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Biden surge sends a Super Tuesday shockwave

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

"By gosh, I think we can!"

This has to be what former Vice President Joe Biden is thinking the morning after Super Tuesday votes were counted. He nearly won states coast to coast, an achievement considered laughable seven days ago.

Whether he ultimately gains the party nomination or not, they will study the results of March 3, 2020, for years to come in polisci classes. Biden spent no money in some states, barely campaigned there - and yet he won. He reportedly had one office in the state of California, whatever delegates he gains from there will a victory for his campaign.

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders reportedly saw the writing on the wall in South Carolina and left the state several days before the primary held on Feb. 29. When the nation realized Biden not only won but gained nearly 50 percent of the vote, in the Southern state, the race flipped on a dime.

Suddenly candidates dropped out of the race - Tom Steyer, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and Senator Amy Klobuchar. And just like Iowa's victory in 2008 propelled former President Barack Obama's improbable campaign forward by assur-



Former Vice President Joe Biden is all smiles after winning 10 of 15 races on Super Tuesday. (Image: Joe Biden for President Facebook page)

ing Black voters he could win; it seems the support of Black voters in South Carolina at least temporarily injected hope (and money) into Biden's bid.

The event held in Dallas on Monday night appears to have helped propel Biden to victory. Earlier Mayor Pete threw his support to Biden, but the appearance of Senator Klobuchar with a hearty endorsement certainly helped him win her home state of Minnesota.

Then came the surprise of the night - former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke. Although considered a more progressive member of the party, also enthusiastically

supported Biden. For voters who decided on Election Day, Biden ran away with the votes.

Sanders clearly is the favorite of the progressive wing of the party and Hispanics. For Biden to ultimately win the general election, those key delegations will have to be persuaded.

Head-scratching pundits are suggesting Biden won the Black vote, and the older more pragmatic wing of the party who are skeptical about the idea of free healthcare and college. As one talking head suggested, Americans want less of

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Bri Babineaux

People In The News...

NDG Quote of the Week: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

— Frederick Douglass

Mona Hicks

By Alex Kekauoha
Stanford University

At the beginning of winter quarter, Mona Hicks officially began her role as senior associate vice provost and dean of students. She comes to Stanford after more than 25 years of working in higher education and supporting students at such schools as Saint Louis University, Vanderbilt University and Rice University.

Organizations reporting through Hicks include Residential Education, the Graduate Life Office, the Office



of Accessible Education, Schwab Learning Center and the Office of Community Standards. In this Q&A, Hicks shares what drew her to the Farm, the challenges facing student affairs and

her approach to supporting students in distress.

What interested you in coming to Stanford?

The Carnegie Classification and beauty alone interested me in Stanford! More importantly is the opportunity to be in an environment where I can be in a community, lead and learn with exemplars from across the globe and work in the division of student affairs with the leadership of Susie Brubaker-Cole and the frames of "Our Most Important Work."

In the brief time you've been here, how would you describe the Stanford stu-

dent experience?

Well, I have not yet had the opportunity to meet as many students as I would like, but I would describe it as incredible and incredulous. It is incredible what the students have the opportunity to explore here and the resources that are available to them and how much administrators, faculty and staff care about their experience. It is incredulous what our students are grappling with on a local and international level and how it impacts them, let alone what a quarter system can do to and for a highly engaged student. It is a lot.

There are many initiatives under way to improve student life at Stanford. What are the ones that you will be involved in?

All of them. Where students are, I want to be! It will be a challenge, but I want to help create equitable, sustainable and accessible systems and structures that help our students find purpose and meaning. Those are the initiatives that I believe I should focus on, starting with the Dean of Students Office and the systems and policies that rest in this office.

You've held a number

of student affairs positions nationwide. How has the role of student affairs evolved over the past several years, and what are some of the biggest challenges facing you and your colleagues?

I think it goes without saying that fostering equity and inclusion, mental health and well-being, and community and belonging are the biggest challenges and the areas of biggest impact both in and out of class activities and experiences. They are so interconnected. It is amazing when students are thriving and finding

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Bri Babineaux

Bri Babineaux will headline the Gospel Explosion on Wed., March 18, 7 p.m. at Jarvis Christian College. The event will take place in the Smith-Howard Chapel on Day 4 of the College's weeklong celebration. The concert will include other local artists and community choirs.

Bri Babineaux burst onto the music scene as a social media phenom and has evolved into one of the most buzzed-about artists in Gospel music. The passion and earnestness of Babineaux's voice have taken social media by storm. Over the past three years, Babineaux has



amassed millions of YouTube and Instagram views of her spontaneous worship moments.

Babineaux has captured the attention of notable artists like Rihanna, Brandy, and Drake. Her debut al-

bum, "Keys to My Heart," hit #1 on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums chart and spawned three charting singles: "Holy Spirit," "Jacob's Song" and the Top Ten hit, "I'll Be the One." Babineaux also enjoyed notable airplay on the Urban AC/Smooth Jazz radio format with "My Everything."

Babineaux is back with a new album, The Encounter, that she hopes touches listeners, blesses them, and inspires them to have encounters with God. With over half a million followers on Instagram, Babineaux is an influential voice for this generation.

Born in Hawaii and bred in Lafayette, LA, Babineaux

has always been connected to music. As a child, Babineaux was surrounded by singers and musicians. Babineaux's mom was a singer, her grandfather played the bass, and many of her family members were musicians.

Babineaux has been groomed in music ministry and always had an affinity for singing. Babineaux is the daughter of ministry leaders. Her dad and mom pastor at Life Change Ministries in Lafayette, LA. Babineaux fondly remembers singing in the children's choir at 4 years old and remained involved in music ministry throughout her formative years.

She continued to culti-

vate her relationship with God and her musical chops but began to take interest in sports. Babineaux describes her memories with singing growing up this way, "I enjoyed singing, but I never planned to become a professional singer."

During her high school years, she excelled in basketball and volleyball, eventually earning a track scholarship to McNeese State University. She studied criminal justice with her sights set on becoming a lawyer until a pivotal moment occurred that changed the course of her life.

In the fall of 2014, a moment of destiny unfolded when a video of Babineaux

singing Tonex's "Make Me Over" was uploaded to YouTube and within hours, her riveting cover had gone viral. Babineaux describes the experience this way, "I guess I was releasing all of my emotions out through the song." This destiny moment sparked the beginning of a movement and #Brination was birthed. Babineaux began to cover a variety of songs on social media and with each new video, her fan base increased.

The event is free to Jarvis students. General admission tickets are \$10. Purchase tickets on Eventbrite, at www.jarvis.edu/donate or call 903.730.4890, ext. 3003.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Primaries will take center stage on March 3

Why didn't the incumbent official reply after numerous attempts? Make an informed decision - do your research. #WilliamsForSheriff2020

- Roy Williams, Jr.

Father and sons join Neiman-Marcus fashion show for fifth appearance

Awesome story and a more awesome man!!

- Christa Ellis

Tweets to @NDGEditor

If @BernieSanders is elected to bring in #Medicare for all, most of the Doctors will change Professions in order to be Paid Fairly.

- @AstorPlaceArtists

Father and sons join Neiman-Marcus fashion show for fifth appearance

Simply Beautiful! So much to be proud of and grateful for!

- Tasha Ellis

Absolutely wonderful piece! Heart Warming and Inspirational - Great Job!

- Thomas C. Chatmon

Congratulations! A wonderful site, a strong Father and his Boys!

- Lavonia Childs

What an awesome article, hopefully, this will inspire some other young fathers if they are not already spending quality time with their children.

