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Hotly-contested races in Sheriff's Office and Commissioners Court featured at Monday Night Politics

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

There were two races on slate for the audience who gathered at the African American Museum in Fair Park for Monday Night Politics this week. The forum is hosted by the *Dallas Examiner* and gives candidates running for office the opportunity to make their case directly to the public.

This Monday, candidates for the Democratic primary election for the Dallas County Sheriff and the County Commissioners Court in Precinct 1. The candidates running for Sheriff were the first to take the stage.

The Sheriff's race features two challengers vying to unseat current Sheriff Marian Brown. Brown was originally appointed to the position when Lupe Valdez left office to run for Texas Governor. She was then elected by voters for the past term in office. The first African American Sheriff in Dallas County, she has a career in law enforcement stretching back to 1988.

She told the audience she has restored the Sheriff's Office compliance in key law enforcement programs and challenged voters to compare the department now to what it was before she took the



Dallas County Sheriff Marian Brown (center) is defending her position against challengers Roy Williams, Jr. (left) and Sam Mohamad (right) in the upcoming Democratic primary. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

reigns.

"What it is that I have been doing is doing the work; doing the work," Brown said, later adding, "We are proud that we are no longer considered an 'at-risk academy,' which we were initially. We are not anymore. In fact, we are in the top five in the State of Texas according to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. We are proud of that fact, and we are definitely proud of the fact that we are now considered a CJIS-compliant (Criminal Justice Information Services) department. The department had not been CJIS-

compliant in the five years that I had been here."

Sam Mohamad is the first Arabic-speaking Muslim police officer in Dallas County and has been on the force for 19 years. He is also a law enforcement academy instructor at the Dallas County Community College District. He has received a life-saving award and Officer of the Year award among others.

He said his first priority is, "bridging the gap between the community and the police. There has been a lot of mistrust, a lot of

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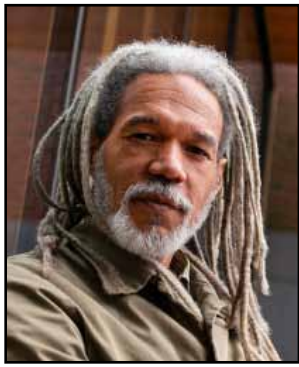
Matthew N. Portis

NDG Quote of the Week: "Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power."

— Barbara Jordan

Vincent Brown

History typically is written by the victors. But in his new book, "Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War," Vincent Brown gives this something of an ironic twist. The Charles Warren Professor of American History and Professor of African and African American Studies reads between the lines of the records and correspondence of colonial military leaders and plantation owners to get into the minds of those on the other side of the largest rebellion of enslaved people in the 18th-century British Empire.



Stephanie Mitchell / Harvard

Over the course of about a year starting in 1760, more than 1,000 in Jamaica rose up in a series of insurrections that Brown views not as isolated acts, but as operations in a wider guerrilla war against colonial slav-

ery. Using cartography and military analysis, he traces the revolt, its leaders, and its suppression from the Gold Coast of Africa to Jamaica. On Monday, Brown will discuss the book as part of the 1776 Salon series at the American Repertory Theater.

GAZETTE: Why was Tacky's Revolt an ideal focal point for your book?

BROWN: Not many people outside Jamaica, who aren't historians of the British Empire, know about this revolt. But those who do generally call it Tacky's Revolt, named for one of its known leaders who came from somewhere

in the area of West Africa that is now Ghana. Tacky was named in the first news accounts of the uprising, then identified as the mastermind of the entire event by the planter and historian Edward Long, who published a three-volume history of Jamaica in 1774. But in reading the sources produced during the insurrection, it was clear that there were many other leaders, and that Tacky was part of a much larger military campaign against colonial slave society by survivors of the slave trade from the Gold Coast.

I knew I needed to connect what was happening in

West African politics, state-building, and warfare to what was happening in Jamaica. On the Gold Coast, there were many African polities vying for power among each other. Their soldiers would be captured and sold to Europeans, and they would often regroup once they crossed the Atlantic because they spoke the same language or worshipped the same deities. Then, they staged revolts against plantation owners.

I began to see as I mapped out the revolt in the Jamaican landscape that it was integrated with West African history and was a much larger, overall

Coromantee [the name for the rebels] war that expanded across the Atlantic. That's about a century of historical currents, which eddied into this revolt that took place over a year in Jamaica.

GAZETTE: What prompted you to write this book now?

BROWN: I first got the idea for this book around 2005. The United States was a year and a half into the latest version of the Iraq War. It was pretty clear that the insurgency was gaining strength, and while I wasn't trying to

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Matthew N. Portis

SolGreen is the first and only Black-owned and operated company to develop and bring to market innovative clean technology solutions for communities internationally. Founded by inventor and engineer Matthew N. Portis, the company has installed their Evodia Solar Power Workstations at several HBCUs including Bowie State University and UDC, and they have just recently installed their 80th workstation at Park of the Americas in the City of Orlando, Florida.

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Caraway walks out on Monday Night Politics forum

Sean Paul Segura is campaigning HARD!!! I wonder what Congressman Veasey has to say about all the charges Segura is making. If he wants to maintain his credibility

in my book, he has got to respond or go down in the flames of the "sellout" fire...just saying....and Barbara's WALKOUT...spectacular...how many votes will it get her?...

- Anonymous

Winner of tickets to Bishop Arts Theatre

Center's Loving and Loving

- Fatema Biviji

Loved the play! And it was my first visit to the Bishop Arts Theater Center--Wonderful, intimate venue. Thanks again!

- mysticpistol

DISD Student purchases 3-D printers for elementary school

Proud of this teen's initiative to help children of the Dallas community! @Dawoodi_Bohras And special thanks to the North Dallas Gazette for keeping us in the know

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Snoop Dogg V. Gayle King and Ambassador Susan Rice

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Last week, just days after the tragic death of basketball superstar and entrepreneur Kobe Bryant, CBS This Morning co-host, and Friend of Oprah Winfrey, Gayle King sparked a controversy following her interview with former WNBA star and longtime friend of Bryant, Lisa Leslie.

During an interview that covered a wide range of subjects, King was persistent and insistent as she pressed Leslie to respond to the resurfacing of 17-year-old rape allegations against Bryant. Bryant was not convicted of any wrongdoing in the matter. Prosecutors dismissed all charges against him after the alleged victim failed to appear in court. A civil suit brought by Bryant's accuser was later settled for an undisclosed amount of money.

