 'The ROCK' turns 155

The Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 155th Church Anniversary from Saturday, June 15, through Sunday, June 16.

On Saturday evening, there will be a Unity Gala at the Double Tree at Campbell Centre in Dallas.

This event will include dinner, live entertainment, dancing, photos and the history of Mount Pisgah.

On Sunday morning, the Unity Worship service will be held at 1020 S. Sherman

Street in Richardson, Texas at the 10:00 service.

Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, affectionately called The ROCK, is the oldest Baptist Church in Dallas County and the 3rd oldest African American Baptist Church in the state of Texas.

On the third Sunday in June of 1864 (June 19, 1864) a few slaves and Rev. Robert Fabius Butler, a white circuit preacher from Richardson, met under a large elm tree in the White

Rock Community of Dallas County.

At that meeting, the Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church was born and dedicated to God. Founding deacons were John Huffman, Dan Howard, Sam Fowler, William Phifer, Tobe Howard and Jack Saunders.

Several pastors have led the congregation over the years - Reverends Robert F.

Butler, Elder J. L. Weems, Elder Shaw, Pitman, Stewart, Drake, Harns, Balenger, Hayden, Thomas Henry Watson, Willie F. Moore, James McGlover, Cecil Smith, Sr. and presently Robert W. Townsend.

Additionally, the Texas Historical Commission has approved Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church for a Subject Matter

Marker, which will be unveiled in the fall of 2019.

For more information and

service times, visit the church's website: www.dallasmtpisgah.org

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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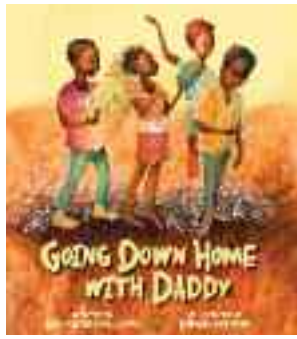
NDG Book Review: *Going Down Home With Daddy* is great for little ones

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Getting together with your family this summer is going to be fun!

You'll see your cousins and grandparents, friends and kin, and your aunts and uncles will be there, too. You'll eat foods you love, play games to win, and you'll hear stories that your family likes to tell. But what will you bring to the family picnic? In "Going Down Home with Daddy" by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Daniel Minter, that's a question one boy struggles with.

As Sis slept in the back of



the car next to him, Lil Alan worried and worried.

They were on their way to Granny's house on the family farm, going to Daddy's side of the annual family get-together, and everybody'd have something to share for this year's celebration. Sis would sing

a song for Granny. One of Lil Alan's cousins had made a scrapbook. Another boy was reading a story aloud.

Everyone had something, but Lil Alan's hands were empty.

Still, he had time to think.

When they got there, all the adults were laughing and slapping backs and giving out hugs; the women had been cooking for days and everything smelled delicious for the feast. Daddy fired up the tractor and took Lil Alan and his cousins out for a ride on the farm that had been in the family for a long, long time. Daddy's Pa had been proud of the land

and its crops, and so was Daddy, and Lil Alan, too.

When Sunday morning rolled around, Lil Alan's hands were still empty and so was his heart. At church, he heard more family stories as everyone worshipped together, but he was sad that he still hadn't come up with something to share. Back at Granny's house, he thought about what he was going to offer at the celebration as he looked at a wall full of old pictures of grandparents and great-grandparents. He thought of his family's land and the people who cared for it. He remembered stories of folks

before them.

And then he knew. Lil Alan did have something to share.

It was right in front of him all along...

Much like a lazy summer afternoon, "Going Down Home with Daddy" unwinds at a leisurely pace, covering a mere weekend but starting with a restless car ride.

Since your child may be looking forward to this summer's family reunion, that may seem like an odd place to begin but this book isn't just about a reunion: author Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrator Daniel

Minter wrap the event around a warm family tale that feels like being snuggled in a soft blanket. Even the youngest kids will understand Lil Alan's struggle for meaning, the comfort of knowing that you're loved, the goodness of being surrounded by family, and the strength of knowing where you came from.

Whether your family is next door or half a world away, this book is great for the 4-to-7-year-old who loves them. Isn't it time, then, to put that kid and "Going Down Home with Daddy" together?

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homes lost equity and became upside down on their mortgages — owing more than the property is worth. Both types of experiences were widespread in neighborhoods of color.

In terms of lost household wealth, nationally foreclosures took \$23,150. But for families of color, the household loss was nearly double — \$40,297.

CRL's policy brief also

states. "We do not include in our estimate the total loss in home equity that has resulted from the crisis (estimated at \$7 trillion), the negative impact on local governments (in the form of lost tax revenue and increased costs of managing vacant and aban-

doned properties) or the non-financial spillover costs, such as increased crime, reduced school performance and neighborhood blight."

As reparation proposals are discussed and debated, the sum of these financial tolls should rightly be a key

part. While the Kerner Commission recommendations remain viable even in 2019, it will take an enormous display of public will for them to be embraced and put into action.

"The Kerner Report was the 'road not taken', but the

road is still there," noted John A. Powell, the Hass Institute's Director.

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