- Andrea Smith

Adorable!

- Deloris Keith

Kudos Boyz3+Dad! Great Article, wonderful parenting you two!

- Pamela Washington

Will there be a follow-up to this "Inspirational Story"? Perhaps cover the upcoming Neiman Marcus Spring Fashion Show on March 28th! I look forward to more of these uplifting stories from our amazing community.

Thanks, NDG -Superlative Job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Patricia A Perryman

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The pernicious power of patriarchy

By Julianne Malveaux
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Our nation, these United States, is founded on the principles of racism and patriarchy. They are reflected in our very constitution, where enslaved persons were counted as a fraction of a person, and only men of property were allowed the right to vote. The filthy inequality at the foundation of this nation has now bubbled up and boiled over, now polluting every aspect of our lives.

Patriarchy places men at the center of life, and women at the periphery. It suggests that women do not matter. It allows for the subjugation of women when they attempt to enter public spaces that have previously been earmarked as "male" spaces. Thus, there were no restrooms for women legislators in the US House or Senate, even as women entered those spaces. They were only created when women demanded them. Of course, restrooms are just a minor manifestation of the hegemonic patriarchy that rules our nation.

A great picture of our nation's racist patriarchy was the visual of doughy and dissipated white men interrogating the amazingly composed Anita Hill as she reviewed her experiences with now-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Though Hill was persuasive, she was attacked in the vilest of terms, accused of nonsense like "erotomania," and even recently harassed by Thomas' unhinged spouse who was still

seeking apology after two decades. Note to Thomas, take the phone from your wife when her meds are not working. In any case, Thomas is on the Supreme Court because white men chose to disregard the word of a Black woman, a decision that then-Senator Joe Biden says he now regrets. Thomas was confirmed by the narrowest margin in history 52-48.

Here we go again. By the time this is published the matter of 45's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is resolved, but the issue of pernicious patriarchy will not be. Regarding Kavanaugh, he has been accused by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford of sexual assault more than 35 years ago, when both were teens. She disclosed her accusations in a letter that California Senator Dianne Feinstein received in July, but did not share with the FBI until later, mainly because Ford asked for confidentiality. Ford has requested that the FBI investigate her assertions, and the Senate judiciary committee is still fast-tracking the Kavanaugh vote. The outcome, while necessary, is not the bottom line. The issue is the way that racist patriarchy makes some offensive and illegal behavior acceptable.

Privileged white male culture allows and encourages excessive drinking and obnoxious behavior toward women. It is excused because "boys will be boys." But what boys? Black boys, even accused of "reckless eyeballing," are fair game for lynching!

White boys on rampages are excused for assault, rape, and attempted rape. Can I call the name of Recy Taylor, the young Black woman who was walking home from church and raped by a gaggle of white men who thought her body their right? Can I remind us of the Texas gubernatorial candidate, Clayton Williams, who said that if rape was inevitable, a woman should "lay back and enjoy it"? Ann Richards beat him, but that wasn't quite the point. The point was that some man thought that rape was inevitable enough to "enjoy."

Privileged white male culture allows a man who should not have been elected President to denigrate women regularly. We are "fat," "dogs" and "liars." He bragged about grabbing women's genitals, and our society is so poached in pernicious patriarchy that 52 percent of all women still voted for him. They thought he was joking because, for too many women, patriarchy has so seeped into our consciousness that the abuse of women is a joke.

If we women were honest, we would say that we have all cosigned patriarchy in the interest of keeping it moving. We have deflected the sexist comments that come our way, even as we cringe from them. We smile at men that we abhor because they may have decision making power in their hands. We dress up or dress down depending on the occasion and the way we have to play the game.

We know the system is slanted against us, we know we still have to play, and we decide when we choose to blow the whistle, a whistle we could blow every single day. #MeToo is the tip of the iceberg because it fails to deal with race systematically, but also because it manages the evident and personal, not the institutional.

In addition to being #MeToo women, we are mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives (hello Julie Chen Moonves), so some of us want to justify patriarchy for "our" men. Our son, husband, cousin, brother "didn't mean it" and could not be that bad. Wake-up call — if they violated a woman, they were that bad. If they raped a Black woman and you turned away from the accusation, you are wrong, you are horribly and complicity wrong.

Tearing down the walls of pernicious patriarchy means attacking the very foundation of our nation. When we attack patriarchy, we also attack the racism that is also part of our foundation. Many have lined up to support Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. How many are equally willing to attack the pernicious racist patriarchal roots of our nation?

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Are you surprised how well former Vice President Joe Biden performed so well?

Yes and no.

I'm very surprised so many candidates dropped out this weekend but unsurprised that they threw their support behind Biden.

The DNC and democratic moderates are scared of Bernie Sanders and will do

what they can to ensure he doesn't get the nomination.

I'm hoping Bernie takes the cake in this one! I really do think he has the best platform and I don't feel confident Biden could win against Trump in Novem-

ber.

- Andréa Reed

come since then.

- Fatema Biviji

NO

- Lena Anderson

When Trump won 2016, it seemed like anti-Obama sentiment had won.

It's surprising to see just how powerful the nostalgia of Obama years has be-

Noooooot really. I voted for Sanders but kinda knew Biden was going to win a lot.

- Max Pecina

Parents, school kids urged to learn the dangers of vaping

Murphy Police Chief Arthur "Trey" Cotten is encouraging parents and guardians of adolescents to become aware of the dangers associated with vaping, and when necessary, take steps to ensure their children are avoiding the practice.

"Youngsters are under pressure from their peers for any number of issues," he said. "Everything from the kinds of tennis shoes they wear, to the music they listen to, hairstyles, and social media postings. However, when that pressure leads to vaping, that's where parents



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should step in and take a stand. It's not an innocent fad that will go away, it's an addictive habit that can lead to serious trouble."

Cotten, a father of two grown children, says middle

school students are highly susceptible to the marketing and advertising techniques that vaping companies are using to sell their products. The idea of targeting young people is that nicotine use

in early adolescence causes changes in the brain that make life-long addiction much more likely.

Addiction, however, is only one consequence of vaping. Nicotine, which is present in the vapors used in these electronic cigarettes, is known to have effects on the cardiovascular system. Some recent studies show that acute use of e-cigarette impaired flow-mediated dilation, this suggests that e-cigarettes can lead to cardiovascular diseases. Ear, eye and throat irritation is common among e-cigarette/vape pen users.

"It's also a common medical fact that the extended use of these products causes further health issues, including cancer and heart disease," said the Chief, citing material readily available from the Centers for Disease Control.

Many people incorrectly believe that these devices produce a water vapor when in fact they create aerosols that contain harmful chemicals, and ultra-fine particles that are inhaled into the lungs and out into the environment, making them harmful to the user and others nearby.

"Our children are the future, and we should strive to ensure they grow up healthy and safe. One way to do that is to get involved and perhaps get a little nosy about what they're doing," added the Chief.

The Murphy Police Department along with the Murphy Municipal Court is contemplating a zero-tolerance policy for use of vaping products by minors, including a requirement for parents and guardians to be accountable for violations. Such a policy would require vetting at various levels.

Worried about the virus? Top 5 tips to disinfect your office

With our nation's top docs now alerting local businesses and schools to prepare for a potential coronavirus crisis, local companies are scrambling to disinfect their workspaces the right way to keep employees and customers safe. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is now urging U.S. businesses to vigorously and routinely wipe down workplace surfaces to contain the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

The local office cleaning

pros at Stratus Building Solutions are swamped with calls from companies that want cleanings- and advice on how to keep offices germ free. They have developed a list of five tips on how to protect yourself from cold, flu and other viruses.

