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## Hogg Foundation to Award \$2 Million in Grants for 2020 Census, Black Communities a Key Focus

**AUSTIN, Texas** - This year, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is celebrating 80 years of supporting the mental health and well-being of Texans. As part of their anniversary efforts, the foundation is accepting proposals for the Texas Communities Count initiative, which will support complete count efforts in Texas for the 2020 U.S. Census. The foundation plans to award grants totaling \$2 million.

The primary focus is to aid collaborative approaches that aim to reach traditionally hard-to-count (HTC) populations, communities and geographic areas throughout the state. The goal is to promote active participation in the 2020 Census so that every person in Texas is counted.

Without a complete count during the 2020 Census, Texas will face unprecedented challenges, losing both resources and representation for at least a decade. An accurate and complete census is necessary to determine fair allocation of federal dollars for resources, services and infrastructure that support our everyday quality of life.

The African American community has been historically undercounted in the census. The Census Bureau estimates that African Americans were undercounted by more than 800,000 in the 2010 U.S. Census,



and that approximately 7 percent of young African American children were overlooked by the 2010 Census, roughly twice the rate for young non-Hispanic white children. This legacy of undercounting has had a negative impact on African American communities and furthers inequities.

"An undercount of Texas' population by even one-percent could result in a \$300 million loss in federal funding, and 25 percent of Texans—over 6 million people—live in hard-to-count neighborhoods," said Dr. Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., executive director

of the Hogg Foundation and senior associate vice president for diversity and community engagement at The University of Texas at Austin. "So the stakes, particularly for African Americans and other historically excluded communities, couldn't be higher."

The foundation seeks proposals that support (1) direct, local, on-the-ground complete count efforts or (2) statewide coordination of these local efforts. Preference will be given to strategies that focus on HTC populations and communities or geographic regions in Texas that are designated as

health professional shortage areas.

Hard-to-count populations are defined as persons who typically do not get captured by census data, according to the Census Bureau's research. Examples are children under the age of five, highly mobile people, racial and ethnic minorities, non-English speakers, low-income and persons experiencing homelessness, and undocumented immigrants. People with mental health conditions are also a HTC population. A useful guide to HTC populations can be found here.

"Due to the fact that many of the hard-to-count populations live in health professional shortage areas in Texas, federal funding is even more paramount to closing the gap of what health care is available to support

well-being and mental health" said Emily Bhandari, strategic learning and evaluation program officer for the Hogg Foundation.

In addition to ensuring an accurate count, this initiative is also an opportunity to promote new forms of community collaboration and civic engagement that yield benefits for Texans over the long-term.

The deadline for submitting proposals is September 23, 2019. Details about the initiative and how to apply can be found at [hogg.utexas.edu/texas-communities-count](http://hogg.utexas.edu/texas-communities-count).

## Trial of cop who killed black man in home to stay in Dallas



**DALLAS (AP)** — The murder trial of a white Dallas police officer who fatally shot her unarmed black neighbor inside his apartment will be held in the city.

State District Judge Tammy Kemp on Monday rejected a motion from Amber Guyger's lawyers seeking to move her trial for the killing of Botham Jean to another county.

Kemp's decision follows the selection of 12 jurors and four alternates. Guyger's defense argued media coverage of the high-profile case tainted the jury pool. Prosecutors said the jurors could be fair.

Prosecutor Doug Gladden said 15 of those picked had not formed an opinion of the case and the other can set it aside.

Guyger killed Jean in the apartment building where they lived last September. She said she mistook his unit for her own and mistook him for a burglar. She was later fired.

## US economy could shrug off oil prices if disruption is brief



*A sidewalk vendor reads a newspaper that headlines the recent attacks of Saudi oil refinery and raises global concern for a possible spike of oil prices Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, in Manila, Philippines. Monday saw another round of oil price increase in the country which energy officials said is not related to the recent attacks in Saudi Arabia but has cautioned the public to brace for more spikes in the coming days. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)*

**DALLAS (AP)** — The price of gasoline crept higher after a weekend attack devastated Saudi Arabian oil output, but if the disruption to global supplies is short-lived, the impact on the U.S. economy will probably be modest.

