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Dallas ISD board mulls options without TRE funds for the next year

By David Wilfong
NDG Special Correspondent

The Dallas Independent School District (DISD) recently held a heated debate over trying to schedule a Tax Ratification Election (TRE). Following the narrow vote not to pursue, the school board went on to change presidents.

At the heart of the effort was the desire to expand special programs which have seen success already, but are not available widely across the district. Absent the consent of the Dallas taxpayer, options are very limited, and with the deadline to submit a further negotiated proposal to voters in this year's November election past, the district is struggling with options for the future.

The needs identified fall into three major categories. The first was expanding Pre-K programs which educators say shows a significant increase in later preparedness for college. Current plans would call for an additional \$6 million in costs.

The second is an early college program. DISD currently has a program in eight schools where students can obtain 60 hours of college credit in conjunction with the Dallas County



Pre-K services have shown to be successful in translating to college-ready future students and was one of the area's the Dallas ISD hoped to expand on. (Photo: U.S. Dept. of Education / Flickr)

Community College District, and administrators want to add another 11 high schools to the program.

Finally, the district met the challenge of seven under-performing schools with an "ACE program" whereby enhanced compensation was paid for top-notch teachers to enter the schools. Of the seven, six campuses left the "improvement required" category and the district saw a 20-point gain in those schools. DISD hoped to add seven more schools.

"The TRE represented an increase

in funding of over \$100 million that would have specifically helped students in the chronically failing schools, students who are starting behind from a young age, and students who wanted to graduate high school with the potential for two years of free college education," said board member Edwin Flores. Noting a division on the DISD board, he added, "the trustees from north, east, and central Dallas and Balch Springs/Seagoville were supportive."

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COMMENTARY

Black women often invisible in fight against HIV

By Cassandra Frederique
As Told To Tomika Anderson
BAI Daily Contributing Writer

Two weeks ago at the 21st Annual International AIDS Convention in Durban, South Africa, researchers released a study indicating they now know a primary driver of HIV infections among Black women: sexual encounters with Black men who have been released from state and federal prisons. With Black women's primary intimate partners incar-

cerated at a rate of a whopping 2,724 per 100,000 compared to 1,091 per 100,000 for Latino men and 465 per 100,000 white men—a majority of them due to low-level drug crimes—it is Black women (and by extension Black children) who experience the fallout from HIV right along with the men. Cassandra Frederique, state director of the New York policy office at the Drug Policy Al-

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Dr. Maryse Narcisse

Dr. Maryse Narcisse of the popular Fanmi Lavalas Party is fighting to show that democracy still exists in Haiti. Like many, her candidacy is a second-time run post the 2015 presidential election plagued with electoral fraud. After an official recount, it was concluded that Dr. Narcisse had indeed won the 2015 election with 61% of the votes.

Her widely acknowledged political party, Fanmi Lavalas, vigorously represents Haiti's poor. The return of the party is welcomed within Haiti as it had



been excluded from previous elections post the second coup d'état of former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 2004. Dr. Narcisse hopes that this time; they are provided with

a fair and free election.

With a Doctorate of Medicine from the State University of Haiti, Dr. Narcisse is also a longtime advocate for democracy, healthcare and education. The candidate boasts previous seats as the National Coordinator of the Executive Committee of the Organization Fanmi Lavalas, Board Member of the Aristide Foundation, and Public Health Consultant to date. With her vast experience and popularity in Haiti, Narcisse is the likely front-runner to win the 2016 election and become the 42nd president of Haiti. Her election into the position would be subse-

quent to Haiti's former president, Michel Martelly whose term ended in political crisis from his governments Petro-Caribe embezzlement corruption charges, dubious business interest exposed in the leaked Panama Papers, to a failed electoral cycle marred in corruption.

“When I am president I will open the government to all parties,” states Haiti presidential candidate Dr. Maryse Narcisse. “Problems of governance, hunger, environment and jobs can't be solved with only one political party.” Upon winning the presidential seat, Dr. Narcisse looks to enact “inclusive elections” to equally represent those of the wealthy and indigent communities in Haiti. She has been in the

forefront of efforts to provide community-based health care and education to all Haitians. As a strong advocate for the creation of wealth, strengthening social justice, the law and environment, Dr. Narcisse intends to tackle the land problem in Haiti among other significant issues.

Methodically leading an effective campaign to aid her in the process of becoming the next president of Haiti is Dr. Maryse Narcisse's Campaign Director and Senior Adviser, Leslie Voltaire, someone considered a qualified choice as

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Gabree Torres

When you first walk into the lobby of Park Place Motorcars Arlington, you're sure to be captivated by Gabree Torres. The 23-year-old sales greeter is vivacious and charming. But there's more than meets the eye to this energetic young lady.

Torres is finishing her Masters of Social Work degree at the University of Texas at Arlington. And she'll leave her mark on the campus before she graduates in December.

Earlier this year, she was selected to paint a horse



sculpture for the UTA Spirit Horse project.

“I saw a flyer on a bulletin board and only had two days until the deadline to submit my design,” said Torres, “but I knew this op-

portunity was mine.”

Torres had previously painted seven large murals in a San Angelo hospital while attending Angelo State University for her Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

“Gabree submitted a design that showed three students in academic regalia at commencement,” said Jennifer Fox, UTA Assistant Director of Student Governance.

“The UTA Ambassadors, a group of 25 elected student leaders that serve as the official hosts and hostesses of the campus, really liked her design. The pro-

posed location for this year's Spirit Horse was near the College Park Center, the on-campus arena where commencement ceremonies are held.

“We did not advertise this when soliciting proposals, so the fact that Gabree's design also fit well with our proposed location was a nice surprise. We did ask her to add an ‘athletics’ component to the horse since our volleyball and basketball games are also held in the College Park Center. She quickly revised her sketches, and the end result was beautiful.”

Torres' Spirit Horse was

recently unveiled at the Maverick Stampede, a UTA Welcome Week event. The final installation will be later this semester.

In addition to working at Park Place Motorcars and attending school, Torres is completing an internship at a local mental health treatment facility. She also does photography for Calvary Arlington, a local church that meets at the Arlington Music Hall.

“I hope to work with the Domestic Violence population once I graduate,” said Torres. Not surprising for a determined young lady who

seems to make an impression everywhere she goes.

Park Place Motorcars Arlington is a 91,000-square-foot Mercedes-Benz dealership located at I-20 and Collins that opened December 2015.

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Justin Daugherty

Wheeling, WV (BlackNews.com) — Justin Daugherty spent 12 years behind bars, but he has always believed that he committed the offenses leading up to his conviction because of a lack of job opportunities and lack of guidance. For that reason, in 2015 he launched JourStarr Quality Publications, LLC

(www.jourstarr.com), a small, independent press that offers second chances. JourStarr publishes quality works in the genres of fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction, and even photo journals, offering talented writers an opportunity to be



published, whether they are free or incarcerated.

“I spent the better half of my adult years behind bars. I was about 18 years old when I was arrested,” Justin says. “Around that time, there was the ‘Weed and Seed Initiative’ that led to an increase in racial profil-

ing by law enforcement in my area. That, and a series of bad decisions, led to my incarceration. But I knew my story didn't have to end there.”