- **One-Way Wipe Down** - Wipe down a surface in one direction and don't go back over it in the opposite direction because you will deposit germs you just cleaned up. Routinely wipe down all frequently touched

surfaces such as workstations, countertops and don't forget doorknobs.

- **Color-Coded Cleaning** - Color code cloths for specific spaces so you don't cross-contaminate the kitchen cloths with the bathroom cloths and discard immediately after use.

- **Smart Spraying** - On the bottle, common household disinfectants tout their ability to kill 99.9% of bacteria and viruses, including human coronavirus, flu strains, E.coli and salmonel-

la among others. But will they work against the new "novel coronavirus"? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says these disinfectants are "thought" to be effective against the new coronavirus strain, but until tests confirm it, this has not been scientifically proven. Meanwhile, Stratus Building Solutions touts its Sani-Spritz Spray, as the best protection against office germs.

- **Tech Disinfect** - Don't forget to wipe down em-

ployee laptops, mouses and especially cell phones. One study by a web-based researched platform found we touch our cell phones 2,000 times a day. Other recent studies indicate the average adult brings their fingers to their nose, mouth or eyes about 16 times per hour, and germs thrive on human touch and the tech we touch! The use of Electrostatic Sprayer Disinfecting Systems is the gold standard for attacking germs in difficult to reach

spaces.

- **Hand-Washing Warnings** - Post handwashing- and drying signs EVERYWHERE - from the kitchen to the bathroom - as a reminder to employees to wash hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol or with warm water and soap for at least twenty seconds. (as long as it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song!) Dry hands thoroughly because germs spread with moisture.

Rep. Bowers and Girl Scouts celebrate Texas Girls in STEM Day

On Sunday, March 1, 2020, State Representative Rhett Andrews Bowers (HD 113) hosted an inaugural "Texas Girls in STEM Day."

In the 86th legislative session, Representative Bowers authored House Bill 3435, which declares

March 1st of every year as "Texas Girls in STEM Day," designated to highlight women in STEM and inspire young girls to embrace and enter fields relating to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The law further declares that this day

will be observed by appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in public schools, public institutions of higher education, and any organization wishing to participate. The celebration of girls in STEM will continue throughout the month of March.

"Tomorrow depends on us. We must continue to encourage girls to dream big and become history makers. I am proud that March 1st, will forever be a special day in our Great State for Girls in STEM," said Representative Bowers. Bowers co-hosted the

event with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas that included family fun activities

for all ages and an interactive scavenger hunt of Camp Whispering Cedars.

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their meaning and purpose. And, on the reverse, when students aren't thriving, it can impact so many others and cause so many disruptions when there are disconnections. Hurting people can hurt a lot of people. But we have the capacity to do so much good for one person, and each one of us can touch so many. Stanford students can reach the world.

Besides long-term strategic initiatives, you'll also be involved in responding to students in need and in crisis. What is your approach when students are in distress?

I try to always remind students that they are loved, they matter and they are not alone. I also seek to apply a trauma-informed approach and help the student find

a place of empowerment when dealing with difficult issues. It is not easy because students may want me to "fix it," but I want to also balance what is in our locus of control - for myself, the student and the issue. It is tough. This can be a tough world, and it would be easier to just wrap everyone in bubble wrap and duct tape but that is not how they learn. "Adulting" is the art of being human.

What are you looking most forward to as you settle into your job?

I want to meet more students where they thrive, where they learn and not just when they are in distress or have a problem. I want to know students by name. I want the team that I serve to trust my leadership. And, I want to look back on this transition time and be confident that I stayed true to myself.

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Cherokee Nation to host community outreach events in DFW

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and other tribal leaders will visit Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, for a community gathering of enrolled Cherokee Nation citizens on March 7 and 8.

There are now over 19,700 registered Cherokee Nation citizens living in Texas, with over 5,000 living in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas alone. Over the last decade, the Cherokee Nation has expanded its programs and services available for these at-large tribal citizens.

"It is important for the tribe to engage with Cherokee citizens living outside



2019 Cherokee National Holiday State of the Nation Chuck Hoskin Jr. (Courtesy photo)

of our 14-county jurisdiction in Oklahoma, providing some of the same benefits enrolled tribal citizens have in Oklahoma such as cultural enrichment activities and photo ID citizenship cards," Chief Hoskin

said. "By organizing at-large community events like this, we are ensuring we do our part in keeping strong connections with our Cherokee at-large brothers and sisters."

The community events

will include a potluck luncheon, informational booths on Cherokee Nation programs and services, cultural presentations and demonstrations, as well as remarks from Chief Hoskin, Deputy Principal Chief Bryan Warner, and at-large Tribal Councilors Mary Baker Shaw and Julia Coates.

The Cherokee Nation Registration Department will also be on hand to issue photo ID citizenship cards for tribal citizens who have already enrolled. A replacement card can be printed for a \$5 fee.

Among the 380,000 enrolled Cherokee Nation citizens, more than 63 percent live outside the tribal

boundaries. As part of the tribe's effort to connect Cherokee at-large citizens with tribal programs and information, the Cherokee Nation Community & Cultural Outreach department coordinates at-large community events throughout the year with the 26 official Cherokee Nation satellite community organizations across the United States.

Resources

To learn more about programs and services available to at-large Cherokee Nation citizens, visit <http://cherokeesatlarge.org>.

or more information on the Dallas and Fort Worth-area community events, follow Cherokee Nation

Community & Cultural Outreach on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CNCCO> or call 918-207-4963.

The community events will be held at the following times and locations:

Dallas area: Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Richardson, 1001 N. Central Expressway, in Richardson, Texas, hosted by The Cherokee Community of North Texas.

Fort Worth area: Sunday, March 8, from 12-4 p.m. at the Boys Ranch Activity Center, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive, in Bedford, Texas, hosted by the Gadugi Cherokees.

Spotlighting Latina women on International Women's Day March 8

Mercado369 invites the public to join them in celebrating and honoring influential Latina women in the community during Interna-

tional Women's Day 2020. They are hosting a networking celebration with brunch and mimosas and more. Learn about local Latina

women in the arts, politics, and education. Hear about their journeys breaking the ceiling and powering through. Mingle while

browsing a special Mercado369 art exhibit of women artists and celebrating the women in the Latino culture in art, film, and music.

This event is free and open to the community. Tickets for the brunch are \$16. The event will be held at Mercado369 located at

369 W. Jefferson Blvd., in Dallas. Events are planned from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with reservations encouraged at bit.ly/celebratelatinas.

PUC approves a new area code for Dallas

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved the adoption of additional area code for the greater Dallas area to accommodate continued population growth. It has been estimated that the remaining phone numbers starting with 214, 469 and 972 are on track to run out in the first three months of 2021. When they do so,

new numbers beginning with the new area code (945) will be assigned. This new code is expected to meet numbering needs for an additional thirteen years.

"The growth of the population in Dallas and surrounding cities is a reflection of the continued economic vitality in the region and across the state," said Governor Greg Ab-

bott. "When the availability of jobs intersects with the quality of life in Texas, this kind of growth is to be expected. I applaud the PUC for taking this prudent step."

Voting on PUC docket 48765, the Commissioners directed the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) to oversee the implementation

over the next nine months. The addition of the fourth area code for the region should be a fairly simple process since residents of the numbering plan area have already adapted to ten-digit dialing (including area code).

Customers with existing numbers beginning with

214, 469 and 972 will keep them. New numbers starting with 945 will be assigned when the remainder of those numbers run out in early 2021.