Prices spiked Monday by more than 14%, their biggest single-day jump in years, but retreated Tuesday, reversing some of the increase. U.S. oil fell nearly 5% to \$59.96 a barrel, while Brent, the international benchmark, dropped 5.3% to \$65.34.

A gallon of regular in the U.S. stood at \$2.59 on Tuesday, up 3 cents from the previous day, according to the AAA auto club.

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## Engineering firm donates 30 backpacks to Southern Dallas school

**DALLAS** — Representatives from an engineering firm donated 30 backpacks with school supplies to students at Elisha M. Pease Elementary School.

Three representatives from the Harambee leadership team handed out each backpack to students on Aug. 30.

Harambee is the African-American employee net-

work of Jacobs Engineering Group, a global engineering firm with headquarters in Dallas. Harambee hosted its yearly summit in August, where their members decided to do a backpack and school drive.

The representatives contacted Dallas ISD's STEM department. Both entities collaborated to find a campus that had a high African-American student popula-

tion and a high concentration of underprivileged families.

"We wanted to do something to encourage the students, to remind them that they're not forgotten," said Johnny Jackson, manager of Aviation Projects at Jacobs Engineering Group. "It was a nostalgic moment, to remember when you were in elementary school and when people came to visit.

These were the people that we aspired to be, one day."

About 20 fifth-graders gathered at the school auditorium to receive the donation. Before handing out the backpacks, the three professionals shook each of the kids' hands and talked to them about being engineers.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## THE POOR DIE SOONER!

**By Eddie Bernice Johnson**

The income gap between wealthy and poor Americans continues to increase and one of the life expectancy of those at the top continues to grow, while those at the bottom are living fewer years than those who are benefiting from the country's economy.

According to a report released last week by the Government Accounting Office, the income gap is a factor in the deaths of Americans who find themselves on the margins of our society. Some of are dying from inadequate healthcare, poor nutrition, and in some cases suicide.

The report found that

seventy-five percent of wealthy Americans who were between the ages of forty-nine and seventy in 1992 were still living in 2014. However, slightly more than half of all poor Americans in the same age range in 1992 as the rich were alive in 2014.

The report found that poor women were actually living fewer years than their mothers, and that black women and men who were poor lived fewer years than whites.

The White House and its supporters are quick to point to a declining poverty rate in America, but they seldom bother to recognize that all people are not participating in the nation's economy on an equal footing.

The administration

seems hostile to increased funding for public schools, employment programs, affordable health care and livable wages which are all recognized as steps that would allow people to lift themselves out of poverty, raise their families, purchase homes and educate their children.

Even though Americans are living longer lives they are experiencing more difficulty as they live than those who were their age a decade or two before them. For instance, increasing numbers of senior citizens, even those who have reached retirement age, find it necessary to work just to pay their bills.

According to the report, the number of Americans over the age of fifty-five who are still active in the

workforce has increased significantly. Twenty years ago thirty percent of those over the age of fifty-five were still working. That percentage has increased to forty percent today.

We must close the income and wealth gaps in our country. They are adversely impacting the health of our nation in very negative ways. It is unacceptable, and it is dangerously unfair.

**Congresswoman Johnson represents the 30th Congressional District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives. She is also the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.**

## TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC. ELECTS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT



**Dallas, Texas** – Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD), a national, professional humanitarian community service organization organized in Tyler, Texas in 1964, recently elected its new administration during its 41st National Convention in Atlanta, GA. During this biennial event, Sharon J. Beard, a resident of Dallas, was elected as National President.

Beard attended the University of North Texas, (formerly North Texas State University) where she

earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1981 in Fashion Merchandising and Design and later received a Master of Science Degree in Human Relations & Business. Her 30 plus years of professional human resources experience led her on the path to entrepreneurship. She is the President/CEO of Human Resources Innovative Services, a consulting company offering diverse services in human resources to startups, small, and medium-sized companies and she also serves as one of Girl Scouts of USA Texas Council's Directors of Human Resources. Her company is certified as a (DBE) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, (MBE) Minority Business Enterprise and (WBE) Woman-Owned Business Enterprise by the North

Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTR-CA).

