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Dallas council members facing heavy competition in May election

With the drawing for ballot order scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24, the center lanes of that ballot for the Dallas City Council election in May are piling up with candidates. It appears Dallas is headed for several hotly contested council races as 11 districts feature at least two candidates. Two races include seasoned veterans coming back around for a repeat run on the council.

The Dallas City Council may look a lot different depending on the results of the election. Technically, it is possible to see a complete makeover of the faces running the local municipal government.

All but three seats on the city council are being contested. The only "safe" council members are Adam McGough (Place 10), Sandy Greyson (Place 12) and Jennifer Staubach Gates (Place 13). The unopposed races are all taking place in northern Dallas districts.

In total there are 38 candidates vying for a seat on the Dallas City Council in the May 6 election. Prospective city council members face a number of issues of contention in the city. Concerns over the future of Fair Park (located in and among the more heavily-contested council districts), financial worries coming from various city employee groups and civic commissions and an upcoming bond program could make for interesting points of contention.

On the south side, where the heaviest races are being run, changes in streets, the gentrification of Oak Cliff



There is a potential for big changes on the Dallas City Council as all but three places are being contested in the upcoming May 6 election. (Image:City of Dallas livestream)

and the ever-present concern over the future of the Trinity River, which has long been eyed for public parks and a future transportation route to ease traffic congestion through the heart of the downtown area. The southern sector of Dallas has been of particular interest for Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings in his time in office.

Council members Monica R. Alonzo (District 6), Tiffinni A. Young (District 7) and Erik Wilson (District 8) face a flock of challengers as of the filing deadline on Feb. 17.

In Place 6, Alonzo was originally up against six opponents, though only five will appear on the ballot. She is running for reelection against Tony Carrillo, Gilbert N. Cerda, Alex S. Dickey, Omar Fermin Narvaez and Linus Lynell Spiller.

Young also faces five challengers in Place 7. Adam Bazaldua, Marvin E. Crenshaw, Kevin D. Felder, Tammy L.

Johnston and James Clyde Turknett have filed paperwork seeking the seat.

Wilson is up against four other candidates in his race to maintain Place 8 on the city council. He is being challenged by Tennell Atkins, Moctezuma Seth Gonzalez, Gail Terrell and Eric L. Williams.

Alonzo's district (Place 6) runs along the western side of the city. Young (Place 7) and Wilson (Place 8) represent districts in the southern zone of the city.

These certainly are not the only opposed races going into the May city council election. In Place 3, incumbent Casey Thomas, II faces both Joe Lawrence Tave and - pending eligibility review - Sandra Crenshaw. In Place 14, incumbent Philip T. Kingston is up against challengers Kim E. Welch and Mathew Curtis

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Why Trump is lying about voter fraud and crime

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

vote, which is an astonishing statistic."

There are two subjects in particular that the Trump Administration lies about the most: crime and voting.

That statement is simply false. Miller couldn't produce a single shred of evidence when Stephanopoulos pressed him on the subject.

During a recent interview on "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos, President Trump's senior advisor Stephen Miller lied about voter fraud during the 2016 elections.

But Miller was just repeating what his boss said shortly before the election.

Miller said that, "And you have 14 percent of noncitizens, according to academic research, at a minimum, are registered to

At a rally in Cleveland, Ohio on October 23, 2016, presidential candidate Donald Trump said that, "14 percent of noncitizens are registered to vote."

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Charles E. Siler

The Carrollton Cartoonist Charles E. Siler is named after his father an uncle and grandmother. "I have a created middle name", he laughs, "My uncle Ernest and my Grandmother Adeline's names were combined to give me my middle name Ernestlin which I didn't get the correct spelling of until I got my driver's license after moving to Texas ... long story."

Siler is on his fourth or fifth career but has been a cartoonist since age 12 when he made \$5 for his first sale back in 1955.



Along the way he was an activist with high school classmates who picketed Louisiana's State Library in 1960 after being inspired by a mass demonstration in 1960. In the fall of 1961, as

a student at Southern University, he was one of 13 protesters that were jailed which lead to a 5000 person march on downtown Baton Rouge (his hometown). "The police heard us guys in the line singing back when the demonstrators began singing 'We Shall Overcome' and rioted, releasing tear gas and dogs on people who were peaceful. Of course, in those days, Black lives didn't matter ..."

After being "kicked out" of Southern, he went to work for the NAACP running their voter registration and education office. The office was subject to harassment and tapped phones.

Siler praises the support he received from NAACP officers Revs. Jelks, Walker and Dr. Dupuy Anderson, they were dedicated to the voter registration effort of the movement. "I didn't consider my efforts a success – but, I was 19 years old and had no plans to back off. I helped an 84 year old lady register to vote and that made up for everything."

Returning to Southern University, Siler gained an audience with his cartooning and a humor column dubbed "Chucklin' with Chuck" where, even then, he skewered politics and racism.

"I've always been a car-

toonist and writer, regardless of whatever else I did though the early years of my life, were art and writing-centered."

After college, he moved to California where he worked as a postal clerk while writing for local newspapers and doing his first professional stage design for the American Theater of Being. "For a few bucks and a chance to work with Frank Silvera (he was famous for conducting writer's workshop) I had the time of my life."

"Uncle Sugar called and I wound up in uniform and stayed in warm water because of the undercurrent of

racism that ran through the military. I wound up in Viet Nam – Brer Rabbit hit the briar patch moving at light speed. I wound up working out of the Qui Nhon information office working as a correspondent. I was the darkest person to hit the field with camera, sketchpad and notebook. I bought my first portable tape recorder. I also created a strip The Front Line that was still running when I returned home."

Returning to the states, Siler spent a few years at his alma mater, Southern, as Sports Information Director

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Rep. Keith Ellison

AUSTIN -- The Texas Coalition of Black Democrats (TCBD) announced their formal endorsement of Congressman Keith Ellison to lead the Democratic National Committee (DNC). "This endorsement follows statewide polling of our members and a vote by our members," says Gene Collins, TCBD president.

"With elections scheduled in Atlanta, GA this weekend, we felt it important to weigh in on who we believe will unite the Party and serve grassroots inter-



ests on a local level," Collins shares.

TCBD also made endorsements in each of the DNC races as follows:

- Michael Blake for Vice Chair

- Karen Carter Peterson for Vice Chair of Civic Engagement and Voter Participation

- Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for Secretary

- Joyce Amico for Treasurer

- Henry Munoz for National Finance Chair

"We hope the other voting members of the DNC will join us in our support of Rep. Keith Ellison as the next chair of the DNC and the slate of candidates TCBD has endorsed," adds Collins.

The endorsements come after a series of interviews

with most of the candidates, forum presentations, and internal discussions. In late December TCBD conducted a statewide survey of black Democrats specifically for the DNC Chair's race. TCBD leadership and members concluded that the slate of candidates gives Democrats the best possible opportunity to organize and elect our candidates to state and local positions as well as national offices.

"It is critical that we create an environment in which the best leaders in our communities will, once again, feel good about serv-

ing our communities and vying for public office. We must work side by side with our youth and assure them that our Party is organized, transparent, and fair to all so that we may further the goals of our democratic platform," Collins explains.

The DNC will vote in Atlanta during the Winter Meetings starting on Feb. 23.

Rep. Ellison has represented the Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives since taking office on January 4, 2007. The Fifth Congressional District

is the most vibrant and diverse district in Minnesota with a rich history and traditions. The Fifth District includes the City of Minneapolis and the surrounding suburbs.

Rep. Ellison's philosophy is one of "generosity and inclusiveness." His roots as a community activist and his message of inclusivity through democratic participation resonates throughout the Fifth District. His priorities in Congress are: promoting peace, prosperity for working families, environmental sustainability, and civil and human rights.

Bill Cosby

By Stacy M. Brown
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Last week, a federal judge in Massachusetts struck down a defamation suit against Bill Cosby in a ruling that the legendary comedian's attorneys said reaffirms the fundamental right for him or anyone else to defend against public accusations.

"This is another in a line of recent developments, vindicating Mr. Cosby's right to defend himself in the face of an onslaught of unverified accusations," the lawyers said in a statement.

The case stems from the accusations of former actress Katherine McKee, who in an interview to the international press in December 2014, ac-



cused Cosby of attacking her in the mid-1970s.

When Cosby's lawyer tried to defend him by demanding a retraction of the story, McKee sued him for defamation, Cosby attorneys said.

