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## Two months to midterm elections: another attorney general creates an 'Election Integrity' unit

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Contributor

On September 9, Virginia's Attorney General, Jason Miyares, announced the formation of an "election integrity unit." According to the Attorney General's statement, the unit will "provide legal advice to the Department of Elections." The new unit will involve at least twenty attorneys in the Attorney General's office.

The announcement by Virginia's Attorney General arrives at a time in history when politics in the United States is being dominated by election deniers and challenges to the election of President Joseph Biden. On Nov. 3, 2020, Biden defeated incumbent one-term President Donald Trump by 7,052,770 votes.

The issue of "election integrity" is a new narrative amplified over the last four years by former President Donald Trump in an effort to delegitimize failure at the ballot box. On Aug. 16, Rep. Don McEachin challenged his Republican opponent Leon Benjamin to acknowledge Biden's victory and denounce false election fraud claims. Benjamin was present at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

What began as QAnon challenges to Biden's election were violently crystallized with the January



The issue of "election integrity" is a new narrative amplified over the last four years by former President Donald Trump in an effort to delegitimize failure at the ballot box. (Photo: Colin Lloyd / Unsplash)

6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump's supporters. Many of the participants in the attack on the U.S. Capitol, on the day Biden's victory over Trump was to be certified by Congress, cited their belief that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from former President Trump.

The claims of election fraud have continued from Trump and his supporters since Biden's victory in late 2020 — with no evidence of fraud. Several Republican Secretaries of State certified their elections with Biden as the victor, including Florida and Georgia. The current investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol is revealing

further details on the attack's connection to false voter fraud conspiracies trafficked on social media — particularly on Facebook.

Despite the creation of the new election unit, Attorney General Miyares has not publicly echoed the sentiments of Trump or his supporters who attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021 with regard to election fraud conspiracy theories.

Further, a former Deputy Attorney General in Miyares's office, Monique Miles, who "oversaw election integrity issues for the office," departed the Attorney General's office after The Wash-

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### People In The News ...



Rep. Colin Allred



Vernice Miller-Travis

**NDG Quote of the Week:** "Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." — Muhammad Ali



## Rep. Colin Allred

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) received the Advocate for American Business award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his work in support of the business community in Congress. The award is given in recognition of support for pro-growth and pro-business policies as well as bipartisanship.

Allred also received the award in 2020, formerly called the Spirit of Enterprise award as well as the Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship in 2021.



"I will always put North Texas first, and that includes working with businesses and workers to strengthen and grow our economy," said Allred. "I am honored to receive the

U.S. Chamber's Advocate for American Business award as we work together on everything from keeping businesses open during the pandemic to investing in American-made micro-chips to rebuilding our infrastructure to job-creating trade agreements. I will keep working with our business community and be a partner in Congress to ensure our economy works for everyone and our businesses can thrive."

Born and raised in North Dallas by a single mom who was a Dallas public school teacher, Congressman Colin Allred was student body

president at Hillcrest High School and earned a full-ride football scholarship to Baylor University.

Diploma in hand and prepared to attend law school, Colin deferred his acceptance to play in the NFL. He was a linebacker for five seasons before sustaining a career-ending injury that opened the door for him to fulfill his other dream -- becoming a civil rights attorney.

Colin served in the General Counsel's office at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Colin later returned home to Dallas and decided

to run for office to represent the district he grew up in.

As a Representative, Colin is dedicated to helping North Texas families gain the same opportunities he had to fulfill his dreams. Colin's top priorities in Congress are working to lower health care costs, protecting Medicare and Social Security, and creating an economy that works for everyone. Colin is passionate about expanding access to vocational and trade schools and lowering the cost of college so all North Texans have the shot at a middle-class job.

He believes Congress must find common ground to rebuild our aging roads and bridges, pass comprehensive immigration reform and take care of our veterans.

Congressman Colin Allred is serving on the following committees:

Transportation and Infrastructure

Subcommittees: Highways and Transit; Aviation

Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee: Middle East, North Africa and International Terrorism

Veterans' Affairs

Subcommittee: Health

## Vernice Miller-Travis

Vernice Miller-Travis has consistently recognized racism, including how race has played a significant role in environmental policy.

She's the vice chair of Clean Water Action's board of directors, executive vice president for environmental and social justice at Metropolitan Group, and co-founder of We Act for Environmental Justice.

Miller-Travis said it's her job to analyze data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of national priorities.

In that way, she's able to keep abreast of hazardous



waste sites in the United States, including the ones that pose an immediate health and environmental threat.

"You get to see the pattern," Miller-Travis told National Newspaper Pub-

lishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

"The pattern around the racial composition of who lives in a particular place in proximity to a hazardous waste site is not random," she said during a riveting conversation inside NNPA's state-of-the-art television studios in Washington.

The full discussion will air on Chavis' PBS-TV Show, The Chavis Chronicles.

And when there's any pushback, Miller-Travis stands at the ready.

"When they ask whether they're being accused of being racist, I tell them that

what I'm saying is that your policies you utilize have an unequal impact that people of color are always adversely affected, not white people."

Born in 1959 at New York's Harlem Hospital, where both her parents worked, Miller-Travis said she spent a lot of time at the famed health center.

She attended Barnard College before earning a political science degree from Columbia University's School of General Studies.

"I started as a researcher working for the civil rights division of a small Protestant Church known as Unit-

ed Church of Christ -- the remnants of the church established by the pilgrims," Miller-Travis said.

As she spoke with Chavis, Miller-Travis shared stories about the 40th anniversary the Warren County, North Carolina, protest that officially birthed the movement.

"One of the people leading that struggle was a minister in the United Church of Christ, and he called up to the headquarters in New York City and said, look, we need help. Nobody has talked to us, and the state has not reached out. There have been no briefings, no hearings, no nothing,"

Miller-Travis recalled.

"And so, the national church did all they could to help and bring attention to it, but they thought, this is kind of curious."

She continued: "We need to see if what's happening in Warren County is endemic to what's happening in rural North Carolina -- is it the southeast? Is it bigger than that? And they hired me as a research assistant to help identify what we would then call environmental injustice and environmental racism, which Dr. Chavis coined the term."

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## Isiah Thomas

One World Products, Inc. has announced that it has filed its S-1 with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of the recently announced common stock purchase agreement and registration rights agreement with an institutional investor for up to \$10 million worth of shares issuable over 36 months.

The shares are based upon the current market price of the stock at the time.

Upon filing the S-1, the institutional investor has made its second fixed-price follow-on equity investment of \$150,000, which is also subject to Rule 144



and a 6-month holding period.

Both fixed-price equity investments were priced at \$0.15 per share.

One World Products Inc. (OWP) is Colombia's largest Black-controlled, fully licensed hemp and cannabis producer.

Basketball legend Isiah

Thomas serves as chairman and CEO of the company.

"We are delighted that our newest institutional investor clearly values the vision and tremendous growth potential that we see for OWP," Thomas stated in a news release.

"Their second equity investment provides additional capital that will be used to continue to scale our operations in Colombia, enhance industrial sales of hemp products to customers and expand our carbon credits program."

Thomas continued:

"Of tremendous importance to us has been the faith and enthusiasm this institutional investor has demonstrated, evidenced by their \$300,000 invest-

ment that is priced approximately 50% higher than our recent share price.

"Even more supportive long term, they are allowing us control over the timing and amounts of future equity capital, which enables us to take advantage of sudden increases in our stock price.

"Furthermore, one of our original investors in OWP has increased his investment, enabling us to restructure our debt with much more favorable terms. I would also like to highlight that I am personally investing an additional \$500,000 at \$0.15 per share in \$100,000 increments over the next five months.

"As an ascendant international hemp and cannabis

company focused on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards, we believe that these latest rounds of investment and refinancing position us well to elevate the Company to

the next level."

A more detailed description of the Agreements was outlined in One World Products' Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the SEC.

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Classism, racism, war, and corporate greed are malicious outliers, which in their ways, plague the United States and global civilization abroad. Recollect back to 1955, Post World War, Two United States and these same outliers were a virus dividing and corrupting the United States and most of the world. In that year 1955, a 14-year-old Black male teenager from Chicago was sent by his mother to visit his family in Money, Mississippi. This innocent teenager was named Emmett Louis Till. Actually, Emmett was having a great time visiting his southern family, receiving all the love and attention and having care-free fun for three days into his visit before the horrid curse of violent, racist injustice struck Emmett Till, his family and the United States of America!

Emmett Till was born on July 25, 1941, and was murdered August 28, 1955. Emmett, as most Americans know, was violently tortured and murdered in Money, Mississippi for allegedly whistling at a married, White woman named Carolyn Bryant. This rule was a long held racial taboo in the Southern States. Black males were not allowed to even look at White women in their eyes in public let alone whistle at them or around them. Such racist, classist unjust social rules were a result of the terrible slavery system and were passed down as the Jim Crow racist injustice system of the South. Being born and raised in Chicago, Till wasn't accustomed to such public social rules. Although racist outliers existed against Blacks in Chicago, they were not as rigid and as

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violently enforced as in the Southern States.