Beard will serve as the 14th National President of TLOD. She was inducted into the organization in 1993 and has served on the Executive Board for the last six administrations. She has proudly served TLOD in the capacity of Chapter President, Chapter 2nd Vice President, National Top Teens Special Activities Chair, National Publicity Chair, National Top Teens Director, National Scholarship Chair, National Recording Secretary, National 2nd Vice President, National Projects Chair, and most recently as the National First Vice President responsible for promoting the national programs of the organization to include: Top Teens of America,

Status of Women, Senior Citizens, Community Beautification and Community Partnerships. Through these positions, she has been responsible for strategic partnerships with the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the United Negro College Fund, (UNCF).

Beard is the first National President from Dallas, TX. In this role, she will provide leadership and program direction for the 123 chapters across the United States, including their signature program, Top Teens of America. Beard will host the annual TLOD Board of Directors Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas, September 26-29, 2019.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**VA and Columbia Lighthouse Project Host Symposium to Combat Veteran Suicide**

**WHAT:** 2019 Symposium: Suicide Prevention in Faith Communities

**WHEN:** Friday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc.

Jim Collins Family Center, 3020 North Westmoreland Road, Dallas, TX 75212

**WHO:** The event is open to all faith-based and community organizations interested in supporting veterans and family members, connecting with VA programs and services, and combatting veteran suicide.

Participants are asked to register online by Sept. 25.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative, in coordination with the VA North Texas Health Care System and the Columbia Lighthouse Project, are hosting a symposium to highlight the role that faith-based communities play in suicide prevention.

Our very own South Dallas Concert Choir Artistic Director, Alfrelynn Roberts, will be performing at the Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201. Music inspired by gospel, spirituals, and hymns. Actress Denise Lee to read poetry marking 400 years of African-American history. Seize the Day!

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**"I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS GREAT FACT"**  
Philippians 1:6

The book of Philippians is a book filled with tenderness and personal love coming from the great Apostle Paul as he expresses his affections to the Philippian saints. On Paul's second missionary journey, he visited this grand place and had a very fruitful ministry in Europe, for two noteworthy families were saved - Lydia and her family and the Philippian jailer and his family (Acts 16). The Philippian epistle is one of Paul's prison epistles; and the prison epistles are: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. They are designated as such because they were written while he was imprisoned in Rome for two years (Acts 28:30).

Although Paul was experiencing hardship, he did not allow his circumstance to dictate an attitude of bitterness! Instead, great joy and confidence exuded from the heart of the Apostle as he wrote this tender and personal letter to these saints. This letter is really a "thank-you note" expressing Paul's undue gratitude for the generous way in which these saints ministered to his needs. After hearing about Paul's incarceration, these saints dispatched the pastor, Epaphroditus to minister to Paul. So Paul is greatly thanking them for their financial support; moreover, Paul was grateful to God as he remembered them (1:3), and exhorted them to spiritual maturity (1:27). Apparently, there were only these major areas of concern in this book: the rivalry issue among the believers, chapter 2:3-4; 4:2; and the infiltration of "enemies of the cross" who had invaded the church (3:1-3, 18-19).

In verse 6, Paul was so overcome with confidence - confident that God will consummate what He had begun. What was Paul so confident of? He was confident that God would complete the great work of salvation He had begun in the saints. God has never begun a salvation project, and because of some circumstance, abandon it! God will complete the work of salvation He has started in us. He will continue His work in us until the day of Christ Jesus; that is, He will continue His work until we are caught up to meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:17). Now, that is a fact to rejoice in!

Our God did not just save us to abandon us. He will complete His work in us until we are just like Him. Well, how do you know? Because, my bible informs me that we will be just like Christ, for we will experience a change - a real transformation. This transformation involves being glorified, receiving a glorified body at the rapture (1 Corinthians 15:51-53). Yes, we will experience a change, for 1 John 3:2 says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. In closing, our great and awesome God has never started a project and didn't finish the project. In the future, we are going to be put on display, as trophies of the grace of God (Ephesians 2:7). Our God is indeed a Master Craftsman!

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## US economy could shrug off oil prices if disruption is brief

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Analysts warned that pump prices could rise as much as 25 cents in the coming weeks, but it all depends on how quickly Saudi Arabia returns to normal production.

