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# Study: African Americans are poorer today than five years ago

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior Correspondent

African Americans were more likely to be unemployed than Americans overall in 2018 than they were in 2013, according to a new study that details the economic and financial progress African Americans have made over five years.

Researchers at Lending Tree, the popular website that connects borrowers with lenders, found that while unemployment decreased for African Americans by 36 percent – from 16.6 percent in 2013 to 10.6 percent in 2018 — it was still five percentage points higher than the unemployment rate for Americans as a whole.

The unemployment rate for Americans overall in 2013 was 9.7 percent, which fell to 5.9 percent in 2018.

"I don't want to get political here, but I would hope that this report would color how people view the approaches that the parties and candidates take toward legislative and social issues, and how those things are framed," Lending Tree Lead Researcher Kali McFadden told NNPA Newswire.

"It certainly demonstrates that, even though people talk about how much better economically things are, African Americans are more in the hole than they were five years



While African Americans have seen a decrease in their overall unemployment rate, a new study shows that this improvement doesn't translate into real wealth. (NNPA)

ago."

Among other key findings, the median household income for African Americans grew by 13.4 percent, roughly the same rate of 13.7 percent for Americans as a whole. But, it remains 33 percent below the national average.

The study revealed that the median household income for Blacks in 2018 was \$40,155 — more than \$20,000 less than the \$60,293 median household income for Americans as a whole.

The median individual earnings for African American workers — which were already 16 percent lower than the median personal

earnings for American workers as a whole — grew by 7.1 percent, compared with 9.5 percent for workers as a whole.

That means that the earnings gap between African Americans and Americans as a whole increased by 11.2 percent between 2013 and 2018.

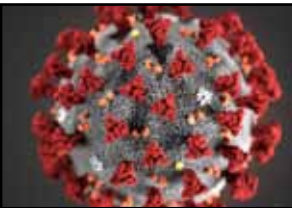
And, although household income increased, the income gap between Black Americans and Americans as a whole remained steady at 33 percent. In comparison, the wage gap between Blacks and Americans as a whole increased 11 percent from

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### People In The News...



Sherri Shepherd



Nikisha Reagan

NDG Quote of the Week: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Sherri Shepherd

Actress, comedian, talk show host and producer Sherri Shepherd will be the Opening Night Celebrity Guest for the 2nd Annual Mansfield International Film Festival! Her film, Brian Banks, will screen Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m. the Farr Best Theater located at 109 N Main St. in Mansfield

Shepherd is best known for her roles in the hit television series 30 Rock, K.C. Undercover and How I Met Your Mother. From 2007 to 2014, Shepherd was a co-host on The View, for which she received multiple Day-



time Emmy Award nominations, winning one in 2009. In 2009, she starred in a sitcom of her own on Lifetime, Sherri, which was canceled after one season, and also published the novel Permis-

sion Slips: Every Woman's Guide to Giving Herself a Break. In 2012, she appeared as a celebrity contestant on the fourteenth season of Dancing with the Stars.

Shepherd will participate in a Q & A session and VIP meet and greet following the screening of her film Brian Banks based on the true story of a young athlete who was wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit.

On Sunday, Producer and Director SPENCER T. FOLMAR will be on hand for the special screening of his feature film Shooting Heroin which chronicles the efforts of a small town to eradicate

its community of the growing opioid epidemic.

The festival will showcase documentary, narrative, experimental, foreign and student feature-length and short films from filmmakers around the world. MIFF Co-Founders Christopher Bryant and Monica McDowell-King are thrilled to bring this collection of exciting new films to North Texas for the second year in a row.

In addition to a full roster of film screenings, the festival will feature panel discussions by industry professionals and an opening night film screening and gala at the Farr Best Theater.

MIFF will close with an awards ceremony honoring the fest's best and brightest films and filmmakers at The Farr Best Theater on Sunday. In addition to festival activities, visiting filmmakers, out of town guests, and local Mansfielders will be thrilled to enjoy the multitude of attractions within walking distance of festival headquarters and the historic Farr Best Theater.

Shepherd has appeared as a guest host and contestant on several television shows such as Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Rachael Ray, and To Tell The Truth. Shepherd also hosted Nickelodeon's NickMom Night Out

special from 2013-14, Shepherd currently hosts Best Ever Trivia Show on the Game Show Network. The show premiered on June 10, 2019.

She co-hosted the 35th Daytime Emmy Awards on June 20, 2008.

In 2006, Shepherd was a frequent guest co-host on ABC's The View. She became a permanent co-host from 2007 to 2014. She received several awards for her work on the show. Since leaving The View in 2014, Shepherd has continued to make several appearances on the show as a guest host and "lead contributor" throughout 2015 and 2016

## Nikisha Reagan

(BlackNews.com) - Nikisha Reagan is the founder and CEO of NR Swanks Freight Brokerage, one of very few Black woman-owned freight brokerages in the country. Based in Houston, Texas, her company offers top notch broker services to hundreds of shippers and carriers, making sure their client's needs are met in the safest, most reliable, timeliest fashion. They specialize in PTL, FTL and LTL freight transports throughout the United States and Canada.

**A rough start**  
Nikisha grew up in



Houston in Trinity Garden, which is known as one of the poorest parts of the city. She lived in a two bedroom home with her elderly grandmother, her five children, and her older sister. They had very limited

financial resources.

During her adolescent years, Nikisha says she was the "black sheep" of the family. In fact, she spent most of her childhood in and out of the juvenile system and later the adult correctional system, but eventually Nikisha decided that she had a bigger and better purpose in life outside of steel bars.

### How she became an entrepreneur

At the age of 22, Nikisha went on to complete her high school diploma and received a certificate of completion for phlebotomy from Polytechnic Institute. She became a phlebotomist, and then later decided to pursue her dreams of becoming a nurse. She was one of 25 students chosen out of 230 applicants to be accepted into a prestigious program, but she failed the final exam by 1/10th of a point and had exhausted all of her financial aid to continue studying in nursing school.

"There were doors closing right after the other all around me," she states. However, at this point, she boldly made the decision to invest in herself and start her own business.

In 2018, she stepped out on faith and used the funds that she was earning at her

9-5 as a phlebotomist to fuel her very own freight brokerage. She quickly became a successful middleman (or middle-woman) between shippers of different companies and carriers across 48 states including Canada.

### Sweet success

Currently, Nikisha operates her business from the comfort of her home office. After five months of being in business, she is already generating six-figures. Despite life's challenges, she has maintained her focus on succeeding regardless of what life throws her way.

Even more, she is very motivated about helping

others. Seeking out other individuals like herself who are willing to invest in themselves, Nikisha has created an online training course on how to get involved in the freight broker industry. She specifically teaches interested ones how to become freight brokers and dispatchers.

When asked what motivates her to continue to push towards success in her career, her answer is very simple: God and family. Her motto is: "Slow feet don't eat."

For more details about Nikisha's company, visit <https://nrsfb.net>.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

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

OMG! I am so proud of you Dr. Sim! WOW! I don't have words to express how much I Love this Article!

- Judge Denise Langford-Morris

This is a wonderful story about an awesome father. The boys are cute as they can be, and I am sure it is never a dull moment at their house. His single Mom did a great job raising him and how wonder-

ful that he acknowledges the role his Grandfather played in his life.

- Gail Middlebrooks

### Texas health insurers waiving costs for coronavirus

No reason to fear this potentially fatal disease, as long as you have accepted Trump as your savior you are immune. Attend a Trump rally, take a cruise, shake hands, hug freely. Masks and hand hygiene are for heathens, not you. - Snake handling

optional - Demonstrate your faith!

- Mike Wales

### Are you surprised by Joe Biden's sudden turnaround in the race?

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 November

- Andréa Reed

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 become since then.

- Fatema Biviji

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# Trump's 2021 budget reflects his values

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If you tell me how you spend your money, I can tell you what your values are. You say you are a Christian but neither tithe nor have a church home. You say support civil rights but have no connection to a civil rights organization. You love your Alma mater never contributes to the place. Put your money where your mouth is. Budgets are reflections of values.