Since his release, Justin had been working in demolition and welding for the Honda Line at Yorozu Automotive, located in Tennessee. He has also been attending West Virginia Northern Community College for coursework in Small Business administration, and has been serving as director of an early-stage non-profit aimed to curb youth incarceration and drug abuse by promoting literacy and encouraging creative writing.

Justin has also been painstakingly sifting through manuscript after manuscript in search of quality material.

“My goal for the future of the company is to consistently provide groundbreaking material. Right now, we have a lineup of authors whose real lives are just as compelling as the tales they write. We plan for JourStarr to be around for the long haul, offering an opportunity for talented writers to have their works showcased properly. We stand firm in, helping all talented writers pursue their dreams, including ex-offenders, because everyone deserves a second chance.”

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Tarpley scolds Carrollton City Council

(Editor’s Note: Sister Tarpley, who writes the Religion column for NDG, took Carrollton City Councilmembers to task on Tuesday night over the treatment of a local restaurant owner trying to get a Certificate of Occupancy from City staff. The following is a transcript of her remarks.)

For the 3rd time in two or less months, I am here because of Breakers Ko-

rean BBQ Restaurant; and more importantly on behalf of all residents of Carrollton.

All businesses in Carrollton reduce our taxes to resident homeowners and apartment owners thereby to their tenants as well, hence all of Carrollton. How dare you not represent Carrollton’s residents that voted you in office on your promise to represent them!

You have before you two list of people, one list employed by the city and their tenure in their current position and the other is a list of individuals that are in some way or the other associated with Breakers Korean BBQ Restaurant.

I find it quite interesting that Buckeye Fire Extinguishers Company and their representatives have more experience than all of the men on the list be-

fore you in our Fire Department of their combined employment that have interacted with Breakers BBQ and their new Down Draft Table Top Equipment for their tables.

As I have stated, Carrollton’s Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Ron Simmons, a Carrollton resident, both told me that the down drift tables were in

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Black Republican surrogates like Pastor Mark Burns need a permanent timeout

By Raynard Jackson
 NNPA Newswire Columnist

I am really getting fed up with the constant drumbeat of criticism of Donald Trump’s campaign, especially the criticism coming from Black Republicans. They seem to be willing to give President Obama, Hillary Clinton and our party’s leadership a pass, but when it comes to Trump, all of a sudden, they seem to have found an untapped reservoir of righteous indig-

nation.

Yes, Trump has given his opponents plenty of reason and opportunity to criticize him, but in some ways Trump reminds me of NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan.

Anyone who followed Jordan’s career knows that he was not a good teammate. He was intensely critical of many of his teammates, especially when they made mistakes. Some people thought he was arrogant and sometimes even condescend-

ing to his teammates. Let’s just say he had an extremely healthy dose of his own self-worth.

But these same teammates that talked to the media, privately and anonymously, about Jordan were filled with effusive praise for His Royal Airness when it came to the number of championship rings he helped them to win.

So to my Never-Trumpers, in general, and the Black ones in particular, can you really make a philosophical and substantive argument

that Hillary Clinton would be a better president than Trump; especially when it comes to the Black community?

Hillary wants to give amnesty to those in the country illegally, but no one ever talks about the devastating negative impact of this policy or the effect of current immigration policies on the Black unemployment rate for low and under-skilled Blacks. Trump is the only

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liance, sounds off on the deeply tangled web of conditions that make Black women and their families particularly vulnerable to the disease.

We may be pretty good about having the conversation about the Black community and mass incarceration, but we don’t do a good enough job at understanding how drugs, mass incarceration and mass criminalization all work together to create adverse conditions for Black families, particularly Black women, including an elevated risk of contracting HIV.

What we see continuously is that Black women tend to be the group of people that lose out the most in society. They are also among the most invisible [when] we talk about larger societal issues. We see this in the way that we talk

about police killings [of Black women]; the way [Black women] are being discriminated against in housing and education, and in being approved or not approved for loans; we see it in the way mass incarceration disrupts Black women’s lives and their families long before a loved one is incarcerated. We see it in the way Black men and women are treated as if they are wards of the state. It’s obvious in the way Black women interact with social services, the way they are drug tested, they way their children are subjected to metal detectors and “zero tolerance” drug policies in school. So why wouldn’t we expect [society] to be silent about new HIV cases among Black women?

The carceral state is failing [Black women], because incarceration is asso-

ciated with a higher risk of unsafe injection drug use, unprotected sexual contact and incidences of HIV. Incarceration and criminalization also result in disruptions in antiretroviral therapies [among the men they are intimate with] and consistently elevate HIV viral loads and HIV transmission rates, as well increase antiretroviral resistance. And so incarcerated people, who are at higher risk of unprotected sex, are going out into the community and infecting their partners. Sometimes the men don’t know themselves [that they are infected]. But this is confounding because we know for a fact that drug use, as well as sex, is happening “inside,” and yet the carceral state has not been more proactive in ensuring they reduce the risk inside [and when men are released].

And when they get out,

what is the conversation like between that woman and that man [within a heterosexual relationship?]

What is it like for that woman to ask that man to wear a condom? What are you saying about what he’s been doing “inside”? What are you saying about your trust? What are you saying about your partnership? Your love? There’s a risk in that conversation. There’s risk in saying, “I think we should use condoms, or “I think you should get HIV tested.” Who’s having that conversation really? It is tied into so much stuff around sex, sexuality, prison rape—all these different things that don’t necessarily have to hurt Black women if a stronger health infrastructure existed.

As told to Tomika Anderson, an award-winning freelance writer who has created content for Essence, Ebony, BET and MTV, among others.

Will sharing you have cancer on social media impact your career?

(StatePoint) Social media has changed the rules of privacy for almost everyone. But for people diagnosed with cancer, social media use comes with the additional complications of online disclosure, which can have unintended consequences. As part of their annual survey, Cancer and Careers, a national nonprofit that empowers

and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplaces, polled survivors on their experiences with disclosing their cancer online.

Nearly one in five cancer survivors polled said that revealing their cancer diagnosis on social media negatively impacted their careers, and one in 10 said they experienced repercus-

sions at work because of their disclosure; but 77 percent of respondents who posted about cancer or disclosed their diagnosis online felt supported by friends and family or found a support group as a result.

As with any aspect of the cancer journey, the decision to disclose, whether online or in-person, is a personal one based on a va-

riety of factors. For more information on Cancer and Careers' expert resources, interactive tools and educational events visit CancerandCareers.org.

If you have cancer or are a cancer survivor, learning more about the possible consequences of online disclosure can help you make decisions that are right for you.

3D tech may eventually allow women to breastfeed after a Mastectomy

Each year, tens of thousands of women undergo mastectomies as a way to treat or prevent breast cancer. A new study suggests reconstructive surgery could one day restore mothers' ability to breastfeed their children.

"In mammalian bodies, breast cells align to form hollow tubes, where milk is transported," says Jimmy Hsia, a professor in the departments of biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and corresponding author of the study.

"To date, no one has been able to generate breast tissue with these hollow tubes. Our study is the first step toward realizing such functionalities in reconstructed breast tissues."