This case was indicative of the racial hatred perpetuated against Blacks or African Americans throughout all of the United States almost one hundred years after slavery supposedly ended. This case was terrible and exposed how the entire society of Mississippi and the South was a prison and or torture chamber for Blacks. Contradicting these facts, the Whites of the South claimed to be the most civilized humans on Earth at the time. This clear permanence of racial hatred and systematic genocidal programming against one group, the Black Americans also contradicted the United States Declaration of Independence and the Constitution ratified Articles 13 and 14, developed after the end of the Civil War.

Young Emmett was tracked down the day after the so-called whistling incident. The White husband of the woman and his White male friends along with a Black man, came to the home where Till was staying. They barged in the home and grabbed Emmett, along with Emmett's cousin, Simeon Wright. Simeon was with Emmett at the time of the whistling incident. After figuring out which of the boys was the one who supposedly whistled, the abductors bust the teeth out of Simeon's mouth by throwing him off their truck then taking off with Emmett. Witnesses said in trial, they saw them drive up with Emmett and took him into a barn and tormented Emmett for hours. The witness said they heard Emmett screaming for hours and they could hear the whipping and beating blows they were hitting him so hard.

Roy Bryant, the husband of the woman who claimed she was whistled at and

brother-in-law, J.W. Milam kidnapped and brutally murdered Emmett Till. They dumped his body in the Tallahatchie River. This murder shocked the nation by gaining global media coverage. In turn, this case infused a generation of Black Americans to create and join the Civil Rights movement. With nationwide media coverage, the funeral of Emmett Till was held in Chicago with an open casket where anyone could see the terrible swelling and mutilation from the beating put on Emmett by the murderers.

Outrage ensued throughout the nation and even world-wide for such racist brutality being allowed in the United States. Black media outlets and organizations went in with all resources exposing the tragedy by even putting Emmett Till's funeral casket picture on their front pages. Jet Magazine even put the picture on the front of their magazine. Black politicians, the NAACP and Black celebrities expressed their heart break and outrage at this ongoing continuing murder and rape of Blacks throughout the United States.

Then came the trial and attempt to get justice for Emmett's family and for the Black community held in Sumner, Mississippi in September 1955. Emmett's great-uncle testifying against the murderers marked the first time a Black human testified against a White human in the state of Mississippi. The problem was the defense was up against long held practices of allowing White people to murder, rape and torture Blacks in Mississippi. It was clear what the outcome would be when the judge threw out all the testimonies given by all witnesses to the kidnapping and murder

of Emmett Till, even after they testified in court. The murderers were acquitted of all charges including the murder charges. With all the media coverage, it was clear to the entire world the U.S. government was continuing the oppression of Black Americans although the U.S. was proclaiming itself to be the beacon of justice and freedom.

This case galvanized generations of Blacks and some non-Blacks to take up the cause of human rights and justice throughout the United States. With the likes of Paul Robeson and those generations of devotees who worked and lived for justice and freedom, African Americans as myself could get our education and I am free to write this article and you are free to read it. In 2007, a Federal Bill named 'The Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Right Crime Act' was created due to continual effort of noble citizenry. All of the Civil Rights work and successes make it clear that we have the ability and right to challenge laws and practices no matter how old and how cherished by the rich and or the government. With all this revealed, Misses Carolyn Bryant in her later age of 82, recanted her claim about Emmett Till whistling at her in an interview stating it wasn't true and it did not happen.

Justice cannot only become a thing of the past, a memory of the noble generations who sacrificed for current generations liberties and rights. Justice has to be openly taught as a pillar of the African American Legacy! Does nobility matter any longer and to who? What are the current injustices being ignored and which type and class are perpetuating the injustices and which groups are

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# Air pollution can amplify negative effects of Climate Change: A new study looks at the combined effects of air pollution and climate change

AUSTIN — The impacts of air pollution on human health, economies and agriculture differ drastically depending on where on the planet the pollutants are emitted, according to a new study that could potentially incentivize certain countries to cut climate-changing emissions.

Led by The University of Texas at Austin and the University of California San Diego, the study is the first to simulate how pollutants affect both climate and air quality for locations around the globe.

The research, which is published in *Science Advances*, analyzed the climate and air quality impacts of aerosols — tiny solid particles and liquid droplets that contribute to smog and are emitted from industrial factories, power plants and vehicle tailpipes. Aerosols create unique global patterns of impact on human health, agricultural and economic productivity when compared with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, which are the focus of efforts to mitigate climate change.

Although CO<sub>2</sub> and aerosols are often emitted at the same time during the



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combustion of fuel, the two substances behave differently in Earth's atmosphere, said co-lead author Geeta Persad, an assistant professor in UT Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences.

"Carbon dioxide has the same impact on climate no matter who emits it," Persad said. "But for these

aerosol pollutants, they tend to stay concentrated near where they're emitted, so the effect that they have on the climate system is very patchy and very dependent on where they're coming from."

The researchers found that, depending on where they are emitted, aerosols can worsen the social costs

of carbon — an estimate of the economic costs greenhouse gasses have on society — by as much as 66%.

The scientists looked at eight key regions: Brazil, China, East Africa, western Europe, India, Indonesia, United States and South Africa.

"This research highlights how the harmful effects of our emissions are generally underestimated," said Jennifer Burney, co-lead author and the Marshall Saunders Chancellor's Endowed Chair in Global Climate Policy and Research at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy. "CO<sub>2</sub> is making the planet warmer, but it also gets emitted with a bunch of other compounds that impact people and plants directly and cause climate changes in their own right."

The work, which was supported by the National Science Foundation, represents a collaboration between Persad and Burney, who are physical scientists, and a group of economists and public health experts. Co-authors include Marshall Burke, Eran Bendavid

and Sam Heft-Neal at Stanford University and Jonathan Proctor at Harvard University.

Aerosols can directly affect human health and the climate on their own. They are associated with negative health impacts when inhaled and can affect the climate by influencing temperature, precipitation patterns and how much sunlight reaches the Earth's surface.

To study aerosols' influence in comparison to CO<sub>2</sub>, the team created a set of climate simulations using the Community Earth System Model version 1 developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research. They ran simulations in which each of the eight regions produced identical aerosol emissions and mapped how temperature, precipitation and surface air quality were affected across the globe. Then they connected this data with known relationships between climate and air quality and infant mortality, crop productivity, and gross domestic product across the eight regions. Finally, they

compared the total societal costs of these aerosol-driven impacts against the societal costs of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted in each of the eight regions.

The outcome paints a varied and complicated picture. Emissions from some regions produce climate and air quality effects that range from two to more than 10 times as strong as others and social costs that sometimes affect neighboring regions more than the region that produced the aerosol emissions. For example, in Europe local emissions result in four times as many infant deaths outside Europe as within.

But the researchers note that aerosol emissions are always bad for both the emitter and the planet overall.

"While we might think about aerosols, which cool the climate, as having the silver lining of counteracting CO<sub>2</sub>-driven warming, when we look at all these effects in combination, we find that no region experiences overall local benefits or generates overall global benefits by emitting aerosols," Persad said.

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the victims? The United States and world should be careful that the mirror of the past does not continue to reflect ugly faces.

Over the last decade, Blacks were being murdered on camera continually by police officers of the law even though White males continue to be the super majority of people who murder cops. Also, the all-White male police officers did this while there was an African American President of the United States. Clearly, this is an

agenda. This is evidence that the agenda to torment and murder Blacks has and will continue in the United States if African Americans and immigrants and other underrepresented ethnic groups do not organize together and concentrate resources and effort on stopping the killings ... not to mention the world's biggest privately-owned prison system, holding the highest number of humans on Earth. This clearly is systematic strategy and not random.

Many, such as Dr. Cornell West, say that we live in a more Autocratic Authoritarian state in the U.S. than ever before. Thus, I ponder, was slavery transformed? Was Jim Crow and Apartheid implemented throughout the United States in covert methods to this day? Ku Klux Klan leader, Neo Nazi representative David Duke once said, and I paraphrase, "We, the Ku Klux Klan took off our hoods and put on suits and ties and filled the politician seats and board rooms and senator's seats." How about that?

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# Vote Common Good to host Dallas, Fort Worth trainings on how to identify, confront Christian nationalism

AUSTIN, DALLAS, FORT WORTH (Texas): The national evangelical group Vote Common Good (VCG), will host a series of events in Texas starting Monday as part of a growing campaign to mobilize voters of faith to defeat election-denying, insurrection-supporting candidates in November and educate the public about the dangers of Christian Nationalism.

VCG, which made headlines in the runup to the 2020 presidential election by urging voters to make the common good, not political party, the determining factor when casting votes, will visit Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth.

“We are in a fight to protect our democracy from election-denying, insurrection-supporting, law and order-attacking, democracy-downgrading candidates and movements,” Pagitt said. “Voters of faith can and must choose the common good, not political party, when heading to the polls this November.”