Thus, I was unsurprised with the budget our forty-fifth President (also known as "Forty-five") proposed to Congress on February 10. His budget – cuts domestic programs, maintains defense spending and targets poor people. It cuts education, housing, and environmental protection. It would eliminate our art and cultural agencies, including the National Institute for the Arts, the National Institutes for Humanities, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Forty-five's hostility to poor people is reflected in reductions in Medicaid, food stamps, and the CHIP program, which provides health care for poor children. And while he is starving poor people, he insists on preserving the 2017 tax cuts that mostly benefitted the wealthy. I'm not surprised that "forty-five" maintains his hostility to the poor. We've seen this in the previous budgets that he's presented to Congress.

He favors cuts in domestic spending, increases in military spending, a wall (which he has directed the

Pentagon to fund), and indifference to the environment.

The budget shows contempt for the planet and its survival. 45 would cut the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by more than a quarter, through the EPA budget, and even more with environmental initiatives that are embedded in other budgets. For example, with our crumbling infrastructure, the 45 budget cuts the Transportation Department by 13 percent, cutting highway infrastructure programs and transit grants. The Department of Interior is proposed to shoulder a 13 percent cut, reducing land acquisition, conservation, and assistance for Native American tribes.

This administration's hostility toward environmental protection is evidenced by the fact that Mandy Gunasekara, who spearheaded the rollback on President Obama's Clean Power Plan, is returning to the EPA as chief of staff this spring.

She has advocated scaling back rules on greenhouse emissions and is credited with urging the President to leave the Paris accord. Until 2017, the world has looked toward the United States for global leadership, but this most recent budget would reduce our involvement in world affairs. The State Department and USAID would be cut by \$12 billion, more than a fifth less than last year. Virtually everything in the USAID and State budgets is reduced, including humanitarian aid, con-

tributions to international organizations, and cultural exchanges; only Ivanka Trump's Women's Global Development fund seems to have been protected, with its allocation doubling!

The Department of Veterans Affairs is the only Cabinet agency that will experience a double-digit budget increase of 12 percent. After a series of scandals involving the delivery of health service to the nation's veterans, few would dispute the need for a stronger agency. But wonders if the \$12 billion increase in this agency's budget will improve efficiency, or if it is merely pandering to veterans, a core part of the President's base. NASA is another agency that gets a double-digit budget increase, partly to fund space exploration. The Defense Department budget remains relatively flat, with an increase at just one-tenth of one percent.

The budget is generous enough, however, to purchase new nuclear warheads and new missiles. It also will fund an arms race with China and Russia. What if just a tenth of the "defense" (I consider it an offense) budgets were devoted to human needs? That would be \$70 billion to, perhaps, restore the \$9.5 billion Health and Human Services cut, restore the \$5.6 billion Department of Education cuts, to restore the \$1.3 billion cut to the Labor Department ("savings" will be realized by cutting unemployment insurance, and payment to the Pension Benefit Guaranty

Corporation, among other programs/ That \$70 billion could also restore the \$1.9 billion cut from the Agriculture Department.

I'm fantasizing, of course. Few in our war-mongering nation would have the nerve to cut the defense budget. Predatory capitalism and the war-industrial complex will keep our "defense" department in the business, with companies that manufacture nuclear warheads, missiles, and more, raking in record profits. This budget illustrates what this administration is all about. It is hostile to poor folks, to culture, to education, and to farmers. It is unwilling to spend money on international relations. It is willing to continue to reward the wealthy for just being wealthy. It reflects forty-five's values.

But there's good news. Congress has failed to pass forty-five's budget in the past, and they probably won't pass it this time either. With a Democratic majority in the House, human needs will likely have a higher priority. It won't cut State and USAID budgets. It's a good thing Congress has more of a conscience than the President does. But this budget is a wake-up call for those who want health care and also a second Trump term. The two are incompatible.

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## Religion and LGBTQ rights are not at odds

By Guthrie  
Graves-Fitzsimmons

Last week's House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on LGBTQ rights and religious liberty brought much-needed attention to the misuse of faith to create a license to discriminate.

"The Trump administration has been working zealously to turn the government into an instru-

ment of hostility and opposition towards LGBTQ rights across the executive branch of government," Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) said during his opening remarks. Witnesses included people directly harmed by the administration, such as Evan Minton, a transgender man who is suing a Catholic hospital in California for canceling his hysterectomy.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) delivered a

stirring defense of LGBTQ rights as consistent with her Catholic faith. "I know, and it is part of my faith, that all people are holy, and all people are sacred, unconditionally," she said.

"I am tired of communities of faith being weaponized and being mischaracterized because the only time religious freedom is invoked is in the name of bigotry and discrimination."

As *The Washington Post* reported, "[R]eligion and gay rights are often seen at odds with each other." We know this isn't true. The long tradition of advocating for LGBTQ rights in the United States has included people of faith who joined the movement because of their commitment to human dignity.

*Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons is a Fellow, with the CAP Faith Initiative*



# Spring cleaning's surprising health benefits

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

While it feels like winter has just barely begun, spring will be here before we know it. With warmer weather, sunnier days and greener surroundings, spring is a time that naturally feels fresher than its cold and gloomy predecessor. This freshness is ripe for opportunities to freshen up other areas of our lives, starting with our own homes. Enter: Spring Cleaning. To motivate yourself to de-clutter, it may help to know that spring cleaning has a surprising number of health benefits.

The first of these benefits is allergy reduction. De-



Right now everyone is seeking coronavirus prevention ideas. Time to step up your spring cleaning efforts. (Photo: JESHOOTS.COM / Unsplash)

cluttering means throwing out (or donating) items that you no longer need or want. Usually, these are the types of items that have been sitting on a shelf and collecting dust. In turn, this dust gets picked up and swirled

about whenever you turn on a ceiling fan or open a window on a breezy day. Removing these items from your home also means removing this dust, which can help you gain an upper hand on Texas's notorious allergy

season. You can get even further ahead of your allergies by taking the extra step of pest-proofing your home during spring cleaning. That means throwing out any expired uneaten food and making sure you keep food in a dry, easy-to-inspect area. If cleaning products themselves tend to bother your immune system, try using products with a low-VOC.

In addition to being an allergy reducer, spring cleaning is also an easy way to burn calories. While cleaning may not seem like a good workout, household chores like vacuuming, scrubbing the tub and wiping down windows for 30

minutes each can burn up to 435 calories. Depending on your pace and body type, that's equivalent to running for 30 minutes!

Maybe you don't have allergies, or you actually prefer running over chores. Spring cleaning also has mental health benefits that may go a long way to improve your overall state-of-mind. Studies have shown that cleaning can reduce stress and anxiety by up to 20 percent – especially if you use a fresh, lemony scent. When you are done cleaning, you have a de-cluttered, fresh-scented space that you can let your mind relax in, rather than think about all the things in

your home that need a good scrub.

While we look at spring cleaning as a stressful activity, it's proven that participating can benefit your health in an abundance of ways. This activity is proven to help you move physically and mentally toward a healthier lifestyle. So, let's make 2020 a year of happiness and cleanliness one sweep at a time!

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## Texas insurers asked by governor to waive costs for testing for coronavirus

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) last week announced they have asked health insurers and health maintenance organizations operating in Texas to waive costs associated with the testing and telemedicine visits for the diagnosis of coronavirus (COVID-19). Additionally, TDI is requesting that insurers report their actions related to consumer cost-sharing and access to services so that the department can ensure consumers are aware of their available benefits.