The researchers aimed to understand which conditions induced breast cells to self-assemble into aligned, ductal



shapes. Previous studies have shown that one key driver in cell alignment is substrate stiffness—that is, the stiffness of the tissue scaffold to which cells bind. However, those studies were performed mostly in two-dimensional environments in which cells bound to a flat surface, rather than a three-dimensional environment similar to real tissues.

"We grew breast cells in a 3D environment, and they aligned themselves along certain geometrical features of the substrate," Hsia says.

The researchers created 3D scaffolds out of protein gel by placing the gel over meticulously shaped silicone molds. Depending on each mold's shape, the gel solidified into different shapes with various levels of stiff-

ness throughout. Then, breast cells were placed on top of the gel and the researchers recorded time-lapse microscopic video of the cells' response to the scaffold environment.

The researchers found that

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continued from Page 2 next president of Haiti is Dr. Maryse Narcisse's Campaign Director and Senior Adviser, Leslie Voltaire, an exceptionally qualified choice as his resume includes former presidential candidate, urban planner and former government liaison to the United Nations.

"This is not an electoral battle for simply who will be the next Head of State for Haiti" States Leslie Voltaire, Dr. Narcisse's Presidential Campaign Di-

rector and Senior Adviser.

"This is an election to decide the fate of Haiti's future as a nation. A nation that respects the rule of law and that allows us to grow the country economically, socially, and agriculturally. We are fighting to instill the pillars of Democracy."

Dr. Maryse Narcisse's victory could mean a new beginning for Haiti with a jumpstart toward economic growth, agricultural innovations and efficiency of government regulations.



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'Generation Love' Tour launches in Cedar Hill this month

Quick. What do racial bias, mixed families and absentee parents have to do with grandmothers? African-American speaker Thelma Wells--brought up by her grandmother--can tell you point blank. And that's her short list.

On the heels of a two-decade run with the national conference series Women of Faith, Wells--the "Christian Oprah"--now addresses society's family fissures widened by the years, the races, the miles and the electronics. At age 75, Wells announces the deceptively soft-sounding "Generation Love," one-day conferences shaped by having grown up under her great



Thelma Wells

grandmother, Sarah Harrell. "Millennials get information without knowledge. Boomers see Millennial indifference and close doors. Teens are growing up igno-

rant of intergenerational riches," Wells said. "And everyone suffers a brand of loneliness."

In the "Generation Love" conference, every speaker

appears with a family member. Launching Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Trinity Church in Cedar Hill, Texas, women come from multiple ethnicities, denominations and nationalities, for the talks, panels, drama, dance and prayer--much of it interactive.

Based on Psalm 100:5, which closes with, ". . . his truth endures to all generations," families gain vision and tools to better understand, listen and glean from their richest natural resources: each other.

"The X-factor is love," Wells said. "And the effect is far more than sentiment. It's what holds families and

cities and nations intact."

Generation Love's impressive speakers and award-winning artists start with MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN mother-daughter team, Christy and Abigail Beam. Then there's Babbie Mason, Steph Carse, Anna Byrd, comedian Becky Baker, and millennial speaker Grant Skeldon, director of Initiative Network. Actress and Women of Faith headliner Nicole Johnson wrote the multi-generational drama sketches.

Two panels will feature mother/daughter or father/son panel hosts and guests: Mandy Majors, founder of nextTalk, which

gets parents and kids to talk about cyberbullying, social media, and sex, with daughter Ella; Wynter Pitts, owner of tween magazine "For Girls Like You" speaks with actress daughter Alena of WAR ROOM; Sabrina Harrison, owner of MINT dentistry, appears with her educator mom, Dr. Veronica Guerra.

The 2016-17 Generation Love Tour conferences are October 15 at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church, Sunnyvale, Texas; January 28 at First Baptist Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas; and February 25 at Cornerstone Baptist, Arlington, Texas. More info at GenerationLove.info.

UT Austin's School of Architecture establishes initiative on Race, Gender and the Built Environment

AUSTIN, Texas — The School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin will address one of the most pressing issues affecting 21st-century design and planning by establishing a new program on race, gender and the American built environment. The effort aims to facilitate diversity among design and planning professionals and students, and foster innovation in teaching

and research on race, gender and inequality in American cities.

Partially funded by the university's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, the initiative will ensure that the School of Architecture is on the leading edge of scholarship and practice regarding these important issues.

Anna Brand and Andrea Roberts have been appointed

as the program's first emerging scholar fellows. They will teach courses related to race, urban development and cultural landscape.

"The addition of Anna Brand and Andrea Roberts to our faculty underscores the School of Architecture's commitment to addressing race and gender disparity within the design field in a new and meaningful way," said Elizabeth Danze, in-

terim dean for the School of Architecture. "We are grateful to the University of Texas' Division of Diversity and Community Engagement for their support of this initiative, and we look forward to furthering understanding of these important concerns through new courses, research and scholarship."

"The Division of Diversity and Community Engage-

ment proudly supports the appointments of Professors Anna Brand and Andrea Roberts," said Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement. "We applaud the work of the School of Architecture as they focus on the intersection of race, gender and inequality in urban areas. There is great need for further study as the access and equity in our cities for those

in the greatest need becomes more difficult by the day. We look forward to the community-based research that is to come."

Cities are complex built environments that integrate the physical, natural and social worlds of human settlement. A strength of urban living is diversity, which has many dimensions including race, gender, experience and

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compliance with UL rules, but neither had the backbone to state that in public.

Mr. Bobby Kim was even given a \$1,000 citation by Ron, a fire inspector, who has been in that position for only four years, for non-compliance of installing the incorrect system in for their tables, according to Ron Brennan. However, Buckeye sent letter after letter stating what was installed at Breakers was correct, with proof. However, Ron told Buckeye that he knew more about their equipment that they developed and tested numerous times than they did. Such arrogance!

Since I have lived in Car-

rollton for over fifty years this is the second incident that I have heard of with this bad attitude from employees.

I have done a little research and discovered that Home Depot and Sears, among other companies that sell down draft table top equipment such as Buckeye does, that they do not require extra equipment for their down draft table top burners such as Breakers has been required to do by Ron; and you cannot tell me that Ron would have made the same demands on them.

I have witnessed Mr. Kim, spend extra money, and I assume quite a bit, on

things that, Ron Brennan told him that he would not approve a CO for them unless they did exactly what he said, and again I say, I do not believe he would have told Home Depot or Sears that.

This incident brings to my mind of what happened in 1996. I was called by Mr. Jerry Spaulding, representing JESCO International and other business owners in Place 3, about the unreasonable demands the city was placing on them that wasn't necessary, before they could get a CO from the city.

I met them at Crosby Recreation Center; and after discussing the situation and suggesting a "Recall Election" of the mayor and

council that is supposed to represent them; that night, with Mr. Spaulding giving the first \$200 for a first time in Carrollton's history, for a total recall of the Mayor and City Council.

It was successful; Councilman Glenn Blanscet's brother, Gary, was mayor at the time. He should be able to give you the details. To make a long story short, the businesses that had a successful recall are still in Carrollton, paying their taxes and bringing in revenue for the benefit of the City of Carrollton.

With this in mind, I am calling all media, press, radio, and TV to report that I am going to form an Ad Hoc Committee to call for a meeting between the busi-

ness owners, homeowners and apartment tenants of Carrollton for us to research "Recall Elections" and educate ourselves, especially since this affect everybody's taxes, to form a Recall Committee to start over with a new mayor and council members that will put the interest of its citizens first instead of city staff's interest, thereby representing all of its citizens, residents and businessmen alike.