The Massachusetts court ruling is among several dismissals granted in Cosby's favor.

In December, a federal appeals court announced a sim-

ilar decision in the case of Hill vs. Cosby, affirming the dismissal of a very similar lawsuit.

Renita Hill of Pittsburgh, Pa., had alleged that Cosby drugged and molested her for years, starting when she was 16, when she worked with him on a children's TV show in the Steel City beginning in 1983.

Hill went public with her allegations in November 2014, after other accusers had already stepped forward.

She filed suit after Cosby's lawyers denied any wrongdoing and Hill argued that the star defamed her with his denials, particularly by suggesting she was lying and trying to extort him.

"These two decisions should also pave the way to the final dismissal of the re-

maining civil actions pending against Mr. Cosby including the appellate proceeding challenging a partial dismissal of the action brought by reality television personality Janice Dickinson," said Cosby's lead civil lawyer Angela C. Agrusa. "This is the correct outcome. This order, taken in conjunction with the recent decision in the Hill case, amount to a powerful statement of the law."

Agrusa continued: "It is paramount in a free society to be able to insist on one's innocence in the face of serious public accusations, and today's ruling reinforces that fundamental right."

Dickinson's suit began in 2015 when the former model sued Cosby, and then-lawyer

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Trump and Black Caucus planning first meeting

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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Following a bizarre exchange with American Urban Radio Networks White House Correspondent April Ryan, the Congressional Black Caucus is in talks with President Donald Trump to set up a meeting.

Trump asked, Ryan, a veteran Black journalist, if she could set up a meeting with him and the CBC, as if Ryan was an employee of the White House or a special assistant to the CBC. Ryan responded by saying, “I’m a journalist.”

The confusing exchange was one of several moments at an unscheduled press conference Trump held at the White House on February 16.

“Since the White House

has reached out in an appropriate manner to request a meeting with the caucus, I am now in discussions with them about setting one up,” Congressional Black Caucus Chairman, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.) said in a statement after the press conference concluded.

During an interview on MSNBC on February 17, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) said that, “Steve Bannon cannot be in the room,” when the CBC meets with President Trump. “He’s a stone cold racist.”

Bannon is currently the president’s chief strategist and served as a high-ranking executive at Breitbart News, an online publication known for trafficking in right-wing, alternative news

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NDG Readers Sound Off

Arlington woman receives key to the city in Corpus Christi

Editor's Note: The reader is referring to Dr. Linda Amerson's honor last year.

Alopecia is such a difficult and emotional disease to deal with. I praise Dr. Amerson for all of her hard work and dedication to the cause.

- Adrienne via NorthDallasGazette.com

Win Tickets to North Texas Irish Festival

I'm excited for the Irish Stew bread bowls! Last year a guy asked me out to the Irish Festival and we started our day eating his

favorite thing, the stew. Now we are planning our future and getting engaged! I can't wait to relive that first date moment this year.

- Via @Dfw_explorer to @NorthDallasGazette (Instagram Profile)

GOP votes to silence Sen. Warren for attacks on AG nominee Sessions

Freedom of speech. It would be helpful for the GOP to read the Constitution.

- Via @CamGreer11 to @NDGEditor (Twitter Profile)

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President Trump entered office lying about voter fraud and threatening an investigation. Civil rights leaders have called for an investigation of voter suppression during the 2016 presidential election. More recently, the lying crossed over into the topic of an increased “crime wave” that doesn’t exist. Now, the lies about a vast American crime wave and record-levels of illegal voting seem to be coming together.

On January 23, during a meeting with members of Congress and the White House, President Trump lied about voting again. Trump and his 31 year-old aide Stephen Miller, who was sent out on all the Sunday morning talk shows on February 12, appear to be lying for two reasons. First, Trump can’t come to terms with the fact that Hillary Clinton received almost three million more votes than he did, and second, the Trump Administration would appear to be laying the groundwork to justify a new law that would make it harder for people to vote, particularly minorities.

Trump’s Attorney General, former Alabama Sena-

tor Jeff Sessions had a history of prosecuting African Americans, who were registering too many other African Americans to vote as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Having provided no explanation or apology for his past prosecutions, particularly that of the late Albert Turner Sr., there’s no reason to believe that Sessions won’t pick up where he left off in Alabama in the 1970s.

Even though, Sessions’ past statements and actions as a prosecutor in Alabama are clear, the public perception of Sessions the man is mixed.

Turner’s son, Albert Turner, Jr., issued a statement endorsing Sessions that said, “I believe that he is someone with whom I, and others in the civil rights community can work if given the opportunity.”

Still, American history of the disenfranchisement of African American (and other minority) voters is also clear. In the late 1800s, it was a poll tax, literacy tests and other requirements that Black voters were unlikely to meet. Today it’s voter ID, closing polling places, cutting Sunday voting and purg-

ing voting rolls.

The continued strategy used by present day Republicans is still the “Southern Strategy” — they’ve just added Hispanics to the list of targets. The Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids started only two days after Attorney General Sessions was sworn-in.

“The crackdown on illegal criminals is merely the keeping of my campaign promise. Gang members, drug dealers & others are being removed!” Trump tweeted on February 12.

Trump tweeted about his “crackdown on illegal criminals” a day after El Paso ICE spokeswoman in El Paso Leticia Zamarripa stated that, “ICE regularly conducts targeted enforcement operations during which additional resources and personnel are dedicated to apprehending deportable foreign nationals.”

Many immigrant rights advocates knew the raids were not routine before anyone communicated anything.

“The President is lying when he says deporting immigrants is about fighting crime,” wrote Rep. Luis Gutierrez on February 10. “The President wants to show off and it appears he

has unleashed the Department of Homeland Security to kick-out large numbers of immigrants and anyone they encounter, without much oversight, review or due process.

Gutierrez, who represents parts of Chicago, continued: “There is very little official information on what appears to be a new Trump deportation initiative. Homeland Security is deporting moms ... under the smoke screen of criminal or anti-terror actions.”

Republicans have lost the popular vote over two presidential elections since 2000. The demographics in the country are becoming more Black and Brown and researchers estimate that the share of White voters will fall a few percentage points every four years.

Trump, Stephen Miller and many others in the Republican Party are well aware of the math.

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Free Cedar Valley College Health Fair on March 23

Cedar Valley College invites the community to attend its annual Health Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at its Lancaster campus, 3030 N. Dallas Avenue. The following providers have been confirmed for free services:

- Vision Screening for children and adults (Duncanville Eye Associates)
- HIV Testing (AIDS Arms)
- Women's Health for Pregnancy Testing, Pregnancy Sonograms, limited STD testing mobile unit (Sonograms on Site)

• Blood Pressure and Pulse Check and Body Composition (Crescent Medical Center of Lancaster)

• Spinal Screening (Comfort Rehab and CTC Chiropractic)

• Expired Medication Disposal (CVC Police Department)

The activities will take place mainly in the upper levels of the A, B and C buildings on campus. Attendees can park in the S1 or S2 parking lots, which are the closest to the A Building entrance which is past the flagpoles.

Heavy drinking may age arteries over time

Heavy alcohol drinking habits over the years may prematurely age arteries, especially in men, putting them at an increased risk for heart disease, according to new research in Journal of the American Heart Association, the Open Access Journal of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

Drinking too much, can affect the elasticity of the arterial walls (arterial stiffness) and prematurely age the arteries, interfering with blood flow.

Moreover, researchers found that male former drinkers were at risk for accelerated rates of arterial stiffness compared with moderate drinkers who were



Heavy drinking for years has consequences on your health. (Image: American Heart Assn.)

in early old age. This observation was not found in females, although the study of 3,869 participants was 73 percent male.

The findings, which looked at alcohol drinking habits over a 25-year period, support previous research on

moderate alcohol consumption and its association with reduced risk for cardiovascular disease. The question is how much alcohol is too much and at what point does alcohol start to cause damage to the arteries?

Participants ranged in age

at the initial alcohol assessment from their 30s to their 50s, with statistical adjustment made for age (amongst other characteristics) in the study's analyses, and anyone with a history of heart disease were excluded from the study. Few of the participants were current smokers, however 68 percent of the men and 74 percent of women failed to meet recommended weekly exercise guidelines. Among both men and women, one in 10 had Type 2 diabetes. Men were more likely to be heavy drinkers compared with women; however, there were twice as many stable nondrinkers and former

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Minority blood donors needed for blood drive at Remington College

Blood; it's all red but it's not all the same. That's why Remington College Dallas Campus is holding a 3 Lives Blood Drive and highlighting the need for minority blood donors.