Many viewers felt that the questioning was insensitive and displayed a lack of simple human decency, given that Bryant's family, along with the families of the other victims lost in the tragic accident, were still grieving.

"It's been said that his (Bryant's) legacy is complicated because of a sexual assault charge that was dismissed in 2003 / 2004," said King to Leslie during the interview. "Is it complicated for you as a woman, as a WNBA player?"

"It's not complicated for me at all," Leslie told King. "I just never see - have ever seen him being the kind of person that would be - do something to violate a woman or be aggressive in that way. That's just not the person that I know."

King continued pressing, telling Leslie, "Lisa, you wouldn't see it, though. As his friend, you wouldn't see it."

Leslie stood firm. "I just don't believe that," she told King, adding that the media should be more respectful

at this time.

While both King and CBS assert that it was a wide-ranging interview that covered many topics, she was persistent about the subject of sexual assault in general and its impact on Bryant's legacy, specifically.

After the interview, rapper and actor Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., took to social media, posting what quickly escalated to an expletive-filled response to King. Some, including King, perceived Snoop's post as a threat.

Snoop, who was a close friend of Bryant, referred to King as a "Funky Dog Head B***h and told King to pipe down "before we come get you."

On Friday the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, entered into the melee with a warning directed specifically at Snoop, "This is despicable. Gayle King is one of the most principled, fair and tough journalists alive. Snoop, back the **** off. You come for @Gayle-King, you come against an army. You will lose, and it won't be pretty."

For his part, Snoop maintains that it's far too early for the media to press the issue of those allegations against Bryant. He argues that the Bryant family and the other families who lost loved ones in the crash are still in the early stages of mourning. And he is not alone.

Snoop later said that he wasn't threatening King. "When I said what I said, I spoke for the people who felt like Gayle was very disrespectful towards Kobe Bryant and his family."

"Now with that being said, what do I look like, wanting some harm to come to a 70-year-old woman? I was raised way better than that," said Snoop, who is 48-years-old about King, who is 65. "I don't want no harm to come to her, and I didn't threaten her. All I

did was say, 'Check it out. You out of pocket for what you doing and we watching you. Have a little bit more respect for Vanessa, her babies and Kobe Bryant's legacy.'"

The debate over the appropriateness of Snoop's take-down of Gayle King as well as Rice's response, continues to dominate Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, with several noted celebrities and social media influencers joining in.

For her part, Rice has received support from several prominent African Americans, like Senator Corey Booker (D-N.J.), Michael Eric Dyson, and Marc Lamont Hill.

Oprah Winfrey went on the Today Show to complain that King hadn't slept in two days. Others started the hashtag, "#IStandWith-Gayle."

Those who supported Snoop countered with the hashtags, "#ImwithSnoop" and "#IStandWithSnoop."

"White liberals created the hashtag "#IStandWith-Gayle to try and save their puppet Gayle King, but trying to create a false Black man vs. Black woman narrative," activist and film producer Tariq Nasheed wrote on Twitter. "But it was a Black woman (Lisa Leslie) and other Black women who led the charge against Gayle's disrespect of Kobe."

Eddie S. Glaude Jr., the chair of the Department of African American Studies and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, said he thought about the King interview and Snoop Dogg's response.

"Misogyny is evil. Period," Glaude stated. "Sometimes, when people grieve, when they are in pain, they hurt others. They cause pain," he said.

Many blasted King and Winfrey, who have both received criticism for going after Black men implicat-

ed in sexual assault while standing up for White men who have been accused of the same or similar crimes.

Photos of King and Winfrey posing with Harvey Weinstein, Charlie Rose, Bill Clinton, and other White men who've been accused of being sexual predators littered the Internet.

"Kobe had one accuser, and he was acquitted," Isaac Hayes III wrote on Twitter. His message was accompanied by a video of King supporting Rose. In the video, King appears to lash out at those attacking Rose. "I don't know what more we can do to Charlie Rose except a public flogging. He's gone, he's not coming back to CBS News," King says in the video.

Hayes responded: "Charlie Rose had 27 accusers, and Gayle King stood by him. Kobe is gone and not coming back."

Hip-hop star and tv producer 50 Cent also mentioned his displeasure with King.

"Gayle King, why would you do that to your people? You know what people are going through right now," said 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III. "I didn't understand what the goal is at that point. She knows what Kobe means to the actual culture at the same time. Like they knew what Michael Jackson meant. I just don't know what you're trying to do when the men are dead."

"The legal system couldn't deal with it," he added. "What are you supposed to do, publicly convict him? Is that the idea? Now is it justice or is it revenge? ... It's all public opinion now."

"Why would you ask a question like that, trying to tarnish somebody's image? You do that to your own Black people. You sad. Black people need to stop trying to hurt Black people for success."

JamBox Fitness Lounge opens new location in the Dallas Design District

Just in time for American Heart Month, JamBox Fitness Lounge announced the opening of its third North Texas location. Nestled in the Dallas Design District, the new boutique-style fitness facility provides an intimate location for meeting health and fitness goals in a fun, energetic and welcoming environment.

"We are committed to empowering lives through health and fitness and understand the positive impact that exercise has on the heart and one's overall wellbeing,"



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said Dominique Jones, JamBox Fitness Lounge Owner. "Jam Box Fitness Lounge is a creative way to get people of all ages and backgrounds moving and motivated to

commit to a workout routine that feels more like fun and less like work."

Pioneered for fitness enthusiasts of all levels, Jambox Fitness Lounge provides

a workout experience that brings the funk, fun and fine to fitness. From Silent Circuit which uses FreeMotion machines and silent headphones; Vibefit; Heels and Bootyfit to Pound which uses weighted Ripstix; Trap Step; Afro Beats and Fit Jam; each workout combines traditional and innovative techniques with upbeat music that creates an effective experience for all fitness levels. More like a lounge and less like a gym, members can stay motivated with the featured disco lighting and

surround sound music.

In support of health and fitness and as a way to encourage the community to stick to their New Year's resolution fitness goals, JamBox Fitness Lounge recently launched the "Fit and Lit Six Week Fitness Challenge." Participants of the challenge receive unlimited access to each of the three JamBox Fitness Lounge locations; a custom meal plan based on personal preferences and goals; and a body assessment that includes blood pressure, current weight, blood

oxygen, BMI and a body fat assessment by WELL-HEALTH CLINIC.