Just as Carrollton's business and homeowners recognized how much tax revenue they were losing in the late 90's because they had a mayor and council that did not look after their interest, I truly believe that our citizens of today will realize

how much we are losing today. They just need to be informed.

The business owners at the corner of Beltline and Josey have complained for years about our sign ordinances and now I am hearing complaints from business owners at Josey & Hebron, Trinity Mills & Old Denton Road, Frankford & Old Denton Road and Frankford & Marsh Lane are complaining also. Our sign ordinance needs to be revisited and updated, with a committee of business owners and staff combined.

Our battle cry will be "Elect individuals that will keep their promise to represent the citizens of Carrollton."

Dallas ISD excited, ready for students' return to the classroom for 2016-17

Welcome back, Dallas ISD. The start of a school year is an exciting time filled with anticipation and opportunity.

As we get into this school year, District 6 extends a warm welcome to our newly appointed principals at the following campuses for the 2016-2017 school year ...

• Sonja Barnes, Jimmie Tyler Brashear Elementary School



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6
Trustee

• Marco Antonio Baker, Clinton P. Russell Elementary School

• Derrick Ross, Mark Twain Vanguard Academy

• Lakeiah Chatham, Kathleen Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy

As the appointed trustee for District 6, I am so excited about all that our schools have to offer our students in the upcoming school year!

• Expanded pre-K programs for our youngest scholars

• Carter High School's newly opened collegiate academy in which students can potentially earn up to 60 hours of college credit

• Dual language programs

which allow students of English and Spanish speaking backgrounds to learn each other's native languages at Clinton P. Russell, T.G. Terry and Jimmie Tyler Brashear elementary schools, there exists a wide range of programs for every student

So, whether it's in a nationally-certified, industry-supported National Academy Foundation, or NAF

Academy program such as Kimball's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism or Academy of Engineering, to industry and career-based CTE programs and internships in which students can earn industry certifications, District 6 is preparing today's students for tomorrow's opportunities.

Please make note of the Districtwide College Fair scheduled for September 21,

fall parent conference dates (October 10, 11 and 13), and Spring Break dates (March 13-17). For more information, visit the back to school page at www.dallasisd.org/backtoschool.

So, let's prepare to get involved, stay involved and make this school year the best one yet in Dallas ISD. Let's have a great school year, District 6.

The Top 6 scholarships for African American students

(BlackNews.com) — Every year, billions of dollars in financial aid and scholarships are given away to students to help them pay for college tuition, books, and other college-related expenses. As the year winds down, here are the top national scholarship programs for African American students and others that are still accepting applications:

#1 – Ford HBCU Community Challenge: The Ford HBCU Challenge invites college students to submit their ideas for building sustainable communities for a chance to win a college scholarship and other awards. Students must have a strong interest in their communities and the environment. Project ideas must include innovative ideas on how to build sustainable communities. The deadline to apply is in December 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/09/ford-hbcu-challenge.html

College Prep 101 being offered at SMU

Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas in conjunction with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Kappa Zeta Chapter will be hosting College Prep 101 workshop. Sunday, September 18th, from 3-5 PM on the campus of Southern Methodist University at the Hughes – Trigg Student Center Ballroom, 3400 Dyer St, Dallas, TX. The workshop is open to all area high school junior and sen-



Producer/rapper Will.i.am and Oprah giving away scholarships to African American students.

iors planning on attending college,

#2 – Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship: The Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program is designed to help cultivate minority students for potential recruitment in the field of technology. The scholarship amount award depends on the student's tuition balance, academic excellence and classification. The deadline to apply is in September 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/03/xerox-technical-minority-scholarship.html

#3 – Coca-Cola Scholars Program: The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is a very competitive program for high school seniors throughout the United States. Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company, the largest soft drink company in the world, the program awards millions every year in college funding. The deadline to apply is in October 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/04/coca-cola-scholars-program.html

#4 – Apple HBCU Scholarship Program: The Apple

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HBCU Scholarship Program is offered to eligible college students who are in their final year of college at a HBCU institution. Eligible students include those who are majoring in Computer Science, Information Science/Technol-

ogy, Mathematics, and/or Engineering. The deadline to apply is in October 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2015/08/apply-hbcu-scholarship-program.html

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Plano ranks third in national study of family-friendly cities

(WalletHub) The DFW suburban City of Plano made the Top 10 in a list of Best Cities for Families according to a study conducted by WalletHub. In order to determine the most family-friendly places in America, WalletHub's analysts compared the 150 most populated cities across 36 key metrics. The data set ranges from crime rates to school system rankings to housing costs.



The City of Plano recently received high marks in a WalletHub survey of the Best Cities for Families in the U.S., coming in third. (Photo: Carlos King / Flickr)

Plano ranked third in the study, bested by only Overland Park, Kan. and Madison, Wisc. Nebraska was the only state which placed two cities in the Top 10.

Best Cities for Families

- 1 Overland Park, KS
- 2 Madison, WI

- 3 Plano, TX
- 4 Sioux Falls, SD
- 5 Virginia Beach, VA
- 6 Lincoln, NE
- 7 Aurora, IL
- 8 Omaha, NE
- 9 Colorado Springs, CO
- 10 Fremont, CA

Families move often and for various reasons. In fact, the average American can expect to move an estimated 11.7 times during his or her lifetime, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Moving can be a sign of opportunity — perhaps a new job or long-term wealth ac-

cumulation — or of instability such as foreclosure or job loss. The key in either case — whether you're a newly married couple or a victim of America's economic transition — is to choose an area conducive to

economic prosperity and the overall pursuit of happiness.

While obviously not perfect — given the intrinsic value of each city, personal preferences and the limitations of publicly

available data — the findings will hopefully give prospective movers a sense of which areas offer the greatest opportunity to achieve WalletFitness and, of course, live a long and happy life.

Five Irving ISD Elementary Students Shine at Lone Star Leadership Camps

Five Irving ISD outgoing fourth and fifth graders were among the 1,144 outstanding students in fourth through eighth grade who participated in the Education in Action's summer 2016 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps this summer. They are Brooklyn Brown, Lilliana Crawford, Tiffany Guajardo and Sabiyah Salem of Townsell Elementary School and Pedro Lara of Schulze Elementary School. The students were selected based on demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation, and involvement in school/community activities.

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. In addition, professionals at sites vis-

ited introduced students to a wide variety of unique careers during each camp.

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CARROLLTON
City earns
‘Transparency Star’

The City of Carrollton continues to be recognized for its dedication to open government as it has earned an Economic Development Transparency Star—the first entity to do so—from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under the new Transparency Stars program.

Additionally, Carrollton has earned a Transparency Star in the Debt Obligations category as well. Both accolades were awarded on Friday, August 26. The Transparency Stars program recognizes cities, counties, and school districts that provide easy online access to important financial data.

“Ongoing collaboration

between the office of Economic Development and the Finance department provides the City the opportunity to share with the public this high level of meaningful data related to Carrollton’s economic initiatives,” said Economic Development Manager Andrea Roy. “This online effort provides clear and concise information located in one place. It’s not only a prime example of the City’s commitment to transparency, but fiscal responsibility as well.”