The event will be held on Wednesday, March 22 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and then from 5-8:45 p.m. at the Remington College Dallas Campus. The blood drive is being held in conjunction with Carter Blood Care.

Remington College created the 3 Lives campaign to recruit new minority blood donors and raise awareness of blood disorders. Minority donors - particularly African American donors - are in high demand because they provide blood with unique antigens that are vital for patients with sickle cell disease and other blood disorders.

According to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of

America, more than 2.5 million people carry the sickle cell trait in the U.S. - mostly African Americans. 80,000 people in the U.S. have sickle cell disease, and 1,000 babies are born with sickle cell each year.

Nationally, Remington College has collected more than 13,900 pints of blood through its 3 Lives Blood Drives. And since 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives, that's enough blood to save more than 41,000 lives.

While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of minority blood donors, everyone is encouraged to give blood at the event. Donors must be 17 years of age or older and

weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. All the blood collected will go to local hos-

pitals and medical centers to help people in the Metroplex.

Remington College-Dallas Campus is located at 1800 Eastgate Drive in Gar-

land. For more on the 3 Lives program, visit www.3Lives.com.

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Wood. In Place 1, incumbent Scott Griggs will be running against Stephen L. Winn. In Place 2 incumbent Adam Medrano faces Brian F. Ostrander. In Place 4 incumbent Carolyn King Arnold is being challenged by Dwaine R. Caraway. In Place 9 incumbent Mark Clayton is being challenged by Arthur L. Adams, Jr. Finally, in Place 11, incumbent Lee M. Kleinman will run against Mary Candace Evans.

Two former Dallas council members are seeking to make a return to city government. Tennell Atkins and Dwaine R. Caraway are both heavy campaigners who can be expected to make a strong run for their seats. Caraway is going head-to-head with Carolyn King Arnold, a city council candidate he has supported in the past. Atkins is challenging Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wilson in the crowded five-candidate race taking place for District 8.

While certainly, the more heavily contested, the Dallas City Council is not the only local governing body coming up for election. The Dallas In-

dependent School District Board of Trustees will also be going through an election process as well.

In the Dallas ISD school board election there are three seats up for vote, with two of them being opposed. Miguel Solis is running unopposed for District 8. Incumbent Joyce Foreman is facing a challenge from Phelesha Hamilton, and in District 2, incumbent Dustin Marshall is being challenged by Lori Kirkpatrick and Richard Young.

One of the top issues facing potential candidates in the school board election could be the school board's recent failure to go to the citizens with a vote for a 13-cent tax hike. The revenues were sought by school administration for the expansion of existing successful programs in under-performing schools and PreK programs. After the board decided not to move forward with the election, a new school board president was immediately voted in.

Along with the city, the Dallas ISD board elections will be held on May 6.

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Garland ISD's 2017-18 calendar includes extended days

The 2017-18 school year will bring with it new school hours for Garland ISD. The district's Board of Trustees approved next year's calendar, including extended days for all campus levels, at its Feb. 13 meeting. The new start and end times meet a change in legislation regarding required minutes of instruction per year.

Students will start 2017-18 on Aug. 28 and end their classes June 8. Winter Break will also be observed Dec. 18-Jan. 1, and Spring Break will take place March 12-16. View the complete calendar, school hours and FAQs on the GISD website.

With the 85th session of the Texas Legislature underway, Trustees approved five Legislative Priorities. They are calling for adequate, equitable school district funding; increased support for student performance; a clear, growth-focused accountability system; a strong, viable Texas Teacher Retirement System; and flexibility for school districts. The board will now express these priorities during meetings with legislators in Austin.

Trustees took action on bond items discussed at a special workshop Feb. 6. They voted to keep original plans regarding renovations and new rooms for fine arts programs at all secondary campuses. The



Garland ISD will open the school year on Aug. 28, 2017 (Image: GISD)

board also approved moving forward with elementary campuses in Phase 2, and transferring project savings from Naaman Forest High School to the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center to assist with purchasing furniture and priority 1 materials.

New administrative appointments included naming Atticus Wisener as the Director of Secondary Human Resources. He previously served as principal at Garland High School. Christopher Nester will also join GISD as a new Area Director. Carol Goff will transition from her current position as Assistant Principal at Hudson Middle School to become the new principal at Bussey Middle School.

DCCCD hosts more Black History programs

All colleges in the Dallas County Community College District's system will hold programs and activities to celebrate Black History Month this February. Two of the final events are:

EL CENTRO COLLEGE

• Mon., Feb. 27 -- "The Mountaintop" by Kaori Hall will be performed at 11 a.m. on Feb. 27. Additional shows are scheduled at 8

a.m. on Feb. 28 and at 7 p.m. on March 2, 3 and 4. All shows will be staged in the Performance Hall. General admission is \$10.

RICHLAND COLLEGE

• Tues., Feb. 28 -- A campus forum titled "Leadership in the Community and New Forms of Activism" will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Sabine Hall, room 118.

Angelee Morales was also named the new principal at Couch Elementary School. She previously served as Assistant Principal at Liberty Grove Elementary School.

Trustees recognized a Sachse High School junior and four campuses with Evidence of Excellence awards. With 18 offers to play football in college, Jalen Mayden is ranked as the ninth dual-threat quarterback in the nation according to the industry-generated 247Sports Composite. He led the SHS Mustangs to an undefeated season and second-round

playoff run. He was also invited to play in the North American Championship game and named a finalist for the Under Armour Quarterback of the Year award. Mayden's actions off the field are getting noticed as well. He runs a charity that helps Rowlett residents in need.

In the fall, the Texas Education Agency announced 2015-16 Title I

Reward Schools based on STAAR results from last year. This designation was awarded to just 300 campuses statewide, including Hillside and Kimberlin Academies for Excellence, as well as Pearson and Roach elementary schools. Reward School status can be earned in two categories. High Performing campuses are those with distinctions in math and

science, while high progress campuses rank in the top 25 percent of annual improvement or closing achievement gaps based on system safeguards. All four GISD winners received both distinctions.

Additional board meeting information can be found in the online agenda and archived video, chaptered by items.

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Investing in Irving's infrastructure to provide quality services for residents

City staff works to construct and maintain a variety of infrastructure projects every day that help ensure residents receive the quality services they have grown to expect from the City of Irving.

Capital Improvement Program Department

The Capital Improvement Program Department (CIP) carries out the construction of all infrastructure and capital projects for the city. This includes the construction of various city facilities such as parks, libraries and aquatic centers, as well as the construction of the city's infrastructure including streets,



sidewalks, water and wastewater utilities, and drainage. While many of these projects are easily visible; many are not.

Traffic and Transportation

The Traffic and Trans-

portation Department includes Street Operations and Traffic Operations.

Street Operations is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of all roadway surfaces for public streets within Irving.

Street Operations patches potholes, replaces concrete road panels, repairs sidewalks, overlays streets with asphalt surface, sweeps streets, conducts roadway drainage maintenance and removes graffiti. The team also repairs streets and sidewalks from water and wastewater utility cuts, de-ices bridges and roads during winter weather events, cleans and repairs storm sewer pipes, and trims and removes trees in the right-of-way.

Traffic Operations performs preventative maintenance on traffic signals; constructs new signal installa-

tions; evaluates traffic signal timing; stripes roadways, intersections and city facility parking areas; installs new street signs; repairs and replaces damaged street signs; and clears visual obstructions for drivers. Traffic Operations along with CIP and Water Utilities also provide project management for the Midtown Express project.

Water Utilities

Water Utilities is responsible for providing water and wastewater services to nearly 237,000 residents. This includes the operation and maintenance of approximately 1,500 miles of pipe, eight elevated water storage

tanks, 10 ground storage tanks, pump stations, meters, fire hydrants and valves.

Some of the department's operations include reading water meters and auditing the data to create customer bills, as well as monitoring and operating the water system 24 hours a day including pump operations, flows and valve operations. The department also repairs water and sanitary sewer mains, tests the city's drinking water, and samples wastewater to test and monitor discharges from industries and businesses. The wastewater

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Irving ISD middle school wins Best in Show at ICE Awards

This week there was a scene of celebration at Irving High School for the 17th Annual Irving Celebration of Excellence. Many great school programs and projects were honored during the night with the coveted ICE

Award going to de Zavala Middle School for its National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Other highlights of the evening included perfect attendance awards given to nine deserving and dedicated

students who have never missed a day during their education at Irving ISD.