On October 3, State Rep. Jasmine Crockett, State Rep. Carl Sherman and a surrogate for Beto



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O'Rourke will join VCG Executive Director Doug Pagitt, local pastors and voters at a Wilshire Baptist Church rally to urge people of good faith and conscience to denounce candidates or movements that stand for political violence.

On October 4, the evangelical group will further its calls for common good policy reform with a stop in Austin, where they will join the Death Penalty Action Group in delivering 15,000 signed petitions calling on Governor Greg Abbott to halt the pending execution of veteran John Henry Ramirez.

Vote Common Good will conclude this Texas swing with stops in Dallas and Fort Worth, where experts will hold anti-Christian nationalism trainings.

At the trainings, which made national news when they launched last year, pastors and their congregations will be taught to define Christian nationalism, recognize it in their communities, and develop ways to counter it, including by highlighting Scripture passages that directly confront it.

## More on Vote Common Good

Vote Common Good is a group of progressive Christian leaders from Catholic, evangelical, and mainline Protestant backgrounds with years of experience at the intersection of faith and politics. Together, they aim to inspire, energize, and mobilize people of faith to make the common good their primary voting criteria on Election Day 2022.

## EVENT DETAILS

**WHAT:** Rally to denounce candidates who espouse Christian nationalism  
**WHO:** Vote Common Good, State Rep. Jasmine Crockett, State Rep. Carl Sherman and a surrogate for Beto O'Rourke, local faith leaders including Michael Waters, George Mason, Rabbi Nancy Kasten, Charles Johnson, and voters  
**WHEN:** Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30pm  
**WHERE:** Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75214

**WHAT:** Rally calling on Governor Abbott to stay the pending execution of veteran John Henry Ramirez.  
**WHO:** Vote Common Good, the Death Penalty Action Group, local activists  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at noon  
**WHERE:** Austin State Capitol

**WHAT:** Anti-Christian Nationalism training  
**WHO:** Vote Common Good, academic experts, pastors  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00pm  
**WHERE:** Kessler Park United Methodist Church, 1215 Turner Ave, Dallas, TX 75208

**WHAT:** Anti-Christian Nationalism training  
**WHO:** Vote Common Good, academic experts, pastors  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 11:00am  
**WHERE:** Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104

On the sixth month anniversary of the Capitol insurrection, Vote Common Good (VCG), Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC), and Christians Against Christian Nationalism (CACN) designed to help pastors combat the rising threat of Christian nationalism, and pledged to campaign to make sure the resources reach church communities nationwide. The curriculum, available on the Christians

Against Christian Nationalism website, invites pastors and their congregations to define Christian nationalism, recognize it in their communities, and develop ways to counter it, including by highlighting Scripture passages that directly confront Christian nationalism.

The launch was part of an ongoing effort by a new coalition of pastors, academics and experts on religious extremism to counter the radicalized Christian nationalism that has spread through congregations across the country and presents a distinct and salient threat to American democracy and the integrity of the Christian faith.

This intra-community, anti-extremism effort to disavow and help stem the tide of Christian nationalism continues ahead of the midterms, as Vote Common Good travels through swing states on the FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE: NOT INSURRECTIONS AND CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM TOUR. The tour will include voter rallies, candidate trainings, billboards, and roundtable discussions.

# Drug Take Back set for City Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29

MELISSA - Melissa Police Officers are inviting residents to drop off their unused, expired, and unwanted drugs and medications for proper disposal during the Fall edition of the twice-yearly Drug Take Back Program.

The Drug Take Back day is set for Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the lobby of City Hall, 3411 Barker Ave. There is no charge to participate.

“Officers will be accepting all drugs and medications, whether over-the-counter or prescribed by

doctors,” says Police Chief Duane Smith. “We do this twice a year for people who either don’t know what to do with these items, or who understand that tossing them in the garbage is unhealthy. Letting us properly dispose of these drugs and medications addresses both issues. It also allows us to remove these substances from circulation, preventing them from being abused or misused.”

The free service offers a no-contact, no-questions-asked way to get rid of these substances safely. Of-

ficers will be monitoring the drop off receptacles to ensure the security of the process, providing a safe and protected way to dispose of these drugs.

Participants are asked to enter the City Hall lobby through the main entry on the eastern side of the building, facing Hwy 5. The program is not intended for illicit or illegal drugs or paraphernalia, and needles, syringes and pressurized inhalers will not be accepted.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will be closing soon:

Game #	Game Name / Odds	\$	Official Close of Game	End Validations Date
2382	<b>Lucky</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.07	\$5	10/10/22	4/8/23
2340	<b>Casino Millions</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.57	\$50	10/22/22	4/20/23
2384	<b>EZ Loteria</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.71	\$1	11/23/22	5/22/23
2394	<b>\$5,000 Frenzy</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.84	\$1	11/23/22	5/22/23
2357	<b>\$50,000 Poker</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.72	\$5	11/23/22	5/22/23
2391	<b>30TH Anniversary</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.97	\$5	11/23/22	5/22/23
2395	<b>\$200,000 Frenzy</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.01	\$5	11/23/22	5/22/23
2396	<b>\$500,000 Frenzy</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.66	\$10	11/23/22	5/22/23
2397	<b>\$1,000,000 Frenzy</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.24	\$20	11/23/22	5/22/23

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# Walk to School Day highlights safety for students across North Texas

Students of all ages across North Texas are encouraged to participate in this year's observance of Walk to School Day, scheduled for Oct. 12. More than 125 events are planned at campuses throughout Texas, with over 50 schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area taking part.

The event brings together students, their parents, schools and public officials to celebrate walking, promote healthy behaviors and mobilize support for pedestrian safety improvements. Participation in this annual event can encourage students to become more



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active in a fun way, as it allows them to gather with their friends in the neighborhood for a different way to get to school. Instead of riding the bus or in the car,

they can walk, bicycle or even ride a scooter.

Active commutes to school are more than just fun for students. Walking and rolling to school can

include the following benefits:

- Encourage students to establish healthy habits
- Improve academic performance
- Reduce traffic congestion near schools
- Improve air quality
- Teach students about the importance of traffic safety
- Build stronger school-community relationships

For schools interested in holding an event, it does not take long to organize one. The Walk to School Day website offers tips on how to plan an event in seven days.

As part of a NCTCOG promotion of Walk to School Day this year, 20 schools registered events with NCTCOG and will receive free promotional materials to support their Walk to School Day events. Each promotional kit includes a Walk to School Day banner and/or other safety and encouragement items for students. The schools will also be able to enter their students' names into a raffle to win a new bicycle.

While walking to school is highlighted one day a year, NCTCOG encourages students to continue opting for active ways to

get to school after Oct. 12. The right infrastructure will help create more opportunities for students across the region, regardless of where they live. NCTCOG invests in Safe Routes to School projects such as improved sidewalks and crosswalks. In 2020, NCTCOG awarded nearly \$7 million for six Safe Routes to School projects across North Texas through the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects. Later this year, the Regional Transportation Council will consider another series of funding requests as part of the 2022 call for projects.

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ington Post revealed posts on Facebook in support of the Capitol rioters. Over 120 law enforcement officers were injured during the Jan. 6, 2021 attack. On August 19, Miles sued Attorney General Miyares for defamation over the public details of her departure.

The departure of Miles, whether she quit or was fired, was a signal that Miyares is not on board with the far-right MAGA wing of the Republican Party — but at only eight months into his term, many are worried that the Sept. 9 announcement of the new unit may signal the start of unnecessary interference in Virginia's elections.

Virginia has elections every year, odd and even, state and federal officials, with all three statewide officials and all 100 House of Delegate seats being voted on in the "odd" year every two years for delegates and four years for statewide officials and State Senators. Federal officials have an election on Nov. 8, with early voting starting 45 days before election day. The next House of Delegates and State Senate elections will be in 2023.

"We're going to have a shift in the office," then Attorney General-elect Miyares told reporters on November 4, 2021 at a press conference after he defeated three-term Democratic

Attorney General Mark Herring. Miyares wasn't asked any questions on voting rights or election integrity by reporters at his Nov. 4, 2021 presser.

But many on the left are not convinced.

"Actions truly speak louder than words, and if the Youngkin/Miyares legal team was truly interested in 'Election & Voting Integrity' they could have joined with Goldman, Thomas, Thomas, & Thompson and supported equal representation among the Commonwealth's citizenry in 2023, rather than arguing against 'one person, one vote in Virginia' until 2024. Instead, they chose the strategy of Harry Byrd & Carter Glass; coded racist, white supremacist Kabuki theatrics aimed at their Trump cult base voters," stated Fergie Reid, Jr. of 90 for 90, in a statement to Black Virginia News.

Two recent stories in Virginia involving voting and election controversies involved the son of Governor Glenn Youngkin and aide to former Congressman Scott Taylor.

"Lauren Creekmore Peabody was charged Monday with two counts of election fraud for allegedly signing petitions that included forged names," The Washington Post reported in May 2019. Despite those stories, evidence of major

problems regarding election fraud have not appeared.