Enjoy Free Summer Fun at Thomas Splash Park

Thomas Splash Park (1955 N. Perry Road) is still open and ready for play, operating 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

daily until Oct. 15.

This beautiful site features mature shade trees, wooden deck with picnic tables, plenty of parking, rolling green lawns, and a playground nestled in a quiet neighborhood. Features include spray equipment and shade structures. Located within easy walking distance from the popular W.J. Thomas and Josey Ranch sports fields, this is the perfect site for free water play and family picnics. For more information about summer fun in Carrollton, visit cityofcarrollton.com/aquatics.

FORT WORTH
Museum marks 911 remembrance

It has been fifteen years since the terror attacks of

9/11, but memories of that tragic event are as clear to some as if it were yesterday. You are invited to join the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History in commemorating this anniversary through two special free events.

On Sept. 6 at 7pm, 9/11 survivor, Michael Hingson, who has been blind since birth, recalls what happened when he was sitting at his desk in Tower One of the World Trade Center when it was attacked. Through the chaos, Hingson and his guide dog made it down 78 flights of stairs to safety. Since that day, Hingson has devoted his life to teaching others how to embrace-life changing events through his inspiring lectures. RSVP for this free Celebrity Lecture

at www.fortworthmuseum.org.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, admission to the Museum’s exhibits will be free to all first responders, military and their families. A commemorative program is planned for 2 p.m., featuring the Texas Boys’ Choir adjacent to the Museum’s 9/11 Tribute Exhibit. At the center of the exhibit is N-101, a full-façade panel that supported three floors (101-103) two stories above the center of the impact zone of the North Tower.

IRVING
Discover with Me interactive play series

The South Irving Library hosts Discover with Me play and learn series for parents,

caregivers and children 1 to 3 years of age on Thursdays in September from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

This early education program combines active play with toys including scooters, activity cubes and dress-up clothes, along with access to a local expert. Each week a different development or health expert will be on-hand to answer common questions about topics including speech, physical development and nutrition. Meet local families, get great information and engage in fun activities with your child.

No sign-up is required and the program is free. Discover with Me is part of the South Irving Library’s Family Place initiative. If you have questions, please call 972-721-2458.

Free events in Dallas during Nat’l Medicare Education Week

Confused about Medicare? You’re not alone. This September, baby boomers, Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers in the Dallas area are invited to participate in educational events, as part of National Medicare Education Week (Sept. 15 – 21). This annual observance begins exactly one month before the start

of the Medicare Open Enrollment Period (Oct. 15 – Dec. 7). Note that Irving has proclaimed the week as Irving Medicare Education Week, emphasizing the importance of Medicare education for local residents.

During the events, local UnitedHealthcare representatives will address people’s top questions and will be available to speak one-on-

one. Walgreens will also offer pneumonia and/or flu vaccinations at the events. Attendees will also be able to participate in a fitness demonstration through the Silver Sneakers program. The events will take place on Thursday, September 15,

1:00 PM, at the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center Street, Arlington, TX, 76014; and Tuesday, September 20, 9:00 AM, at the Heritage Senior Center Ballroom, 200 S. Jefferson Street, Irving, TX, 75060.M

To RSVP, please go to NMEW.com and click on

Find an Event or call: 1-855-434-4941. There is no cost to attend but registration is requested.

For those unable to attend the events, UnitedHealthcare will host a Facebook Q&A session on Sept. 15 from 2-4 p.m. CT, where beneficiaries and their loved

ones can get their Medicare questions answered in real-time.

To join, participants should visit Medicare Made Clear’s Facebook page. To learn more about Medicare through online resources, visit Medicare-Made-Clear.com.

TAAACC hosts annual conference

AUSTIN – The Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC) will host its Annual Conference September 22-23, 2016 at the DoubleTree Austin NW. This year’s theme is “Building for the Future.”

“We look forward to an enlightening exchange this year,” said TAAACC Chairman Christopher Herring. “Anytime we are able to convene our state’s Black chambers of commerce and Black business owners, we grow in our ability to fashion strategies to improve the quality life for Black Texans. The speed of change in the marketplace demands that we adapt and innovate

on the fly as we pursue our mission.”

Attendees at this year’s conference will notice familiar presentations like the always-insightful Texas Economic Forecast delivered by economist William Michael Cunningham, and new additions like the TAAACC Policy Breakfast. This installment of the Policy Breakfast will focus on opportunities in the Healthcare industry. Dallas business leader Albert C. Black, Jr., former chair of the board of Baylor Scott & White will share his perspectives on this critical industry sector. The breakfast

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Seussian fun puts the jungle and the circus centerstage in DCT opener

Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) opens its 33rd season with the fantastical adventure of SEUSSICAL on September 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts. The musical spectacle will feature one of DCT's largest ensembles, led by celebrated local talents including Kyle Igneczi as Cat in the Hat and Christopher Curtis as Horton.

Ten of Dr. Seuss's best known characters collide and cavort in SEUSSICAL, a one-of-a-kind musical extravaganza. The play is based on several of his books: Horton Hears a Who!, Horton Hatches the Egg, and Miss Gertrude McFuzz, the second story in the book Yertle the Turtle and other Stories.

The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie LaBird, JoJo, and others will guide audiences along a magical exploration of family and friendship through the Jungle of Nool, Circus McGurkus, and the tiny world of Whoville. And true to all Dr. Seuss stories, attendees will discover



SEUSSICAL is always a fan favorite for young audiences. (Photo: Karen Almond)

what it takes for Horton to withstand ridicule and danger to save the day during an unforgettable tale of adventure, heroism, perseverance, and loyalty.

Long-term writing team Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (My Favorite Year, Ragtime, Rocky) wrote the music and lyrics, respectively, for SEUSSICAL, and have been working together since 1988. They called on their ability to adapt to different styles of music which led them to create what is now one of the most performed shows in America. Flaherty's

compositions match Ahrens' lyrics for a combined effect of songs that invite, entertain, and narrate the story for audiences.

"Our 2016-2017 Me, the Recipe season is full of shows that ask our audiences to think about what makes them unique, and few people could inspire others to live great lives quite the way Dr. Seuss could," said Nancy Schaeffer, the show's director. Schaeffer is also DCT's Associate Artistic Director and Education Director. "We've definitely taken notice of how popular the

show has been, and it's been quite some time since a professional company has done SEUSSICAL in Dallas. So we really think it's the right time to bring SEUSSICAL to DCT, and we're very excited for it to be the show that opens our season."

Who doesn't love a good Dr. Seuss story?! That is why the young and the young-at-heart should plan to join DCT to think some things and enjoy the wonderful world of SEUSSICAL! Opening night Seuss-tivities will be sponsored by Children's Health and Sprinkles Cupcakes. Face painting, a Who-themed craft, word walls, selfies, giveaways, and more are planned! Sprinkles Cupcakes will provide mini-cupcakes with rainbow sprinkles at intermission for opening night audiences.

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Musical from Hamilton's Miranda opens in Plano

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phy, and Orchestration, a show to see during the busy fall theater season.

In the Heights opens on Friday, Sept. 9 and runs until Sunday, Sept. 18. Tickets can be purchased online at www.artcentretheatre.com

or at the door.

