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Former first lady Barbara Bush dies at age 92



FILE — In this 1990 file photo, first lady Barbara Bush poses with her dog Millie in Washington. A family spokesman said Tuesday, April 17, 2018, that former first lady Barbara Bush has died at the age of 92. (AP Photo/Doug Mills, File)

HOUSTON (AP) — Barbara Bush, the snowy-haired first lady whose plainspoken manner and utter lack of pretense made her more popular at times than her husband, President George H.W. Bush, died Tuesday, a family spokesman said. She was 92.

Mrs. Bush brought a grandmotherly style to buttoned-down Washington, often appearing in her trademark fake pearl chokers and displaying no vanity about her white hair and wrinkles.

"What you see with me is what you get. I'm not running for president — George Bush is," she said at the 1988 Republican National Convention, where her husband, then vice president, was nominated to succeed Ronald Reagan.

The Bushes, who were married Jan. 6, 1945, had the longest marriage of any presidential couple in American history. And Mrs. Bush was one of only two first ladies who had a child who was elected president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams.

"I had the best job in America," she wrote in a 1994 memoir describing her time in the White House. "Every single day was interesting, rewarding, and sometimes just plain fun."

In 1984, her quick wit got her into trouble when she was quoted as referring to Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, as "that \$4 million — I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

"It was dumb of me. I shouldn't have said it," Mrs. Bush acknowledged in 1988. "It was not attractive, and I've been very shamed. I apologized to Mrs. Ferraro, and I would apologize again."

Daughter-in-law Laura Bush, wife of George W., said Mrs. Bush was "ferociously tart-tongued."

"She's never shied away from saying what she thinks. ... She's managed to insult nearly all of my friends with one or another perfectly timed acerbic comment," Laura Bush wrote in her 2010 book, "Spoken from the Heart."

In 1990, Barbara Bush gave the commencement address at all-women Wellesley College. Some had protested her selection because she was prominent only through the achievements of her husband. Her speech that day was rated by a survey of scholars in 1999 as one of the top 100 speeches of the century.

PRESS ROOM: NAACP STATEMENT ON STARBUCKS AND GROWING CLIMATE OF RACISM AND INTOLERANCE



BALTIMORE, Md./April 15, 2018/NNPANewswirePR—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's premier civil rights organization, issued the following statement following the disgraceful arrest of two African American men in a Philadelphia Starbucks.

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Updated information regarding dog attack on Hamilton Avenue



Photo, courtesy FOX 4

Early Sunday morning, four mixed breed dogs (two Pitbull Terrier mixes, one Queensland Heeler mix, and one Boxer mix) attacked a woman as she walked in her neighborhood on the 4300 block of Hamilton Avenue. The Dallas Police Department (DPD) responded to the scene immediately and Dallas Animal Services (DAS) was on the scene within 20 minutes. All four animals were taken into custody by DAS on Sunday. Today, April 16, the dogs were surrendered to DAS, subsequently euthanized, and will be sent for rabies testing.

A total of 16 tickets have been issued to the owner of all four dogs for violations associated with loose dogs, no rabies vaccine, no microchip and not spayed/neutered. The investigation is ongoing and the determination as to whether to pursue Serious Bodily Injury charges is currently being reviewed.

On October 25, 2017, a loose dog was picked up at the same location of Sunday morning's incident; however, no records connect this dog with the above owner.

Since the tragic passing of Antionette Brown in May of 2016, DAS has increased pick up of loose dogs by 207%, added 13 animal control officers, and now has a coordinated response plan with DPD to address all dog bites. Additionally, DAS has increased the number of dangerous dog designations from 20 to 62, filed charges of Serious Bodily Injury 12 times under new leadership's tenure, conducted a warrant roundup in conjunction with the Dallas Marshal's office to crack down on habitual violators, and is currently working with a Dangerous Dog Task force to strengthen the City's laws.

Dallas' loose dog bites have decreased by 24% since 2016. However, as with Sunday's incident, dog bites from owned animals continues to be an issue. Residents can provide input by attending a meeting with the Dangerous Dog Task Force to help strengthen the laws and punishments for those who allow their dogs to be loose and are involved with bites.