At the conclusion of the challenge, the top five participants with the best results will enter a voting process that will determine the winner based on before and after transformation pictures. In addition to improved health and fitness, the winner will be awarded an array of prizes including \$2500 in cash.

To learn more about JamBox Fitness Lounge, please visit www.jamboxfitness.com.

Boosting brain health can be a simple matter of habits

(Stanford University) Most of us experience temporary lapses of memory, like misplacing our keys or forgetting where we parked. While such absentmindedness is a widely experienced phenomenon and is considered a normal part of aging, in some cases memory loss and other cognitive deficits can be early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

This poses an important question: Is there anything we can do to boost brain health and prevent cognitive decline? To learn more, we spoke with Sharon J. Sha, MD, medical director of the Stanford Neuroscience Clinical Trials Group, clinical core co-leader of the Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and clinical associate professor of Neurology and Neurological Sciences at Stanford University.

Most of us are familiar with the term "mental health," but not everyone is familiar with the concept of "brain health." How would you define brain health as it differs from mental health?

I think mental health can be encompassed by brain health. I think of mental health as mood and mindfulness, which is an important subset of brain health. But the brain controls everything.

When I think of brain health, I think of the brain as an organ, in the same

way we would think of liver health or kidney health. Brain health is determined by how the organ is functioning; how much blood flow, nutrients and oxygen it is getting; and how it is cleaning and filtering things like harmful proteins.

Whether it's mood or cognition, I think we need to focus on what we can do to build a healthy brain.

Evidence shows that lifestyle habits (like diet and exercise) can affect our physical health. Is there evidence that lifestyle habits can improve brain health?

Definitely. There's a good deal of emerging research on this topic, and much that can date back at least a decade. It has been shown that lifestyle habits like diet and exercise can affect our brains. As a neurologist, I look at cognitive impairment and dementia on a daily basis and I can see how important diet and exercise are for healthy aging — potentially slowing the progression of memory loss and preventing certain types of diseases such as Alzheimer's.

What lifestyle practices have been shown to boost brain health the most?

Exercise has a very positive impact on brain health. A 2011 study found that for older adults, aerobic training increases the size of the anterior hippocampus, leading to improvements in spatial memory. Converse-

ly, older adults who do not engage in aerobic activity experience a reduction in the size of the hippocampus (the memory center of the brain) at a rate of 1% atrophy per year.

Other studies are recapitulating the importance of exercise in minimizing, preventing or delaying the onset of memory loss and dementia. A 2019 study analyzed people who took more steps versus those who took less and how it affected the importance of amyloid protein (one of the major proteins we see in Alzheimer's). Findings showed that those who were taking more steps had less potential decline in memory, even with high amyloid burden, versus those who didn't take as many steps. Essentially, this is saying that exercise has the capacity to reverse the importance of amyloid proteins as a risk factor for Alzheimer's. For this reason, I really focus on getting exercise every day. (I even leave myself reminders!)

In addition, diet can play a role in brain health. A 2011 study showed that a Mediterranean, heart-healthy diet can minimize adverse effects on memory and decrease the incidence of Alzheimer's and dementia. There's also a 2017 review that analyzed and compared the impact of different diets on cognition, revealing that the Mediter-

anean diet can be the most effective diet for memory and cognition.

Similarly, we know the negative effects on cognition of not getting an adequate quantity or high-enough quality of sleep. As I mentioned in question one, a critical component of brain health is the amount of oxygen delivered to the brain. If you're not getting enough oxygen while you're sleeping, perhaps because of a health condition (for example, sleep apnea), your brain function can be adversely affected. Studies show that higher quantity and quality of sleep lead to less amyloid buildup in the brain (possibly due to sleep's filtration and clearing of that amyloid protein) and therefore a decreased risk of cognitive diseases such as Alzheimer's.

Cognitive stimulation has also been shown to be an effective habit for preventing cognitive degeneration. Low education is a risk factor for dementia and degenerative disease, so stimulating the brain can be helpful in minimizing the risks of cognitive impairment and degenerative diseases.

What can healthy brain practices really change: mood, memory, focus?

All of the above! By engaging in preventative practices like exercise and healthy eating, memory can improve. Also, we know

that when eating healthy and exercising, endorphins are released which can stimulate cognitive functioning and mood improvements.

In addition to the endorphin rush that comes with health habits like exercise, there may be other chemicals involved — and they are being studied. For example, BDNF (Brain Derived Nerve Growth Factor) — which can help memory, focus and attention — may increase as a result of physical activity.

Finally, we all know from personal experience that when we sleep better, we have improved focus and better mood. When we are sleep-deprived (as

sometimes I am), we're more cranky and have a harder time concentrating.

Thus, all these attributes (mood, memory and focus) can be improved by implementing healthy brain lifestyle habits, which of course also benefit many other organs and related health outcomes as well.

Can we expect immediate results from adopting "better brain habits"?

It depends. One day of bad sleep can be reversed quickly, but a lifetime of bad habits may be slow to reverse. You might have a sleep debt from being up all night in college that you have to pay back before you start seeing benefits.

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Mayor announces launch of youth employment program Dallas Works

Mayor Eric Johnson on Monday announced the launch of Dallas Works, a major new initiative that will connect students to summer jobs.

“Dallas Works will give our kids an opportunity to learn professional skills, to stay busy during the summer, to make some money, to learn the value of honest work, to contribute to their communities, and to stay out of trouble,” said Mayor Johnson.

Dallas Works is an expansion of the Mayor’s Intern Fellows Program, which then-Mayor Tom Leppert officially launched in 2008. That program, which was modeled on the White House Fellows Program, employed 370 young people at more than 200 major corporations in 2019. Since its inception, the program served 2,940 students.



With a new focus on employing as many young people during the summer as possible, Mayor Johnson hopes Dallas Works can at least double the 2019 numbers in the first year.

So far, in less than two weeks, nearly 1,500 students and 75 companies have signed up to take part in Dallas Works.

The mayor’s office will oversee the implementation of Dallas Works. Education is Freedom will

handle student recruitment and administration. And the Dallas Regional Chamber and the Dallas Citizens Council will help recruit employers to participate.

Mayor Johnson was joined Monday at a news conference by City Council Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Chairman Casey Thomas; Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa; Richardson ISD Superintendent Jeannie Stone; Dallas Citizens Council Chairman Fred Perpall; Dallas Regional Chamber President & CEO Dale Petroskey; Jim Keyes, founder of Education is Freedom; Michelle Thomas, Vice President, North Texas Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase; and Emily Ledet, Dallas-Fort Worth Market Executive at Bank of America.