**THE TIMING OF THE NEW UNIT.** Though Attorney General Miyares has not stated that he believes the election of President Joe Biden was illegitimate, Miyares' decision comes at a time when members of the Republican Party across the country are challenging election integrity. The strongest messaging came from former Republican President Donald Trump. In Jan. 2017, Trump insisted, with no evidence, that 3 million to 5 million votes were cast illegally the 2016 presidential election. Trump won in 2016 because of the electoral college system but he lost the popular vote for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton by 2,868,686 votes.

Democrats in Virginia have not forgotten that history and linked Trump to Miyares' decision on the new unit.

"AG Miyares becomes another MAGA Republican to create office to examine nonexistent voter fraud, wasting taxpayer money. How about funding a unit to go after real fraud, like your office Mr. AG? Show me the fraud MAGAs," wrote State Senator Mamie Locke on Sept. 12 regarding Miyares' new unit.

"The new Election Integrity Unit will work with the State Board, the Department of Elections and the

dedicated, hard-working local election officials in the upcoming election and beyond. The unit is made up of more than 20 attorneys, investigators and paralegals from across the various divisions in the Office of the Attorney General," Miyares' Sept. 9 statement:

"Under Virginia law, the Attorney General has broad original jurisdiction in the area of elections. Specifically, the law states that the Attorney General 'shall have full authority to do whatever is necessary or appropriate to enforce the election laws or prosecute violations thereof. The Attorney General shall exercise the authority granted by this section to conduct an investigation, prosecute a violation [and] assure the enforcement of the elections laws,'" Attorney General Miyares' noted the Sept. 9 statement, in part.

Former Virginia Lt. Governor Bill Bolling, a Republican, responded on Bearing Drift, to Miyares' decision: "Has there been a massive outbreak of voter fraud in Virginia that would warrant the creation of a new Election Integrity Unit in the Attorney General's office that is staffed with 20 attorneys, investigators, and paralegals?"

Bolling's open question was a popular one asked by many observing politics around the nation.

Ten months ago, Mi-

yares focused primarily on the rights of crime victims and positively mentioned "project exile" and how he was "old enough to remember when Richmond was the murder capital of America." That he is but now focused on election integrity caught some off guard. The issue of voting in Virginia and in America in general combines issues of race, law, conflict and who will make decisions over money and social rules. That history for Blacks in Virginia has been baked in racism and exclusion for 350 years.

It's with that backdrop that has likely spurred much of the negative reaction to the new unit.

"Jason Miyares ran for AG as a moderate but he has turned out to be a mini-Trump with somehow even less brains," Senator Lucas wrote on Sept. 9.

Several Republicans brought up a similarly titled proposal from former House Delegate Jay Jones, who was a candidate for Attorney General in 2021. Jones is also widely expected to run for the office again in 2025. Jones lost in the Democratic primary to three-term incumbent Mark Herring. Former Attorney General Herring lost to Attorney General Miyares in Nov. 2021 by 26,536 votes.

"Every single eligible Virginian should be able to register to vote and cast their ballot in each election

without undue roadblocks, harassment, pressure or obstruction. That is why, as Attorney General, I will be proud to create Virginia's very first dedicated Voter Protection and Election Integrity Unit within my new Civil Rights Division, staffed with experienced experts well versed in defending the right to vote and protecting the sanctity of our elections," former Delegate and candidate for Attorney General Jones proposed on March 17, 2021.

Attorney General Miyares' plan makes no mention of removing "undue roadblocks, harassment, pressure or obstruction" regarding voting but does mention making it "easy to vote and harder to cheat." One of the first reports of changes made by the new Attorney General in January centered around changes and firings in the civil rights office.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported that Helen Hardiman, an assistant attorney general who worked on housing discrimination, was among the first to be terminated.

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# Volunteers for the Plano International Festival gear up as the beloved event set to return on October 15

By Jackie Hardy  
Contributing Writer

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," a quote from the late Coretta Scott King, American author, Civil Rights activist and widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. TJ Johnson, former Department of Justice Assistant U. S. Attorney, and Donna Hartman, retired educator and former Coordinator of Plano ISD Academic Diversity office, are inarguably the very standard of compassion and their compassion for others is evident in the volunteer work they tirelessly give each year at the Plano International Festival (PIF).

Under the tenure of former Plano Mayor Pat Evans (2002-2009), Johnson was selected to serve on an advisory committee called, Multicultural Outreach Roundtable (MCOR). MCOR was established to promote inclusion of Plano's growing diverse community and to give a voice in local government.

According to Johnson, the vision and leadership of Pat Evans to establish MCOR and her foresight to see the changing cultural landscape of the city, is the genesis to the Plano International Festival.

"Her idea when she called us together was for



us to think about how can we be opening and welcoming...in particular to people of other countries, ethnicities, and other cultures," explains Johnson.

Currently, Plano has a 44% minority population, per the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau and 1 in 4 Plano residents were born in another country (source: Dallas Morning News March 2020).

The Plano International Festival has an emphasis on celebrating the diversity of the various cultures comprising the close to 300,000 people that call Plano home.

For almost two decades, an estimated 20,000 Plano residents have flocked to Haggard Park, located at 901 E. 15th Street and Avenue H, to participate in the Plano International Festival, but for the last two years the city and festival organizers have had to postpone this in-person event as a result of the pan-

demic.

On October 15, the wait is no more as this popular event returns kicking off at 11 am to 5 pm.

Partakers will be able to come and enjoy a range of festivities consisting of live entertainment, free healthcare services, and a variety of food trucks to satisfy the many diverse pallets of the over 100 cultures represented.

The Plano International Festival will also offer kid-friendly activities that foster engagement, learning and fun. Each year, children can enjoy the STEM interactive exhibits to discover and learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Other kid activities include Plano Symphony Orchestra Instrument Petting Zoo, Plano fire trucks for children to tour, and Plano Animal Control Services provides a variety of animals for the children to pet and interact with.

Also, kids will be able to travel to different countries via Passports to the World by visiting various booths, where they are able to get their passports stamped.

"The Rotary Clubs usually works with us to create these beautiful passports for our visitors. They get to go to the different tables to learn about different cultures..." advised Johnson.

Kids are encouraged to visit as many countries throughout the day where they can receive a prize for learning about the different cultures represented at the festival.

The Wellness Fair is also

one of the festival's staple events thanks to major sponsor, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Plano and thanks to the organizing efforts of Hartman, who serves as the Wellness Coordinator.

The Wellness Fair will begin at 10 am to 1 pm at the Plano Courtyard Theater, located within Haggard Park Historic District and a Fitness Fair will also be available as well.

"We are honored to support the Plano International Festival in its commitment to celebrate cultural diversity and raise awareness of the many ethnic communi-

ties that make up our city," sentiments shared by Mary Jo Dean, Director of Community Relations of Texas Health Presbyterian, via an email response to North Dallas Gazette.

At this year's event, festival attendees will be able to take advantage of the many free physical and mental healthcare services being offered such as, but not limited to: mammograms, flu shots, HIV testing, dental, and other baseline health screenings.

"I look forward to seeing all the people. We have

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Donna Hartman (Courtesy photo)



Dr. TJ Johnson (Courtesy photo)

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# Biden's bipartisan infrastructure law provides \$5 billion to help States install EV chargers along interstate highway

WASHINGTON — The Biden-Harris Administration recently announced that Texas' Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Deployment Plan has been approved ahead of schedule under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, established and funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. With this approval, all states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia now have access to all FY22 and FY23 NEVI formula funding, totaling more than \$1.5 billion to help build EV chargers across approximately 75,000 miles of highway across the country. The NEVI formula funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which makes \$5 billion available over five years, will help build a convenient, reliable, and affordable EV charging network



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across the country. President Biden's commitment to making electric vehicles and EV charging accessible to all Americans is critical to fighting the climate crisis and is generating an electric vehicle manufacturing

boom across the country.

Texas' EV charging plan outlines how the state will grow its emerging charging network of approximately 5,798 public charging ports, using funding from President Biden's Bipartisan

Infrastructure Law. A first priority for the state is placing high powered chargers along the approximately 3,615 miles of Designated EV Corridors within Texas. Today's announcement unleashes roughly \$147.2 million in FY22 and FY23 funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Texas to take key steps in building out a convenient, affordable, reliable, and equitable charging network.

"America led the original automotive revolution in the last century, and today, thanks to the historic resources in the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we're poised to lead in the 21st century with electric vehicles," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "We have approved plans for all 50 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to help

ensure that Americans in every part of the country — from the largest cities to the most rural communities — can be positioned to unlock the savings and benefits of electric vehicles."

"Every single state, D.C. and Puerto Rico are working to leverage the investments from the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to expand domestic electric vehicle charging across America," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm. "President Biden is leading the shift to electrify transportation—ensuring drivers can commute and charge confidently and affordably, and lessening our oversized reliance on fossil fuels while combatting climate change."

The transportation sector is our country's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. President Biden

has set an ambitious goal for half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 to be zero-emissions vehicles. Transitioning America's cars to EVs is an important pathway to achieving the President's goal of reducing our emissions by 50-52% below 2005 levels by 2030, and a robust network of public chargers is an important tool to support this transition.