Visit Irving ISD's website for a complete list of winners and visit the district photo gallery for pictures of the event.



In their winning project, National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, more than 450 de Zavala students, staff and parents attended the first National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the school. Parent volunteers, AVID students and staff worked collaboratively to orchestrate an event that brought the community together in a showcase of student creativity, song, folklorico dance and traditional Hispanic food. (Image: Irving ISD)

City of McKinney and MEDC select KDC for Gateway development

McKINNEY, Texas (Feb. 22, 2017) – The City of McKinney and the McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) have selected a development team led by KDC to enter into a period of exclusive negotiations for the development of the Gateway site located at the interchange of the Sam

Rayburn Tollway and U.S. 75. With the selection of the KDC team, MEDC will enter into a Memo of Understanding with KDC that will lay groundwork for a Master Development Agreement.

"We think now is the ideal time for Gateway to take shape as the Sam Rayburn Tollway corridor and Dallas

North Tollway continue to develop," said Mayor Brian Loughmiller. "Our plan is to allow the market to drive the development, rather than putting in specific plans for a developer to meet as we've done in the past. We are looking forward to working with KDC and know they'll bring great things to the Gateway

site."

The city received five responses to an RFQ issued in December. Two finalists, Trammell Crow Company and "Team McKinney Gateway" consisting of KDC, Corinth Properties and Columbus Realty made presentations at the MEDC Board meeting on Feb. 21.

MEDC will enter into an agreement with KDC, while Corinth and Columbus will enter into an agreement with KDC for the project.

"I consider us very fortunate to have received five excellent responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). It was a difficult choice to narrow down that

list to two finalists whom were invited to present at the MEDC Board Meeting. It was even more difficult to choose between the two high-caliber developers," said Darrell Auterson, MEDC President. "KDC has a great reputation for doing

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and assistant Public Contact Director. "Again, we had resistance from the so-called mainstream press and, surprisingly, my best mentor was Collie Nicholson who was publicist at Grambling, we worked together to get space for our schools in the

newspapers with ever-increasing success."

"I started doing a cartoon workshop and it turned into an opportunity to work with kids and parents who needed more than just drawing so I've added conversations about history and

music and I try to answer whatever questions arise. I've coached kids at times in football and basketball and this is only slightly different. There's no sweat and their competition comes from within. I stress reading because they MUST understand that no cartoonist can do well unless they possess

a broad base of knowledge.

"I became a museum curator because I understood that we have to value our own accomplishments and know the importance of our history, including artifacts, to the totality of our culture. My workshops, hopefully, raise the level of awareness needed to be successful."

Siler, in addition to his cartooning is a fine artist, museum consultant, photo documentarian and lecturer. He is married to Rhonda J. Miller. Their son, Daniel is a Digital Producer at WJLA in the Washington D.C. area.

Chuck Siler will present

two films at the Pan African Connection, 4466 Marsalis Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75216 on Saturday February 25. The films are *Hail To The Queens* and *Keeper Of The Flame* by Brian Nelson. Start time is 4:00 pm. For information call 214 943 8262

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ALLEN

5k, Fun Run and Family Fun

The Allen Eagle Run includes both a family Fun Run/Walk and a 5K Run. Also enjoy the festival-like sponsor area with activities, samples, giveaways, and pic-

tures with mascots. Now in the 9th year, the Eagle Run expects to host a crowd of over 3,500 participants on Feb. 25. Info at AllenEagleRun.org.

FRISCO
Runoff special election announced

Frisco City Council Place 1 candidates Brandon Burden and John Keating will face each other in a runoff election March 25. Keating received 2,009 votes or 45.72 percent; Burden received 816 votes or 18.57 percent following Saturday's Special Election.

GARLAND
Get to know your neighborhood police

Garland's Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) program assigns an officer to a particular area of the city. Within their assigned area, each officer works with patrol, Garland ISD, business owners and residents to identify and assist with ongoing problems that affect the area. Your NPO is your partner in making your neighborhood or business area safe and successful!

Learn more by calling 972-485-4881.

Garland ranked as one of the best cities for Millennials

Garland was named among the top 150 best cities in the U.S. for millennials in a recent report by

personal finance website MillennialPersonalFinance.com. The report reviewed 500 cities in the U.S. and scored them on metrics including unemployment rate, cost of living, crime and safety, and percent of residents between ages 25 to 34.

MURPHY
Keep Murphy Beautiful to have booth at Roundup

The Keep Murphy Beautiful program will be out in full force during Murphy's Rainbow Trout Roundup on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the City pond, urging participants to think about clean waterways.

"Clean waterways, like

our own Maxwell Creek, are important for several reasons," says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager and chair of Keep Murphy Beautiful. "Having clean trails along the creek is important, of course, but trash and pollutants also affect wildlife, and can even seep into our drinking water."

While indiscriminate littering can be most apparent, grass clippings, fertilizers and other chemicals used in lawn maintenance, if not managed properly, can also introduce harmful pollutants into waterways. When these enter waterways or storm water drains, the pollutants can make their way into local streams that spill

into the reservoirs that the community uses for drinking and cooking.

RICHARDSON
Free AARP tax assistance continues

IRS-trained volunteers are providing weekly help with basic tax returns Mondays through April 17 at the Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Basement Program Room, and Fridays through April 14 at the Senior Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The assistance, presented in conjunction with the AARP Foundation, is free and designed particularly for elderly, handicapped and non-English-speaking taxpayers, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellows Program seeking more employers

With a call for businesses and nonprofits to double down on recruitment efforts in this monumental year, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings yesterday kicked off the 10th year of the Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellows Program with an aggressive campaign to increase the number of businesses providing eight-week paid internships to Dallas public and charter high school students this summer.

"I'm extremely proud that we've reached the 10-year milestone and have provided invaluable, life-changing internships to nearly 2,000 Dallas public high school students, many of whom will be the first in their families to go on and attend college," said Mayor Rawlings. "As we enter our second decade, it's time to step it up so that more students can benefit from these immersive experiences that help them make the connection between a college degree and a great career."



Pictured from left to right: Back row – Michael Peterson of AT&T, Jay Clingman of Chase, former Mayor Tom Leppert, Bruno Garcia (Intern Fellows alum), Mark Okada of Highland Capital Management. Front row – Mayor Mike Rawlings, Isaiah Turner (Intern Fellows alum), Gillian Breidenbach of Bank of America, Keja Johnson (Intern Fellows alum), Marcia Page of Education is Freedom, Karen Devora (Intern Fellows alum), Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa (Courtesy photo by James Edward)

Held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the program featured remarks by Robert Kaplan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank, along with former Mayor Tom Leppert, who founded the Mayor's Intern Fellows Program in 2008, and Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa, who has been a proponent of the program since its launch. Also participating

were Mike Peterson of AT&T, Gillian Breidenbach of Bank of America, Jay Clingman of Chase, Mark Okada of Highland Capital Management, and Marcia Page of Education is Freedom.

The four interns who emceed the program and interviewed the special guests were Karen Devora of Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School who in-

terned at Jacobs, an engineering firm (she wants to be an engineer or attorney); Bruno Garcia of Woodrow Wilson High School, who interned at UT Southwestern Medical Center (he plans to attend medical school); Keja Johnson of Lincoln High School, who interned two summers at KERA and Visiting Nurses Association (she wants to pursue a career in broadcasting); and Isaiah

Turner of the School for the Talented and Gifted at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center, who interned at the Dallas Zoo (he wants to be a vet or marine biologist).

Since its inception in 2008, 1,783 Dallas ISD and public charter high school students have participated in the program. The 2016 edition of the program was a record-breaking year – nearly 2,000 Dallas public high school students applied for internships, 950 qualified for the Job Fair, and a record-breaking 385 students were hired by 240 businesses and nonprofits. However, more than 550 students did not land an internship, which is why more businesses and nonprofits are needed to step up. NOTE: Student applications for 2017 have closed; applications for 2018 will open in October at mayorsinterns.org.

In his call to action, Mayor Rawlings asked businesses to increase the num-

ber of interns at their workplace and to recruit vendors, customers, clients and neighboring businesses. And if a company cannot sponsor an intern at their business, he said they can underwrite an intern to work at a local nonprofit agency or be a program sponsor. He also made a plea to small businesses – who illustrate the spirit of entrepreneurship – to join the effort in hiring a teen. To sign up, go to mayorsinterns.org by March 22.