Meeting info: April 24 or May 1 at 3:30 p.m., Dallas City Hall @ 1500 Marilla St., L1FN Auditorium

Kendrick Lamar Wins Pulitzer in 'Big Moment for Hip-Hop'



File — In this July 7, 2017, file photo, Kendrick Lamar performs during the Festival d'ete de Quebec in Quebec City, Canada. On Monday, April 16, 2018, Lamar won the Pulitzer Prize for music for his album "Damn." (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — The decision to award rapper Kendrick Lamar the Pulitzer Prize for music represents a historic moment for hip-hop and American music, according to two of the music jurors who picked the album "DAMN." as a finalist.

"It's big for hip-hop. I think it's big for our country. It's big for music. But it's big for the Pulitzers, too. Institutions are not stuck in time, either. Institutions can change," said Farah Jasmine Griffin, a Columbia professor.

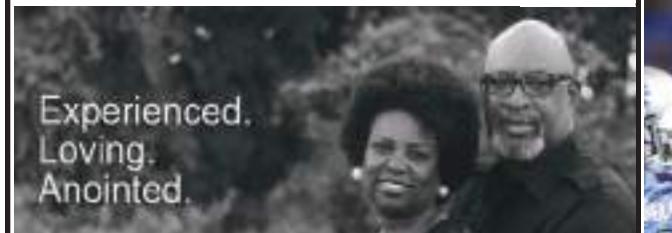
Lamar's win on Monday made history as the first non-classical or non-jazz artist to win the prestigious prize since the Pulitzers included music in 1943. Just having a rapper nominated for the prize is considered a stunning development for awards that usually honor musicians of European classical background.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

"A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS" ROMANS 2:17-29

THE CONDEMNATION OF THE JEWS –

FAILURE TO ATTAIN GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS



Rev. Johnny C. Smith

Editorial Columnist

As we approach again this superb book of Romans, we need to remember that Paul has already uttered that the Gentile world stood condemned, because they spurned God's revelation in nature; and in so doing, they rejected the light of God's revelation to them and that resulted in the exhibition of unnatural behaviors on their part (Romans 1:18-32). Paul went on to demonstrate that the Jews who had the law were guilty also because they did not keep the law; therefore, the Jews stood condemned (Romans 2:1-16).

In this section (Romans 2:17-29), Paul will again argue that

the Jews were culpable and stood condemned because they had the privilege of having the law but they still missed the mark of what God expected of them (Romans 2:17-29). In verses 17-20, Paul explained the fact that the Jews failed in that they were a privileged group that had the law and the promises of God; yet, they did not act as a light and guide to those in darkness. Although, the Jews glorified in their status of being custodians of the law, they were guilty of being hypocrites – they knew the law but they did not practice the law (Romans 2:21-24). In other words, the Jews, who knew the

law, were telling others not to do those things that they were guilty of committing! Thus, Paul indicted the Jews with being hypocrites! They were really dishonoring God by violating the law.

Paul condemned these Jews on the basis of God's word, not on his apostolic authority. The Jews were guilty of breaking the law; thus, it caused the Gentiles to blaspheme God.

Having shown that the Jews were guilty of not keeping the law of Moses (verses 17-24), Paul will argue that the Jews' observance of the rite of circumcision, which was a sign of their special covenantal rela-

tionship with God, was also done in vain, and stood as the basis for God's judgment (verses 25-29). In verses 25-27, Paul will argue that circumcision has value only to the one that kept the law. In other words, a Jew's rite of circumcision meant nothing if he was guilty of breaking the law. However, if a Gentile, who obeyed the law's requirements, even if he did not know the law, was in God's sight similar to a circumcised Jew.

Finally, in verses, 28-29, Paul concludes that a genuine Jew is one that is inwardly fit and true circumcision is a matter of the heart and the Spirit.

PRESS ROOM: NAACP Statement on Starbucks and Growing Climate of Racism and Intolerance

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"The arrest of two Black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks represents another ominous signal of the increasingly dangerous environment for African Americans. Less than two weeks after we honor the life and work of Dr. King and 50 years after the Kerner Commission found racism and police brutality at the root of public unrest in our communities, we still have a long way to go towards becoming a nation where a person is judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin.