Thanks to flexibility provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) were able to leverage technical assistance available through the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation and begin staffing and activities directly related to the development of their plans prior to approval. Now that EV charging plans from all 50 States, the Dis-

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"Unwanted drugs and medications need to be properly disposed of for many reasons, but especially to prevent them from being abused," said Chief Smith. "The federal Drug Enforcement Agency says that over 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or relatives right out of the family medicine cabinet."

In addition, people who flush prescription drugs down their toilets or empty them into their sinks may be placing the community at risk since the contaminants may eventually find their way back into the community's drinking water.

For more information on the program, residents may call the program's coordinator, Officer Brandi Davidson at 972-838-1392 or send her a message via email at [bdavidson@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:bdavidson@cityofmelissa.com).

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# Black Life Lights Up the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival



By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

The 2022 Toronto International Film Festival roared back to its splendor with in-theater premieres and showings. Thousands upon thousands of international film lovers flocked to cinemas, viewed the latest wave of diverse voices and watched Black films that reflected Black life.

Louis Armstrong Black & Blues (\*\*\*\*) Louis Armstrong wasn't always understood. Some thought he was no more than an ever-sweating, always-smiling Uncle Tom. But others loved his warm personality, big heart, sweet sounding trumpet and that gravelly voice. This illuminating doc may move the needle for the naysayers.

Satchmo thought jazz musicians were ambassadors who traveled around the world bringing people together, especially Blacks and whites. Producer/director Sacha Jenkins (Wu-Tang Clan: Of Mics and Men) substantiates that notion by ingeniously showcasing and analyzing all aspects of Armstrong's tough life. Eschewing formulaic documentary technique, he largely lets Armstrong tell his own story, using the musician's voice from conversations the legend recorded on reel-to-reel audio tapes. Most interviewees are off camera, their voices are used as narration, and the trumpeter is center stage.

Armstrong's life is on view in pictures, archival clips, TV shows, movies... Life started with an impoverished childhood in

New Orleans, then a stint in a boys' home where he learned the trumpet. He started a jazz career in Chicago, toured the globe and finally settled in Queens, NY archiving his memories.

Images of people from photos and newspapers are animated and along with words they magically move across the screen. Dizzy Gillespie, Artie Shaw, Ossie Davis and Miles Davis add comments. Kudos to cinematographer Ed Lachman and editors Jason Pollard and Alma Herrera-Pazmiño. High praise to Jenkins who crafts this doc like an intelligent artist or an artistic intellectual. Jazz, R&B, pop and rap musicians owe a debt to Armstrong, and this doc proves it. The magical sounds Satchmo created gave people joy, and so will this deeply affecting bio/doc.

On the Come Up (\*\*\*) Hard to name a lot of rap movies that can put a smile on your face, but this will. Actor turned director Sanaa Lathan (Love & Basketball), blends Boyz 'n the Hood drama with Straight Outta Compton bravura. This exhilarating filmmaking is based on a novel by former teen rapper turned novelist Angie Thomas (The Hate You Give). Thomas' story, as interpreted by screenwriter Kay Oyegun, rings true.

Teen rapper Briana, aka Lil Lawless (Jamila Gray), is the daughter of a famous deceased hip hop artist and she grapples with her mom (Lathan) who abandoned her as a tot. Bri "I lost my innocence the night she left." Attending a predomi-

nantly white high school further exasperates her anxiety. Life heads in the right direction when her manager

Auntie Poo (Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Dolemite is My Name) gets her gigs at rap battles. She stumbles, but

then excels.

Lathan connects to the culture and struggles of hip hop musicians. Tense

rap battles play like heavy-weight fights. Raw emotions

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# Make DART your ride to the Red River Showdown

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) can make game day easy for the AT&T Red River Showdown on Saturday, October 8 at 11 a.m. at Cotton Bowl Stadium. The annual rivalry game between the University of Texas Longhorns and the University of Oklahoma Sooners is expected to bring 100,000 people to the State Fair of Texas, and DART is ready with additional service to make getting to the game safe and easy.

DART riders are encouraged to arrive early for the game. Trains typically begin filling up more than three hours before kickoff. To help accommodate the large crowds, DART is adding light rail service, buses and Trinity Railway Express (TRE) trains with special connections.

Look for DART staff as early as four hours before game time at key stations to help customers purchase tickets and make con-



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nections. After the game, DART staff will be on hand to help customers on their return trip. This special service continues for at least three hours after the game.

Masks are not required, but if you wish to wear one, DART provides complimentary masks and hand sanitizer on board.

DART to the game Two DART Green Line rail stations serve the fairgrounds – Fair Park Station, located on Parry Avenue at the main entrance to the fairgrounds, and MLK, Jr. Station, located south of R.B. Cullum

Bldv. and convenient to the MLK fairground entrance (Gate 6) and Cotton Bowl Stadium. If you're riding DART Rail or the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to downtown Dallas, you can transfer easily to the Green Line. From downtown Dallas, board Green Line trains marked "BUCKNER," "LAWNVIEW" or "FAIR PARK"

- Southbound Red and Blue Line passengers can transfer to the Green Line at Pearl/Arts District Station.
- Northbound Red and

Blue Line passengers can transfer to the Green Line at Akard Station.

- Eastbound Orange Line passengers from DFW Airport and Irving's six stations can transfer to the Green Line at Bachman Station.

- Northbound Green Line trains leave every 10 minutes from Buckner Station for MLK, Jr. Station. These trains will not stop at Fair Park Station.

After the game, remember to go back to the station where you arrived to return to your starting location. If you arrived by bus, DART

will have buses available for your return trip along Parry Ave. in front of Fair Park Station. The post-game buses will serve Pearl/Arts District, Victory and EBJ Union stations.

Learn more about DART service on October 8 at [www.DART.org/RedRiver-Showdown](http://www.DART.org/RedRiver-Showdown)

## TRE and DCTA riders

TRE passengers have two options to get to the game:

1. Transfer to the Green Line circulator at EBJ Union Station to complete your trip to the fairgrounds.
2. Transfer to a shuttle

bus at Victory Station to continue your trip to the fairgrounds.

Learn more about TRE service on October 8 at [TrinityRailwayExpress.org/StateFair](http://TrinityRailwayExpress.org/StateFair).

Customers coming from Denton County via Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) are advised to board the first train departing their originating station. DCTA A-train passengers transfer to the Green Line at Trinity Mills Station. DCTA information can be found at [DCTA.net](http://DCTA.net).

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## Dallas Symphony Christmas Pops earns its fifth Lone Star Emmy nomination

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra announced this week that two broadcast programs in the 2021/22 concert season have received Lone Star EMMY® Nominations.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Dallas on Saturday, November 12. As part of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Lone Star EMMY® Awards recognize excellence in the television broadcasting industry in Texas.

Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin received a nomination in the "Entertainment – Long and Short Form" category. Dallas Symphony Orchestra Ross Perot President & CEO Kim Noltemy and Vice President of Communications & Media Denise McGovern were

nominated as executive producers along with director Andrew Alden. The opera broadcast's nomination marks the first Lone Star Emmy nomination received for the two-year old Next Stage Digital Concert Series, Presented by PNC Bank.

The 2021 Dallas Symphony Christmas Pops broadcast is an annual partnership with WFAA/Channel 8 in Dallas/Fort Worth. The program was nominated in the "Arts/Entertainment – Long and Short Form" category.