"We must ensure no Texan is denied access to testing resources relating to coronavirus," said Governor Abbott. "Texans who are concerned that they may have coronavirus should seek medical atten-



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tion in the most appropriate setting, and telemedicine is a good first medical encounter for anyone experiencing mild symptoms. Consulting a physician from home is a practical way to avoid getting sick, prevent the spread of the virus, and help ensure that emergency rooms are available for those who truly need them. We appreciate the collaboration of health insurers operating in Texas to enhance our state's proactive approach to addressing any potential outbreaks of COVID-19. The State of Texas is unwavering in our

commitment to protecting the health and safety of all Texans."

TDI is specifically requesting insurers to take the following actions as they relate to COVID-19:

- Waive co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles for testing that is consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Waive consumer cost-sharing and facilitate expanded use of telemedicine.
- Cover necessary medical equipment, supplies, and services.
- Waive penalties, restrictions, and claims denials for necessary out-of-network services.
- Waive requirements for pre-authorization, referrals, notification of hospital admission, or medical neces-

sity reviews for care consistent with CDC guidance.

- Allow extra time for health providers and facilities to file claims.
- Authorize payment to pharmacies for up to a 90-day supply of any prescription medication for individuals, regardless of when the prescription was filled.

The following health insurers and health maintenance organizations have already begun to waive cost-sharing for medically-necessary testing of COVID-19, with more being announced in the coming days:

- Aetna (CVS)
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas
- Cigna Health of Texas, Inc.
- Community Health Choice, Inc.

- Golden Rule Insurance (UHC)
- Humana Health Plan of Texas, Inc.
- Molina Healthcare Insurance Company of Texas
- Oscar Insurance Company
- Scott & White Health Plan
- Superior Health Plan (Centene)
- United Healthcare Insurance Company

These waived costs would specifically impact individuals covered by state-regulated insurance plans. Families concerned

about coronavirus who receive benefits through Medicaid and CHIP will be able to access testing ordered by a physician at no cost. Additionally, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, The Texas A&M University System, and The University of Texas System have been asked to provide these same benefits to employees and retirees covered by their PPO and HMO plans. Texans should contact their plan administrator to confirm their benefits.

## DART provides tips on dealing with the coronavirus

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the immediate risk to the general public for contracting the coronavirus remains low, at Dallas Area Rapid Transit employees remains our top priority.

We are in direct contact with local, state and national health authorities to monitor the situation, and we will

provide updated information as it becomes available.

Please follow these tips from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and

surfaces using an approved cleaning spray or wipe

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- DART encourages pas-

sengers who feel sick or are experiencing symptoms to stay home and avoid public places.

As a passenger, if you see an unhygienic surface that needs attention, please contact DART Customer Service at (214) 979-1111, or you can use the "DART Say Something" app, which can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

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# J.R. Martinez was the featured speaker for 2nd annual Tackle the Challenge CEO Networking Luncheon

Achieve's Tackle the Challenge CEO Networking Luncheon, presented by Ryan LLC and hosted by Mike Doocy of Fox 4 Sports, proved to be a huge success among those in attendance. J.R. Martinez shared his connection with the "Achievers" (Adults with Disabilities). As an Army veteran, burn survi-

vor, actor, *New York Times* best-selling author, and winner of *Dancing with the Stars*, Mr. Martinez encouraged attendees to adapt in order to overcome any obstacle. He said his secret starts with a positive outlook and being resilient. J.R. received a standing ovation from the 275 attendees for his inspiring

talk.

According to Tim Allen, Executive Director for Achieve, "Mr. Martinez spoke from his heart and shared his own experiences about overcoming setbacks. We heard firsthand that a disability does not limit potential."

Several attendees won amazing door prizes which

included: two Dallas Mavericks tickets for a 2021 game donated by Best of Guide, two \$100 Texas de Brazil gift certificates and autographed editions of Mr. Martinez's book "Full of Heart: My Story of Survival, Strength, and Spirit." For more information on J.R. Martinez, please visit [www.JRMartinez.com](http://www.JRMartinez.com).



Courtesy photo

## Food banks step in to help thousands of Texans participate in the Census

AUSTIN - Feeding Texas announced a statewide drive to encourage under-represented and low-income Texans to participate in the decennial Census. Over \$400,000 has been secured by the network of food banks to run a massive pledge card campaign at

food pantries and meal programs in coordination with the national group Feeding America.

"Food banks serve every county in Texas, and we want every Texan to be counted in this census," said Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "An accurate count

will drive more resources and representation to fight hunger and poverty over the next decade."

Texas is one of the largest states to refrain from publicly funding a complete count effort. Nonprofits, local governments, and businesses have formed the

private Texas Counts campaign, a funder of the food bank initiative, in order to fill that gap.

Food Banks are uniquely positioned to contribute to the complete count effort. The demographics of Texans under-counted by the 2010 census share much in

common with those served by food banks. The pledge card effort will engage these Texans in food pantries and meal programs across the state, educate them on the community benefits of census participation and encourage them to fill out a pledge card. They will then

receive mail, text and phone reminders to participate.

"Hunger is a problem we can solve, and it starts with getting an accurate picture of the need for funding and resources. That's why the census is so critical to food banks and the communities they serve," said Cole.

## CDC to award Texas \$35,226,922 in support of COVID-19 response

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide \$35,226,922 in funding to Texas in support of their response efforts to the coronavirus disease 2019 (CO-

VID-19).

"State and local health departments are on the frontlines of responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and we are deeply grateful for their work," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "CDC is distributing this new funding extremely rapidly, as called for by Congress.

President Trump, and his entire administration will continue working to ensure state and local jurisdictions have the resources they need to keep Americans safe and healthy."

On Friday, March 6, the President signed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental

Appropriations Act, 2020. The supplemental contains \$8.3 billion government-wide, with resources directed for grants or cooperative agreements to states, localities, territories, and tribes to accelerate planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 preparedness and response, as well as de-

velop tools and strategies, provide technical assistance and program support, as well as ensure ongoing communication and coordination among public health agencies and partners throughout the response.

The CDC is contacting State Health Officers to move forward with award-

ing over \$560 million to states, localities, territories, and tribes.

CDC will use existing networks to reach out to state and local jurisdictions to access this initial funding.

For more information about this virus, please visit CDC's website.

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2013 to 2018.

While homeownership rates fell for Americans overall between 2013 and 2018, Blacks saw a more significant drop of 4.7 percent, compared with 1.7 percent for Americans as a whole.

Study authors concluded that there are four metro areas in which Black homeowners have closed the gap within 20 percent – all of them are in the South, specifically in the Carolinas.

Minnesota, Minn., has the most substantial gap, at 64 percent.

What McFadden said she found most striking is the advances made in education by African Americans, which didn't translate into more economic prosperity

in the Black community.

"In almost every metric we examined, African Americans realized slower growth than the country as a whole, but they did outpace their peers when it comes to higher education," McFadden noted.

The study revealed that African Americans are closing the higher education gap as the percentage of Black people with a bachelor's degree rose from 18.6 percent in 2013 to 21.1 percent in 2018 – an increase of 13.5 percent.

The increase for Americans as a whole was just 9.4 percent – from 28.8 percent in 2013 to 31.5 percent in 2018, Lending Tree researchers found.

Black residents of Riv-

erside, Calif., Pine Bluff, Ark. and San Antonio have closed the gap with the whole of their communities when it comes to earning higher education degrees.

Residents of Charlottesville, Va. have seen that gap widen the most: 66 percent.

"The education findings to me really were the most striking, the most disheartening and frightening," McFadden lamented.

"You know, we'd really hope that education would create a more even playing field and the fact that African Americans are exceeding the growth rate in higher education degrees shows a lot of things. It shows achievement, and it shows that families are directing their children, and it shows a lot of groundswell for entering the profession-

al working world."

She continued:

"The fact that other economic indicators aren't keeping pace with that is really startling. And, I don't have a good reason for why that is. We know about workplace bias, and we know about resume bias."

McFadden opined that student loans are more of a hindrance to African Americans than others. "If you're less likely to come from a family that has the kind of wealth that can help support your schooling, it's obviously going to be a problem in terms of accumulating debt," she stated.