"The Starbucks situation provides dangerous insight regarding the failure of our nation to take implicit bias seriously. We refuse to believe that our unconscious bias—the racism we are often unaware of—can and does make its way into our actions and policies.

"We know if two Black men in Philadelphia require six police officers to handcuff and arrest them for waiting to order coffee, then we begin to understand the mind state that allows for such overzealous and reactionary use of deadly force by those who are paid to serve and protect.

"Every day people of color find themselves at the mercy of the stereotypes and embedded fears of others. How else can we explain why 14-year-old Brennan Walker who missed his bus on his way to school would be shot at by a homeowner just outside Detroit? Or explain Saheed Vassell, a mentally-ill man in Brooklyn fired at ten times and shot dead by police officers. Or why Stephon Clark was shot at 20 times and hit 8 times, mainly in the back, by police officers in Sacramento, based on the assumption that he was the culprit responsible for breaking

into cars. We are at least glad in the case of Starbucks that no one mistook a wallet for a gun.

"All too often these issues are discussed in passing episodic ways by media. Racism and biases that make simply breathing while Black so dangerous will not just go away without our society committing more resources to discussion, education and training on implicit bias and racism. If we refuse to, we'll continue to face the consequences of our failure to do so."

—Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO

A New Powerful and Raw YouTube Documentary Entitled, Breaking The Curse: Lifting Black Men of South Dallas

Dallas— For Immediate Release — Saltmakers Church in association with Black Elephant Films is proud to announce the release of their new YouTube documentary.

The name of this documentary is Breaking The Curse: Lifting Black Men of South Dallas. It chronicles in raw and transparent terms the challenges black men face in the

South Dallas/Fair Park section of Dallas, TX. Many of these men are broken and struggle to survive the daily grind of inner-city life. They deal with a barrage of issues such as unemployment, violence, police brutality, poverty, felony records, homelessness, poor education, and much more.

In their own words, some of these men share how they are

breaking these curses.

Also, we included interviews with three notable professionals who are making a difference in South Dallas. First, there's Judge Mark Murrell of the City of Dallas who is also a pastor and South Dallas native. Second, we interviewed Rev. Todd Atkins, the prolific pastor of Salem Institutional Baptist Church. Third, we interviewed

Tracie Washington, the dynamic principal of the Billy Earl Dade Middle School who's planting seeds of academic greatness in her students.

We hope this documentary motivates all stakeholders in South Dallas to take urgent action to lift black men of South Dallas.

Dallas ISD Food Services wants your feedback on school district meals

DALLAS — During the course of a school year, Dallas ISD's Food and Child Nutrition Services (FCNS) serves an estimated 40 million meals to district students.

Now, the department is asking students and parents to feed them opinions about those meals. Responses will

help shape next year's school menus.

The annual School Meal Survey can be taken in English or Spanish here, through the end of the school year.

FCNS meals and services are an important part of Dallas ISD's Coordinated School Health initiative that aims to

promote overall wellness of families in and out of school. All

district schools offer free breakfast — most make breakfast available in the classrooms — lunch and select campuses also serve dinner as part of after-school programs.

Other initiatives include Harvest of the Month highlights

healthy food grown in Texas, with meals featuring a specific item and encouraging students to try something new. Also, when school is out for summer and longer holiday breaks, the department offers meals to children ages 18 and younger at select sites in the city.

Catfish Season Returns to Neighborhood Fishin' Lakes Across Texas

AUSTIN — With spring underway and summer break on the horizon, many Texas families are looking for ways to get outside and connect with nature. In an effort to bring new fishing experiences to families in urban centers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will begin stocking thousands of catfish at 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes and ponds across the state starting April 17-20.

Each of the lakes will receive continuous stockings of channel catfish every few weeks through early November — with a brief pause during the heat of August — to ensure there is plenty of time for families looking to spend quality time together outdoors.

"A recent study in Texas shows that children like nature and overwhelmingly prefer to play outside compared to inside," said Jennifer Bristol, Texas Children in Nature Coordinator. "The kids interviewed in the Nature of Americans study said they felt happier when they are outside and feel more connected with friends and family. Taking your family fishing at a Neighborhood Fishin' lake is an easy and fun way to get kids exploring in nature and to make memories with family and friends."

Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are located in well-lit, easy-to-access parks near large urban centers such as Dallas-Fort

Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and eight other well-populated areas of Texas.

"Fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities in Texas," said Dave Terre, Inland Fisheries Management and Research Chief. "We want to make sure everyone has access, so we are bringing the fish to the people in the places where they largely reside."

All anglers can keep up to five fish per day without a minimum length limit, and additional amenities are available nearby such as bathrooms, picnic tables and car parking to help families to enjoy their time by the water.

Children under 17 fish for free, but a fishing license is

required for all adults who fish. Fishing licenses can be purchased for as little as \$11 for "one-day, all-water" access. All proceeds go toward management and conservation of the fish and their habitats.

Neighborhood Fishin' is supported by donations from the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest and local partners throughout the state.

To find the Neighborhood Fishin' lake near you, see stocking dates for each location or to sign up to receive updates by text or email, visit www.neighborhoodfishing.org.

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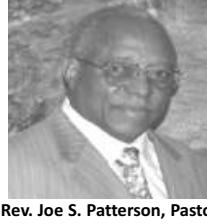
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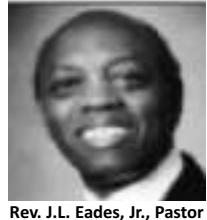
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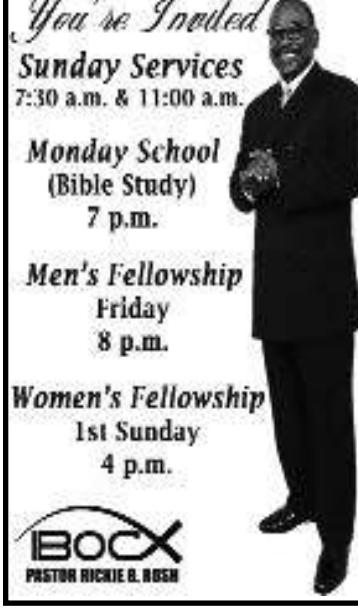
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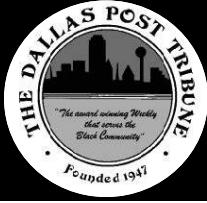
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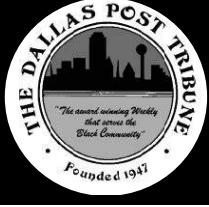
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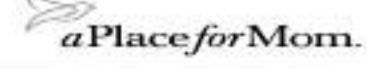
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DE Ezekiel Ansah signs franchise tag with Detroit Lions

By LARRY LAGE AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Ezekiel Ansah signed his franchise tag Tuesday, signaling his return to the Detroit Lions.

"That's a pretty big guy to have returning," Lions coach Matt Patricia said recently. "If he was out there in the free agent market with some other team right now that

would be their front headline."

Detroit designated the defensive end from Ghana as its franchise player nearly two months ago.

"When we were going through the process and Matt got on board, Ziggy was the No. 1 conversation," Lions general manager Bob Quinn recalled last week. "So, what are we going to do with

Ziggy? I had my thoughts. It didn't take long for me to show Matt why we should do what we did."

Ansah has 44 sacks in five seasons with the Lions. He had 12 sacks last season, bouncing back from an injury-filled 2016 season in which he had a career-low two sacks. He had three sacks in a game three times last season.

"To have an outside,

edge rusher that can be as dominating as Ziggy is something that is really appealing to Matt," Quinn said.

"Matt has had a lot of great players in New England and Ziggy would rank right up there with some of the best edge players Matt has ever coached.

"We're really excited to get Ziggy into this new scheme."

Detroit drafted him No. 5 overall in 2013 out of BYU, where he was originally more interested in track and basketball than football. He has started 71 of 73 games, playing through injuries the past two years, and has 207 tackles.

Ansah was not made available to reporters Tuesday, but quarterback Matthew Stafford reflected on the coaching transi-

tion from Jim Caldwell to Patricia.

"Obviously, change happens in the NFL. It's almost inevitable," Stafford said. "I think the goal is to play well enough to not have those changes. Obviously, we didn't in the past."

Cowboys release star WR Dez Bryant after 8 seasons



FRISCO, Texas (AP) - Dez Bryant never lived up to the big contract he signed with the Dallas Cowboys when he was among the best receivers in the NFL.