From a historical perspective, the 214 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) was one of the original area codes implemented in 1947

as part of the North American Numbering Plan. In 1996, the 214 NPA was split into the 214 and 972 NPAs. In 1999, the line dividing the 214 and 972 NPAs was eliminated, and the 469 NPA was introduced as an overlay area code covering their combined geographic area.

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a revolution and more of a restoration.

Texas races

• In the bid to unseat U.S. Senator John Coryn, who handily won the GOP race, **MJ Hegar** despite support from the national party and others, could not close the deal with voters. After gaining 22.4 percent of the ballots cast, she is headed to a runoff against **Texas Senator Royce West** or **Cristina Tzintzun Ramirez** at this point the race for second place is too close to call.

• U.S. Congressional District 24 will hold a runoff race with **Kim Olson** (38.61 percent) versus **Candace Valenzuela** (31.22 percent).

• **Congresswoman Edie Bernice Johnson** walked away with the primary victory in U.S. Congressional District 30 win by 70.58 percent of the votes. **Congressman Marc Veasey** did the same in District 33 with 56.81 percent.

• For the Supreme Court Justice Place 7 was won by

Staci Williams with 74.31 percent vote.

• Texas State Rep. District 100 is headed for a runoff, for the second time this year, with recently elected **Lorraine Birabil** facing challenger **Jasmine Felicia Crockett**.

• For Criminal District Judge, Court No. 3, the three-way race is narrowed to two with **Teresa Jan Hawthorne** (39.21 percent) versus **Audra Ladawn Riley** (33.61 percent).

• **Dallas County Sheriff Marian Brown** easily won the nomination with 58.90 percent of the vote.

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2176	Boot Scootin' Bucks Overall Odds are 1 in 4.68	\$1	4/22/20	10/19/20
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The virus which has already caused widespread panic in Asia now has local officials preparing for its eventual arrival in Dallas.
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DISD rolls out coronavirus information for concerned parents and staff

Dallas ISD is monitoring the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and working with national and local health authorities to provide the latest information to families and staff. While no cases have yet been reported in Dallas, the district is taking measures to inform the community about the progression of the illness. A website with frequently asked questions and links to information resources is available at www.dallasisd.org/healthupdates, and letters are being distributed to campuses to send home

with students.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Novel Coronavirus belongs to a family of viruses called coronavirus. There are other viruses in the coronavirus family that can cause illness in both humans and animals. These viruses can cause either mild illness like a cold or can make people very sick with pneumonia.

This particular coronavirus has not been seen previously in humans. The virus is likely to be spread from person to person. Since the

virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads. There is no vaccine or treatment available for this or other coronaviruses.

Dallas ISD Health Services is working closely with officials of Dallas County Health and Human Services and providing all campus nurses with guidelines and procedures to follow if individuals present symptoms and have a travel history that may have brought them into contact with someone known to have the illness. Dallas ISD will continue to monitor the

progress of the illness and communicate with parents and staff on an ongoing basis.

Custodial staff will perform extra cleaning of schools and district offices, and school bus drivers have been asked to clean bus interiors. If needed, the district has access to large-scale outside vendors who can deep-clean classrooms and schools. School closures are among the options available to control the spread of the virus if recommended by the CDC or other health authorities.

Allred votes for bipartisan bill to fund coronavirus preparedness and response

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) today voted for the bipartisan Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, which provides \$8.3 billion in emergency funding to combat the coronavirus epidemic.

“The health and safety of

the American people is paramount, and today we acted decisively to move forward on much-needed resources for our state and local agencies, as well as critical research and development,” said Allred. “We must all work together to combat the potential spread of coronavirus. I will continue to work

with my colleagues, as well as our local health officials, to address this public health crisis and provide North Texans with the resources and information they need.” Allred is additionally hosting a town hall and briefing with local health experts at 4:00 PM on Friday, March 6 at the Dallas County Health and

Human Services building.

The emergency supplemental provides \$8.3 billion in emergency funding. Specifically, it provides:

- More than \$3 billion for research and development of vaccines and therapies
- \$1 billion in small business disaster loan subsidies to help businesses that have

experienced financial losses related to the outbreak

- \$2.2 billion to support federal, state, and local public health agencies in their response. This includes surveillance, lab testing, infection control, etc.
- \$264 million for consular operations, emergency evacuation of State Department

staff

- \$300 million in humanitarian assistance
- \$10 million for worker based training for hospital employees, first responders and others
- Nearly \$1 billion for the procurement of drugs, masks, and other medical supplies

Mesquite teacher honored as 2020 International Educator of the Year

Greg Hill, a teacher at Mesquite ISD's Dr. John D. Horn High School since 2001, has been named 2020 International Educator of the Year (IEY) by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. For more than 20 years, Hill has inspired his students to think beyond their hometowns.

Hill said, “service, leadership, and dedication” best describe his commitment to international education. Hill teaches AP Human Geography, World History, and American Cultural Studies. The 2020

IEY award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at noon at the Belo Mansion.

The Council's International Educator of the Year Award Luncheon highlights the amazing individuals that make their education program, Global Young Leaders, possible. By working directly with high schools and universities, the Council has supported educators devoted to enriching their students' knowledge of world affairs.

Through his work and dedication, Hill inspires

not only his students but also provides an example for other teachers to excite students about the world. He manages two Facebook groups for other educators, AP Human Geography Teachers of Texas and World Geography Teachers of Texas, which provide a forum for teachers to share teaching materials with one another to ensure their students are receiving the most engaging and interesting education possible.

In 2016, Hill was named a distinguished teacher (K-12) by the National Coun-

cil for Geographic Education. The following year, he spent a month in Ecuador and Peru as the only social studies teacher in the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program with the Center for Latin American Studies. Hill has also traveled to multiple other countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. He believes travel breaks down barriers and hopes that through opening the eyes of his students to new places that he can inspire them to open their minds to the world.



Mesquite ISD's teacher, Greg Hill, receives international honor.
(Courtesy photo)

Open house promotes higher education opportunities at Collin College

Learn more about university programs available at the Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC) and save money on selected application fees at the CHEC Open House from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, March 6. The event is in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Collin

Higher Education Center's university partnerships. It is free and residents are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's University, University of North Texas, and The Uni-

versity of Texas at Dallas will be on hand to tell potential students about the programs that they offer at the CHEC and walk them through the application process.

Each university will have program advisors, financial aid representatives, and ad-

missions personnel on-site to assist interested students.

Students who attend classes at CHEC are considered students of the university offering their classes and can earn a degree from that school while attending classes primarily or completely at the CHEC.

The college's university partners currently offer classes that apply to 14 baccalaureate degree programs, 10 master's degree programs, and two doctoral programs.

Attendees can also take advantage of selected waived application fees

from each of the university partners.

The exact fee varies according to the university. A full list of available savings and a schedule of representatives can be found at www.collin.edu/check/openhouse.html.

Author of 'The Leavers' speaking at Book-In-Common events this month

Lisa Ko, author of "The Leavers," will speak at Book-In-Common events, March 23-25 at Collin College's campuses in Frisco, McKinney, and Plano. The lectures and book signings are free and open to the public.

"The Leavers" tells the story of an undocumented Chinese immigrant mother

who goes to her job at a nail salon and never returns. Her young American-born son is left behind confused and wondering what happened to his mother. He is eventually adopted by a white couple who move him from the Bronx to a small town upstate. He struggles to adapt to his new life and identity with memories of his moth-

er and the community he left behind.

The book was a finalist for the 2017 National Book Award for Fiction and named in multiple "Best Book" lists for that year.