The eight-week internships will begin June 12 and conclude August 4. The Mayor's Intern Fellows Program celebratory luncheon is July 27 at the Omni Hotel Dallas.

Mayor Rawlings shared that many organizations, such as the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, were so impressed with their interns that they've hired them as regular employees who work year round, come back

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collection system delivers water to the Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment before it is released into the Trinity River.

Water Utilities also works

to meet daily regulatory requirements for water and sewer systems; monitors Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations, and

files reports to meet requirements; and responds to calls and assists customers in the field.

Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs and amenities to the community. The depart-

ment's various divisions provide grounds keeping services and athletic field preparation; renders services in forestry, horticulture, irrigation, equipment maintenance, welding, and Heritage District maintenance; administers building infrastruc-

ture and facility care; and accommodates patrons by implementing inclusive programs for learning, entertainment and leisure.

Parks and Recreation staff inspects and maintains all city-owned playgrounds, green spaces and recreation

facilities including pools, aquatic and recreation centers. Through the department's drainage and litter control program, approximately 15,000 pounds of litter and debris are collected weekly from the city's major thoroughfares.

The Black Press played vital role In 'Hidden Figures'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

In her book, "Hidden Figures," author Margot Lee Shetterly pays homage to the African-American women who worked as human computers in the space program.

It's a book that's spawned an Academy Award-nominated movie and has brought to the fore the accomplishments of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, the brilliant Black women who worked at NASA serving as the brains behind America's nascent space program starting in the 1950s.

Inside the book, Shetterly also pays homage to where she first got the notion to write such a historical masterpiece.

"In the first week of May 1942, the 'Norfolk Journal and Guide' published an article that would...be like a signpost for the road not taken," Shetterly said.

She even recalled the headline that accompanied the piece in one of the nation's oldest African-American-owned newspapers.



"Hidden Figures" author Margot Lee Shetterly (left) poses for a photo with New Journal and Guide publisher Brenda Andrews. (Ernest Lowery/New Journal and Guide)

"Paving the Way for Women Engineers," the headline blared.

An accompanying photo revealed 11 immaculately dressed Black women in front of Hampton Institute's Bemis Laboratory, graduates of Engineering for Women, a war training class.

"The Journal and Guide" and the "Pittsburgh Courier," two of the granddaddies of the Black Press, are mentioned prominently inside the hard cover copies of the book with a picture that dates back to the 1940s," said Brenda Andrews, president, pub-

lisher and owner of "The New Journal and Guide."

The Journal and Guide published its first issues in 1900 and, during the World War II, by many accounts, was the largest Black employer in the South, according to Andrews.

Its circulation topped 100,000 and Andrews said the newspaper joined others like the "Chicago Defender," the "Baltimore Afro-American" and the "Pittsburgh Courier" in taking the lead in writing about Black interests and recording African-American history.

"We were hidden figures ourselves until about the 1960s," Andrews said of the Black Press in America, which this year celebrates 190 years in operation. "This story and how the author researched 'Hidden Figures' is an example of what the Black Press has been doing, which is recording Black history."

Andrews continued: "When I speak with people, even today in the 21st century, people are curious about the Black Press' role. We were in the shadows in our community, doing the work, recording information."

Andrews said the Black Press wasn't formerly recognized for its great journalism, seen mostly as underground activists.

"Even today, we're not properly recognized for recording that history. We were hidden in Black areas among Black people," she said. "It came about that World War II was significant, because it was our activism that stories of segregated troops were told."

During World War II, the Black Press led the call for a

"Double V" victory against fascism abroad and against Jim Crow in the United States.

Reportedly, with such a slogan, many historians regarded this campaign as the groundwork for the Black activism that characterized the Civil Rights Movement.

Black newspapers, led by the "Norfolk Journal and Guide," the "Chicago Defender," the "Pittsburgh Courier" and the "AFRO," took a conservative effort and channeled Black militancy into nationalistic ends.

They sought government concessions and they looked to create a homogenous American identity that included Black citizens to resolve struggles for full citizenship, freedom, and racial justice.

During World War II, the Journal and Guide reported regularly on soldiers serving overseas.

The newspaper even sent correspondents into battle to report on heroism that rarely made the front pages of the mainstream papers.

Embedded writers and photographers sent stories

back home of patriotic service including reports from the U.S.S. Mason, one of only two U.S. Navy ships with an African-American crew.

"It wasn't until the 1960s and segregation [reform efforts] and the civil rights that Black newspapers came out of hiding," Andrews said.

Andrews added: "But, if it had not been for the Black Press in World War II telling our stories, much would have gone unknown. It's very redeeming that our mission is recognized now."

With the success of the book and movie for "Hidden Figures," Andrews believes history will continue to tell the glowing story of the Black Press.

She said the current atmosphere makes it quite difficult to appreciate now, but it's her hope that in the future, when individuals reflect, they will know that the Black Press did its job and well.

"That's why it's important to tell our own stories and refuse to let others portray who we are," said Andrews. "The Black Press isn't just about news stories, we're recording our history as only we can."

More than 80 authors set to attend North Texas Teen Book Festival

The free event, one of the largest in the nation, will host 82 Young Adult and Middle Grade authors including R.L. Stine ("Goose-

bumps"), Veronica Roth ("Divergent" trilogy), Maggie Stiefvater ("The Raven Cycle" series), Sara Shepard ("Pretty Little Liars" series),

and Chris Grabenstein ("Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library").

The day will be packed with opportunities to see and

hear from readers' favorites, providing fans of Young Adult and Middle Grade books a unique opportunity to engage with their heroes -

authors. Irving Public Library started the event in 2015, and the result exceeded all expectations when 8,000 young readers flocked

to the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, some from out of state, in 2016.

For more information, call (972) 721-4612.

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Marty Singer, who has since been dismissed from the case, for defamation.

She claimed the men "publicly branded her a liar" after she gave a 2014 TV interview in which she said Cosby drugged and raped her in the 1980s.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Debra Weintraub in March granted in part, and denied in part, an anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss the suit, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The judge dismissed claims related to a letter Singer sent to Good Morning America, finding those statements were protected by the litigation privilege.

However, she denied the

motion tied to a statement Singer made to the press.

Agrusa argued that decision was in error and the entire case should have been thrown out.

"The Statement's assertion that Ms. Dickinson's rape allegations are fabrications constitutes Attorney Singer's opinion, and because it also discloses the facts upon which that opinion is based, it cannot serve as the basis for a defamation suit," Agrusa wrote in court filings.

She also noted that the 3rd Circuit recently affirmed a district court's decision to dismiss with prejudice a similar defamation claim filed by Hill.

That opinion stated, "Even

if Singer's Statement does imply Ms. Hill is a liar, it is still not actionable, because it includes the facts supporting that implication."

Further, Agrusa argued that — even if the statement was defamatory and issued with actual malice — Cosby didn't speak or write the statement and the fact that Singer was representing him at the time isn't enough to make him liable for it.

"With no evidence that Mr. Cosby himself issued the Statement, and no law imputing a malicious state of mind on an individual simply for failing to retract the statement of another, the trial court should have granted Mr. Cosby's special motion to strike the defamation claim," Agrusa wrote.

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Dallas Arboretum's Cool Thursdays Spring Concert Series Kicks Off with Emerald City, Dallas' Favorite Variety Band on March 23

The premier concert series "Cool Thursdays Concert Series" at the Dallas Arboretum, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, returns Thursday, March 23 for its spring/summer series featuring fan favorite Emerald City. Single tickets go on sale February 22. Don't miss the chance to attend Dallas' favorite concert series overlooking the picturesque White Rock Lake on the award-winning Martin Rutchik Concert



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Missy Whisler, Dallas Arboretum's senior vice president of sales and development, said, "Spring concert

subscriptions sold out in 2016, and once single tickets go on sale, concerts sell out fast. Don't miss the opportunity to see some of DFW's

favorite bands perform in one of the most beautiful places in Dallas."

Emerald City kicks off the 2017 concert series on March 23, sponsored by Jackson Walker. The 13-piece, 3-horn section super group electrifies every audience with a combination of high-energy dance songs from the past with the hits of today. Emerald City's ability to entertain is rivaled by their extensive ability to get the audience up

on the dance floor. This super group has taken their energy all over the world, from Dallas to New York, to Paris, Dublin, Los Angeles and South America.