If the franchise leader in touchdown catches is going to find his 2014 All-Pro form again, it will be with another team.

The Cowboys released Bryant on Friday, deciding salary-cap relief and declining production from one of their biggest stars outweighed the risk of him proving them wrong by becoming a Pro Bowl player again somewhere

else.

And Bryant used Twitter to make it clear that he will be trying.

"If I didn't have my edge, I've got it now," he wrote among a flurry of tweets over two days, starting the day before a meeting where owner and general manager Jerry Jones told him he was being released. "It's very personal."

The 29-year-old Bryant signed a \$70 million, five-year deal after leading the NFL with 16 touchdowns in 2014. But he didn't have a 1,000-yard season in three years

under the big contract, and just played all 16 games without a 100-yard day for the first time in his eight-year career.

Bryant was owed \$12.5 million on each of the last two years of his deal, with a \$16.5 million salary cap hit both times. The release clears about \$8.5 million in cap space.

"This was not an easy decision," Jones said. "It was made based upon doing what we believe is in the best interest of the Dallas Cowboys. We arrived at this crossroad collectively with input from several voices within

the organization."

Jones' statement was more fodder for Bryant, who tweeted, "Key words in this statement.. Several input.. something I already knew."

Bryant and Jones had a unique relationship because of the trouble that surrounded the receiver early in his career. Off-field concerns were the reason the Cowboys got him; he slid to near the bottom of the first round of the 2010 draft. Dallas traded up three spots to get him.

Before the three most prolific seasons of his

career, when Bryant averaged 1,312 yards and nearly 14 touchdowns per year, he got tangled in lawsuits over unpaid jewelry bills and had a baggy pants incident with police at an upscale Dallas mall.

The most serious problem was a domestic incident involving his mother in 2012, with Bryant pleading guilty and eventually having the charge dismissed when he stayed out of trouble for a year.

Bryant also was a distraction throughout his career with sideline rants, even admitting late last season that he let frustrations affect him during perhaps his most difficult year in the league. He said some of the frustration was rooted in the offensive scheme.

"He will always be a valued member of our family," Jones said in his statement. "Dez and I share a personal and professional relationship that is very strong, and he is one of just a handful of players with whom I have become that close to over the past 30 years."

With 73 touchdown catches, Bryant tops a Dallas list that includes Hall of Fame receivers Bob Hayes (71) and Michael Irvin (65). Tight end Jason Witten, who is getting ready for his 16th season, has 68 career TD catches.

A dramatic dip in production started when Bryant broke his foot in the opener in 2015, a year after he helped the Cowboys win the NFC East and just their second playoff game since the last of the franchise's five Super Bowls following the 1995 season.

Bryant battled injuries each of the past two years as well, but when healthy he wasn't the same receiver who had the

famous catch that wasn't against Green Bay in a loss that kept the Cowboys out of the NFC championship game three years ago. He was second in the NFL with 11 drops last season, according to spoptradar.

After getting 56 of his touchdowns in his first five seasons, Bryant had 17 his last three with the Cowboys.

Bryant never found the same on-field rapport with Dak Prescott that he had with Tony Romo, who lost his job during Prescott's remarkable rookie season after Romo injured his back in the preseason in 2016. Romo was released last offseason and retired.

"Cowboy nation I need you to know this wasn't my decision.. I will always love y'all... forever Dallas in my heart," Bryant wrote in one post, which came only minutes after he tweeted, "let's start the process" in a reference to free agency.

The Cowboys left little doubt they were in the market for receivers in free agency, adding Allen Hurns after the four-year pro was released by Jacksonville. Six-year journeyman Deonte Thompson was another addition.

While Hurns is the most likely candidate to be the No. 1 receiver, the Cowboys could take a wideout in the first round for the first time since getting Bryant.

"No one will understand the love and the passion you have for the game," DeMarcus Lawrence wrote as one of several now-former teammates to reach out to Bryant on Twitter.

"Wish you nothing but the best! I know you'll be throwing up the X soon enough!"