For those attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), McFadden believes the lack of funding at those schools contributes to high student

debt.

"HBCUs just don't have the endowments that the most prestigious schools have. We have reports that show where parents are borrowing to send their kids to school, and those debts are harder to pay," McFadden added.

The comprehensive study did reveal places where African Americans are faring well.

Researchers found that the Cape Coral-Ft. Myers, Fla., metro area is leading the country in economic advancement for African Americans. The population has grown by 17 percent, median household income is up by 26 percent, and individual earnings are up by 22 percent.

Homeownership is up by 50 percent in Cape Coral-

Ft. Myers, and unemployment is down by 66 percent.

Also, 25 percent more Black residents in the Cape Coral-Ft. Myers area is attaining higher education degrees than they were in 2013.

Grand Rapids, Mich., and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., came in second and third place, respectively. The five locations with the least overall gains for African Americans are all in the South – Houma-Thibodaux, La., Shreveport-Bossier City, La., Hammond, La., Goldsboro, N.C., and Hilton Head Island-Beaufort, S.C.

When asked what's the biggest takeaway from the study, McFadden called most of the details "depressing for African Americans."



# From redlining to racial equity: Dallas ISD wants to create a school-based social safety net

Leslie Williams, the head of Dallas ISD's Racial Equity Office is intent on taking action to reverse the pervasive poverty in Dallas' poorest communities.

"We want to address past inequities that are still having an impact on redlined neighborhoods," he says.

Williams is spearheading an effort to assign a portion of the proposed 2020 bond package to correct past inequities that have created a legacy of poverty in communities around Lincoln, James Madison, Franklin Roosevelt and H. Grady Spruce high schools. He is meeting with parents, residents and elected officials, presenting evidence that the poverty surrounding these schools has its roots in the practice of redlining. He's proposing to have neighborhood schools serve as community hubs to help improve economic opportunity through a focus



6 p.m., Tuesday, March 24	Lincoln High School	2826 Elsie Faye Heggins St.
10 a.m., Saturday, March 28	H. Grady Spruce High School	9733 Old Seagoville Rd.
6 p.m., Wednesday, April 1	L.G. Pinkston High School	2200 Dennison St.
6 p.m., Thursday, April 16	Franklin Roosevelt High School	525 Bonnie View Rd.
10 a.m., Saturday, April 28	Joint Communities Meeting	Turney Leonard Center 5151 Samuell Blvd.

on family services, education, economics and health.

It's no secret that redlining was a common practice of financial institutions in the 1930s and '40s. Banks and mortgage companies

literally drew a line around certain communities where they refused to make or guarantee home loans that would enable black, brown and poor whites to move into those communities.

Williams says redlining locked a generation out of homeownership, the major means of building wealth. He says the inequity created the intergenerational poverty that still impacts

neighborhoods today. The practice also served as a disincentive to investment, stripping those neighborhoods of needed services.

To prove his point, Williams is working with the Child Poverty Action Lab, a nonprofit that has developed the Community Resource Index. The CRI is a mapping tool that measures the economic health of a community based on available resources such as libraries, wi-fi bandwidth, childcare, health facilities, grocery stores, and other services. Action Lab executive Ashley Flores has mapped 25 data points around the five target schools and found a relationship between the lack of services and the level of poverty in the communities.

Presenting this data to residents, community leaders and elected officials, Williams is working to en-

list support for earmarking \$40 million in the proposed November bond package to create the community hubs. His plan calls for Dallas ISD to make the space available. He's appealing to city, county, and social service agencies to provide the services identified by residents as most vital. These might include health services offered by Parkland Hospital, section 8 voucher assistance from the Dallas Housing Authority, and job training programs and counseling services offered by other partners.

"This can be a game changer for a lot of people who are struggling," Williams said.

Parents and stakeholders are invited to the following meetings to review the CRI data for their communities and provide input on the services they want to see housed in the school hubs.

## Dallas ISD among finalists for H-E-B's statewide education award

H-E-B chose Dallas ISD as a finalist for the statewide 2020 H-E-B Excellence in Education District Awards.

For the last 19 years, the supermarket chain based in San Antonio has honored outstanding professionals from Texas public schools.

Eight school districts and five early childhood facilities have been selected as finalists for the retailer's 19th-annual Excellence in Education Awards program.

To determine overall statewide winners, a panel

of judges visits each district, early childhood facility and school board, tours campuses and talks with administration, staff, parents and community members.

The judges tour a high-performing school and one low-performing campus in each district. Dallas ISD's schools are rated internally by the Local Accountability System (LAS). Each school falls into one of the following categories, based on its performance (from highest to lowest): Accomplished, Breakthrough, Competing,

Developing and Focus.

The judges toured Emmett J. Conrad High School and Billy Earl Dade Middle School, which are categorized as Breakthrough and Developing, respectively.

The judges' first stop was Dade, where they observed a science lab, math classroom, social studies class, and a fine-arts performance.

"I'm a leader who truly believes in leading with love and joy. Hopefully, as (the judges) walked into the classrooms, they could feel our climate and culture.

We're actually ranked third in the whole district for Positive Climate and Culture, so hopefully, they feel that joy as they're walking to our classes," Dade Principal Rockell Stewart said. "In Dade, our motto is 'Excellence is our Only Option,' and I think the judges are going to see that as well."

At Conrad, the judges visited classes in the school's H-TECH wing, where students can earn 60 college credit hours or an Associate of Applied Science, along with their high

school diploma.

"It's easy to hear about it on the news, but to see it actually happening on the ground is a testament of what's happening across the board in our district," said Conrad Principal Temesghen Asmerom. "We're allocating the right resources in the right places, based on the demographic that we serve. And we are really humbled that we have the confidence of the superintendent to invite the guests in and trust us that we're doing and have been doing things right."

Winners will be announced at the 20th H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on May 3 in San Antonio.

The winning large district will receive \$100,000; the winning small district \$50,000. An early childhood facility will receive \$25,000. If selected, one or more school boards will receive up to a total of \$25,000. Each finalist in the district and early childhood categories, as well as the five recognized school boards, will receive \$5,000.

## College students being hired for U.S. census efforts

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring temporary workers for the 2020 Census. College students are highly encouraged to apply. Texas students will contribute to their communities as Census takers and will benefit personally by gaining public service experience while earning income.

These 2020 Census recruitment points will likely resonate with your student community:

- 2020 Census is hiring full- and part-time, temporary workers locally. Applications are online at [www.2020Census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020Census.gov/jobs).

- Successful hires can add to their resumes that they

have passed a federal background check, including fingerprinting. Note: This required background check may take up to eight weeks.

- All positions include paid training. Training for most new hires will begin in March. 2020 Census jobs will end by September 30, 2020.

- Requirements include: (1) must be at least 18, (2) must be a U.S. citizen, and (3) must have access to transportation. A second language is desirable but not required.

- Many jobs will have flexible schedules, including Census takers. Pay for Census takers (enumerators) will be competitive by county.

Pay range for Census takers in Texas will be between \$18 to \$23 per hour. Check pay rates for your county. Demand is everywhere, urban and rural.

- This work is well-suited to social science and liberal arts students, given the emphasis on demographics and the historical value of the

Census.

- This is a chance to be part of history. The Census is required by the U.S. Constitution. The first Census was in 1790. The 2020 Census is the 24th decennial Census.

- The decennial Census is the largest mobilization of federal workforce in times of peace.

## Plano Public Library offers COVID-19 precautions being followed

In light of the current health concerns regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Plano Public Library is stepping up efforts within the facilities and taking the advised precautions at this time. To prevent the spread of germs, specifically COVID-19, they are following current

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines by:

- Routinely disinfecting surfaces such as countertops, doorknobs and frequently touched surfaces
- Providing wipes and hand sanitizer at service points for patrons to use
- Sending employees

home who show signs of illness

- Allowing employees to return to work only after being free of symptoms and fever for 24 hours
- Instructing employees to use respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene

While the immediate risk of COVID-19 is believed to

be low at this time, officials encourage you to follow the advice and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) websites. They provide information for travelers, businesses, and healthcare providers about

how the virus spreads, its symptoms and how to protect yourself.