Ko will discuss her book and writing process at three upcoming events: Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in Collin College's Frisco Campus

(Preston Ridge) Conference Center, 9700 Wade Blvd.; Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Plano Campus (Spring Creek) Living Legends Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway; and Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the McKinney Campus (Central Park) Conference Center, 2400 Community Ave.

The Book-In-Common lecture series is the culmination of a yearlong program in which students throughout the college are encouraged to read the same book and discuss its themes. For more information about the lectures or to learn more about Book-In-Common, visit <https://www.collin.edu/academics/bookincommon/>.



Lisa Ko

Sci-Tech Discovery Center hosts 10th annual Brainiac Bowl March 27

Since opening in Frisco's Discovery Center in 2010, Sci-Tech Discovery Center has been a pioneer in creating mind-stretching fun for children, families, and classrooms across North Texas. One of the key community fundraisers for the museum is the annual Brainiac Bowl, which brings teams together to compete in a light-hearted, spirited trivia competition, along with a silent auction, in a night celebrating science

in North Texas.

The 10th annual Brainiac Bowl, chaired by community volunteer Mary Hewett, will be held at Slate Venues in Richardson on Friday, March 27. As a part of the Brainiac Bowl, several awards will be presented to business and community partners shaping the future of STEM education in North Texas.

"Our community partners make it possible for us to deliver engaging STEM

education to thousands of North Texas students," said Sci-Tech Executive Director Janet Madrazo. "Sci-Tech Discovery Center depends on the support of strong science pioneers like these who are committed to developing young minds."

The event is March 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Slate Venues at II Creeks at 2701 Custer Parkway Richardson. mindstretchingfun.org.

Mayor directs Domestic Violence Task Force to make recommendations to aid in reduction

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson has directed Domestic Violence Task Force to make a series of recommendations to help reduce family violence aggravated assaults by 25% over three years.

In a letter delivered Tuesday afternoon to City Councilmember Jennifer Staubach Gates, the chair of the Task Force, Mayor Johnson asked for the group to report back to him with data-supported and community-driven

recommendations by Oct. 1, which is the first day of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Last year, family violence aggravated assaults increased by more than 2% over 2018. In addition, Dallas police reported 32 homicides in 2019 that were connected to domestic violence.

"We cannot accept the status quo, and we must continue to work, to the best of our ability, to stop the scourge of violence

in the home and between intimate partners," Mayor Johnson wrote in the letter. "And as with our broader violent crime issues, we must all commit to playing a part in the solution."

The mayor directed the Task Force to focus its recommendations on five specific goals:

1. Increase shelter space in Dallas to ensure no victim seeking assistance is unable to access accom-

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Taco Libre Dallas is returning for its 6th year to



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The Shed at Dallas Farmers Market (920 S. Harwood Street) on Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m. This year's lineup is a stellar one with and festival attendees will have the opportunity to taste the tacos from new joints including Bad Spanish Tacos, Birrieria y Taqueria Cortez, Evil Cooks (Los Angeles), Taco Sweets (Austin), Taco y Vino, Trompo Taqueria & Burgers and more.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m., in partnership with the Consulate-General of Mexico in Dallas, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will perform a **concert in honor of DSO Music Director Emeritus Eduardo Mata**. The performance will showcase the music Mata was famous for and provide an opportunity for the city to honor his memory and legacy. Tickets for the concert are \$20 with Loge seats available for \$40. Tickets and information are available at mydso.com.

Garland

Come learn the essentials of homeownership from the

experts at the **Home Buyers Seminar** hosted by the Garland Chamber of Commerce. Please call George Christian at 214-319-5552 to RSVP. The event is March 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Resource One Credit Union located at 2475 Arapaho Rd.

The first project from Garland's \$423.7 million bond program, approved by residents just nine months ago, is officially on the ground. New LED field lights went live for the first night games of the youth soccer season Feb. 24 at Winters Park.

The wooden poles were replaced with a \$3.2 mil-

lion field lighting system in less than 100 days between the fall and spring youth soccer seasons. While providing better lighting for the players and families within the park, the new lights are also better concentrated on the park and far less intrusive to neighboring residential and retail properties and Garland Independent School District campuses. Learn more at GarlandTX.gov.

Irving

Irving's Got Talent is an evening of entertainment as Irving's best musicians, dancers and performers take the stage in our annual

teen talent competition. Judges will select winners in a variety of categories, while audience members can text their vote for the best performance of the night. Free admission on March 6 at Carpenter Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Enjoy a day of relaxation while painting various pieces of pottery to take home. Prices vary by piece and can be purchased on the day of the event. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. It is at the Northwest Park Recreation Center on March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dallas Public Library makes prom dreams reality with free formal wear

Dallas Public Library's annual prom wear giveaway opens March 7 and this year high school students have five opportunities to find the perfect gown or formal wear. Hundreds of gowns in various sizes and styles will be available from the library's Fairy Tale Closet, as well as shoes, accessories and a few suits and jackets for those who forgo the traditional gown. The Fairy Tale Closet is open to girls, boys and non-binary students. The selection of suits is limited.

"Every year we are blown

away by the Dallas community's generosity toward this effort," said Communications & Youth Services Administrator Melissa Dease. "We have always wanted to be able to serve more teens and this year our volunteers are making it happen."

Reservations can be made at <http://dallaslibrary2.org/teen/fairytalecloset.php>. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Fairy Tale Closet opens at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library on Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Longtime partners and volunteers are sponsor-

ing additional days to keep the closet open:

- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 8 sponsored by Neiman Marcus,
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 15 sponsored by Women at Hyatt
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21 sponsored by City of Dallas LGBTQ+
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 22 sponsored by DF-BIWG

For more information call 214-670-7943 or email libyouthservices@dallascityhall.com.

Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez concedes after finishing a close third in crowded Democratic senate primary

AUSTIN, TX — First-time candidate and long-time political organizer Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez conceded to her rivals MJ Hegar and State Senator Royce West. Tzintzún Ramirez entered the race in August, and in just over 6 months, her campaign managed to raise \$1 million dollars and secure over 240,000 votes.

"Though we will not advance to a runoff, we accomplished something great," said U.S. Senate candidate, Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez. "This

campaign was consistently underestimated. I ran as a progressive, as a Latina, and as a working mom. We ran this campaign unapologetically, and we all have so much to be proud of for what we've accomplished."

"Cristina came into this race with low name recognition and was a first-time candidate. Our campaign broke through to voters even though we faced a very busy media cycle and a large and talented field of primary opponents," said Campaign Manager David Sanchez. "In the end it

wasn't enough to get us into the runoff, but I am proud of running a campaign on a progressive platform. Our staff, our candidate, and our supporters and volunteers left it all on the field."

Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez has not yet decided on her next steps, but she knows that no matter what, she will continue to fight the politics of hate and advocate for working Texans. For now, she is looking forward to spending time with friends and family, and in particular, her three-year-old son Santi.



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North Texas Irish Festival kicks off this weekend

Oh, Danny Boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling everyone to Fair Park in Dallas for the 38th Annual North Texas Irish Festival to celebrate the rich tradition of Irish and Celtic culture March 6-8 with a three-day festival that is family-friendly and tons of fun.

Tens of thousands will come from across Texas and other parts of the country to visit one of the largest Irish festivals in the U.S., a signature cultural event that features live music, dancing, storytelling, chef demonstrations and more on 13 stages throughout Fair Park.

Attendees will also enjoy horse shows, beer and whiskey tasting, genealogy research opportunities,



The North Texas Irish Festival is not only kid-friendly, but it is also pet-friendly too – Irish or not. (NTIF / Larry Petterborg)

shopping, animal rescue groups, child-friendly entertainment, and free arts and crafts for the kids.