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KENDRICK LAMAR WINS PULITZER IN 'BIG MOMENT FOR HIP - HOP'

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"I knew that there would be some anger and some resentment and some people who wouldn't like the idea, but surprisingly enough, I haven't heard a lot of that," Griffin said.

Another jury member was Grammy-nominated violinist Regina Carter, who linked the award to the recent waves of people speaking up, pushing boundaries and refusing to be told what and what is not worthy. "Great art has to be acknowledged," she said. "If a work is great enough, you can't deny it."

The decision was hailed as a turning point in music history by Jetro Da Silva, a professor at the prestigious Berklee College of Music who teaches a class on hip-hop writing and production.

"We are at a time in history here perhaps there is a new way to analyze what is considered a contribution to music. Critical thinkers are asking what it really means to be a composer and what is a composition," he said. "The sky's the limit."

In addition to Griffin and Carter, the music jury this year included music critic David Hajdu, Paul Cremo from the Metropolitan Opera and the composer David Lang.

The five-member music jury listened to about 180 pieces of music and after deliberating for a few days then submitted to the final board three works — Lamar's album along with Michael Gilbertson's "Quartet" and Ted Hearne's "Sound from the Bench." Adding "DAMN." was a unanimous decision by all five.

"Everyone expects that there would have been some form of

resistance. There was none," said Griffin. "It was just welcomed by everyone as an opportunity to have a serious conversation about the art, about Mr. Lamar's work, but also about what constitutes what kind of music that should be eligible for this."

The final decision was made by the Pulitzer board, which hailed Lamar's CD as "a virtuosic song collection unified by its vernacular authenticity and rhythmic dynamism that offers affecting vignettes capturing the complexity of modern African-American life."

Carter admits she quietly thought to herself that the board was unlikely to give the award to Lamar. "Although we all strongly agreed that this would be such an important step — if this were to really happen — I just didn't think it would, really." She said she was happily shocked by the final decision.

The Pulitzers have been accused of past mistakes when it comes to African-American contributions to music. In 1965, jurors recommended awarding a special citation to Duke Ellington, but were rejected. And it was not until 1997 that the Pulitzer for music even went to a jazz work.

"All of us sitting at that table were fully aware of Duke Ellington in 1965 being passed over for the Pulitzer and a jazz artist not winning for some time," said Griffin. "We all brought a history to the table and thought, 'Why not?' and 'Why not now?'"

The Pulitzers have lately expanded their inclusion of popular music, including honoring Bob Dylan's lyrics with the prize for literature and giving Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-inspired score

for "Hamilton" the Pulitzer for drama.

The Lamar news stunned many and was cheered by the rapers' fans, including celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Anthony Bourdain, who wrote: "The album was brilliant and deserves every accolade." Leon W. Russell, chairman of the NAACP, wrote on Twitter that the win conferred a literary legitimacy but that Lamar had already gotten "street credibility and artistic authority."

TV personality Charlamagne Tha God noted that Lamar joined African-American luminaries such as playwright August Wilson, writers Alex Haley and Toni Morrison, and musician John Coltrane as Pulitzer winners. "Congrats to that brother! I'm inspired!" he wrote.

Carter, who was awarded a so-called "genius" grant by the MacArthur Fellows Program, said Lamar heartily deserved the award. "I think he's a genius," he said. "It's part of our tapestry. We have to stop dividing the music and the art."

Griffin, a professor of English and African-American studies who has written about Billie Holiday, Miles Davis and John Coltrane, was a rookie on the Pulitzer jury this year.

"I will cherish that experience, of going through that process," she said. "On so many levels, I felt like this was major — both the music that we put forward but also what happened in those deliberations."

AT&T, la Madeleine French Bakery & Café Named Recipients of 2018 Greater Dallas Business Ethics Award

DALLAS, Apr. 16, 2018 — Dallas-based AT&T and la Madeleine French Bakery & Cafe are the latest local companies to be recognized with the Greater Dallas Business Ethics Award (GDBEA). The award honors companies demonstrating a measurable commitment to ethical business practices in everyday operations, management philosophies and responses to crises or challenges.

"These companies exemplify how ethics can be consciously integrated throughout an entire business," said Michael Webb, Chairman of the North Texas Ethics Association (NTEA), which presents the GDBEA program. "They create a culture of "do the right thing" for both internal and external stakeholders. Their efforts reinforce the positive, ethical values of our local business community."