Tuesday's reversal in prices came as Saudi Arabia's energy minister reported that 50% of the production cut by the attack had been restored. Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said full production would resume by the end of the month.

Even before Tuesday's reversal in prices, economists downplayed the prospect that the price spike could send the economy reeling. After all, Monday's surge only put prices back where they had been in May.

The attack knocked about 5% of the world crude supply offline. Oil prices have been trending mostly lower since spring because of concern about weak demand due to slowing economic growth.

Analysts say oil prices did not fully account for the risk posed by tension in the Middle East, but they will now. Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen claimed credit for the strike on Saudi oil facilities, but the Trump administration blamed Iran itself. The attack exposed the vulnerability of Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure.

Higher oil prices mean more costly gasoline, and that will sap consumers' ability to spend on clothes, travel and restaurant meals. It will hit people who drive for a living.

Brian Alectine, a New York-based driver for the ride-hailing apps Lyft and Juno, said a 5- or 10-cent bump in the price of gasoline wouldn't be too bad, but an increase of 25 cents a gallon would make it hard to earn a profit after expenses, including the monthly rent on the car he drives for work.

"The more you drive, the more gas you use," Alectine said. "It will have a big impact."

AAA said the nationwide average price of gasoline could rise 25 cents this month. Patrick DeHaan, an analyst for price-tracking app GasBuddy, predicted an increase of 10 to 20 cents a gallon. He saw reports of price spikes and

people rushing to top off their tanks.

"I'm not sure where this panic is coming from," DeHaan said. "There will be an increase, but prices will still remain over a dollar cheaper than they were earlier this decade."

Any drag on the economy from lower consumer spending would be at least partially offset by increased investment in oil and gas production, according to several leading economists.

Gregory Daco, chief economist at Oxford Economics, estimated that the net effect could be a decline of about one-tenth of a percentage point in U.S. economic growth, which was 2.0% in the second quarter.

"An oil price shock will weigh on consumer spending and will add a further strain on the global economy, but we're not talking about a major price shock at this level," he said, while acknowledging that the situation could escalate if tension increases between the U.S. and Iran — a major producer whose output has been greatly squeezed by Trump administration sanctions.

U.S. crude poked above \$100 a barrel in stretches between 2011 and mid-2014, yet the economy did not fall into recession. Brent peaked above \$140 a barrel in July 2008, which some economists believe was an overlooked contributor to the Great Recession, which is more often linked to a financial crisis and, in the U.S., a housing-market bubble. Brent more than doubled in a few months after Iraq invaded Kuwait, another large oil producer, in 1990.

The United States was far more dependent on imported oil in 1990. Saudi Arabia remains the world's biggest oil exporter, but the United States recently eclipsed both Saudi Arabia and Russia to become the world's largest producer.

That makes the impact of higher oil prices on the U.S. economy much more mixed. Even as consumers and certain industries pay more for fuel, higher oil prices will be good for the U.S. energy industry and states where oil is produced, including Texas,

New Mexico and North Dakota.

The stock market has highlighted which sectors will be helped or hurt by higher oil prices. On Monday, shares of oil producers surged, naturally, while stocks in airline, cruise and retail companies generally fell. Delivery giants UPS and FedEx dipped. They consume lots of fuel, and their business will suffer if higher energy prices cause consumers to reduce their online shopping.

For airlines, fuel is their second biggest cost behind only labor. Airlines were surprisingly adept at adapting to the last big run-up in fuel prices, but it takes them time to raise fares high enough to cover the extra cost.

American Airlines burned more than 4.4 billion gallons of fuel last year at a cost of nearly \$10 billion, including taxes. On Monday, its shares fell 7.3%, more sharply than other carriers. Unlike most others, American doesn't buy derivative investments as a hedge against fuel spikes, and its relatively heavy debt load leaves it vulnerable if the economy slows for any reason, including a jump in energy prices.

American estimates that over a full year, each penny increase in the price of fuel costs it \$45 million. The price went up about 15 cents a gallon over the weekend.

If the fuel price increase persists for even a few weeks, analysts said, it could cause airlines to rethink their aggressive growth plans for 2020.