The speakers extolled the virtues of providing summer jobs to

students and echoed Mayor Johnson’s call for private sector employers, large and small, to step up and employ Dallas youth.

“We’ve got 1,500 kids and counting who want to work this summer,” Mayor Johnson said. “They’re willing to make the effort, and I hope our private sector

is willing to make the effort, too. This is about more than what Dallas will look like this summer; this is about the kind of city we want to build for the future.”

Employers and students wanting to participate in Dallas Works should visit dallassummerjobs.org for more information.

Tornado recovery update given to city council; Local state of disaster terminated

The third update on recovery efforts related to the Oct. 20 tornado was given to the City Council Monday by City and Network of Community Ministries staff. The City has issued more than 400 expedited permits to storm-affected residents and businesses for remodeling/rebuilding and other related needs, with permit fees waived. Construction work in the tornado-affected neighborhoods is expected to continue for several more months. In the interim, the City has provided residents with

property maintenance expectations, is developing a “how-to” tree planting brochure for residents who lost trees and is hosting two tree planting workshops Feb. 29, weather permitting.

Network, in cooperation with the City and numerous churches and helping agencies, served 395 children and 610 adults with food, clothing, counseling and/or assistance finding housing, and is still serving 50 tornado-affected individuals and families. More than 360 people stepped up to

volunteer in disaster recovery efforts through Network and several have stayed on to join Network’s weekly volunteer staff.

After the update, the City Council approved a resolution that terminates the local disaster declaration that had been put in place to expedite the procurement of state and federal manpower/equipment. The resolution will not affect the outcome of the City’s application for FEMA reimbursement, which the City is still waiting.

DART launches discount GoPass tap card

Participants in any of eight support assistance programs now qualify for Dallas Area Rapid Transit’s (DART) Discount GoPass® Tap Card for riding public transit at half the fare.

DART is promoting their new, two-year, pilot-program designed to lend a hand to riders who need assistance affording public transit with outreach through media, printed materials and a partnership with eligible agencies to inform eligible riders.

Anyone, current or new riders, who participate in any of the following programs is now eligible for DART services at half the fare:

- CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program),
- TANF (Texas Temporary Assistance for Needy Families),
- CEAP (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program),

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program),
- Housing Choice Vouchers,
- Medicaid,
- Medicare,
- Texas WIC (Texas Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children).

There are additional merits of the program besides transportation options at a reduced rate. This program can reduce social and economic inequalities by making mobility financially feasible to more people, discounted fares can help retain low income riders and it could attract additional customers.

To apply, bring proof of participation in one of the eight programs listed to the DARTmart, located at DART Headquarters

(Akard Station), 1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, TX 75202, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Program participants will need to purchase a Discount GoPass Tap Card with an initial loaded value of \$6.00, good for two discount-fare day passes.

The payment system will deduct fares at a 50 percent discount as the customer rides DART and will automatically monitor and provide the benefit of daily and monthly fare capping.

Cards can then be used on any DART bus or light rail, including TRE between EBJ Union Station and Centerport/DFW Station.

More information is available at dart.org/TapForHalf or by calling DART Customer Service at 214-979-1111.



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Come out and join me, Trustee Maxie Johnson and Trustee Justin Henry at the 2020 African American Read-in, Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kimball High School. This year's theme is "Strong Roots: Amazing Achievements." Each student will receive a free bag of books to build their home library. School bus transportation will be provided for elementary school students.

The read-in, always a wonderful way to mark Black History Month, is being hosted by the Dallas ISD Racial Equity Office.



Trustee Joyce Foreman and Leslie Williams, Deputy Chief Racial Equity, with students at last year's African American Read-in, Feb. 9, 2019. (Photo: Dallas ISD)

African American Studies Course Advances

Another goal of the Racial Equity Office – the adoption of an African American Studies course for Texas – has moved closer to reality with the State Board of Education's preliminary approval of the course. The state course is based on one

created by Dallas ISD and currently taught at 16 of our district schools.

The state board approved the course on Jan. 31 for a first reading and filing authorization. The next step is a formal public comment period set for March 6 to April 10, followed by consideration for final approval

at the board's meeting on April 17. Board members have expressed their support for the course, and if approved, it could be offered in schools statewide as soon as next fall.

The one-credit course offers an overview of the history and culture of African Americans and also covers economics, science and technology, geography and politics. If approved, it would be the second ethnic studies course available in Texas public schools. The state board approved a Mexican American Studies course in 2018.

Census 2020: I count, you count, we all count.

Census Day is April 1, so let's talk about why it's im-

portant to count everyone in the Dallas ISD community.

The census provides vital information that translates into funds for lunch programs, better schools, transportation and other services in our state and communities.

That's why it's important that we count every person in your household, no matter where they were born. Remember, the information you provide is completely confidential, and census surveys will be available in English, Spanish and a variety of other languages. The census is an opportunity for everyone in Dallas ISD to make a difference for our community.

Students Receive Free Dental Screenings, Oral Care Kits

Approximately 1,000 Dallas ISD elementary school children, including students from Russell and Martin Weiss elementary schools in District 6, received free dental screenings and oral care demonstrations as part of Give Kids A Smile. The Dallas County Dental Society Foundation coordinated the local event, which is held each February across the United States in celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month.

All participating children received a free toothbrush, floss and toothpaste, provided by the foundation.

'Recovering Untold Stories': Civil rights veteran revisits school victory

By Christopher Frear
Center for Civil Rights
History and Research

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As a child in South Carolina after World War Two, Celestine Parson Lloyd took part in a groundbreaking study to fight school segregation, a fight her parents and NAACP lawyers carried to victory in the U.S. Supreme Court.

On Jan. 15, Ms. Parson Lloyd, now of Mount Vernon, New York, relived a

moment of that fight—and the victory—as part of the public panel "Recovering Untold Stories: An Enduring Legacy of the Brown v. Board of Education Decision" organized by the University of South Carolina Center for Civil Rights History and Research and the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission.

"I heard Harold Boulware, Thurgood Marshall, all the NAACP lawyers," at the strategy meetings, she

said.

Ms. Parson Lloyd described vivid memories of seeing Ku Klux Klan fliers posted on their front door and of visiting the burned-out home of Clarendon County movement leader, the Rev. J. A. De Laine.