For a complete schedule and full details visit artcentretheatre.com. The Art Centre Theatre is located at 5220 Village Creek Drive, Plano, 75093.



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Rivals prepare for annual SWA Classic showdown

Ask about “the game of the year” in college football and an endless list of DI colleges roll off the tongue. Add in “and the halftime showdown,” and the list narrows down to one: the Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic between Grambling and Prairie View A&M.

The stage is set for this year’s event, with the Cotton Bowl slated to host the two teams at 4 p.m. on Oct. 1.

It’s a storied rivalry on the football field between the two Historically Black Universities, but unlike any

other game at the collegiate level, the rivalry carries on into halftime as both schools muster up first class, energetic and wild marching bands.

The event will actually cap off an entire week of celebrations for students and alumni, as well as fans, of both universities. All of which will kick off with a press conference on Monday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in the City Hall Flag Room. More events sponsored by each school’s alumni will lead up to game time. More info is available at www.alwe.com.

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series highlights five industries that underpin the Texas economy; Energy, Financial Services, Healthcare, Telecom/Tech, and Transportation.

“Our goal is to present information that both chambers and business leaders can use to be more effective in pursuit of our common goal – stronger, more profitable businesses that understand business’ role in solving the challenges faced by Black Texans,” said Charles O’Neal, President of TAAACC. “The dynamic growth of Texas’ Black population coupled with exponential growth in the number of Black-owned businesses puts Texas squarely among national leaders in efforts to improve

Black lives by creating solutions.”

The Governor’s Office of Small Business will join us to offer presentations on the future of Black entrepreneurship and expanding access to business skills, while members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus will preview the upcoming Legislative session. Of special interest is an entire separate workshop track Friday afternoon focused on State of Texas construction opportunities.

“Because access to capital is always high on the list of challenges of business owners face, the US Black Chambers, Inc. will roll out details of a new business line of credit made available through New Orleans-based

Plano’s Oak Point Park is the place to be as balloons take flight from Sept. 23–25

2016 will mark 37 years of ballooning...Join in the celebration at the InTouch Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival, a spectacular three-day event beginning at 4:00pm Friday, September 23rd at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. This action packed weekend event offers something for everyone; entertainment on the FOX 4 Community Stage and KLUV Main Stage, Friday and Saturday evening glows, Saturday evening spectacular fireworks, presented by Bimbo Bakeries USA, special kids art activities in the Central Market Kids Fun Zone, and of course the kaleidoscope of colors provided by the 40 hot-air balloons. The balloons will launch Friday at 6:00pm, Saturday at 7:00am and 6:00pm, and Sunday at 7:00am and 6:00pm (weather permitting).

BALLOONS...The major draw for the balloon festival will be the 40 magnificent,



colorful, hot air balloons. Fun for all ages, are the special shapes that attend the festival. Special Shapes attending this year include: High Diddle Diddle, Joelly-the Baby Bee, Betty Jean the Butterfly, Peg Leg Pete the Pirate Parrot, Purple People Eater, Pepe, and the new Bimbo Bear.

THRILL SEEKERS ... For the adventurous, the RE/MAX parachute team will perform Friday, Satur-

day, and Sunday afternoons at 5:30pm, jumping from their plane over the park and landing right in the middle of the launch field. Friday and Saturday evening, some of the balloons will provide a breathtaking sight as they inflate and glow after it gets dark. This is a must see!

SPECTATORS ... Over the years, the Festival has grown in the number of balloons and in the special activities that are planned for spectators. Concerts will be provided Friday and Saturday evening. We will wrap up Saturday evening with our very popular spectacular fireworks show, presented by Bimbo Bakeries USA.

RUNNERS... Why not join in the Half Marathon, 5K or Family Fun Run?

Runner’s will take off and seemingly float along the course after a one-of-a-kind start like no other. At 7am, a balloon launch (weather permitting) will fill the skies overhead for miles and miles making runners spirits soar. The course will lead back to the Festival grounds where the race bib earns the runners a fabulous hot breakfast. Runners can expect a great technical shirt, custom medal, and awesome winner’s trophies. Again this year the male and female over all half marathon winners will receive a custom designed winners ring. These rings have been custom designed by Olschwanger Jewelry

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Liberty Bank,” noted O’Neal. “We expect that Houston’s Unity Bank will also be present to maximize its outreach to businesses across the state. We also believe that presentations by Black mayors of Texas cities will enlighten those who aren’t aware that more than forty Texas cities have Black mayors. That leadership represents millions of dollars of contracting opportunity.”

The two-day conference kicks off with the annual TAAACC Golf Challenge. According to golf honorary chair James Harris, HEB Diversity Manager, the 12:30 PM shotgun start on Thursday at Austin’s Avery Ranch Golf Club will signal the opening of “Building for the Future.” For more information visit www.taaacc.org.

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Designs and will be presented at the awards ceremony. Two additional complimentary tickets (race bib admits the runner) and parking (provided by the race bib) will be an incentive to

bring your own cheering section. Register at www.planoballoonfest.org

FOOD ... oh yes ... we have food. Literally something for everyone, and with the variety of items being

served this year, no one should leave hungry. Thanks to the participation by local non-profit agencies, independent vendors, and sponsors we have everything you can imagine. Hungry for funnel cakes - we got 'em, love a corn dog - we have

the best in town, turkey legs - check out Dickey's booth, over 30 concessionaires, so many choices ... so little time!

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the entire family. The Central Market Kid's Fun Zone is filled with a 'free Kids Korner', huge inflatables, and more.

Young and old have much in common when they are enjoying the colorful balloons that will fill the skies

over Plano, September 23, 24 & 25. Come make memories for your family.

For additional information please check out the official event website: www.planoballoonfest.org or follow us on twitter and facebook.

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candidate to make this argument during this whole election cycle.

Clinton wants to continue to relegate Blacks to non-performing schools versus allowing parents to take their tax dollars to whatever school they deem best for their child, even though Clinton, Obama, and most members of the Congressional Black Caucus opted for private schools for their kids. That's not racist? Trump is a huge supporter of school choice.

These same Blacks are the ones who continue to ignorantly promote the notion that Republicans must and should speak before Democratic groups like the National Urban League, the NAACP, or the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

This is extremely insulting to me as a fellow Black Republican, but it is far easier for them to complain about Trump rather than provide a group of Black Republicans for Trump to engage with. We don't need the above liberal Democratic groups to validate our leaders or to prove that they are not racists.

Following their logic, White Republicans must speak before radical pro-homosexual groups like the Human Rights Campaign

(HRC) in order to prove that Republicans are not homophobic, yet no one makes this argument.

It seems that only when it comes to the Black vote do Black Republicans demand that we pay homage to those who are part of the Democratic base in order to reach out to the Black community.

Memo to the Trump campaign and the GOP: You have to start working with Black Republicans who have significant political experience and institutional memory about the party if you want to move the Black community towards the Republican party in this and future election cycles.

If you don't believe me or you don't want to recognize my argument, then I simply submit to you the past two weeks of constant embarrassing media appearances by supposed Black surrogates from the Trump campaign and the Republican Party as exhibit A.

This is what happens when you want to hire people who you are "comfortable" with versus those who know what the hell they are doing.