Ryan Sweet, an economist at Moody's Analytics, said U.S. consumers are in good shape to handle a temporary increase in gasoline prices — with some savings, a tight job market and accelerating wage growth. Consumer psychology, however, can be difficult to predict.

"I don't think this increase in oil prices ... would be enough to single-handedly tip us into a recession," he said. "The one cause for concern is that the consumer is carrying the economy. If the consumer starts to pack it in, the recession odds increase quite significantly."

## Engineering firm donates 30 backpacks to Southern Dallas school

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The donation was the first step towards a community relationship between Jacobs Engineering

and Dallas ISD, said Crystal Alexander, manager of Dallas ISD STEM Department. One of her goals is to provide opportunities for Dallas ISD students to be involved in STEM careers. She's grateful that the representatives interact-

ed with the students and gave them the necessary tools to start this school year.

"It's a simple resource that is so necessary to get through the day," Alexander said. "It's an added help for this community, the students and parents alike. Just like we need our computers and our phones to do our jobs, they need their backpacks and their notebooks to be successful in school."

"They are always appreciative of all the support and assistance that anyone is willing to give," said Sharri Zachary, Pease Elementary School principal. "It sends a strong message and lets them know that they are loved. And that's one of the messages that we're trying to cultivate at our school: we love our kids."

## 2019 National Minority Veterans Summit Scheduled for September in Dallas

### WHAT:

Inaugural National Minority Veterans Summit hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Minority Veterans

### WHEN:

Friday – Saturday, September 27-28, 2019  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\*VA Claims Clinic (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

### WHERE:

Sheraton Dallas, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas 75201

### WHO:

The event is open to Veterans, caregivers, family members, public sector partners from military, federal, state, and local agencies, Veteran Service Organizations and other nonprofit partners, academics and others in the research community, representatives from the tech industry and corporations, community partners, and VA employees.

Interested attendees should register at <http://bit.ly/2JtlkMv>

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### Dak double: Cowboys' Prescott beats Redskins with legs, arm



LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Dak Prescott probably could have kept running — maybe all the way to the end zone.

Instead, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback stiff-armed Washington Redskins cornerback Josh Norman to put an exclamation point on his longest run of the game. Prescott spent Sunday afternoon carving up the Redskins' defense with his arms and legs to the tune of 26 of 30 passing for 269 yards and three touchdowns and 69 yards rushing in a 31-21 Cowboys victory to improve to 2-0.

"If Dak could run the ball well and he can pass the ball well like he showed today, how can you prepare for us?" wide receiver Amari Cooper said. "We as a team can run the ball well and pass the ball well. It's hard to prepare for that."

A week after putting up a perfect 158.3 QB rating, Prescott responded from an interception to lead Dallas on consecutive touchdown drives of 97, 83 and 75 yards. At one point, he completed 18 consecutive passes and wondered the last time he had an

incompletion. "It's just about being in the groove, offense working together," said Prescott, who became the first Cowboys quarterback to compile seven touchdown passes in the first two games of the season since Don Meredith in 1966. "The run game was happening, we were able to throw the ball, receivers were making great catches and you just look up and it's like that."

On the verge of a contract extension that's expected to guarantee him over \$30 million, Prescott connected with three receivers on the touchdowns: Devin Smith, Jason Witten and Cooper. Less than two weeks removed from ending his holdout and agreeing to a \$90 million, six-year deal, Ezekiel Elliott had his workload increased to 23 carries for 111 yards and ran for a touchdown.

"It felt good," Elliott said. "That's my normal workload. I'm used to that. It definitely does feel good to be back out there."

It was a game that felt like it was being played deep in the heart of

Texas — an entire side of the lower bowl was full of blue and white Cowboys jerseys, who just about outnumbered Redskins fans. Sounds of "Coop" filled the stadium after Cooper's catches, and there was a loud "DE-FENSE" chant when Washington had the ball.

The Redskins (0-2) got a rushing touchdown from Adrian Peterson and passing TDs from Case Keenum to Paul Richardson and rookie Terry McLaurin. But their banged-up defense playing without two starters struggled to contain Prescott or cover his receivers.

"There are no excuses to be had," coach Jay Gruden said. "We've got to look at ourselves, and we've got to play better. We're minus a couple of pieces in the secondary. That adds an issue. But really, we should be better than this."