In building the legal case, pioneering psychologists Drs. Kenneth and Mamie Clark conducted a now-famous doll test with Summerton school chil-

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Student plaintiffs of Brown v. Board cases shared memories of the historic struggle in Kansas and South Carolina at the University of South Carolina in January. From left, Cheryl Brown Henderson, Celestine Parson Lloyd, Nathaniel Briggs, Deborah Dandridge, and Dr. Bobby Donaldson, director of the Center for Civil Rights History and Research. (NNPA)

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Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere awards a key to the city to Dr. Myrtle Hightower during the regular council meeting Monday night. (Courtesy photo)

Dr. Hightower awarded key to the City of Plano

The Plano City Council presented Dr. Myrtle Hightower with a key to the City at their regular meeting on Feb. 10. Dr. Hightower served on many committees and boards throughout Plano, and began a Black History program that became the annual community-wide MLK Day celebration. She worked in Plano ISD for many years as

a teacher and counselor, and also taught at Collin College. Along with her late husband John, Dr. Hightower created the Hightower Foundation scholarship. Because of their resounding voice in the community, Plano ISD named an elementary school after the Hightowers.

Dr. Hightower began her career and community ser-

vice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She held many positions in education in Oklahoma, including Dean of Women at her alma mater, Langston University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English after starting school at just 15 years old. Dr. Hightower also earned a Master of Teaching degree from Northeastern State Univer-

sity and a PhD from the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Hightower was selected as one of Plano ISD's 100 Heroes, is a Collin College Living Legacy and a recipient of the Texas Hero for Children Award. On February 10, 2020, Dr. Hightower was designated a Plano Citizen Extraordinaire by the Plano City Council.

Houston Mayor Turner endorses Royce West in Race for U.S. Senate

HOUSTON—Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on Tuesday announced his endorsement of Texas Senator Royce West (D-Dallas), in West's Democratic Primary race for the United States Senate.

"Royce West is my choice for United States Senate because his 26 years of experience in the Texas Senate building coalitions to get things done for Texans is exactly what we need in the U.S. Senate during these trying times for our state and our nation," said

Mayor Turner.

Turner, a former longtime member of the Texas Legislature and the mayor of America's fourth most populous city, said Houston needs an ally in the United States Senate who will champion issues Houston voters care about.

"On healthcare, on education, on the environment, Royce West is the best choice for Houstonians in the U.S. Senate primary," Turner said. "Whether it was helping with aid as we recovered from Hurricane

Harvey or working to fight voter suppression, Royce West is the best choice not just for Houston, but for Texas," Turner continued.

West said he was honored to receive Turner's endorsement.

"I thank Mayor Turner for his endorsement and his faith in my ability to do what needs to be done for Texans in Washington. I am humbled and honored to receive the support of my friend Sylvester Turner in this race," Senator West said.



State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) candidate for United States Senate, was endorsed by Houston Mayor and former longtime Texas State Representative Sylvester Turner (far left) on Monday in Houston. State Senator Borris Miles (D-Houston), far right, and State Senator John Whitmire (D-Houston), second from right, were on hand as co-hosts of the announcement event and fundraiser. (Courtesy photo)

DID YOU KNOW?

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Dallas

The South Dallas Concert Choir cordially invites guests on a journey to remember and celebrate the **Negro Spiritual**. Original contributions of African American composers began with the Negro Spirituals, composed and sung by African slaves in America. Communication by Drums was forbidden; therefore communicating through song was born. There is a record of approximately 6,000 spirituals; however, the oral tradition of the



slaves' ancestors and the prohibition against slaves learning to read or write meant that the actual number of songs is unknown.

Some of the best-known spirituals include "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Go Down Moses," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," "Let Us Break

Bread Together," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Steal Away," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Wade in the Water."

Garland

The Garland City Council has called for a **general election** on May 2. Voters in Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 will elect representatives to two-year terms. Voters citywide will decide whether a portion of Hollabaugh Park can be used for

a new library.

In January, both the Park Board and Library Board unanimously approved the plan to use land adjacent to Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., as the site for relocation of the Walnut Creek Branch Library. Learn more about the upcoming election at GarlandTX.gov.

Lewisville

Christian Youth Theater DFW presents **Junie B. Jones, The Musical**, Feb. 21-23, at Medical City

Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street.

Created by Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich, *Junie B. Jones, The Musical* is a delightful adaptation of four of Barbara Park's best-selling books, brought to life in a genuinely comical (and not strictly-for-kids) musical developed by TheatreworksUSA. Awaken a young person's desire to read with the sassy little diva, Junie B. Jones, and her adventures in first grade. To purchase tickets, visit cytdallas.org.

Richardson

The RISD Clothes Closet's annual shoe drive (known as the **"Shoe Shoe Train"**) got a big boost this week with the donation of 222 pairs of new shoes by the Richardson Woman's Club (RWC). It was the largest donation by the Club since it began participating five years ago. Also, thanks to a grant from Walmart, RWC was able to purchase 60 coats for the Clothes Closet. The items were presented to Clothes Closet representatives at the Club's February general meeting.

Plano East Baseball Alumni Homecoming game March 21

Head Coach Jordan Byrd and the Plano East Baseball Booster Club invites all former PESH Baseball players and families to the Plano East Baseball Alumni Homecoming game Saturday, March 21 before the 1:30 p.m. Varsity Home game with Lovejoy High School at Plano East.

The festivities begin at noon with a cookout. Each baseball alum in attendance will receive a complimentary meal ticket for the concession stand, a raffle ticket to draw for the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, and recognition



Plano East Baseball alumni at 2019 game. (David Alvey / Courtesy photo)

on the field at 1 p.m. Former baseball players can pick up a vintage PESH

jersey at check-in to wear during the ceremony. Or they're encouraged to wear

their original Plano East jersey if they still have it.

"When the PESH base-

ball alumni come back, it reinforces the meaning of Panther Pride to the current team," said Brett Bergman, Plano East Baseball Booster Club president. "Over the years, the Plano East Baseball Booster Club has helped make many improvements to the field and facilities. We're proud to show the improvements to our alumni. Plano East baseball families are always welcome to join us, even if their former player can't make it back for this game. The general public is also encouraged to come support the team."

Former PESH baseball players are encouraged to email Carolyn@aardvark-tx.com to be added to the list of Plano East Baseball Alumni even if they can't attend this game.