In addition to the coolest view of White Rock Lake, attendees can bring picnics and beverages or purchase food items from some of DFW's favorite food trucks including Ruthie's Rolling Cafe, Easy Slider, and Fried Pies For All. The gardens are also open to

stroll through before the concert to enjoy the breathtaking spring displays of Dallas Blooms, featuring more than 500,000 spring blooms. The concert series continues through June 29. Gates open at 6 p.m., and concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/cool-thursdays-concert-series> or call 214.515.6500.

Chris Brown and special guest 50 Cent bring 'The Party' on a 33-city North American tour

L.A. (PRNewswire) -- Celebrating some of the biggest names in music today, Grammy Award-winning and multi-platinum-selling, singer-songwriter, Chris Brown, along with his special guest, award-winning, multi-platinum, record-breaking artist 50 Cent, bring the Party to cities across North America this summer with The Party Tour.

Produced by Live Nation,

The Party Tour features Fabolous, O.T. Genasis, and Kap G for 33-nights of soul-baring performances, and an all-star set for a 2+ hour powerhouse show each night. Chris kicks off the party as his friends join him throughout the night – the party begins when the show begins! Fans are urged to get there on time each night to be part of this historical movement! The anthem of the night was teased in

Brown's current single "Party" ft. Gucci Mane, Usher.

The Party Tour begins a seven-week run on Friday, March 31 in Baltimore. The tour is slated to play Dallas on May 6 at the American Airlines Center. For more information visit livenation.com.

The Party Tour will launch an exclusive fan club pre-sale beginning Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10am local

time, through Friday, Feb. 24 at 10pm. Exclusive VIP packages available at VIP-nation.com. General onsale begins Saturday, February 25 at 10am local time. For tour dates and ticket information, visit livenation.com.

A Citi® cardmember pre-sale begins Wednesday, February 22 at 12pm local time through Citi's Private Pass® Program. For complete pre-sale details, visit www.citiprivatepass.com.



Chris Brown, 50 Cent and a host of other performers are planning a May 6 show in Dallas.

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during holidays or even while in college.

Entering its 10th year, the Mayor's Intern Fellows Program introduces high school students to careers and employment opportunities in industries and companies where they have expressed interest. Modeled after the prestigious White House Fellows Program, the Intern Fellows Program prepares motivated teens to become the leaders of tomorrow.

The students – rising juniors and seniors from Dallas ISD and public charter high schools – get exposure to a variety of fields, including technology, healthcare, law, finance and accounting, education, the nonprofit sector,

advertising/marketing/public relations, engineering, manufacturing and hospitality, and many more. In 2016, the interns shadowed surgeons and architects, explored the worlds of commercial real-estate and finance, taught inner-city kids to golf, and went behind the scenes at museums, hotels, government agencies and entertainment venues. One teen even returned as an intern to the shelter that housed her mother and siblings when she was a child.

AT&T is the Founding Sponsor and Bank of America is the Presenting Sponsor of the 2017 Mayor's Intern Fellows Program. For the past five years, Bank of

America has underwritten 40 internships at nonprofits and government agencies as part of their \$100,000 sponsorship.

Highland Capital Management is the sponsor of the Job Fair set for April 7 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, where students will be interviewed by human resource professionals and receive formal job offers. JPMorgan Chase is the Lead Intern Sponsor, and TurningPoint Foundation is the Transportation Sponsor. Alliance Data is the Intern Fellows Training Sponsor, to provide the interns with three days of intense training – including Microsoft Office and leadership training – before their summer positions begin. As the Community Service

Sponsor, Tenet Healthcare will underwrite a service day at the North Texas Food Bank on July 15.

Other program sponsors include Atmos Energy, Dallas ISD, Dallas Business Journal, DallasHR, Kroger, Lisa K. Simmons, Texas Instruments and The Real Estate Council.

The Mayor's Intern Fellow's Program is facilitated by Dallas nonprofit Education is Freedom (EIF), a comprehensive college-planning program offering a dedicated team of school-based experts who offer college-access programming in numerous Dallas ISD high schools.

Employers are asked to provide at least one eight-week summer internship for

a student fellow for 20 to 40 hours weekly, pay the interns the recommended minimum rate of \$9 per hour, and pay a program fee of \$500 per intern, which covers the intern's participation in a Work-Readiness Workshop, the Job Fair, Community Service Day, three days of Leadership Development Workshops and a two-week bus pass.

Businesses also are asked to provide students an opportunity for job shadowing of executives and to observe company operations. Probably one of the most important aspects is to set up one-on-one conversations with managers and executives regarding college and career prospects and to share information about the company's

industry and variety of career options.

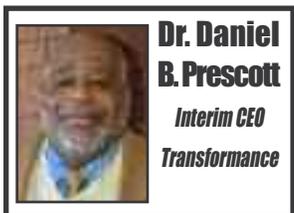
The program is open to Dallas public or charter high school juniors and seniors who are eligible to work in the U.S. during summer 2017. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, a solid attendance record, and a recommendation from campus leadership. They must also participate in the required training sessions prior to their internships. NOTE: Student applications for 2017 have closed; applications for 2018 will open in October at mayorsinterns.org.

To learn more or register online, go to mayorsinterns.org or call 214-871-0783.

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Preparing for Tax Season: Part I



Dr. Daniel B. Prescott
Interim CEO
Transformance

While it's still February, we all know that April 15 is an annual IRS deadline not to be missed (this year the deadline is April 18, because April 15 falls on a Saturday). The old adage goes, "You can't escape death and taxes," which is why we wanted to give you a head start on prepar-

ing for tax season.

Because this topic is so important, we've decided to provide a Part I and Part II (coming in March).

Tax Checklist

Let's start off with a checklist of what you'll need in order to complete your Federal income tax return—what to gather before beginning the process. First, round up personal data such as last year's tax return and Social Security numbers for you and any dependents. Next, pull together income statements (W-2 and 1099

forms) indicating what you were paid in the last fiscal year and the amounts withheld. By law, employers should have this paperwork to your address by Jan. 31 of each year.

Deductions are next, as they reduce your overall tax liability. Common deductions include contributions to a retirement account, medical bills (if they surpass a threshold of 10 percent of your gross income), education-related expenses, property tax and mortgage interest deduc-

tions.

Last but not least are income tax credits, most commonly provided for those with children, and are worth \$1,000 per dependent.

Options for filing your tax return

Now comes the filing exercise, which can be accomplished in a number of ways. You can pay a professional Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to prepare your return, but that can be costly and may not be necessary if your financial situation isn't compli-

cated. A less expensive option is to visit an H&R Block location. You'll still pay a fee, but considerably less than a CPA-level consultation.

If you prefer to file your tax return on your own, you have multiple software and online options including TurboTax, TaxSlayer or TaxAct. These programs have become remarkably easy to use over the past few years and offer step-by-step instructions and tutorials—all to make sure you get the job done right.

If you are not in a position to have a professional consultation, and you do not feel comfortable undertaking the tax return process on your own, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has several free tax return preparation options for you. Our friends at the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas maintain 26 locations across the area, staffed with over 700 volunteers—if you qualify for the assistance. In order to qualify, you must make

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Proposed bill seeks to freeze pay of Texas agency leader if minority contracting goals missed

AUSTIN – Representative Eric Johnson recently filed House Bill 1489 to freeze the pay of any state agency heads who miss their Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) contracting goals. By law, a certain percentage of all state agency contracts are required to be awarded to

women and minority-owned businesses, and this bill serves as a necessary accountability measure.

Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) also filed House Bill 671, a bill that would direct ten percent of the funds from the Texas Enterprise Fund to the Capital Access Fund, which was

founded to help banks provide much-needed financial assistance to women and minority-owned businesses.

"The State of Texas fails to support HUBs year after year. While I applaud the Governor's efforts to highlight Texas' successful women entrepreneurs in his State of the State address,

there is significant room for improvement with respect to the state's support for minority-owned businesses. These pieces of legislation will provide crucial mechanisms to incentivize the government to invest in these valuable pillars of our communities," said Representative Johnson.

Five trends expected to affect cyberscurity in 2017

It's become news that's not unexpected anymore.

We awoken to learn that yet another national retailer has been hacked and once again credit-card information for millions of customers is at risk.

Yet, despite all the publicity these security breaches receive and all the warning consumers hear, cyber criminals still achieve success and seem more brazen than ever.



"Sometimes it can feel like the cyber criminals are working harder than the people who are supposed to

be protecting our information," says Gary S. Miliefsky, CEO of SnoopWall (www.snoopwall.com), a

company that specializes in cyber security.