Now in its 38th year, the North Texas Irish Festival is unique as the largest cul-

tural celebration in DFW, and one of the largest Irish festivals in the U.S. It is produced annually by 600 volunteers, some of whom have volunteered for decades, often alongside gen-

erations of their families.

"We are honored that people choose to bring their families to our festival year after year," said Sheri Bush, president of the Southwest Celtic Music Association Inc., the organization that produces the North Texas Irish Festival and provides music and dance scholarships to local students.

"Those of us who volunteer for the festival do this out of love for the culture, and because we want to share that with everyone. From our 'festival family' to yours, we hope you enjoy this labor of love."

Music, dancing, whiskey tastings, horse displays, Celtic storytelling, animal rescue groups, Shepherd's pie, Irish stew, dozens of

activities for kids and child-friendly entertainment, and chef demonstrations are all found at this family-friendly festival that includes 13 stages of entertainment.

Back by popular demand after a successful inaugural race is the North Texas Irish Festival Fun Run, the perfect opportunity to kick up your heels.

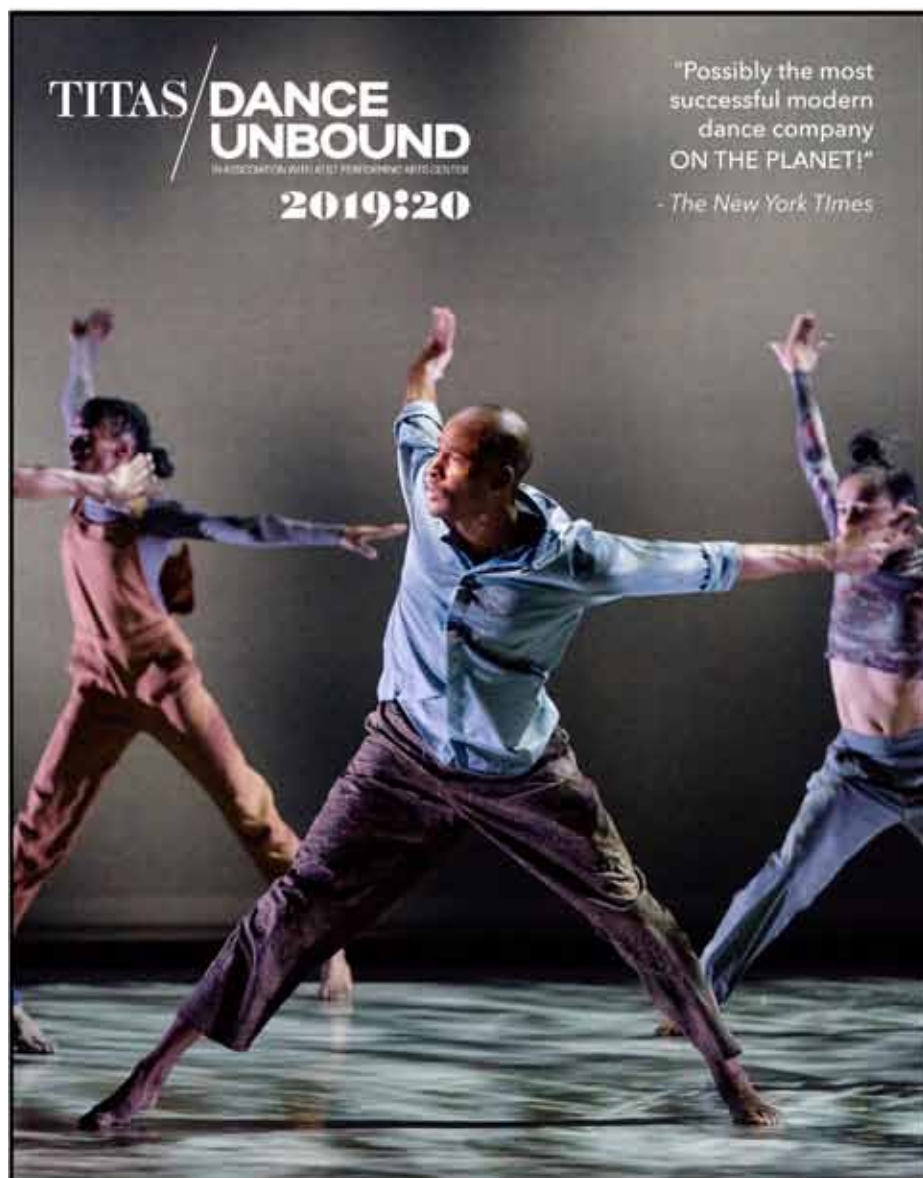
Perfect for runners or walkers of any age or ability (and dogs, of course!), this non-timed 5K fun run benefits the Southwest Celtic Music Association. All registered run participants will receive a T-shirt, a "bottle opener" medal, one ticket to the North Texas Irish Festival, and two beers after the run if you are of legal drinking age.

Event Schedule

Gates will open on Friday evening, March 6, at 6 p.m. Hours are 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday; 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7; and 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.

North Texas Irish Festival Fun Run is Saturday, March 7, 8-11 a.m. Packet pick-up is at 7 a.m. at the Magnolia Lounge in Fair Park. Fun run registration is available online.

Tickets for the North Texas Irish Festival are at www.ntif.org.



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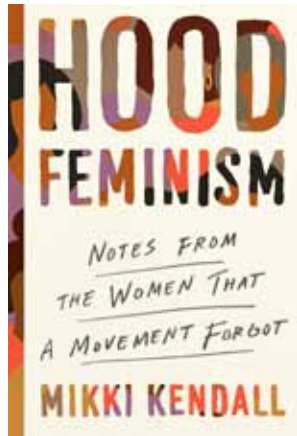
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NDG Book Review: Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

A sea of people. That's what you saw, overlooking the crowd at the rally you attended. More people, perhaps, than you'd ever seen in one place before, all gathered together for one ultimate cause. Or were they? In the new book "Hood Feminism" by Mikki Kendall, look again: was that sea of people mostly white?

Chances are, says Kendall, if it was a women's event, many were. White feminists "can lean in," but they sometimes don't "show up when Black women" have different issues to deal with. Feminism, she says, can't "forget that a movement that claims to be for all women" must "engage with the obstacles women who are not white face."



"And when we act as allies," she says, "feminists have to be willing to listen to and respect those we want to help."

That includes understanding that guns have a lot to do with feminism because poor women and Women of Color are "more likely to be victims of gun violence." It includes knowing that hunger and homelessness are painful realities for many Black women, and that it doesn't help to make either seem

like they were the result of "bad choices."

Respect means that victims of abuse and sexual harassment are not blamed for their clothing, job, or hairstyle. It means never asking what they were drinking when they were assaulted. It means the end of hypersexualizing young Black girls and women. It means accepting their unique beauty, without politicizing hair or body shape, and without comment. This also, by the way, extends to trans women of any color.

Feminism for all means that we ignore fear and misconceptions of "the hood." It means that we must "un-teach the normalization of violence against women." It demands that we confront family and friends who hold racist ideals. It means supporting health measures for women and their chil-

dren. It means voting for the good of all women, and it requires that allies occasionally "stop, step back, and realize they are still part of the problem."

In tackling "Hood Feminism," there may come a time when a reader finds it necessary to split the narrative.

On one hand, author Mikki Kendall offers exactly what she promises: an uncomfortable truth, because it's necessary and because she's kind, and laying out this information is a sort of kindness. The things she points out are vital for people who profess to be "feminists" to know, and

while that may not be any fun, neither is ignorance. Fingers out of your ears, think of this book, maybe, as consciousness-raising workshop plus personal intervention.