"It's always a pleasure to see Plano East Baseball alumni come back," said Plano East Baseball Head Coach Jordan Byrd. "While we strive to help our players achieve their full potential on the field, our end goal is to help them become outstanding citizens. When former players come back,

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'Loving and Loving' is an affair worth remembering

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

It's a love story.
But it's complicated.
But it shouldn't be.

Loving and Loving is playing at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center now through Feb. 23. It chronicles the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, they were arrested for the crime of interracial marriage in 1958. This led to a landmark court decision opening the door for marriage freedom for all individuals in the country.

Holding true to the theater's "off-Broadway" feel,

the stage production and set design is minimal, and there are only three members of the cast. Camille Monae and D.R. Mann Hanson portray Mildred and Richard, who meet as teenagers and end up in exile after violating Virginia's marriage laws. Colby Calhoun plays a narrator, assuming a host of other roles throughout the production, such as children, police officers, and judges in court.

As the couple's journey is chronicled, intermittent recordings share the perspectives of mixed-race individuals in contemporary America. This acts as

an homage to the world the couple helped create through their struggle, a world populated by an increasing number of people as time progresses.

This is also a regional premiere of the play. During the opening weekend playwrights, Beto O'Byrne and Meropi Peponides were in the audience to see the local production.

Bishop Arts often hosts productions with sensitive subjects not recommended for younger audiences. However, while this play examines a sensitive issue, it is one that can be enlightening for almost all ages.

It is a look at where we've been as a culture, and a reminder of a story not often remembered, which helped to shape the world a whole nation lives in today.

The three actors do a masterful job of keeping the story moving and engaging. It is well-researched and written with a cadence, which makes the performance seem shorter than it actually is. While being perhaps the most simplistic production this writer has ever seen at Bishop Arts Theatre, it is definitely among the best. A first-rate theater experience, this is one to go see.



Camille Monae (left) and D.R. Mann Hanson bring the story of Mildred and Richard Loving to life on the stage at Bishop Arts Theatre Center through Feb. 23. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

Winter Park Resorts offer a winter wonderland treat for Spring Break

Imagine leaving your car at home, catching a flight a nonstop flight to Denver, a short light rail ride before a scenic train journey through the mountains. Then before you know it, you have arrived at a winter wonderland surrounded by a glorious snow-covered mountain with options for the entire family to enjoy.

No rental car, snow tires or slow cautious trek trying to drive in the snow. Let's face it, this week reminds us that we can barely drive in rain. So, leaving transportation to someone else is perfect. Plus it enhances the entire experience.

Plenty of Texans annually visit Winter Park Resort, in fact, they comprise



Anyone looking for winter adventure will not be disappointed with a visit to Winter Park Resort. USA Today readers selected it as the best ski resort in North America for the second year in a row (Photo Credit: Carl Frey and Winter Park Resort)

the largest percentage of out-of-state visitors. The laid-back vibe apparently appeals to our Texas nature plus the affordability,

multigenerational-family culture the resort offers.

Now, Texans have two other reasons to head to Winter Park and launch

2020 with Spring Break planning:

- Research shows that just planning a vacation can boost your mood – an important and timely New Year resolution.

- *USA Today* readers named Winter Park Resort the best ski resort in North America for two years running.

From March 1 to April 19, Winter Park visitors can expect sunshine, ridiculously blue skies, and,

of course, snow – lots of snow – setting up an ideal environment for a spring-time mountain adventure. The resort offers more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain with 21 chairlifts. With a base elevation of 9,000 feet and a 3,060-foot vertical rise, the mountain averages more than 315 inches of annual snowfall, giving visitors access to miles of groomers, cruisers, steepes, trees, and glades.

If you're not into skiing

and snowboarding, Winter Park has plenty of additional snowy mountain adventures for visitors of all ages and abilities. Guests can book guided snowshoe tours, Sno-Go snow bike excursions, on-mountain snow cat rides to majestic viewpoints, snowy horseback rides, and snowmobile tours, just to name a few. Plus, Winter Park has a cozy mountain village for dining, shopping or just relaxing.

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it shows the current players the lasting values of our baseball program."

Special recognition nights at Plano East include: Administrators Night March 17; Alumni Day March 21; Service Men & Women Night March 27; Teacher Appreciation Night with the Choir from Schell Elementary singing the National Anthem April

3; Feeder School Night April 9; Cancer Awareness Night April 14; and Senior Recognition Night May 1.

Rusty Franklin Field is located on the north side of the Plano East Senior High School campus at 3000 Los Rios Boulevard in Plano. The Plano East Baseball program is under the direction of Head Coach Jordan Byrd; Varsity Assistant

Coach Michael Martinez; Varsity Assistant & Junior Varsity Head Coach Shawn Redd; Varsity Assistant & JV Assistant Coach John Lubow; Varsity Assistant & JV Assistant Coach Bo Slaton; Head JV2 Coaches Greg Gleinser and Ryan Mutsch; Assistant JV2 Coaches Jonathan Gill; Ryan Henderson; and Jason Leffler. For more information and complete schedules, go to planoeastbaseball.com

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NDG Book Review: *Clean Getaway* combines history and adventure

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

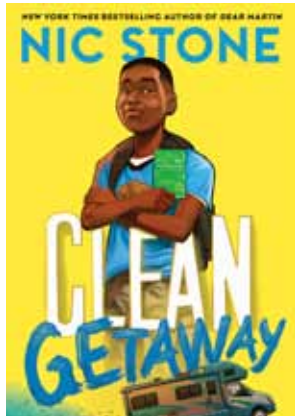
Your next vacation could be the dream of a lifetime.

It could take you to the beach, park, or the mountains, shopping or sightseeing, visiting pals or hanging with family. A vacation could get you one city away, it can whisk you halfway around the world or, as in the new book “Clean Getaway” by Nic Stone, a vacation can take you where you don’t want to be.

Eleven-year-old William “Scoob” Lamar wondered when everything went bad.

Was it after he got into a fight at school, or after he was wrongly accused of cheating? Yeah, he was wrong there on both counts but the bigger issue was that his Dad wasn’t acting like Dad lately, and he went punishment-overboard. Scoob was grounded.

Ugh, Scoob hated “lock-down.” So when G’ma called and asked if he wanted to take a “little adventure,” he scribbled a note, ditched



his phone, and jumped at the chance.

He loved G’ma. She was more like a friend than a grandmother, so when she said she sold her house to buy an RV, a “sweet ride” with all the plush, Scoob was sad. Sold her house? Okay, her decision. Scoob settled in for a quick trip.