What can you do?

- Practice illness prevention. This means staying home when you or your child is feeling sick, washing your hands often and effectively, covering a cough or sneeze with your elbow,

and seeking healthcare when it is medically necessary.

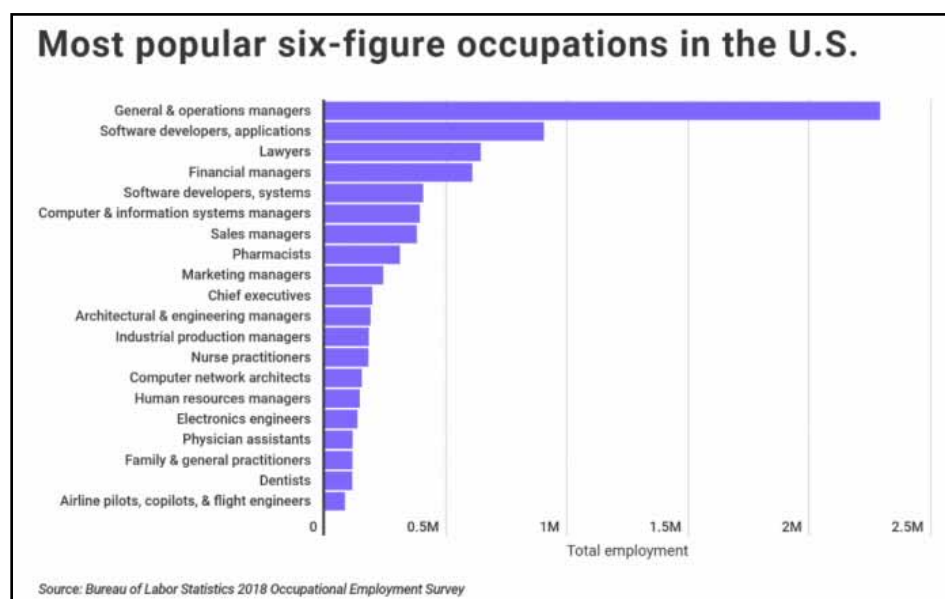
- Get immunized against the flu. This will relieve what could be a highly impacted healthcare system.

- Confirm news you hear about COVID-19 by checking official websites, such as the CDC and Texas DSHS.

## New report looks at who has the six-figure jobs in Dallas

Earning a six-figure income is a goal for many Americans, but few actually achieve it. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), less than 7 percent of American workers are employed in occupations paying a median salary of \$100,000 or more. However, in some parts of the country, earning six figures is practically a requirement to live comfortably.

While the median earnings across all occupations in the U.S. are \$38,640, some occupations pay far more. Nationally, general and operations managers are among the most popular occupations with median annual earnings over \$100,000. Nearly 2.3 million American employees



work as general and operations managers. Other six-figure jobs employing large numbers of Americans include tech jobs (software developers and computer and information systems

managers) and jobs in the healthcare industry (pharmacists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants).

To determine the U.S. metropolitan areas with the most six-figure occupa-

tions, researchers at Volusion analyzed data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Metros were ranked according to the share of employment in six-figure occupations—occupations

with median annual earnings of \$100,000 or greater. The researchers also calculated the percentage change in six-figure employment from 2015 to 2018, the total employment in six-figure occupations, the median annual wage across all occupations, the most over-indexed six-figure occupation, and the highest-paying six-figure occupations. The most over-indexed six-figure occupation for each metro was determined as the occupation that has the greatest difference in employment share when compared to that occupation at the national level.

### Dallas high earners

This analysis found that 6.6% of workers in the Dallas metro have jobs that typically pay six figures or

more. Here is a summary of the data for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX metro:

- Share of employment in six-figure occupations: 6.6%

- Percent change in six-figure employment (2015-2018): 21.6%

- Total employment in six-figure occupations: 232,830

- Median annual wage across all occupations: \$39,230

- Most over-indexed six-figure occupation: Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers

- Highest-paying six-figure occupations: Chief Executives; Anesthesiologists; Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Pediatricians; Psychiatrists; Surgeons

## Carrollton reminds residents to recycle

The City of Carrollton reminds residents that recycling is quick, easy, and helps minimize the amount of reusable material that's dumped in landfills. There's no need to presort items or place them in bags; simply put them in the blue recycling cart and roll it to the designated pickup location (curb or alley) on recycling day for convenient service.

"Recycling correctly is a critical part of conserving natural resources, creating healthier air to breathe, cleaner water to drink, and creating sustainable jobs," according to TimetoRecycle.com. "Recyclables

have the power to become new packaging and new products. When your recycling becomes something new; US jobs are generated, greenhouse gases are reduced, and natural resources and landfill space are saved."

Accepted items include rigid plastics #1 through #7 (except Styrofoam), glass, aluminum, tin cans, cardboard, cardboard, newspapers, and junk mail. Items that are not accepted include aluminum foil, pans, batteries, bubble wrap, Christmas lights, diapers, or food-soiled paper products.

A few tips include

- Flatten cardboard boxes so that you can fit more recyclables into your bin.

- All plastic bottles can be recycled, from water bottles to salad dressing, so put all of them in your recycling container.

- It is not just newspapers that you can recycle at home. Also, recycle wrapping paper, envelopes, birthday cards and phone books. All sorts of cardboard can be recycled, too, even toilet and paper towel tubes.

To prevent your recyclables from going to waste, empty them of all food and

product residue, clean and rinse the container, and let it dry before placing it in the bin.

Recycling unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time, slows down the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment, and contaminates the bales of clean recyclables. When this happens, the entire load must be placed into a landfill due to contamination.

For a full list of accepted and unaccepted materials and to learn more about the Empty, Clean, Dry initiative, visit [cityofcarrollton.com/recycling](http://cityofcarrollton.com/recycling).



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### Garland

The Garland Chamber of Commerce and their legislative Affairs Committee invites you to a **Candidates Forum** on April 15. Meet Garland's candidates running for City Council and Garland ISD Board of Trustees before you cast your ballot in the General Election on May 2.

**Library to Offer GED and ESL Classes** - The City of Garland's Nicholson Memorial Library System is partnering with Dallas County Community College District to offer **GED**



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**and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes** for adults. Both classes will begin this spring.

We are in the process of recruiting students for both classes. Interested students are asked to complete an informational form to gauge needs. Those interested can fill out the informational

form at any Garland library location by Friday, March 20.

### Irving

The **2020 Irving Marathon** is a multi-race Boston Marathon Qualifier event encouraging area residents of all fitness levels towards better health and fitness through running! The Irving Marathon benefits Baylor Scott & White Irving Foundation, finds donated are used to fight childhood obesity at the elementary and middle school level. Over 7,000 runners are expected to at-

tend. Visit [www.irvingmarathon.com](http://www.irvingmarathon.com) for more information and to register. The 2020 event will be hosted Saturday, March 28th, 2020 at Toyota Music Factory.

### Lewisville

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Phi Psi Zeta chapter presents the free **2019 College Prep Workshop**, taking place at Durham Middle School, 2075 S. Edmonds Lane, Lewisville on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to Noon. This seminar will provide advice on college readiness and best practices. Such prepara-

tion guidance will include choosing a major, understanding financial aid, information on scholarships, and much more.

Registration can be secured via the link provided: <http://prepspring20.eventbrite.com>.

### Richardson

#### Paperless Utility Billing Campaign Proposed

- City Finance Department staff proposed plans to streamline the utility billing process at Monday's City Council work session, with the goal of increasing the number of customers

who choose to receive their bill online. Currently, 36 percent of the City's utility customers receive a paperless, online "e-bill." An increase in paperless billing would result in cost savings in printing, preparation, and postage, around \$60,000 per year if the e-bill participation rate jumps to 70 percent. The department plans to work with the Communications Department on a focused marketing campaign to tout the benefits of e-billing, initially targeting the 18 percent of customers who receive both an e-bill and a paper bill.