But when consumers and businesses are vigilant, he says, they can foil those cyber criminals despite all their scheming. To that end, Miliefsky says some cyber security trends and factors worth knowing about for the rest of 2017 and beyond include:

- Serious breaches still take too long to discover. As unsettling as it is to think

about, Miliefsky says, the truth is that there's generally a long lag time between when a breach happens and when it's discovered. The average is 280 days, which means if cyber criminals hack your system today, it could be about nine months before anyone realizes there's a problem.

- Employees will continue to be critical to protection. For just about any organization, employees are

the first line of defense – and the weakest link. Typically, when a breach happens behind a firewall it's because someone was tricked into clicking on a link they shouldn't have. Employees need to be educated, Miliefsky says.

- Cyber insurance is hot and growing hotter. A breach can prove costly to companies, which is why

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that Bannon himself defined as "the platform for the alt-right."

The term "alt-right" is increasingly used to describe a new and emerging movement of racists and White supremacists.

Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.), said the following in response to President Trump's comments re-

garding a meeting with the Black Caucus:

"President Trump has been in office for almost a month and the Congressional Black Caucus — which at a historic 49 members is almost a fourth of the House Democratic Caucus and represents millions of African Americans — did not hear from the White

House until we introduced ourselves on Twitter after the White House press conference today."

The statement continued: "For whatever reason, the letter the Congressional Black Caucus sent to then President-elect Trump and incoming White House officials on January 19 was not enough to get their attention. As the letter explained, President Trump's 'New

Deal for Black America' is ill-informed and insufficient and he would be wise to tap into the decades of expertise held by the Congressional Black Caucus when it comes to addressing issues that affect African Americans."

The CBC, which is now at its largest membership in history, traditionally requests a meeting with the new president after the inau-

guration. Ironically, some of the meetings the CBC had with President Obama, specifically on the topics of jobs and the challenges of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, have had tense moments.

President Obama did not meet with the Congressional Black Caucus during his first year in office. Meetings between Obama and the CBC were scarce even

though most of the members and the President were members of the same party.

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Wanted: Minority and women-owned businesses to participate in Dallas ISD's Bond Program

As progress on Dallas ISD's \$1.6 billion bond program moves forward, the participation of minority and women owned businesses is a major priority in awarding contracts for the dozens of campus additions, renovations and new school construction projects. In fact, the district's board of trustees has set two goals to target the effort — 35 percent M/WBE participation in bond funded professional services, such as program management, architectural design, and land surveys, and 30 percent participation in actual construction projects.

To achieve the goals, the staff charged with accomplishing M/WBE participation wants to spread the message that the door is wide open for service providers to



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bid on available jobs as prime and subcontractors. Wilton Munnings, manager for the bond program's M/WBE effort is in constant motion, briefing businesses and meeting with contractors associations and chambers to explain how to successfully bid for bond program projects.

"We want construction in-

dustrial leaders and service firms large and small to know their participation in this program is a major goal," Munnings said. "Given our charge from trustees and the community, it's critical these firms are at the table as jobs are parceled out."

To ensure a diversity of firms have a fair chance at

being approved to participate in bond projects, Munnings and Dallas ISD M/WBE Department Director Annie Holmes-Partee are holding information sessions, networkers and one-on-one meetings with potential bidders.

"We are fortunate that we have the backing of a board that believes in M/WBE involvement," she said. "That's why we are continually reaching out to educate the community about the requirements to participate in contracts."

Both these diversity experts cite barriers that can cause firms to shy away from bidding on construction jobs. These include a lack of understanding and inexperience meeting bid requirements, frustration and discouragement

when approval doesn't happen quickly, and the mistaken belief that bonding and insurance requirements are insurmountable hurdles for small or minority-owned firms.

"It's true that as a government entity, we have legal requirements that we must adhere to," Munnings said. "However, our goal is to level the playing field for M/WBEs by educating them about the bidding process, connecting them with experienced, successful contractors, and eliminating barriers wherever possible. Annie and I are advocates for M/WBE firms, and our door is always open to help firms work through potential barriers."

Throughout phase I of the bond program, the depart-

ment has hosted information and networking sessions with the Regional Black Contractors Association, Regional Hispanic Contractors Association, the National Association of Minority Contractors, and sponsored a Construction Bid Preview to connect M/WBEs with bond program managers. Future events are planned to continue recruiting African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American and women-owned businesses to participate in bond program projects.

"Business is largely about building relationships," Munnings said. "To do that, we invite firms to contact us, meet with us and let us answer their questions about doing business with the Dallas Independent School District."

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cyber insurance is a growing field, Miliefsky says. Just as homeowner's insurance doesn't keep your house from catching fire, though, cyber insurance doesn't guard against a breach. But a policy can help the company that's hit by a breach regain its financial footing.

• Companies may begin to realize the importance of

managing their intranet. Most breaches happen behind firewalls. "You'll need more than antivirus to stop the bad guys," Miliefsky says. This includes anti-phishing tools, network access control (NAC), zero-day malware quarantining and other next-generation approaches focusing on the root cause of how you get breached.

Without a NAC solution, you won't be able to tell who is on your network, including if the cleaners are plugging in a laptop at midnight or if a consultant is on the wrong VLAN, like human resources or payroll where you don't want them to have access, he says. In addition, you should find and fix all your common vulnerabilities and exposures. You can learn more about them at the National

Vulnerability Database at nvd.nist.gov or cve.mitre.org. "By finding and fixing your holes, you'll have a stronger, less exploitable infrastructure," Miliefsky says.

• The best protection for consumers is still self protection. Consumers can't always count on how well their bank or their favorite retailer handles cyber security. But anyone can take steps to be safer, Miliefsky

says. Change passwords frequently. Put a sticker over your laptop's webcam when you're not using it. Protect your smartphone by turning off WiFi, Bluetooth, NFC and GPS except when you need them. Delete cookies and your browsing history regularly. When consumers learn the importance of mobile-device "hygiene," both they and the places they work are at less risk of suf-

fering a data breach or loss. "We should be asking ourselves: Why not prevent breaches instead of reacting to them?" Miliefsky says. "Corporate America and consumers don't need to sit around waiting to become cyber crime victims."

Gary S. Miliefsky is the CEO of SnoopWall, Inc. and a co-inventor of the company's innovative breach prevention technologies.

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drinkers among the women than the men.

Researchers compared data about participants' alcohol consumption with carotid-femoral pulse wave artery velocity (PWV) measurements, or pulse waves between the main arteries found in the neck and thigh. The greater the velocity, the stiffer the artery. Alcohol intake was measured periodically across 25 years and the researchers subsequently looked at how those long-term intake patterns were associated with pulse wave velocity and its progression over a 4-to-5-year

interval.

Consistent long-term, heavy drinking was defined in this U.K. study as more than 112 grams (3.9 ounces) of ethanol per week (roughly equivalent to one serving of alcoholic spirit, half a pint of beer, or half a glass of wine.); consistent moderate drinking was 1-112 grams of ethanol per week.

The American Heart Association defines moderate alcohol consumption as an average of one to two drinks per day for men, and one drink per day for women. A drink is 12 ounces of beer, four ounces of wine, or 1.5

ounces of 80-proof spirits. Excessive alcohol consumption increases the risk for alcohol dependency, cardiovascular risk factors including high blood pressure and obesity, stroke, certain types of cancer, suicide and accidents.

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death worldwide, contributing to nearly one-third of deaths, researchers said.

How alcohol may impact arterial health is unclear, said Darragh O'Neill, Ph.D., lead study author and epidemiological researcher at University College London. "It's been suggested alcohol intake may increase high-

density lipoprotein cholesterol levels — the good cholesterol — or decrease platelet stickiness. Conversely, heavier alcohol intake may activate certain enzymes that would lead to collagen accumulation, which could, in turn exacerbate the rate of arterial stiffening."

"Based on these findings, the research team wants to look at multiple groups of people — since this study was limited to a single group that was mostly male — and identify the relationship that drinking patterns over time have with other indicators of cardiovascular disease." O'Neill said.

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incredible work in North Texas and we couldn't be more excited to work with them as they will help bring our vision and guiding principles for the Gateway development to fruition."

In the RFQ, the city and MEDC outlined a set of "guiding principles" for the Gateway development moving forward. According to the principles, the site should serve as a major employment center, enable the city and MEDC to recover their investments, serve as a source of community pride, convey urban vibrancy and high quality, create interesting

skyline elements and scale, and stimulate complementary uses and amenities.