On the other hand, however, Kendall paints white women with a mile-wide, ten-foot-tall brush of condemnation, that may or

may not be fair. Yes, these are words that white women need to hear... and yes, they're also somewhat overgeneralized.

Still, keep in mind that this is a book to help, not to censure, and even though it stings, you'll be glad you read it. Find "Hood Feminism." It offers an ocean of thoughts to ponder.



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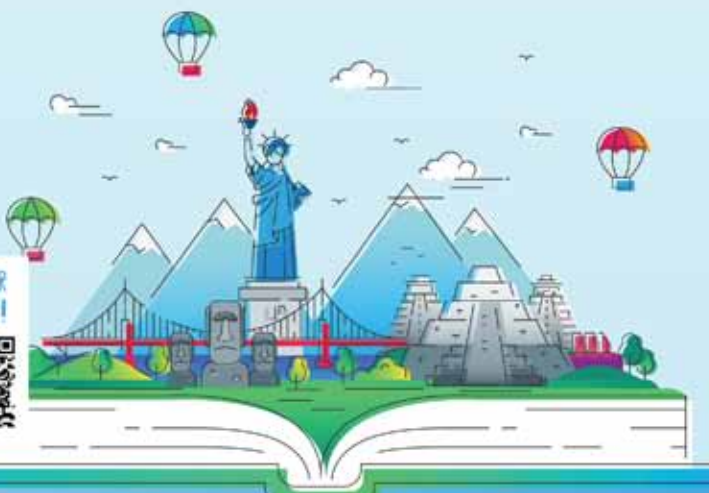
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Retirement and the IRS: What seniors need to know at tax-filing time

Retirement and the effects of aging come with a lot of changes, but at least one thing remains constant.

Every April 15, Uncle Sam wants to make sure you're paying any taxes you might owe him.

"Whether you're retired or not, the IRS is still going to be interested in your income," says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange who is known as the "Retirement Genius."

"That said, though, there are tax rules that are specific to older Americans, so it's important to be aware of the different ways you might be able to reduce your tax bill that weren't available to you when you were younger."

He says some factors to be mindful of as you plan or file your taxes include:

You may qualify for a larger standard deduction. For many Americans, including many seniors, there's no reason to itemize your deductions anymore



The 2020 tax filing season is upon us.
(U.S. Army photo illustration by Thomas Hamilton III)

because the standard deduction is so high – \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a married couple filing jointly. But you can get an even higher standard deduction if either you or your spouse is 65 or older, and a still higher deduction if either of you is blind. "If you aren't itemizing, then you want to make sure you're getting the maximum standard deduction that you are allowed because that's going to impact how much of your income is taxed," Orestis says.

Orestis says.

Yes, your Social Security benefit may be taxed. The rules for how much – if any – of your Social Security benefit is taxed can be tricky, so you want to be extra careful with that, Orestis says. According to the Social Security Administration, if you're filing as an individual, and your Social Security benefit plus any other taxable income you have is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may be taxed up to 50 per-

cent of your benefit. If your combined income is more than \$34,000 then up to 85 percent of the benefit may be taxable. For married couples filing jointly, if the combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your income is more than \$44,000 then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

You may be able to deduct long-term care insurance premiums. Owners of long-term care insurance policies can take tax deductions on premiums they pay for qualified plans – as well as other reimbursed medical expenses such as Medicare premiums – as long as the premiums are greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, Orestis says.

Selling your life insurance policy has advantages. "There can be significant tax benefits for people who sell their life insurance pol-

icy through what is called a 'life settlement,'" Orestis says. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the proceeds from a life settlement are fully exempt from federal taxes if the policy owner is terminally or chronically ill. Those who are not terminally or chronically ill do pay capital-gain taxes on the proceeds from the sale, minus the amount in premiums the policyholder paid over the life of the policy.

You may want to increase contributions to your retirement accounts. Of course, many seniors aren't adding anything to their IRAs or 401(k)s. Instead, they are regularly withdrawing money to pay for monthly living expenses. But if you're still working, you can increase your contributions, which can both reduce your tax bill now and give you an even larger nest egg when you do retire, Orestis says. The IRS limits

how much you can contribute each year, but that limit increases once you turn 50. For example, for both traditional and Roth IRAs, people younger than 50 can't contribute more than \$6,000 annually, but those 50 and older can contribute up to \$7,000.

"The important thing to remember is that you may have options at tax time that you hadn't thought about," Orestis says. "Knowing the tax rules and how they apply to your personal situation, and seeking professional advice, can make a huge difference."

Chris Orestis, known as the "Retirement Genius," is President of LifeCare Xchange and a nationally recognized healthcare expert and senior advocate. He has 25 years experience in the insurance and long-term care industries and is credited with pioneering the Long-Term Care Life Settlement over a decade ago.

Consumer Reports urges major airlines to let kids sit with their parents without extra fees

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In letters sent this week to American, Delta, and United Airlines, Consumer Reports called on the companies to ensure children are seated with their families on planes at no additional cost. More than 120,000 people have signed Consumer Reports' petition to the airlines in support of this effort since it was launched just over one week ago.

"Families face a constant battle to ensure they are seated together, even when they choose seats far in advance," said Anna Laitin, director of financial policy at Consumer Reports. "The airlines should put safety first and seat children with their families without charging them extra for it."

Consumer Reports delivered its letters to the three airlines in advance of a hearing by the House Aviation Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 3 examin-

ing the experiences of airline passengers and what can be done to improve it. William J. McGee, Aviation Adviser for Consumer Reports, will testify at the hearing about a number of issues, including the need to ensure the safety of children traveling with their parents.

In 2016, Congress directed the Department of Transportation to "review, and if appropriate, establish a policy" to ensure airlines allow families with children 13 and under to sit together without paying additional fees. After two years of inaction by the DOT, Consumer Reports filed a Freedom of Information Act request to find out the status of this inquiry. One year later, the DOT finally forwarded 136 consumer complaints to CR, while indicating that it was unnecessary to take action "based on the low number of complaints."

Consumer Reports analyzed those complaints and discovered that some involved children as young as one or two years old who were assigned seats apart from their parents. Other children seated separately were autistic, suffered seizures, or were susceptible to life-threatening nut allergies. CR began publicizing the issue last fall and set up a portal to the DOT's complaint system, generating more than 600 submissions in just two months – well over four times as many as the agency received in the previous two and a half years.

Parents who submitted complaints shared how they bought tickets and chose seats together, but the airline reassigned their seats before the flight. They were forced to pay for an upgrade, or beg gate agents, flight attendants, and other

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Why 'green buildings' are a civil rights issue

By Jacqui Patterson and Mandy Lee, NAACP

Voting rights. Segregation. Criminal justice reform. For more than a century, the civil rights movement has taken on the inequities that divide and disfigure American society. Now the green building sector has joined the fronts of struggle for access and equity.

Why?

The green building sector is transforming the places in which we live, work, and gather. Sustainable buildings, defined by certification programs like LEED, promote the health and wellbeing of building occupants while minimizing climate change and pollution. For some people.

This wave of better building practices has yet to fully reach the people suffering the most from buildings that are unsafe, unhealthy, unaffordable, and unsustainable. African Americans and other people of color disproportionately feel the burden of unsustainable buildings: energy insecurity in their homes, health problems like asthma from poor indoor air

quality, and damage from worsening disasters fueled by climate change. These are enduring legacies of discriminatory practices, disinvestment, and barriers to building wealth over the generations.