Whenever a surrogate is getting more exposure than the principal (South Carolina preacher Mark Burns), there is a problem. Whenever a campaign has to explain

away something a surrogate said or did, there is a problem. Whenever the media questions the party credentials or lack thereof of a surrogate, there is a problem.

The Republican Party needs to bring the Black Republican adults onto the scene or these media debates will continue and we will most assuredly lose the presidential election.

No longer can the Republican Party hire Blacks simply for race insurance. This is about winning the "race" for the White House, not hiring simply because of race. In my columns, over the past four years, I have warned that we would come to this impasse.

But as opposed to embracing my message, the party

was too busy attacking me and attempting to discredit me for "being too critical" of the party.

Maybe those Black Republicans who have the requisite experience and institutional memory should simply self-identify as a Black Democrat; then MAYBE the party will recognize them!

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The study appears in the journal *Bioengineering and Biotechnology*.

Source: *Carnegie Mellon University and Futurity*

Six ways to save on the next car you buy

By Nathaniel Sillin

Looking for an eco-friendly subcompact or the thrills that come with a sports car? Perhaps the practicality of a sedan or a spacious SUV better fits your needs? No matter what type of vehicle is calling your name, planning your purchase can help you save as much money as possible.

Consider these six savings tips while shopping for your next car. Whether



you're concerned about upfront, monthly or long-term costs, there's something here that can help you.

1. Look for a fuel-efficient car. Buying a hybrid or all-electric vehicle rather than a gas guzzler could

help you save money on long-run fuel costs. Plus, state and federal tax credits might give you some additional upfront savings.

If you're sticking to a fully gas-powered car, you can still save money by choosing a fuel-efficient model. Once you pick a class of car and determine your budget, use the Environmental Protection Agency's miles-per-gallon rating for each vehicle to estimate and compare the

monthly fuel costs.

2. Compare the long-term costs of different cars. In addition to fuel, consider the long-term costs of maintenance, repairs, insurance, taxes, depreciation, fees and financing.

To help you with the calculations, Kelly Blue Book has a 5-Year Cost to Own tool that lets you compare long-term costs for 2015 and 2016 models. Edmunds's True Cost to Own® tool does a similar

thing for 2010 and newer models.

3. Buy a "new-to-you" car. Buying a used car rather than the equivalent brand-new model can usually save you money. However, you'll want to look at each used car on an individual basis. Consider how it feels during a test drive and its history if you can access it.

You may be able to buy a

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"Our hope is to do our best with the money that we have to expand all three of those programs, but that's a challenge given that there was \$105 million on the table with the TRE that we won't have access to this year," said board member Dustin Miller. "We'll be looking for possible cuts in other areas in order to free up money to fund those programs."

Tightening the belt of a large school district to secure funds for programs that have proven viable is an obvious choice on the surface, but the district still has the responsibility to maintain its standard existing services to students as well. The initial enrollment numbers suggest the DISD may also lose state money, so finding those cuts may be even more difficult.

"There's only so much you can cut before those cuts become Draconian cuts, and 80 percent of our budget are people," board member Miguel Solis said. "You can only cut so much before you get to the point where you have to cut people. I'm not suggesting that that's what we plan to do anytime soon, but that's the reality of the situation. That was the reality of the situation a few weeks ago when we were talking about going after the TRE."

There is always the option of pursuing a later vote on TRE, but timing can mean a lot in TRE elections. The Frisco ISD recently called a

similar referendum on a non-election date and the measure failed, due in part to having a low voter turnout. The DISD administration fears it might face the same obstacle.

"We think it's going to be 70 percent (voter turnout in November)," Hinojosa said. "The difference between that and next November? The last two times there was an election without a governor and without a president on the ballot, the turnout was 6 percent. So the difference between 70 percent and 6 percent is huge, and like in Frisco with a special one, you run a big risk of not getting enough people out who have an interest in this topic."

Dan Micciche, who was

named president of the school board following the debate over the TRE, said the district will make do with what it has for now, but cited a gap in how far current resources can go to meet the needs of the future.

"Dallas has the highest child poverty rate in the nation," Micciche said. "Dallas ISD has one of the very lowest tax rates in the North Texas region. DISD can

pursue the initiatives on much more limited basis without a tax increase. While every government and business entity can certainly improve its efficiency to some extent, the district's resources are limited, and the needs of the students are greater than in most other districts."

Hinojosa said the DISD will be OK financially for the upcoming school year,

but needs to find \$30 million somewhere in the budget to continue improvement on the three key areas in question.

"These three things are very important to us, and we've got to fund them in the future," Hinojosa said. "These three are strategic initiatives that are high priority. So we're going to have to balance all of our other needs."

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Freelancing is redefining the concept of work in the USA

By Lucas Franco de Siqueira
NDG special Contributor.

Millennials, the generation born from the 1980s to the 2000s, are facing far more difficulties to find jobs than previous generations according to the Pew research center. The recession of the early 2000s and the financial crisis of 2008 has changed the economy and postponed the retirement of baby boomers. Therefore, limiting the spots open to Millennials right off college.

Thus, Millennials are being forced to redefine their comprehension of work and productivity. And freelancing seems to be the answer for long waits after sending resumes to 9-to-5 corporate positions without success.

Sara Horowitz, the founder and executive di-

rector of Freelancers Union, has written to the United States Department of Labor website, "More than 53 million Americans are now earning income from work that's not a traditional 9-to-5. That's 1 in 3 workers."

The rise of platforms such as Uber, Fiverr, Tispr, and Airbnb prove the increase of freelancing as a successful movement. These platforms connect the suppliers to the consumers without bureaucracies and unreasonable prices. Fiverr, an online marketplace that offers a multitude of services beginning at \$5 to customers worldwide, disclosed that 76 percent of sellers were Millennials in 2015.

Freelancing offers flexibility of schedule, side sources of income for the ones that have full-time jobs, and a different under-

standing of what is possible for this generation facing shortages of jobs.

Rumwald Le Guevel, a 28 years old staff accountant by day and Uber driver by night said, "I love being an Uber driver because I can interact with different people, make money, and listen to audiobooks when there is no passenger, so I feel that I am using my time wisely."

Being a freelancer is becoming more seductive

every day as people strive to have healthier lifestyles and work with their passions. Millennials can work their schedules according to preferences and be pro-active instead of waiting on the goodwill of human resource departments.

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Have you ever heard someone say, "I will never do business with that man that professes to be a Christian" again?

I have heard this comment about Christian believers. This comment represents the battle that rages against us by the enemy of our soul to destroy the witness and effectiveness of Christian believers.

As believers, we must realize that we are in a war - a war for the souls of men, a war to discredit all that a believer stands for, a war

that is designed to divide Christian against Christian.

Satan's ploy in the life of believers is to do several things to make them "Ineffective" as a skilled warrior of God.

First, he wants to discredit them by allowing them to fail other people in their community or business services. This often shows up in failing to perform what they committed to do or performing in an unsatisfactory way.

Sometimes, this is a result of a downright failure of the believer to perform with excellence. In other cases, it may be a misunderstanding in the midst of the service that causes strife and division instigated by the enemy.

The result in both cases is the same: a division among Christians and even non-Christians, further resulting in a "damaged witness" for Christ.