Prescott hasn't had a stretch as good as this in his NFL career, which comes at a perfect juncture amid contract negotiations.

"I have no hesitation about it," owner Jerry Jones said. "I'm very comfortable. He's very comfortable."

### News You Ought to Know



R. Kelly standing beside his attorney, Steven Greenberg as Kelly appears for a hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court building, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 in Chicago. (Antonio Perez/ via AP, Pool)

#### Judge won't return R. Kelly bond money to woman who paid it

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge in R. Kelly's Illinois sexual assault case has refused to give \$100,000 in bail money back to a Kelly friend who paid it in February to secure the singer's release from county jail.

The judge says papers that restaurateur Valencia Love signed clearly indicated she could lose the money.

Love's lawyer said in court Tuesday that she didn't know when she paid 10% of a \$1 million bond that Kelly would be charged federally and land in federal jail.

John Collins said Love now fears losing all the money as charges against Kelly stack up.

But Judge Lawrence Flood read sections of papers Love signed warning the bond money could be used for Kelly's legal fees and that she may never see it again.

#### Whataburger donation stocks school library with over 1,000 books

DALLAS — The Dr. Barbara Jordan Elementary School campus library will receive more than 1,000 new books thanks to Whataburger and First Book.

The Texas hamburger chain donated more than \$70,000 to provide funding for new books to 70 schools in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Whataburger partnered with First Book, a non-profit that provides reading materials, educational resources and other basic needs to students across the country. Schools can apply for \$1,000 grants that would go toward supplying new books through the nonprofit.

"From a charitable giving standpoint, children's education is one of Whataburger's charitable pillars," said Shannon Anderson, Whataburger franchise marketing

manager. "It's really important to the company, very important to our leadership, and to our employees as a whole. It's something that we love to do!"

Lynn DeFord, librarian at Jordan Elementary, applied for the grant on behalf of the school. Besides earning the \$1,000 book credit, the campus was among two schools that won the Grand Prize Award. First Book will grant 1,000 new books for their library.

"It makes me feel good that I can bring something extra for my students that they can enjoy," DeFord said. "This will get them excited about reading and introduce them to literature they were previously unaware of."

The school hosted a Reading Party on Sept. 6. Volunteers from Whataburger and CBS11 read poetry to third-grade students. Each student was given a copy of "Where the Sidewalk Ends," a book of poems and drawings by best-selling author Shel Silverstein.

"They're able to see that Whataburger does more than serve burgers. They serve their community," said Jordan Elementary Principal Lucy Hopkins. "We know that when we put a book in the hands of a child, we open up endless possibilities for them to imagine, to dream, to think about what they might be."

# FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office  
UPDATED JULY 2019



## MEETME



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

## GRINDR



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

## SKOUT



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

## WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

## TIKTOK



TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

## BADOO



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

## BUMBLE



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

## SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

## KIK



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

## LIVEME



LIVEME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

## HOLLA



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

## WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

## ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

## CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

## HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

For more information, contact Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Community Affairs at 941.861.4005

# Is Your Child Heading Back to School?

Here Are 15 Apps All Parents Should Know About

## By Enough is Enough

We reached out to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office to thank them for creating the above graphic. Here's what Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight had to say about this helpful resource:

"What originally began as a list of nine apps parents should know about quickly grew to 15 and there are more out there. During Operation Intercept VI, 25 men utilized these specific mobile applications to contact and have sex with who they believed were 14-year-old children. We will continue to conduct these operations and add to this list so long as the internet and social media is used to lure and prey on our children."

Of course, there are more apps that are not listed here that predators are using to try to connect with and groom children. Parents, it's important to know what apps and sites your teens are visiting

and what information they are posting. Here are a few tips: Teach your child to:

- Be as anonymous as possible (do not post or share additional information)
- Use privacy settings
- Avoid in-person meetings
- Be honest about their age when signing up for apps
- Remember social networking sites are public spaces
- Avoid posting anything that could embarrass them later or expose them to danger (think before they post)
- Remember that people aren't always who they say they are
- Avoid inappropriate content and behavior, and, if encountered, report it to the social networking site

If your child or someone he/she knows is in danger, contact law enforcement immediately.



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