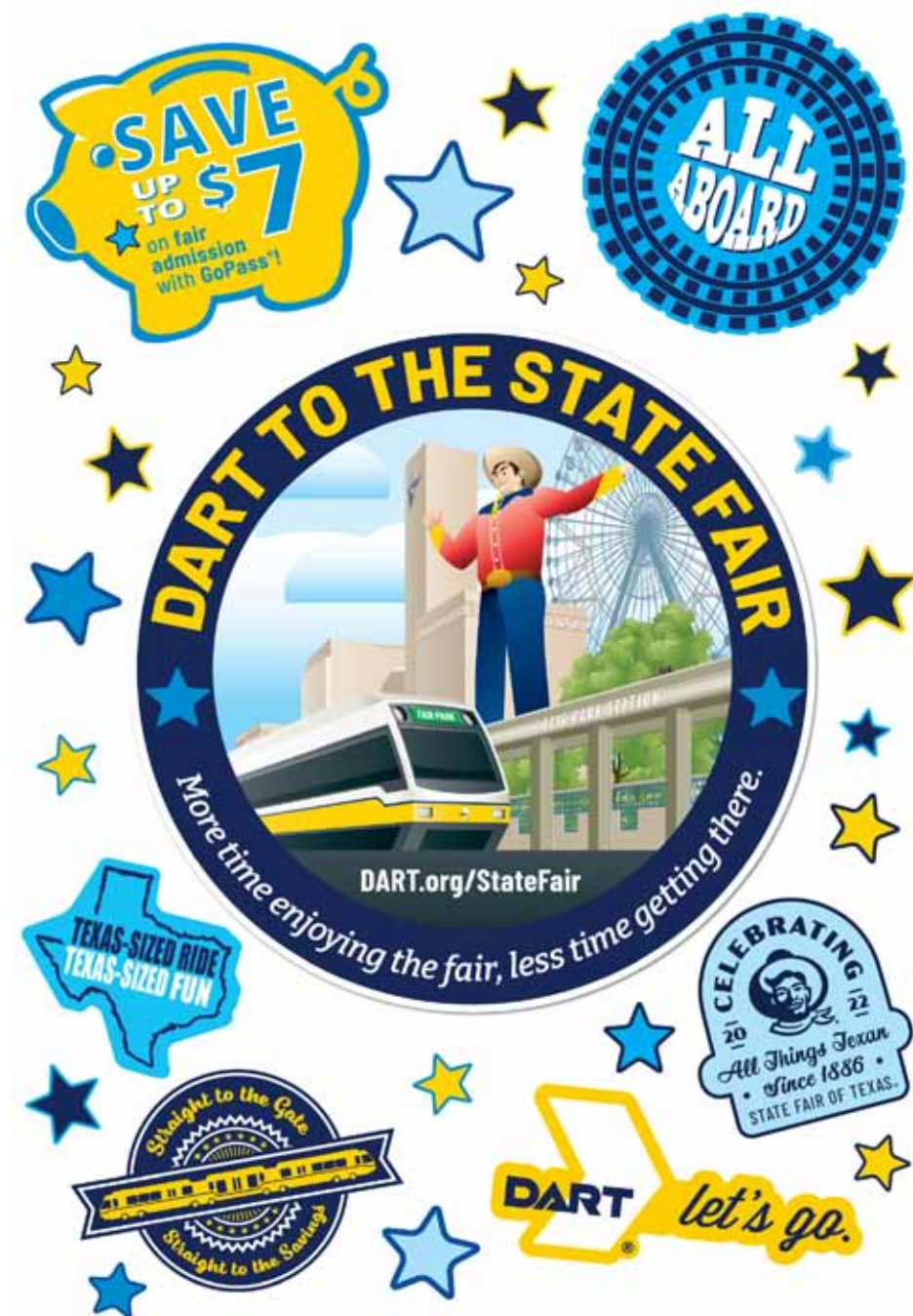
This marks the fifth nomination for the program and director/producer Kelly Napier. Dallas Symphony Christmas Pops has won the prestigious award twice. The Christmas Pops program airs annually on Christmas Eve with this

year's program scheduled for Saturday, December 24, 2022.

"We are thrilled that our commitment to broadcast and concert production has been recognized by this prestigious group," said Noltemy. "Our broadcast team has built the studio from the ground up, starting in fall 2020 with a newly installed camera system and growing it to a nationally recognized program. We are grateful to our peers at NATAS who voted for our productions."

In recent years, the Dallas Symphony has used digital and broadcast media to share music beyond its geographic boundaries and has become a leader among American orchestras in digital distribution.

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such a diverse community and to see everyone in the same place enjoying themselves, getting information, and health services that they need really makes me feel good," adds Hartman.

This undertaking requires months of planning as Hartman explains a large part of what she does is building and fostering relationships and managing communication with the vendors throughout the year. In addition to coordinating the Wellness Fair, Hartman also coordinates securing food truck vendors.

"I work pretty much year round on this. I really start getting ready in January," states Hartman.

After 12 years of volunteering, Hartman advises this is a labor of love as she sees her community service as a part of honoring the legacy of volunteering engrained in her as a young child.

"Mrs. Hartman is passionate about providing health and wellness services and education for those who attend the International Festival. She understands the need these families have and often times their inability to access services necessary for living a healthy lifestyle," adds Dean.

Dean also shared how important it is to have the festival return this year. The two years of postponing the event has been hard especially for many of the residents who benefit greatly from the many free health services.

Hartman advised they are targeting to administer close to 600 flu shots this

year. She also advised the healthcare services will include all ages as early as six months. There will also be interpreters onsite to assist attendees as needed.

Johnson sees her community service as a privilege and a responsibility. As one of the longest serving volunteers, Johnson's name is synonymous with the festival. She has served in dual capacities as both the coordinator and emcee for the live stage program.

"TJ is super diligent about ensuring we have broad representation via the stage program. We want to look truly international on stage and we strive to have performances from all continents. She does an amazing job with that," expressed Linda Adler, Vice President of Publicity for the Plano International Festival, via email to NDG.

In addition to her emcee duties, Johnson also leads the efforts in planning and organizing the Naturalization Ceremony, where according to Adler, they usually naturalize between 50-75 individuals. The ceremony is complete with all the pomp and circumstance of a formal affair.

"An important part of our opening ceremony is a parading of the flags, there are usually about 75-100 flags from different countries. We have the Sons of the American Revolution, the Plano Police Department brings us the Color Guard; and then, we have some delegate of the city provide us with a Proclamation..." describes Johnson.

In past ceremonies, Johnson has secured Federal Judge of the Eastern Dis-



trict of Texas, Honorable Amos Mazzant, III to preside over the Naturalization Ceremony and this year Honorable Sean Jordan, also a Federal Judge of the Eastern District, will officiate.

For Magesh Kandavivel, Plano and the Plano International Festival holds a special place to he and his wife, Vinitha's hearts. Plano is where they decided to live and raise a family.

So, after they both successfully completed the process to American citizenship, it was only appropriate they commemorated this special milestone in the very city they had come to call home.

chestra as part of its national pledge period programming.

The DSO also captures and streams concert performances for distribution online through its Next Stage Digital Concert Series, Presented by PNC Bank. Programs are available on the DSO's website at watch.dallassymphony.org.

"It was October of 2009 and my daughter was 5 years old, she just started school in Plano ISD. It was a cold day and I still remember that day, it was so special," he shared.

Kandavadel has joined the ranks in volunteering as he now serves each year

in helping to coordinate activities for the children to do at the festival. He best described why he enjoys volunteering.

"It is a privilege to work with these special women every year," he states.

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In 2021, the DSO presented a three-concert broadcast series with Bloomberg Media, reaching over 4 million viewers globally. In October 2021, PBS stations across the country began airing One Symphony, Two Orchestras, a program that documented the historic

concert of Mahler's First Symphony with the DSO and the musicians of The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in May 2021. That program was nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award in May 2022. In August 2022, PBS aired Chris Botti and the Dallas Symphony Or-



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between Bri and mom and the petite rapper and imposing male rivals burn. The niece's ambition and her Auntie's feeling of abandonment combusts. Poo: "You walking around like I didn't change your diapers!" A very thoughtful subplot involves a teenage gay friendship/romance that feels normal as rain. In-your-face cinematography (Eric Bano, *The Forty-Year-Old Version*), powerful music (Daniel Wohl), and precise editing (Steven Rosenblum, *The Birth of a Nation*) help too. Gray is fiery, but Randolph's hardcore Oscar® worthy take on Poo sears the screen. Bravo to Lathan for

making *On the Come Up* shine bright like a diamond.

Saint Omer (\*\*\*) *Style* trumps substance in this achingly sad French courtroom drama. Laurence (Guslagie Malanda), an African immigrant woman, stands accused of killing her 15-month-old child. Rama (Kayije Kagame), a pregnant novelist, comes to the Saint-Omer Criminal court room to witness the trial hoping for inspiration as she preps to write a book about Medea. The case and its motherhood themes haunt her.

Doc director Alice Diop imbues her first feature film with cryptic storytell-

ing and the ingenuity of a veteran fiction filmmaker. Profound insights on immigration, colonialism and race are as front row as the clashes between Western European culture and African mores. Cinematographer Claire Mathon's camera wistfully lingers on the distressed women's faces. Pulsing music amplifies the drama. At film's end Nina Simon's moaning, haunting contralto sings "Little Girl Blue," stating the obvious: "Sit there ... count your fingers ... what else is there to do..." The eye-catching artistry and beguiling music should claim top billing.

Sidney (\*\*\*) A Sidney Poitier documentary sells itself. Just capture his regal

sense of dignity, and anything else is a plus. Old and new interviews let the Bahamian-born actor recollect his life span: Born premature, third-grade education, alone in New York as a teen, a dishwasher yearning to be an actor and an Oscar® winner.

The usual formula of TV clips, photos and countless interviewees elaborate on how he stumbled into career-defining roles (*Lilies of the Field*), had an affair that cost him his marriage and transitioned from acting to directing. What's on view seems a tad over-produced. Relatives, insiders and talking heads sit still under movie-star lighting, wearing fancy clothes or cool getups with

fashionable hats. Their refined images are more suited for a Vanity Fair spread than a momentous doc.

Instead, if they'd been filmed walking or driving around places that were vital to Poitier's life and career (e.g., the Brill building), that movement might have made the footage more invigorating and less sedentary. When Opera Winfrey tears up, Harry Belafonte's tells tales and Poitier's driver during the civil rights movement shares harrowing stories an emotional core appears. This insightful doc has archived and shared Poitier's spirit. But it could have been more. It could have been a gem.