This year's luncheon and award presentation will take place Tuesday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 5555 Stemmons Freeway. Dallas entrepreneur, businessman, bestselling author and philanthropist Craig Hall will deliver the keynote address.

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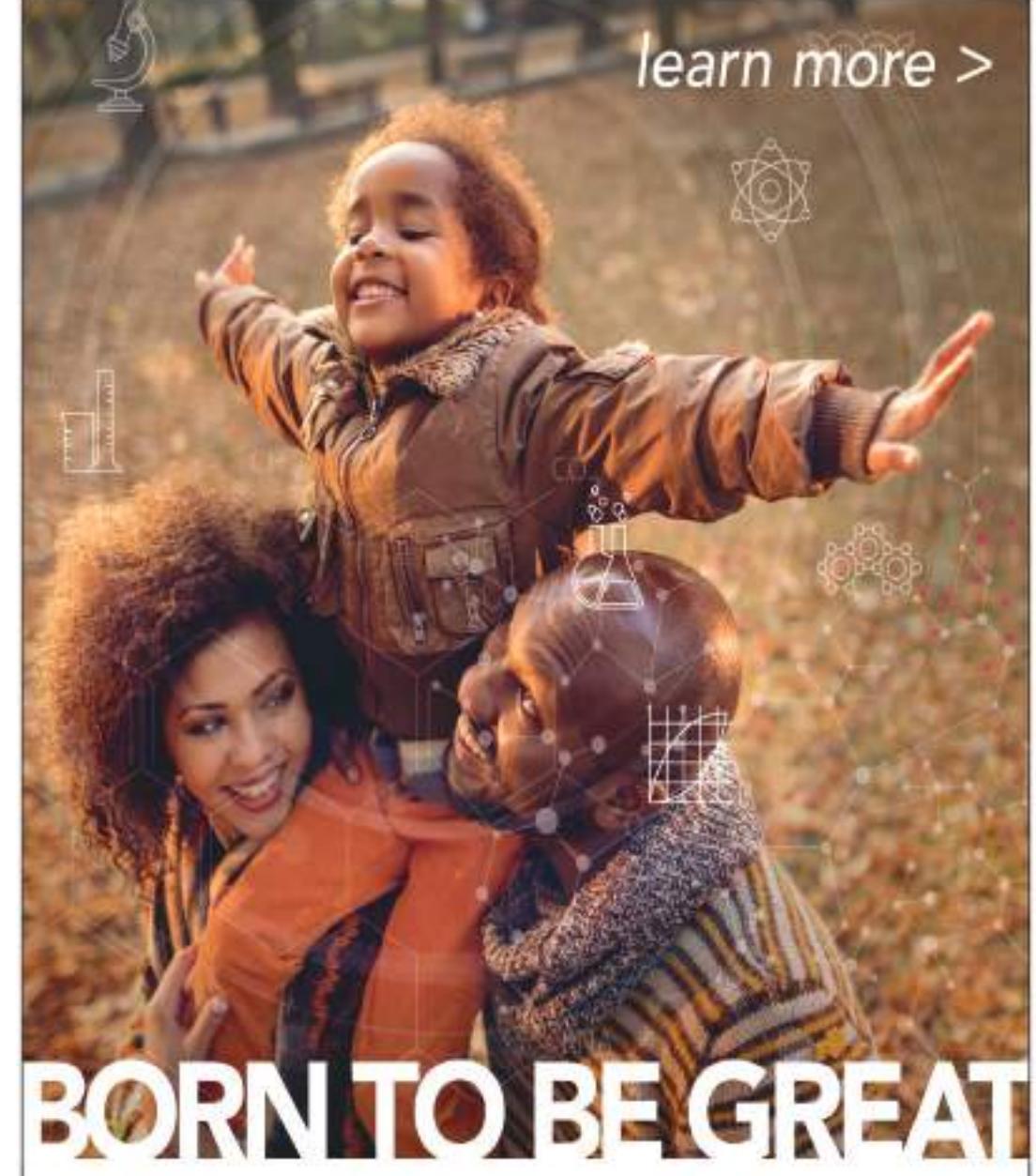
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