The apostle Peter admonishes us to, "They may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify

God in the day of visitation. . ." **1 Peter 2:12.**

There are times when each of us is thrust into situations out of our control. Defeating Satan in these battles requires extra communication with those with whom we are dealing.

If the motive of your heart is to do right, then God will give you favor in order to work through these difficult spots. God will show you where the enemy is seeking to make you ineffective.

As stated, we are waging

a spiritual war that is not flesh and blood. We must fight this war with spiritual weapons applied to practical daily living.

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Coca-Cola had an advertising slogan that said, "It's the real thing." People are desperately looking everywhere for the real thing.

As we live in a day when technology can make us believe something that isn't, actually is. Animation

in movies today is so advanced they can make you believe actors are achieving the most extraordinary feats.

It is the ultimate deception. I believe that there is one thing that caused Jesus to get angry about more than anything else. It is when religious people do things inconsistent with what they are taught.

Hypocrisy is a form of deception designed to make you believe something isn't reality. Being devious is a form of deceit.

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NDG Book Review: *Women in Blue* is quite arresting

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The law's the law.

You've known practically since you were born that rules were not made to be broken; in fact, they were made for a reason – even when it's hard to make them stick. That's especially true now, just as it was and a hundred years ago or more, and in the book "Women in Blue" by Cheryl Mullenbach, you'll read about pioneers who helped enforcement.

Police in petticoats. That doesn't seem like it would have much authority, does it? Back in the late 1800s, that was what female police



officers were called. They were also called guardettes and copettes before everyone pretty much settled on "matrons," but no matter what anyone called them, those women did the same work as the men. Some-

times, they did more.

Take, for instance, Denver's first police matron, Sadie Likens.

When a young dance hall girl took her own life in despair, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union became concerned about the lack of support for women and children in the Wild West. It was 1888, and the WCTU convinced the city to appoint someone to create a safety net for those who had none. Likens was their woman.

But it wasn't easy for her. Though people loved her and she did the job she was hired to do (as well as cleaning, cooking for male officers, party-planning, and

jail-tending), she became innocently embroiled in a scandal that threatened to spoil everything.

In the early 1900s, Los Angeles had their "City Mother's Bureau" to keep teenagers out of trouble. It was backed by "wealthy society ladies" and run by Althea Gilbert, who started out taking care of women prisoners but who knew that juveniles needed a "second chance," too.

In 1912, New York's Isabella Goodwin went undercover to solve crime, doing the work of a detective but without the title or salary. Moira Smith lost her life on September 11, 2001, while

helping people to safety. And Chicago's first policewoman, Grace Wilson, was also the city's first African American policewoman in 1918.

Mention police officers to a preteen, and she may conjure up an image of an officer in a patrol car or walking a beat. "Women in Blue" will change that perception, and then change it again.

Unless your family includes a long line of law enforcers, it may come as a surprise for your child to learn about "matrons" in the Wild West, early forensics practitioners, or undercover officers in the Jazz Age, but

author Cheryl Mullenbach tells those stories well. Young readers will also be thrilled by accounts from women who were jailed in facilities meant for men, and by African American voices from Jim Crow years. These and other stories and sidebars span three centuries, and Mullenbach helpfully includes resources so your child can learn more.

For an adult, this book is a quick, worthwhile read but it's really meant more for kids 12 and up. If there's a young crime fighter, lawmaker, or future patrolwoman in your family, "Women in Blue" will be quite arresting.

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warranty for your used car, or you could purchase a certified pre-owned (CPO) car from a dealership. Dealers inspect CPOs before selling them with a manufacturer's warranty. If you're not buying a CPO, you could hire a mechanic to perform a pre-purchase inspection. It's not a guarantee, but the inspection can help ensure you won't get caught off guard by any unexpected issues.

With the right deal on a used car, you might be able to buy the car outright instead of financing the purchase. By paying cash, you avoid accruing interest, making monthly payments and worrying about loan-origination fees.

4. Negotiate the purchase. Most people don't enjoy haggling with a car salesperson, but even non-confrontational negotiating tactics can help you save money.

For example, once you pick a make and model,

you could shop online for available vehicles at nearby dealerships. Reach out to each dealer's internet sales team and ask for their best total cost, inclusive of taxes and fees.

Take the lowest offer and ask the other dealers if they can beat it. If one of them can, take your new lowest quote and again ask the rest of the dealers to go lower. Keep going until you get a price that works best for you.

You could use the same tactic with dealerships outside your area. However, you may have to travel and pick up the car or pay to transport it.

Another helpful resource is negotiation services like Authority Auto, which negotiates competitive prices on new and pre-owned cars. For a fee, the online service negotiates each part of the process to get you a better deal and take some of the stress out of the car-buying experience and

only charge a percentage of what they save you.

5. Consider leasing instead of purchasing. Taking out a lease is similar to purchasing a long-term rental. You'll have to return or buy the car at the end of the lease, and you may have to pay fees if you drive too many miles or damage the vehicle.

The lease down payment and monthly payments will be lower than buying the same car outright. However, you can still save money by shopping around and negotiating because the down payment and monthly payments depend on the vehicle's sale price.

If you like to drive a new car and always want to be under warranty, starting a new lease every few years could make sense. On the other hand, there's more long-term value in buying if you tend to have a lot of wear and tear on your cars.

6. Use alternative means of transportation. Forgoing the purchase of a car altogether might not work for

everyone, but it's worth considering if you live in a city or don't regularly drive long distances. Instead of owning a car, you could get around with a mix of carpooling, public transportation, walking and biking. You could also still have access to a car if you join a car-sharing program or use a ride-sharing app or taxi service.

Bottom line

There are many ways to save money on your next car, and you should almost certainly plan your purchase before signing any dotted lines. Start by researching all your options, including living without a car, buying used and leasing. If you decide to purchase a car, you can compare the long-term cost of different makes and models and save money upfront by haggling with sellers.

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opportunity.

The innovative power of cities, in the form of knowledge-generation and the discovery of new solutions to address our most pressing needs and challenges, is rooted in the presence of and engagement between residents with diverse experiences and know-how. At the same time, the legacy of slavery and a prolonged his-

tory of social segregation, including the economic and political disenfranchisement of minorities, continue to undermine the power of urban diversity.

Although much has been done to address the negative aspects of this legacy, more needs to be done to make U.S. cities more equitable, healthy, fair, safe and beautiful.

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gram is open to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college and pursue degrees in the STEM and arts fields. The scholarship covers all college expenses, including tuition, books, fees, and room and board for four years. The deadline to apply is in December 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2016/01/will-i-am-foundation-scholarship-i-am-angel-foundation.html

#6 – Burger King Scholars Program: The Burger King Scholars program is designed to help high-school seniors who are looking to

start college next year.

Annually, the program awards more than \$1.4 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 students. Applicants must be residents of the United States or Canada, and must be graduating high school seniors. The deadline to apply is in December 2016. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/03/burger-king-scholars-program.html

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God said that you can't violate His ways through deceit and hypocrisy and expect to have an intimate relationship with Him.

"Ye hypocrites, well did

Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:7-9.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the

outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the

platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also.

Ask God to make you a true follower of Jesus who is genuine, in all that you say and do. So that your intimacy with Him will grow and others will see that you are the real thing, with the real Word of God.