What's worse, the sustainable building sector is an insider's club with a serious diversity problem. Whether it's as policy makers, advocates, architects, contractors, or even in the construction workforce, the most impacted communities are underrepresented in the design and construction of sustainable buildings. For example, according to the National Organization of Minority Architects, less than two percent of registered architects are African Americans, and less than 0.4% are African American women. Green building is a huge growth industry, but communities of color are not yet positioned to fully benefit from it.

When we decided to establish our new headquarters as a living building and began to explore what it takes to do so, we saw the problem firsthand at meetings of green build-

ing organizations. We were struck by just how homogeneous some of those spaces were in terms of race, with a significant dearth of people of color engaged in these discussions. We juxtaposed this against what we knew to be true: Communities of color and low-income communities are more likely to be in sick buildings, whether it's mold, lead, asbestos, or radon. We are more likely to be in the least energy-efficient buildings, and that is reflected in the fact that we pay the highest proportion of our income for electricity. And we are more likely to be in the least disaster-resilient buildings, with homes in floodplains or without reinforcement.

That's why the NAACP recently launched the Centering Equity in the Sustainable Building Sector (CESBS) Initiative, pushing forward civil rights in this critical (if unexpected) new sphere. The NAACP will define and articulate an agenda for an equitable green building sector, using its Baltimore headquarters as a living laboratory for this concept. Through this effort, the NAACP

will develop a replicable model for centering equity in all aspects of sustainable, healthy, safe, and regenerative buildings.

So, what would an equitable green building sector look like? It would advance community-wide transition, not just a few green buildings in isolation. Sustainability would be seen as a basic necessity — not a luxury item — in any building project. Low-income communities, communities of color, and women would be at the heart of a better building industry, supported by more inclusive education and professional development pathways. Sustainability investments would prioritize the most impacted communities. And underrepresented communities would be deeply engaged in planning and design, because “shaping the environment is best done by the people who live in it,” according to Professor Dale Glenwood Green of Morgan State University.

Some communities and organizations are getting it right and helping us imagine what is possible. For example, the Mental

Health Center of Denver, Colorado planned to build a new, green campus in the predominantly African American and low-income Northeast Park Hill community. The Center sought input from neighbors to shape the design and function of the four-acre property. As a result, the Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being now offers a comprehensive array of services in addition to mental health care: a preschool that is inclusive of students regardless of ability; a pediatric dental clinic; an urban farm, teaching kitchen, and farmers' market; and a variety of indoor and outdoor community spaces. The campus' sustainability and equity approaches were verified through LEED Gold certification and a tool called the SEED Evaluator.

Another model is the Green Communities Criteria (GCC) program, a framework and certification developed by Enterprise Community Partners to bring the benefits of sustainable construction practices to low-income families and affordable housing. While this program is still in de-

velopment, it has already produced 127,000 certified affordable homes through \$3.9 billion in investment. Thanks to the leadership of standards like GCC, a total of 32 states have incentivized green building certification programs for affordable housing developments receiving support from the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Fundamentally, sustainability without equity will merely sustain inequity. The civil rights movement has a critical role to play in creating a sustainable building sector that is both green and just — for the benefit of our families, our communities, the economy, and the planet.

This op-ed is adapted from two reports released today from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Centering Equity in the Sustainable Building Sector (CESBS) Initiative. Patterson is the Senior Director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program; Lee is the program manager for the CESBS Initiative at the NAACP.

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modations and services.

2. Ensure Dallas police officers, both patrol officers and family violence detectives, have adequate training and tools needed to respond appropriately to domestic violence incidents.

3. Integrate domestic violence education into Dallas and Richardson ISDs' curriculum.

4. Provide improved on-demand transportation services for victims of domestic violence.

5. Identify obstacles or

circumstances that increase risk of severe injury or death for victims and create actionable plans to address these obstacles.

The Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force was created in 1987. It is made up of dozens of members of Dallas-area agencies focused on combating domestic violence and sup-

porting victims. Read more about the Task Force here.

At a Genesis Women's Shelter breakfast event last week, Mayor Johnson announced that he planned to send the letter to Chairwoman Gates. The breakfast honored Genesis' HeROs (He Respects Others) auxiliary. HeROs are men who participate in pro-

grams and volunteer opportunities meant to help victims of domestic violence.

The mayor signed up

himself and his two sons, William and George, to become HeROs. He also encouraged other men to join.

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passengers to switch seats with them. Other families buy low-cost Basic Economy tickets only to find that this fare didn't just deny them the opportunity to pick their own seats, it put the parents in seats far from their children. Some families are told gate agents can fix the problem, but only if they are willing to pay an extra fee.

Beyond the anxiety and frustration this causes for families, seating children away from their parents also creates a safety risk for all passengers during an emergency. Furthermore, a 2018 FBI report found that inflight sexual assaults are on the rise, with investigations into assaults on children as young as eight.

Over the past week, all

three airlines have maintained that they have policies to ensure children are seated with their parents. However, the complaints submitted recently to the DOT make it clear that this problem persists and that these policies are not always followed. Too often, the onus is put on the parents to ensure that they are seated with their children, rather than the airlines who control the seat map and know the ages of all of

the people traveling on the plane.

“The airlines can fix this problem without government intervention,” said Anna Laitin, director of financial policy for Consumer Reports. “Ensuring that children are always seated with their parents regardless of the ticket purchased would improve safety and security for all travelers while easing the minds of families.”

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Women History Month



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“Valiant Women of the Vote.” The theme honors “the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others.” . . .

This year’s theme presents the opportunity to weave women’s stories – individually and collectively – into the essential fabric of our nation’s history.

I usually highlight Black women to celebrate strong women who have made, or who are making a difference, or will make a difference with their contribution to mankind this month.

Accounts of the lives of individual Black women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do.

The stories of Black women’s lives, and the choices

they made, encourage girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give Black boys and men a fuller understanding .

Knowing Black women’s achievements challenges stereotypes and upends Social assumptions about who they are and what they can accomplish today.

Delilah L. Beasley - Historian and Newspaper Columnist; at her memorial service, which was a testament to her life-long crusade for justice, all attending stood and made the following pledge—“Every life casts its shadow, my life plus others make power to move the world. I, therefore, pledge my life to the living work of brotherhood and material understanding between the races.

Beasley was the first Black woman to be regularly published in a major metropolitan newspaper and the first author to present the history of Blacks in early California.

Growing up in Ohio, Beasley started writing social columns for Black and White newspapers while still a teenager. After her parents’ deaths, she sought a career

path that would better support her younger siblings, working as a hairdresser, massage therapist, nurse, and maid for many years.

In 1910 she moved to Oakland California where she immersed herself in the local Black community and again started writing articles in local newspapers.

In 1915 Beasley started writing a weekly column in the Oakland Tribune. Her articles protested the stereotypes contained in the movie “The Birth of a Nation.” Through a column called “Activities among Negroes,” she campaigned for Black dignity and rights.

She Highlighted activities of local churches, women’s clubs, literary societies, along with national politics, and achievements of Black

men and women; her column aimed to give all readers a positive picture of the Black community and demonstrate the capabilities of Blacks.

Deeply interested in the history of Black Californians, Beasley trained herself in archival research and oral histories. In 1919 she self-published The Negro Trail-Blazers of California, this was a groundbreaking book chronicling the lives of hundreds of Black Californians from the pioneer period through the early 20th century.

Her book included an unprecedented amount of Black women’s history, focusing on the strong roles women played in their communities and featuring countless biographies of

Black women leaders.

In the thirties, Beasley was the driving force behind the passage California’s first

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