When Morning Comes

(\*\*\*) A young widow (Shaquana Wilson) struggles to get her son Jamal (Djamari Roberts) a fresh start in Canada and out of Jamaica where bullies menace him. She: "Baby you are the best parts of me. I know you are destined for a better life." First-time writer/director Kelly Fyffe-Marshall's heart-warming spin on mother/child unions and immigration is fresh, yet classic. Classic like Euzhan Palcy's iconic 1983 film *Sugar Cane Alley*.

For more information about the Toronto International Film Festival go to <https://tiff.net/>.

Visit NNPA News Wire Film Critic Dwight Brown at [DwightBrownInk.com](http://DwightBrownInk.com).

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"And we found that race was the most statistically significant indicator of where hazardous waste sites were located across these United States, not just North Carolina."

Miller-Travis said her grandmother encouraged her to use her "practical knowledge" as a scientist to understand the circumstances affecting predominantly Black communities.

"Nobody was researching the lived experience in terms of environmental impacts on communities of color, on low-income communities, on tribal communities," Miller-Travis recalled.

"People were focused on endangered species, endangered water bodies – that was where the environmental community's head was. They were working on hazardous waste issues, but no one was connecting race and environmental threats' location. So, we were the first folks to do this."

She continued:

"We published a report in 1987 called *Toxic Waste and Race in the United States*, published by the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, which set the whole conversation aloft in this country.

Miller-Travis later traveled to Washington, where the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit took place.

She said she realized then that environmental

racism existed throughout the United States.

Miller-Travis helped to adopt the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice, which remains relevant as the world wrestles with climate change, global warming, and a woeful environ-

ment.

However, she said she's optimistic because the Biden-Harris administration has proven aggressive in its approach to these issues.

"This has been the most

aggressive White House administration to address environmental injustice and environmental inequities in the history of the United States of America," Miller-Travis asserted.

"They have policies, ob-

jectives, staff, executive orders specifically about environmental injustice in the climate space, and an executive order on addressing systemic racism across the breadth of the federal government."

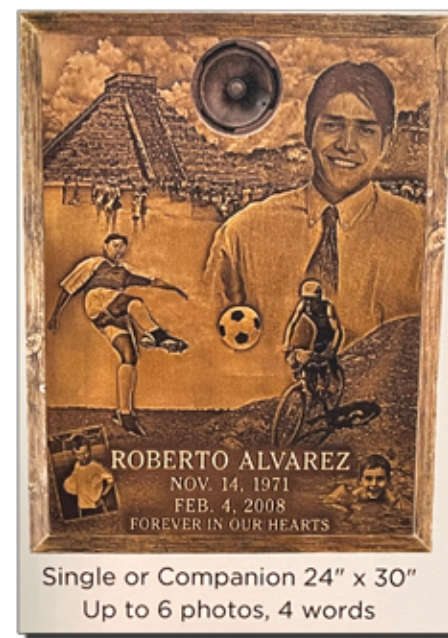
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## North Texas Job Corps and US Aviation Academy launch new training program: Free training for ages 18-24 in Job Corps' first aviation pathway

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor's North Texas Job Corps Center will partner with US Aviation Academy to train the next generation of aviation maintenance technicians via a new program.

The North Texas Job Corps Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Advanced Training Program offers free training to income-eligible Texas residents ages 18-24 who have completed a foundational Job Corps training program. Preference

is given to students who have completed a construction or automotive industry program.

Job Corps' first aviation pathway is a fast-track program, with 12 months of instruction in general, airframe and powerplant courses instead of the typical 24 months. It is one of only seven schools in the United States that offer a 12-month aviation maintenance training program, according to program partner AAR CORP., a leading provider of aviation services to

commercial and government operators. The new program's first cohort of 10 students begins classes in November. Graduates are qualified and eligible to gain an Airframe and Powerplant license upon graduation with no other training or apprenticeship required.

"Over the last year, AAR, Job Corps and US Aviation Academy have remained laser-focused on creating this transformational opportunity for students in North Texas," said Ryan Goertzen, VP, Maintenance Workforce Development at AAR. "This initiative builds on AAR's very successful EAGLE Career Pathway Program and enables students from across the 121 Job Corps centers to secure careers in aviation maintenance with AAR."

The Boeing Pilot and Technician Outlook Study for 2022 shows a global need for 610,000 technicians, with 134,000 being in North America. With heavy industry growth and demand, AAR approached North Texas Job Corps and US Aviation Academy to create a partnership to positively impact the aviation workforce.

"US Aviation Academy is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps and build on their 58-year history of helping young men and women obtain specialized skills training," said Mike Sykes, CEO at US Aviation. "This partnership will provide the graduates an excellent career opportunity as an FAA-licensed airframe and powerplant mechanic while helping address the critical labor shortage in the aviation industry."

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### DART, from Page 10

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Interested parties should contact Robert D. Bush, president of the Las Vegas Chapter, at (702) 626-0158.



# Why God Gave Me a Tongue

By James L. Snyder

One thing about getting older is that you begin to understand the old saying that you don't know what you don't know. It has been so true for me. When I think I know everything, something comes up that I never even thought about.

Sometimes The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brings up something that I need to learn and she is a persuasive teacher.

Truth be told, I didn't really know what my tongue was all about. It's been in my mouth from before the time I was born. And yet recently, I discovered a new aspect of my tongue.

The other day I snuck out of the house and went down to a restaurant, which shall be undisclosed here, to get a senior coffee and an Apple Fritter.

Apple Fritters are not

permitted in our home. For some reason, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does not allow Apple Fritters to be part of my diet. She has explained this many times, and yet I still do not know the whole reason behind it.

And yet, sometimes I get a yearning for an Apple Fritter. I can only restrain that yearning for so long before I succumb to the desire to go and get one. I knew I could not bring it home, or I would be in some deep trouble, so I stayed at that unmentioned restaurant and enjoyed my coffee and Apple Fritter.

As I was enjoying my time with my coffee and Apple Fritter, I suddenly became aware of something.

It is amazing how often I come up with something that I've never come up with before. I had an idea

that I never thought about before.

The idea had everything to do with my tongue. How many times have I ever thought about my tongue? It's in my mouth, I assume it's doing its job, and forget it's there.

As I was munching on my Apple Fritter, I began to understand the purpose of my tongue, which had nothing to do with wagging.

As I thought about it, the thought that dominated my mind was simply this, if it weren't for my tongue, I would not know how delicious this Apple Fritter really was.

For a moment, I was frozen in time, and for the first time in my life, I began to appreciate my tongue.

I laid my Apple Fritter down on a napkin and just admired it for a few moments. There it was in all

of its magnificent glory and delicious taste. I don't know who invented the Apple Fritter, but they deserve a Nobel Peace Prize from my point of view.

I was going to savor this moment, and I slowly picked up the Apple Fritter, took a bite, and laid it back down on the napkin. I let that piece marinate in my mouth and let my tongue do its work.

My tongue was very busy at that moment, conveying to me a most delicious aspect of that Apple Fritter. I never would've guessed that my tongue was so important to me.

I mentally made a note that I would take better care of my tongue than I'd ever done before. My tongue has to become my favorite companion.

Sitting there, the waitress came up and said, "Is everything okay?"

I looked at her, tossed her a wonderful smile, and said, "Yes, everything is perfect."

She smiled at me and then went back to her job.

I thought of the word "perfect" and how it related to my tongue. I don't know about other days, but today my tongue was perfect in expressing the delicious nature of that Apple Fritter.

I was wrestling with a little temptation at the time. I was tempted to go up to the counter and order another Apple Fritter. I remembered that hymn that says, "Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin." Oh, how I wanted to sin at that moment. I did not yield, but I did enjoy the last bite of that marvelous Apple Fritter.

Glancing at my watch, I realized I needed to finish up here and get home.

It was so hard to leave behind such a delicious experience.

Leaving the restaurant, I noticed my tongue wagging back and forth in my mouth, most of the Apple Fritter I just ate.

I got home, and walked in the front door. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was there and looking at me, she said, "Where have you been? And, what's wrong with your tongue?"

Smiling at her, I simply said, "My tongue is wonderful. We had a wonderful time together."

Looking at me rather strangely she said, "Oh, yeah?"

I knew I could not tell her of my experience of the day, and I don't think she would've understood. Some things are better left

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## Oak Cliff Community Investment Fund announces plan for socially impactful development in Southern Dallas

DALLAS -- The Oak Cliff Community Investment Fund (OCCIF) announced today its plans for a 63 acre socially impactful mixed-use development in

southern Oak Cliff. This unique community will use strategies to close the racial wealth gap through home ownership, business incubation, and financial

investment opportunities for underserved families.

The development, named "Parks at Oak Cliff," will include 300+ residential units, cultural

center, green space, grocery store, restaurants, retail, boutique hotel, and health clinic.

The Oak Cliff Community Investment Fund, LLC was formed to finance a planned mixed-use devel-

opment that will positively affect the lives of over 200 families and stimulate lasting wealth.

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The Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Advanced Training Program is the first aviation program available at a Job Corps campus and is available only at the North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median pay for aviation mechanics in 2021 was \$66,000 per year, or \$32 per hour. Top mechanics for airlines can make more than \$200,000 per year.