## West calls for paid sick leave, protecting against income loss from coronavirus

Senator Royce West on Wednesday said the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has highlighted the desperate need for federally-mandated paid sick leave in the United States.

"As many as 78 percent of American workers live paycheck to paycheck according to a recent survey. We know, statistically, many of those families are African American and Hispanic. The potential eco-

nomnic hardships this could cause a Texas family are tremendous," West said. "It will disproportionately impact African American and Hispanic Texans," he said.

It is not a matter of African Americans or Hispanics - all minority groups will suffer.

"I think of a Hispanic dad or a single African American mother who works two jobs to make ends meet, has no vacation time, no

savings, and ends up out of work for two weeks, and it stops me cold in my tracks," West said. "You know what comes next--they can't pay the rent and are evicted, they get behind on their car note, their electric bill, and more," West said.

Other voices are calling for action to protect working people.

"Texans looking to steer clear of the coronavirus and safeguard their families

know that protecting working people protects communities," Texas AFL-CIO President Rick Levy, joined by representatives of several unions, said at a recent news conference.

The virus is new, but the fear of how bills will be paid if illness hits the family is not new to low-income minority workers.

"I know this is what hap-

pens in these situations because I have seen it firsthand," West said. "I have had families--white, Hispanic, and African American--sit across from my desk in my senate district and tell me this is what happens. I've seen mothers and fathers who don't want to ask for help but are stuck when they have nowhere to turn because of a sudden,

brief illness," West said.

"Two weeks out of work may not be much if you make \$200,000 a year, have a vacation, paid sick time, and savings. To Hispanic and African American families who are middle class and low-income, it could mean economic devastation," West said. "For fami-

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## Have you seen Erika Renee Johnson Kelly?

An Atlanta area family is seeking the public's help in locating their missing loved one. Erika Renee Johnson Kelly has been missing since Superbowl Sunday on February 2, 2020. She was last seen in the East Atlanta area near Moreland Rd. and Hall St. She was wearing green denim. She is approximately 5'5 in height and 140 pounds.

Erika has a young daughter and family who is actively searching for her and deeply concerned about her wellness and welfare. The community is being asked to contact the Dekalb County Police Department or the number listed below if you have any information on her whereabouts.

A missing person's report was filed but the family has been unsuccessful at getting any assistance from any of the local police agencies. In a desperate attempt to find



Courtesy photo

Erika, her family contacted The Center for Truth and Healing, a nonprofit organization in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The organization is working with the family and The Star Factor Effect, an international business development and marketing firm based in metro-

Atlanta to help get the word out to the public in hopes of finding Erika.

If you have seen Erika or have any information on her whereabouts, please contact Dekalb County Police Department or contact the family at (404) 788-5640.

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# Heights Car Show returns for 13th year on April 4

The 13th Annual Heights Car Show, sponsored by Park Place Dealerships and Hagerty Insurance Company, will be held at 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at The Heights in Richardson.

In addition to live classic rock music by Ken Savage and the Best Kept Secret Band, and tasty food offerings from Haystack Burgers and Chick-Fil-A, the Heights is hosting a luncheon with guest speaker Curt Swindoll, Chairman and President of Grafted Life Ministries in Plano.

“My father is well-known pastor and author Chuck Swindoll,” said Curt. “I’ve been in and around the church my whole life. I pursued what I thought was a whole and healthy life. But about 10 years ago I discovered that something



*The Heights Car Show is a treasured Richardson tradition.  
(Photos: David Alvey)*



was missing from my life. Simply making a decision to accept Jesus isn’t all

there is. Discovering what it means to live a “life with God” is vital to our spiritual

fulfillment. I invite people to consider a different kind of gospel message.”

Curt co-founded Grafted Life with his wife Debbie in 2010. He consults with nonprofit ministries and churches on issues of leadership and vision, board development, fundraising, communications, growth, technology and operations.

The luncheon will be held 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in District 56, across from the gym, on the southwest corner of the Heights’ campus. Tickets, including lunch, are \$15 per person in advance, or \$20 at the door, and are available at Eventbrite.

The Heights Car Show features 600 available spots with a diverse assortment

of classics, antiques, muscle cars, exotics, trucks, and even military vehicles. This year’s show will also showcase a unique exhibit of race cars. Admission for spectators is free.

The Heights Car Show is one of the largest charity car shows of the year. Over the show’s 12-year history, it has donated more than \$59,820 and 8,375 pounds of food to Richardson’s Network of Community Ministries Food Pantry.

More than just a car show, this event offers kid-friendly activities such as the North Texas Diecast Collectors Club’s 60-foot downhill Hot Wheels track. Admission for spectators is free.

The Heights Car Show will award 57 trophies in 24

classes, including Pre-50’s; 50’s; 60’s; 70’s; 80’s; 90’s & Newer; Camaro; Mustang; Open; Corvette 1953 – 1982; Corvette 1984 & Newer; Exotic; Convertible; Pre-70’s Import; 70’s & Newer Import; Muscle Car Pre-80s; Muscle car 80s & newer; Truck Pre-70’s; Truck 70’s & Newer; Military; Mopar; Street Rod; and 4-Wheel Drive plus Best of Show, Car Club Participation and a Long Distance Award.

Show car registration is open at <http://www.theheights.org/carshow/> or on-site 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Car registration is \$30 per car or 30 canned food items. All proceeds benefit the Network of Community Ministries.

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## 3rd annual McKinney St. Patrick's Day Festival & Shamrock Run this weekend

The 3rd Annual McKinney St. Patrick's Day Festival and Shamrock Run is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 and will feature a Shamrock Run 5k to kick start the full day of festivities. The festival will take place at Tupps Brewery and will feature food, green beer from Tupps Brewery, a photo-booth, costume contests, great vendors and two stages filled with Irish entertainment.

"This year we're excited to grow the event to be big-



ger and better than ever." said event organizer Lau-

ren Stephan of SBG Hospitality. "We've added a sec-

ond stage with Irish Rock Bands, outdoor seating and

traditional Irish cuisine."

Admission to the family-friendly event is free and open to the public. The Shamrock Run tickets cost \$30 and include a chip-timed race around the brewery, Shamrock Run t-shirts, swag bags, and a cool finishers medal. The 5k will kick off at 9 a.m. in front of the brewery and a portion of the proceeds benefit a McKinney non-profit, The Warrior's Keep. Registration for the 5k is available at [https://mckin-](https://mckinneyneystpats2020.eventbrite.com)

[neystpats2020.eventbrite.com](https://mckinneyneystpats2020.eventbrite.com).

"My wife and I have attended this event for the past two years and had a blast." Said Jason Yma, President of Iron Horse Contractors. "Iron Horse is proud to partner with the event and we know the community will really enjoy what we have planned."

More information on the event festivities can be found at <https://www.mckinneyneystpatricksdays.com/>.

## Local trailblazer Juanita Craft to be spotlighted at State Fair of Texas 2020 'Celebrating Texas Icons'

The Lone Star State is no stranger to iconic imagery. When you hear Texas, there are certain things and certain people that spring to mind – modern marvels like Dr. Pepper, Selena, Blue Bell Ice Cream, George Strait, and our beloved Big Tex, to those who laid the foundation for Texas like Stephen F. Austin, Juan Seguin, and Sam Houston. Everything is bigger in Texas, including Texas icons.

This year, the State Fair of Texas is honoring not



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only those larger than life symbols of the state through the 2020 theme,

"Celebrating Texas Icons," but also local trailblazers such as Juanita J. Craft.