And then G’ma started talking.

Fifty-one years ago, at the height of the Civil Rights movement, Scoob’s G’ma and G’pop wanted to take a trip from Atlanta to Mexico, but they didn’t get far. G’ma was white and G’pop was

black and there were lots of places where they weren’t welcome. Because G’pop had died in prison and never had a chance to travel, G’ma, said she’d do the roadtrip in his memory. It was her “chance at redemption.”

But a lot of things were off. As they tripped from Birmingham to Meridian to Jackson to Louisiana and Texas, Scoob was pretty sure they’d dined-and-dashed more than once, and stolen some gas. The license plates on the RV kept changing and G’ma was avoiding phone calls. Then there was the “mistake” at the jewelry store.

Scoob knew they were going to Mexico... but what was going on?

For a kid who loves to travel, “Clean Getaway” is the book to pack.

It’s got adventure in it, and a surprising amount of history and geography, so your child will learn something. The story flows nicely, author Nic Stone doesn’t force the action or the humor here, and

her Scoob is a character that’s relatable to 8-to-12-year-olds who’ll enjoy watching him take on challenges while he takes this trip. For a kid, especially one spreading his wings, that could be role-model material.

And yet, not all is perfect. The main irritation here – the one that parents will want to know about – is that bathroom habits appear often in this book. Too often, like, more than twice and it’s absolutely nose-wrinkling

TMI.

Will your child notice that? Probably so, but will she care? Maybe not, if she’s enjoying the book enough. The best thing, perhaps, is to let him try “Clean Getaway” and see where it takes him.

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dren, including Ms. Parson Lloyd. They asked children which doll they liked better between a white doll and black doll and which one was the “good” one and the “bad” one to test the effects of segregation on children. Ms. Parson Lloyd recalled clearly that she had selected the African American doll.

“I knew it had something to do with the case,” she recalled. “As long as I knew it was something pertaining to the case, I would participate.”

After the panel discussion, researchers with the Center for Civil Rights presented Ms. Parson Lloyd with a copy of her test results from February 24, 1951, that they had uncovered during a visit to the Library of Congress.

“It brought back memories,” she said later. “I was elated. My parents, along with me, contributed to something so meaningful. It was important stuff for our society.”

At the panel, Ms. Parson

Lloyd shared her detailed and sometimes harrowing memories of the desegregation struggle in Summerton.

In defiance of known threats, her parents, Bennie and Plummie Richburg Parson, agreed that her father should sign a petition championing the end of racial segregation in schools.

“Don’t take your name off the petition, even if you have to eat dirt,” her grandfather told her father as young Celestine listened. And her great-grandmother Angeline Brunson Parson, who lived to the age of 117, told stories of her life in enslavement and of emancipation.

“One night, my father wasn’t home,” Mrs. Parson Lloyd recalled, “and they came and they knocked on the door, and they said, ‘We were looking for this little lost boy,’ but that’s what they called men in the South, a boy. What they were doing was taking people out and they beat you and they mugged you and

leave you somewhere, and if my father was home, he would have been taken out and probably beaten and left some place.

“And I was petrified. We were all afraid, because we didn’t know what was going to be the next day,” she told the panel audience.

The legal effort started with NAACP support in 1948, when Levi Pearson initiated a lawsuit against the Summerton School District to provide a school bus for his children. On a property line technicality, Pearson had to withdraw as the plaintiff and a new lawsuit had to be built with parents of Scott’s Branch School students.

At meetings in St. Mark and Liberty Hill AME churches in Summerton, Ms. Parson Lloyd listened intently as NAACP officers and lawyers explained the lawsuit and counseled parents about the violent response ahead. She is featured in several photographs taken of plaintiffs at local churches and now archived in University of South Caro-

lina collections.

Along with the Parsons, Harry and Eliza Briggs, parents of five schoolchildren, were the first signers of the 1949 petition for “equal educational opportunities and facilities.” The signers refused to yield to violence, even when Harry Briggs was fired from his job and the De Laine family home was burned to the ground. Thurgood Marshall, Robert Carter and South Carolina’s Harold Boulware filed Briggs v. Elliott in federal court, directly challenging segregation.

“Each business place had a list of these petitioners, and, if your name was on there, you were fired, and you weren’t allowed to buy food in the grocery stores in that town. You couldn’t buy gas for your car,” she said.

In 1951, the parents appealed to the Supreme Court. Although it was the first of the school desegregation cases to reach the court, it was placed behind the Brown v. Topeka Board of Education case, possibly because of the maneuver-

ing of South Carolina Gov. James Byrnes. On May 17, 1954, the Parsons family, the Briggs family, and dozens of other unflinching South Carolinians were vindicated with the Supreme Court’s unanimous decision ruling segregation unconstitutional.

“When I got home from school, word was around,” she recalled. “My parents were elated, ‘We won! We won!’ The battle is almost over.”

Ms. Parson Lloyd graduated from Scott’s Branch High School in 1956 and departed for New York City, where she and her mother joined her father who fled Summerton amid repeated threats after the 1954 ruling. In New York, she worked on behalf of the poor and marginalized, retiring as an assistant superintendent of a women’s homeless shelter.

“By showing Civil Rights veterans the documents already preserved, we can help them recover memories. In turn, by recording their memories, we expand the history available to

scholars and students,” Civil Rights Center Director Dr. Bobby Donaldson said. “We seek to document our state’s deep Civil Rights history, like the Briggs case—with donations of letters, photographs, newspapers—and to assist those who participated in historic events in chronicling their own histories.”

The Center for Civil Rights History and Research chronicles, preserves, and shares South Carolina’s vital history through community programs such as the “Recovering Untold Stories” panel, the “Justice for All” exhibit, and educational support that informs K-12 and higher education curriculum in the state. The Center was founded in November 2015 with the receipt of the congressional papers of Representative James E. Clyburn, the state’s first African-American member of Congress since the late nineteenth century and a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement. The Center’s website is located at www.civilrights.sc.edu.

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Voters prefer payday lending protection, regulators seek less

By Charlene Crowell

Once upon a time in Washington, Congress enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act that also created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). For the first time, a federal agency was charged to be the consumers' 'financial cop on the beat'. In its first four years, CFPB received 354,600 consumer complaints that led to \$3.8 billion in restitution.

But now, under different administration deregulation has swung the public policy pendulum in the other direction.

Payday lenders are among

the biggest beneficiaries of this policy about-face.