"This is a great opportunity for students to become young professionals in the mechanical aviation industry," said Bobby Brown, center director at North Texas Job Corps Center. "This is also a great exam-

ple of the public and private sectors' coming together on solutions that benefit both. That's how Job Corps works."

Job Corps is free for economically disadvantaged students who meet the eligibility requirements, and students can apply and enroll at any time. Job Corps provides hands-on career skills training, on-campus housing, meals, health care and job search assistance. Applicants may qualify if they receive SNAP, TANF, or free or reduced school lunch, or if they are experiencing homelessness or are a foster youth.

There are four Job Corps centers in Texas: David L. Carrasco (in El Paso), Gary

(in San Marcos), Laredo and North Texas (in McKinney). They offer career skills training in high-growth industry sectors, including Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive and Machine Repair, Construction, Finance and Business, Health Care, Homeland Security, Hospitality, and Transportation.

Administered by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and established in 1964, Job Corps has 121 centers located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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# Gospel of the Kingdom



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*"This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."*

**- 1 John 2:5b-6**

When Christ came to earth, He came to bring to mankind the gospel of the Kingdom. Over the centuries, the Church has tended to emphasize only a portion of the gospel.

That portion is the gospel of salvation. However, Jesus came that we might have more than just salvation. He came to give us a whole new life that was accompanied by signs, wonders, and His Spirit living in us and revealing Himself to us daily.

He came so that we



might walk on this earth as He did. If our lives are not reflecting the same things as Jesus' did, we must ask why?

I have noticed three distinct types of believers walking with Christ. First, many of us come to Christ out of a need for salvation. Our hearts have been touched by His call on our lives.

We reason and analyze the claims of Christ and make a decision for Him. It is the convenient time to

accept Him in our lives.

This first stage is often characterized by a "Bless me, Lord" attitude toward God. It is the first stage that primarily brings salvation into our lives. Some never really go past this first stage.

The second stage is the crisis stage. A crisis takes place in our lives, and we are motivated to seek Christ with a whole heart.

However, this motivation is not out of pure love for Christ; rather, it is motivat-

ed by the desire to get out of the pain of living.

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ed by the desire to get out of the pain of living.

The motivation is to solve "the what" versus "the why" in my life at the time. This stage is best characterized as "Help me, Lord."

In the third stage we begin to experience the gospel of the Kingdom. It is the place where Jesus resided in His walk with His heavenly Father. It is the place of conviction.

The numbers of people who live at this level are quite few, but these people are experiencing the reality of a walk with God that is foreign to all others.

They are seeing daily occurrences of His involvement in their lives. They are motivated by a deep love for Him. They know Him.

These people have an attitude characterized by these thoughts, "Have me, Lord; though He slay me, still will I trust Him."

Where are you today? Have you merely accepted His salvation to simply float along? Or do you seek Him with a whole heart only when a crisis occurs?

God's desire is for Christians to live a life of conviction, motivated by our love for Him and His love for us.

This is where we will experience the gospel of the Kingdom. Thank God today for standing on the solid Rock of Jesus. Thank Him that your life can be built upon a strong foundation.

Trust God to live, to take every breath based upon the foundation that you can have in Him. Ask Him to help you to weather life's storms, to help you keep looking to Him, and to be a thankful child...never a complaining Christian.

Pray that God will strengthen you and keep your feet steady on solid ground. Pray for your family members that each one will be committed to God and live a life that glorifies Him and ministers to others in the blessed name of Jesus.

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to yourself. This was one of them. No way could she understand what I experienced with my tongue and my Apple Fritter.

In thinking about this I was reminded of a person Scripture. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a

breach in the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

A tongue can either be a blessing or a curse. It just determines how you use it. I can use my tongue for good and bless people or, I can allow my tongue to be a curse. God gave me my tongue, now I need to use



## Check us out on Youtube!

In case you've missed it, the North Dallas Gazette has begun producing videos. Our latest series, "Close Up" takes a deep dive into issues affecting the local DFW community. Episodes I and II are up now, with Jackie Hardy taking a look at criticisms surrounding the North Texas Tollway Authority's compliance with its stated goals of inclusion for Minority and Women in Business Enterprise firms. The first episode is a conversation with two accomplished professionals in the field, and the second features the NDTA's response to questions about its past performance. Check it out, subscribe to our Youtube channel and stay informed.



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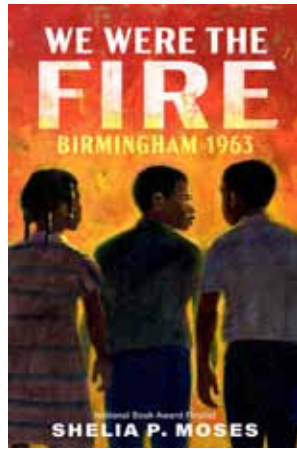
# NDG Book Review: 'We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963'

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Sometimes, you burn with a white-hot anger.

So many roadblocks in front of you, so many injustices, damage, and danger. One day, this old world will be yours to run, and you wonder what kind of shape it'll be in then. Will changes be made by adults or will kids like you have to make them happen? In answer: read "We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963" by Shelia P. Moses, and put your work clothes on.

For eleven-year-old Rufus Jackson Jones Jr., life on Bull Hill in Birmingham



was a struggle, but his family got by. His mother worked hard at home and at the steel mill, the same place where Rufus's father died a few years ago. So Rufus and his little sister,

Georgia, helped as much as they could to lighten the load.

Rufus thought about his father a lot.

He thought about his father even more when a man came calling on his mother. He wasn't happy with the idea of his mother getting married again, but Rufus grew to appreciate the man he eventually called "Daddy Paul."

He was pretty excited, then, when Daddy Paul found the family a new house in Ivy Town – one with electricity and a bathroom! No more sharing a bedroom with Georgia! It

took courage for Daddy Paul to even ask about the house; it was owned by a white woman who also owned the steel mill. But Miss Frances was a nice woman, and she insisted on helping Rufus's family out as much as she could.

She even helped at the marches.

For weeks, the adults in Bull Hill had been talking about Dr. King and the wave of change that was coming. They were planning on joining Dr. King at the marches; quiet meetings were held in secret places and older folks were saving cash for bail money to get their loved

ones out of jail. What the adults didn't know was that the teenagers were planning on marching.

They also didn't know that the children would be there, too...

The first few pages of "We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963" move fast – almost too fast, for adult sensibilities. That's when you remind yourself that this isn't an adult book.

No, there's a grown-up theme in the book, but it's made simpler as author Shelia P. Moses tells this story from the point of view of an adolescent boy who burns to help make the change

he knows must come. The history, the event that is in the books' title, is almost a side-story in the beginning of this tale, running alongside the fiction of the novel until the two merge with a bang. At that point, parents will be happy to know that the real events are told authentically in this book, but they're softened for its 8-to-12-year-old audience.

Perfect for young readers of history-based fiction, this book will also appeal to anyone who needs a Black history lesson. If that's you or your child, "We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963" is matchless.

## EV, from Page 8

trict of Columbia and Puerto Rico have been approved, each State, Territory, or District can be reimbursed for those costs and now have a wide range of options to use their NEVI Formula funding for projects directly related to the charging of a vehicle, including:

- Upgrade of existing and construction of new EV charging infrastructure
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- Workforce development activities
- EV charging station signage
- Data sharing activities
- Related mapping analysis and activities

"With this greenlight, States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico can ramp up their work to build out EV charging networks that will make driving an EV more convenient and affordable for their resi-

dents and will serve as the backbone of our national EV charging network," said Acting Federal Highway Administrator Stephanie Pollack. "The Federal Highway Administration will continue to work closely with states as we implement this historic funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to bring President Biden's vision for a national electric vehicle network to communities across America."

All approved plans are available on the FHWA web site and funding tables for the full five years of the NEVI Formula program can be viewed here.

The NEVI formula program is just one type of funding available to advance our electric vehicle future as part of President Biden's climate and economic agenda. An FHWA guide on federal funding available for EV charging infrastructure is available here.

FHWA is also working on related efforts to estab-

lish ground rules for how formula NEVI funds can be spent. FHWA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on proposed minimum standards and requirements for projects funded under the NEVI Formula Program and plans to finalize that rulemaking expeditiously now that the comment period has closed. FHWA also proposed a Buy America waiver that will allow a short ramp up period for the domestic manufacturing of EV charging; the comment period for the waiver proposal is open through September 30, 2022. Additionally, FHWA has posted updated Frequently Asked Questions on its website.

Earlier this month, Gabe Klein was named as the Executive Director of the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. The Federal Highway Administration and the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation will continue to provide direct technical assistance and support to States as they begin Plan implementation, as well as throughout the

lifetime of the NEVI Formula Program. For more information on the NEVI Formula program, please

visit FHWA's NEVI web site and DriveElectric.gov. For more information on President Biden's Bipar-

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Dates & times for participating are flexible and will involve 2 visits (3-5 hr/visit) and some take home tasks.



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