"Every year, we strive to commemorate and celebrate the Lone Star State, and all those who make our great state what it is," said Mitchell Gieber, State Fair of Texas President. "This year's theme is symbolic of all of our efforts to recognize the legendary status our icons have in our state's culture, and throughout the world – from details in fair-ground attractions to museum exhibits showcasing their accomplishments."

From the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico, and

everything in between, our state has produced historic emblems in seemingly every aspect of life. Bluebonnets, armadillos, prickly pear cactuses, and a yellow rose are instantly synonymous with Texas. Friday night lights and Sunday afternoon television screens highlight the love we share for the game of football, no matter which team we support. The state exudes talent – singers like Willie Nelson and Beyoncé, actors like Matthew McConaughey and Eva Longoria, innova-

tors like Carroll Shelby, activists like Juanita J. Craft, three past presidents, and many more exemplify the broad impact Texas has on modern-day culture.

Illustrating this year's theme, the artwork highlights iconic imagery of the Lone Star State, including oil derricks, mockingbirds, bluebonnets, armadillos, and, of course, the 55-foot cowboy himself, Big Tex.

The 2020 State Fair of Texas runs September 25 through October 18 at historic Fair Park.

## TikTok surpasses 40 million daily active users globally

Data gathered by Learnbonds.com indicates that video-sharing social networking service TikTok had 41.27 million daily active users (DAU) globally in January 2020 across both iOS and Android platforms. This is the all-time-high number of DAU since the app's inception.

TikTok, which allows users to create 15-second videos had 33.01 million ac-

tive users on Android alone by January 2020. This is a growth of about 2.8% from December 2019's 32.07 million users.

Since the launch of the TikTok Android application in January 2017, the daily active users have grown by a staggering 87.5%.

On the other hand, TikTok's iOS application has also witnessed a steady growth registering 8.26 mil-

lion daily active users on both iPad and iPhone. The figures represent a growth of 11.74% from the December 2019's 7.29 million daily active users.

The iOS application has grown by 25% since launching in January 2017.

Despite being a popular application globally, TikTok has seen significant growth in the US market. By projection, TikTok is expected to

grow by 18% from 2019's 37.2 million users. In the next four years, TikTok's US users are set to be 60.3 million.

On the Android platform, 56.5% of users are female while 43.5% are male. Furthermore, TikTok's US android users are aged between 10-19 years representing 37.2%. According to the report:

"A review of the TikTok US daily active users shows

a majority are under generation Z, mostly teenagers. "

The projected steady growth of TikTok in the US

might face obstacles especially from other leading social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram.

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lies of color already on the razor's edge of poverty, it may mean the difference between a roof over their head or homelessness," he said.

West said he believed every working American should be entitled to at least

seven calendar days per year of federally-mandated paid sick leave. "Frankly, that's not enough. It really should be more. However, I am a pragmatic person, and I know that we must build a coalition to get this

passed in the Senate and in the House," West said.

"Republicans are fond of saying Texans should pull themselves up by the bootstraps. And many times, when they use that language to attack programs such as food stamps, housing vouchers, and disability ser-

vices, we know that is dog-whistle racism," West said.

"You cannot pull yourself up by the bootstraps when you can't afford boots, and that is the situation in which many African American and Hispanic Texans find themselves," West continued.



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## Fair credit denials limit wealth-building for Black consumers and businesses

By Charlene Crowell

For much of Black America, access to fair and responsible credit has been an elusive promise. Whether as consumers seeking the pride of homeownership or businesses seeking to begin or expand, securing credit remains an age-old, arduous and often frustrating pursuit – despite a slew of federal and state laws enacted to overcome these long-standing racial disparities.

But on February 26, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) settled a federal lawsuit brought by small business owners and advocates who together challenged CFPB's lack of enforcement of anti-discrimination laws that protect minority-owned and women-owned businesses from unequal access to financial products and services. The lawsuit

charged the CFPB with failure to issue required regulations that mandate financial institutions to collect and maintain important data for these two types of businesses.

The settlement sets out specific, time-lined goals as well as an ongoing review process. Although its terms require federal court approval before it can take effect, plaintiffs were jubilant in their ability to force CFPB into collecting and disclosing data.

"It's safe to say that without this lawsuit, the Trump administration would be content to continue its unlawful refusal to protect women, minority, and small business owners from discrimination," said Anne Harkavy, Executive Director of Democracy Forward that represented the plaintiffs. Based in the District of Columbia, this nonprofit organization has a two-

pronged purpose: publicly speaking about unlawful government acts and empowering those who have been harmed to fight back.

Plaintiffs in the case include the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), and small businesses located in Waterloo, Iowa and in Portland, Oregon.

Paulina Gonzalez-Brito, Executive Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition, also reacted.

"For nearly a decade since Dodd-Frank became law, our members throughout California have been on the frontlines pushing for this rule to move forward," noted Gonzalez-Brito. "This settlement is a victory for impacted communities and small business owners of color striving to build wealth and a better life."

**Key actions that CFPB has agreed to include:**

- By September 2020, publicly release a draft proposal for collecting small business data;

- By October 2020, establish a Small Business Advocacy Review panel that will offer direct input on behalf of the small business plaintiff groups;

- In negotiation with plaintiffs establish deadlines for each stage of rule-making – including a final data collection rule;

- Every 90 days, submit status reports detailing CFPB's progress toward the data collection rule; and

- Accept court-ordered deadlines if parties fail to agree.

Strong and credible data collection can and often does make the difference between anecdotal critiques and eventual court actions. Particularly for Black businesses, the vigilant and long-term struggle for access to credit has of-

ten translated into home equity loans for financing new businesses or expansion. But without access to affordable credit and an absence of home equity, the likelihood of Black businesses being under-capitalized runs high.

At the same time, ample data paints a picture of drastic disparities when it comes to Blacks buying a home.

On Feb. 25, a day before the CFPB settlement, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), which represents over 1.4 million members in every aspect of residential and commercial real estate, released new research on the difficulties consumers of color continue to confront when buying a home. Analyzing data from 2008 to 2018 that was gathered by the U.S. Census' American Community Survey, and its 2019 Profiling of Home Buyers and

Sellers, findings are once again stark.

From 2016 to 2019, according to NAR, homeownership rates among Whites have consistently exceeded 71%. Homeownership rates for this demographic were highest in the Midwest and Deep South, ranging from a statewide high of 78% in Mississippi, followed by 77% in Michigan and South Carolina, and 76% in both Minnesota and Alabama.

But Black homeownership rates in these same years and states reveal eye-opening comparisons. While Black homeownership is 41% nationwide, it is 50% or more in only three states: Mississippi (54%), South Carolina (51%), and Alabama (50%).

Further, in 17 states, the Black homeownership rate is less than 40%, with some

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) has agreed to repay consumers after a Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) review found delays in handling out-of-network emergency claims and incorrect infor-

mation in consumer notices and marketing materials.

BCBSTX also will pay a \$10 million fine.

"Consumers who had higher out-of-pocket costs due to the errors will get refunds," said Texas Insurance

Commissioner Kent Sullivan. "Ensuring the fair treatment of consumers and clear, timely consumer information are priorities for TDI."

Based on a review of BCBSTX communications and how it processed out-of-

network emergency claims, TDI found:

- Incorrect information about how to resolve balance bills on explanations of benefits for many HMO members who received out-of-network emergency care.

- Delays in processing out-of-network claims that went through an Emergency Benefit Management review process the company began using in August 2018.

- Errors in marketing materials about plans offered

in 2018 and 2019.

BCBSTX agreed to begin sending the consumer notices by May 1. Consumers with questions should call the number on their BCBSTX ID cards for member information.

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of the lowest rates occurring in Wisconsin (23%), Minnesota (24%), and Nevada (28%).

Even lower levels of homeownership in states with sizeable Black populations were found in California (34%), District of Columbia (36%), Illinois (39%), Missouri (37%), and Texas (39%).

Rates of rejections on mortgage applications continue these racial disparities. While White applicants were rejected at a rate of 5%, Black applicants were rejected nearly triple that of Whites at

13%. First-time homebuyers, an important indicator of market performance, are frequently Black at 51%. By contrast, 87% of White homebuyers previously owned homes.