On February 5, a panel of public policy experts testified before the U.S. House Financial Services Committee, chaired by California's Congresswoman Maxine Waters. The Chairwoman's opening remarks set the tone of the forum.

"In a simple agreement between the bank and the payday lender, the bank is identified as the lender on the borrower's loan document" stated Waters. "However, the payday lender immediately buys the loan from the bank and does every function related to the loan. In these part-

nerships, the payday lender bears at least 90% of the risk of borrowers' defaulting on their loans.

"The payday lender then claims the right to charge consumer borrowers triple-digit interest rates because the lender is in partnership with a state- or nationally-charted bank that is exempt from usury laws by the National Bank Act," added the Chairwoman.

CRL's payday polling and research underscore Aponte-Diaz's concerns.

A consumer poll commissioned by CRL and conducted from January 9-15 by Morning Consult surveyed

approximately 10,000 registered voters and found:

- 70% of voters support a 36% annual interest rate cap on payday and consumer installment loans.
- 62% have an unfavorable view of payday lenders; and
- 61% prefer a payday loan rate cap that is even smaller than 36%.

Today, 16 states and the District of Columbia have enacted strong rate caps for short-term loans. For the remaining 32 states, triple-digit interest loans are legal and highly profitable. According to CRL, every year predatory short-term loans snatch an estimated \$8 billion in fees

from the pockets of America's working poor: \$4.1 billion in payday lending, and \$3.8 billion in car-title loans.

Fortunately for consumers, a pending bipartisan House bill would end triple-digit lending with a 36% rate cap on all consumer loans. Sponsored by Representatives Jesús "Chuy" García from Chicago, and Glenn Grothman of Milwaukee, the legislation is known as the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act, H.R. 5050. An identical companion bill in the Senate, S. 2833, is led by Senators Jeff Merkley of Oregon and Ohio's Sherrod Brown.

The measures would grant all consumers and inactive military the same protections now afforded active duty servicemen and women under the Military Lending Act (MLA). MLA was enacted with bipartisan support and imposes a 36% rate cap.

Eleven co-sponsors signed on to the legislation and additionally includes Members of Congress from California, Michigan, New York, and Texas.

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BROWN, from Page 2

draw a strict parallel or write an allegory of that war, I was thinking about how the strongest military force in the history of the world was already losing.

I was already writing about the history of slave revolt, but this thinking about the terror wars that followed Sept. 11 [2001] gave this book a different kind of

shape. That really reframed my thinking of slave revolt as perpetual, never-ending warfare between loose impromptu militias and powerful military forces.

Looking back, a lot of those ideas come from the

fact that I grew up in San Diego during the Cold War in the 1980s. The Navy and the Marines are big institutions in San Diego, and by the late 20th century, it was one of the largest military garrisons in the world.

My father, uncles, and grandfather had all been in the military, and many of my friends joined as well, so thinking about the military was something I was interested in, and studying slavery and militancy as

the geopolitics of warfare was a natural fit.

Interview was edited for clarity and length.

For more information about the 1776 Salon series visit the A.R.T. website.

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problems and a lot of issues in recent years. And I will work on that to make it a better environment for both of us. Us as law enforcement, and you as civilians that pay us your tax dollars to be able to protect you and make life better for you."

Mohamad also cited the need for better DUI enforcement to reduce traffic fatalities, protecting schools and congregations, and human trafficking issues which he says have gone unnoticed.

Roy Williams, Jr. is a former Dallas County Constable for Precinct 4, and a Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy. He has 29 years of law enforcement experience, 21 of it in the Sheriff's Office. He was also the 2015 Dallas County Democratic Party Elected Official of the Year.

Williams said there is a morale issue in the Sheriff's Office which he says has led to too much turnover, and subsequently excessive overtime costs of up to \$1 million per month. He says he will bring a new culture

to the department, and has been endorsed by six different Democratic clubs.

"There is a problem there," Williams said. "And it is something that can be rectified, can be fixed. How do we do it? You change the leadership. (John C.) Maxwell said it best, 'You want to change the direction of an organization or entity, you change the leader.' OK, and it's bringing 21st century leadership, perspectives and police practices to change that narrative."

The second presentation featured current County Commissioner Theresa Daniel defending her record in Precinct 1 against challenger Zachariah Manning.

Manning was aggressive in his attack of Daniel's record, saying she had voted on wasteful programs, taking funds which could have been used for better purposes. Daniel would later point out one of the mentioned programs had been voted on before the time she took office. Manning continued, saying Daniel had had seven years to implement

needed change in Dallas but had not done so; homelessness being a key issue for him.

"I'm going to come in day one, day two, three, four, five, six, seven; not seven years, now almost eight years, 'We're working on it'," Manning said. "'We're trying to get this done. We have to have all these communities and cities to work together.' By golly you could have been

on to that seven years ago. Because our homeless issue has only gotten worse in the last seven years. The commissioner has only been talking about homelessness since I've been running. That's when it started becoming an issue for her, is when I brought it up as an issue."

Daniel, who took issue with many of the claims made by Manning during his time at the microphone,

had grown noticeably impatient with Manning by the end of the session.

"It is the ignorance of someone who can't even recognize that in fact the Dallas County area has a variety of the things that he says are just dreams," Daniel said. "That is not true, and part of it is because of the hard work of a public servant like myself, who does bring the education, and the knowledge;

but also walking the blocks with people."

She added, "And by not being a screaming person, I think that I've been able to encourage more relationship-building and more trust among those who have to work together."

Monday Night Politics will resume on Feb. 17 at the African American Museum at Fair Park. The forum runs from 6-8 p.m. and is free to the public.

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February 16, 10 a.m.

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The 2020 theme is: "African Americans and the Vote". Recognizes the struggle for voting rights among both Black men and Black women throughout American history.

Everyday I am amazed; as I am sure Dr. Sampson is, of the improvements of the mobile phone and its many uses.

When I traveled to Hong Kong, China, it seems that everybody there had a mobile phone and no house phone; now all that you have to do in the United States is look around you and you will see the majority of people, adults and children of every race, creed and color with their own mobile phone.

I love to tell my version of how Dr. Sampson came up with the idea of the mobile phone. One day he was trying to get in touch with his wife, who had left home to go shopping, to no

avail.

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Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1956. He went on to the University of California, Los Angeles where he graduated with a Master of Science (MS) Degree in Engineering in 1961; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a MS Degree in Nuclear Engi-

neering in 1965, and a PhD in 1967.

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