Additionally, among Black homebuyers, less than half—49%—were married couples and the number of single Black women purchasing homes (34%) was double that of single White females (17%). The reasons for purchasing homes also diverged: 46% of Blacks cited a desire to own, while only 26% of Whites shared that same

sentiment.

So, what do these and other data points reveal?

Despite lower incomes, Black consumers have a pronounced desire to own their own piece of America. As many Black females delay marriage, they are becoming homeowners at a rate more than three times that of Black males (9%). It's also a clear indication of a growing trend among Black females who are asserting financial independence. Homeownership for many of these women no longer is tied to marriage as it once was for generations past.

But more importantly, whether as a business own-

er or a consumer, access to credit remains difficult and daunting for Black America. Our quest for financial justice remains a journey.

"When the CFPB complies with this court order and collects data on small business lending, the marketplace will be more efficient and fairer," said NALCAB's Executive Director Noel Andrés Poyo. "Transparency is the ultimate antidote to discriminatory and predatory lending."

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**AT&T Mobility proposes to construct a 25-ft small cell monopole communication tower at the approx. vicinity of 2365 Victory Ave., Dallas, Dallas County TX, 75219, Lat: [32-47-10.9], Long: [-96-48-37.0]. Public comments regarding the potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days of publication to: *Trileaf Corp. Hannah, [h.jordan@trileaf.com](mailto:h.jordan@trileaf.com), 2550 S IH 35 Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704. 5125199388.***

**AT&T Mobility proposes to build a 40-foot pole Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 16421 Addison Road, Addison, Dallas County, TX 75001, Lat: [32-58-25.4], Long: [-96-49-49.5]. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1159203.**

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### Launcel Moore

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Died: March 8, 2020

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### Tondra Thomas

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### Reginald Johnson

Born: Feb. 19, 1964

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### Stanley Wilder, US Vet.

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### Ronnie Jack Whitting

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### Shariyah Lynn Minifree

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Patricia Era Bath (November 4, 1942 – May 30, 2019) was an American ophthalmologist, inventor, humanitarian, and academic. She was an early pioneer of laser cataract surgery.

She was the first woman to lead a post-graduate training program in ophthalmology and the first woman elected to the honorary staff of the UCLA Medical Center.

Dr. Bath was the first Black person to serve as

a resident in ophthalmology at New York University. She was also the first Black woman to serve on staff as a surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center.

She was the first Black woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. The holder of five patents, she also founded the non-profit American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bath was the first Black woman to complete a residency in ophthalmology in 1973. Two years later, she became the first female faculty member in the Department of Ophthalmology at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute.

In 1976, Dr. Bath co-founded the American In-

stitute for the Prevention of Blindness, which established that "eyesight is a basic human right."

In 1986, Dr. Bath invented the Laserphaco Probe, improving treatment for cataract patients. She patented the device in 1988, becoming the first Black female doctor to receive a medical patent.

Dr. Bath was born in New York City's Harlem neighborhood to Rupert Bath; he was the first Black motorman for the New York City subway system, and Gladys Bath, a housewife and domestic worker who used her salary to save money for her children's education.

She was encouraged by her family to pursue academic interests. Her father, a former Merchant Marine

and an occasional newspaper columnist, taught Dr. Bath about the wonders of travel and the value of exploring new cultures. Her mother piqued the young girl's interest in science by buying her a chemistry set.

Inspired by Albert Schweitzer's work in medicine, Bath applied for and won a National Science Foundation Scholarship while attending high school; this led her to a research project at Yeshiva University and Harlem Hospital Center studying connections between cancer, nutrition, and stress. The head of the research program realized the significance of her findings and published them in a scientific paper. In 1960, still a teenager, Bath won the "Merit Award" of Made-

moiselle Magazine for her contribution to the project.

Bath received her Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from Manhattan's Hunter College in 1964 and relocated to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University College of Medicine. She co-founded the Student National Medical Association and became its first woman president in 1965.

At Howard, she was awarded a Children's Bureau National Government

Fellowship Award to do research in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in the summer of 1967. The highlight of the award ceremony was the meeting of Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, at the US Embassy in Belgrade.

Bath graduated with honors from Howard University College of Medicine in 1968. She was awarded the Edwin Watson Prize for

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# NDG Book Review: *Would I Lie To You?* provides plenty of food for thought

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

“How does it look?”

Your client just asked that loaded question, and you don’t know what to do. Truth: it looks awful but you can’t say so. Feelings will be hurt, so maybe you should fib – but a dishonest answer could make things even worse. In “Would I Lie to You?” by Judi Ketteler, is honesty really the best policy?

As a former Catholic schoolgirl, Judi Ketteler had ample chance to learn about lying. It was a sin, surely, but there was more to it than that: she hated



when others lied to her, but she knew that she was guilty of lying, too.

And that’s the thing: psychologists say that we all lie, from the lie of omission

to the “white lie” to the whole Santa-thing-with-children. We lie to others, and we lie to ourselves.

Lying takes many forms, as Ketteler learned when she decided to pay heed and live as honestly as possible. There are secrets, for instance, that are an insidious kind of lie, similar to a lie of omission. There are lies of self-interest and “prosocial lying,” which is a lie told to benefit someone else. There’s “spin,” or lies told to make someone forget about the things the liar has done; withholding and concealing information; and the “fudge factor”

that might seem minor, but which is still lying, in the end. No matter what kind of lies we tell, or to whom, researchers say that we lie up to a third of the time we talk with others, and three-quarters of those lies are told to benefit ourselves.

Most of the time, then, we like to tell ourselves that lying doesn’t really hurt anybody, but that in itself is a lie, Ketteler says. She points to politics, and questions of trust that’ve surfaced. Another hurt: polygraph tests show that lying has negative impacts on the body, raising heart rates and blood pressure.

At work, it can cause you to lose allies and clients, and maybe even the trust of the person who writes your paycheck...

So, here’s the first truth: “Would I Lie to You?” is a lot more life-story than not.

If you’re prepared for that, then author Judi Ketteler’s words will give you plenty to think about when you’re striving to be as truthful as... well, not as possible, but as applicable, in your work and at home. You’ll see that lying, in a way, can be a kind of grace and you’ll learn how it’s possible to lie nicely here, but you’ll also see

that there’s such a thing as too much candor: Ketteler includes anecdotes from her own life and marriage, which are squirmy and just barely relevant.

Still, despite those biographical leanings, there’s plenty of fodder for self-assessment inside this book, and tips to help discern what kind of lie is shameless and what’s downright wrong. Knowing that – and learning ways to remove those habits from your day-to-day – gives this book its strength back. Overall, “Would I Lie to You?” might look pretty good from here.

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Excellence in Ophthalmology by her mentor, Lois A. Young.

The assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 caused Bath to dedicate herself to achieving one of the dreams of King, namely

the empowerment of people through the Poor People’s Campaign. She organized and led Howard University medical students in providing volunteer health care services to the Poor People’s Campaign in Resurrection

City in the summer of 1968.

Bath returned to her Harlem community and interned at Harlem Hospital Center. During her internship, she observed large proportions of blind patients at Harlem Hospital in comparison to patients at the Columbia University Eye Clinic.

Prior to beginning her ophthalmology residency study at NYU in 1970, she was awarded a one-year fellowship from Columbia University to study and contribute to eye care services at Harlem Hospital. She began to collect data on blindness and visual impairment

at Harlem Hospital, which did not have any ophthalmologists on staff.

Her data and passion for improvement persuaded her professors from Columbia to operate on blind patients, without charge, at Harlem Hospital Center, which had not previously offered eye

surgery. Bath was proud to be on the Columbia team that performed the first eye surgery at Harlem Hospital in November 1969.

She served her residency in ophthalmology at New York University, from 1970 to 1973, the first Black person to do so.



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