KDC is a commercial real estate development and investment firm with extensive work in the DFW market. KDC is currently developing the office campuses for JP-Morgan Chase and Liberty Mutual at Legacy West, Toyota's North American headquarters complex in Plano, and the Raytheon and State Farm Insurance campus at City Line in Richardson.

Located at what many refer to as the "gateway" to McKinney, the Gateway site is one of the most visible de-

velopment sites in McKinney. Collin College was the first occupant at Gateway, opening the Higher Education Center in January 2010. Emerson Process Management followed by moving the world headquarters of its Regulator Technologies business to the Gateway site in 2013. The Sheraton Hotel

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Note: At the Annual African America Read-In event at the Josey Ranch Library on February 19, 2017 by the PACE organization, young Terrell M. Bennett (age 7) amazed and inspired the audience with his reading and musical ability.

I thought it would be an honor for Dr. Terrell and Sister Jeannette Bennett (his parents) to feature Mr. Robert R. Taylor at the end of Black History Month 2017.

Young Terrell has been reading since the age of four and his ability to play the drums since the age of three, both taught to him by his father Dr. Terrell Bennett.

Young Terrell selected the biography of Robert R. Taylor to read because he was the first Black man to graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and he paved the way for other Black people to attend, including his father and his mother, Jeannette Bennett.

Robert R. Taylor, a Black architect, was born in 1868 in Wilmington, NC, he came from a middle-class family. His father, Henry, was the son of a white slave owner and a Black mother.

The elder Taylor had been allowed to go into business for himself before the Civil War, building cargo ships for trade routes between the United States and South America through the Caribbean.

He also built many com-

mercial and residential edifices. Young Taylor's early schooling took place at the Williston School and the Gregory Institute, a school for Blacks operated and maintained by the American Missionary Association.

After graduating, he worked in his father's building trade business with his sights on Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

He was admitted to the regular freshman class on September 23, 1888, although a couple of years older than the average freshman because of his work with his father.

Taylor was one of a handful of students from the South. Even the southern whites encountered prejudice but Blacks even more so.

Few Blacks were part of the MIT community in its early years, even though founder, William Barton Rogers, had shown a keen interest in issues relating to race.

Taylor's record at MIT during the four years he attended, 1888-1892, was above the class average; he earned honors in trigonometry, architectural history, differential calculus, and applied mechanics. he never failed a course.

He was twice recommended for the Loring Scholarship, which he held for two consecutive academic years.

Taylor was the first Black person to receive an architecture degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After graduation, he married Nellie C. Taylor and worked as an architect and educator at Tuskegee Institute nearly until the end of

his career.

Taylor designed most buildings at Tuskegee built before 1932, including the original Chapel and the library, between the years 1899-1902.

For a short period, he was employed by a Cleveland architectural firm. Some believe he had disagreements at Tuskegee with the dictatorial style of Booker T.

Washington.

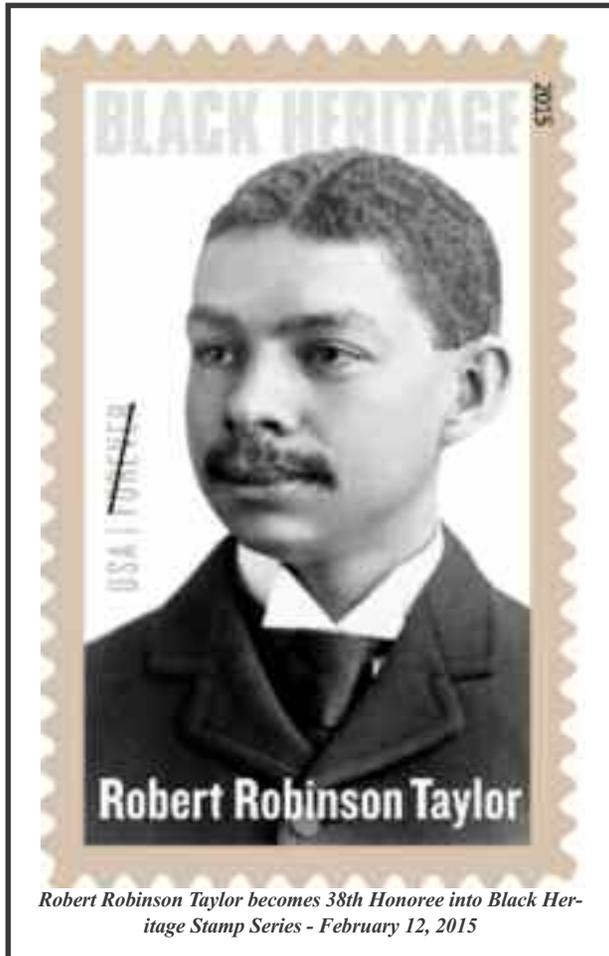
Though he could have been better employed elsewhere, he retired from Tuskegee in 1935.

Throughout his life, Taylor retained a deep respect for MIT. In 1942, he wrote to the secretary of his MIT class indicating that he had just been released from treatment for an unspecified illness at the Mayo Clinic in

Rochester, MN.

"Thanks to a kind Providence and skillful physicians," he said, "I am much better now." Taylor lived his life as one of faith to his race.

Taylor collapsed and died on December 13, 1942 while attending services in the Tuskegee chapel that he had designed and considered his outstanding achievement as an architect.



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NDG Book Review: *The Orphan's Tale* is an irresistible read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



The bar is set very high. It has to be; the aerialist act wouldn't be quite as thrilling if weren't. In the flight from trapeze to swinging trapeze, a higher bar enhances the element of danger. That's what leaves an audience breathless, but in the new novel "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff, the real danger may be outside the circus tent.

The mewling noise came from inside the last railcar.

Sixteen-year-old Noa Weil knew that she might call attention to herself by investigating the noise, and that wouldn't do. Though

she was Dutch and the SS wasn't looking for her, she needed to stay hidden; still, she couldn't help but peek. She slid open the railcar door and found something shocking: babies.

Dozens, maybe hundreds

of them – some dead, some frozen, some barely breathing. Noa immediately understood that these infants had been torn from the arms of their Jewish parents and, because her own heart ached for the baby the SS had forced her to surrender, she grabbed one of the still-living kinder... and she ran.

Ingrid Klemt had absolutely nowhere to go.

When the SS forced her husband, Erich, to divorce her, she hoped at first that he might leave with her instead. But as a German officer, he couldn't: Ingrid was Jewish, and the SS was stronger than both of them. She had to leave. He sent

her away.

Bereft, Ingrid wandered until she found her way to Darmstadt, to the valley where her family's circus had wintered. Going back was dangerous; she hoped – but didn't expect – to find her parents, so she swallowed her pride and asked for asylum with an old friend and competitor. The Circus Neuhooff took Ingrid in, changed her name to Astrid for safety, and gave her a job on her beloved trapeze.

When Peter, Herr Neuhooff's clown, found the blonde girl and the baby in the woods behind the gymnasium, it seemed like prov-

idence; the Circus needed another aerialist and this one could be taught, though Astrid hated the too-eager girl. Something about Noa's story was wrong, and Astrid didn't trust her.

At least, not until she had to...

Okay, you can stop whatever you're doing now. Put your newspaper down and go call everyone in your book group. You've just found next month's pick.

Beginning with a railcar – an object that lends both evil and comfort to this story – "The Orphan Train" tells a story of friendship and saviors, set in a time when the line between

friend and foe was sometimes faint.

That setting alone gives this book a note of justified paranoia, but author Pam Jenoff amplifies it with extra characters that circle the main cast like wolves – or so it seems, as Noa's innocence and Astrid's knowing take readers along a plot that spins in the air til the end. Gasp.

Aside from that leaves-you-hanging aspect, this is a brutal story, beautifully-written and irresistible to anyone who loves novels, and loves to share and discuss them. For you, "The Orphan's Tale" will soar.

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less than \$52,000. To find a location in your immediate area, simply visit www.mymoneydfw.com.

As an additional option,

Transformance is also joining forces with Community Tax Centers, a Foundation Communities program that offers free

tax filing services to Texas residents who qualify. Check out the requirements on CTC's website.

Stay tuned for Part II of our Preparing for Tax Season, next time around. We will cover some key do's

and don'ts regarding tax returns and provide some insight on what to do with a Federal tax refund. We will present specific ideas that can help you get out of a debt situation, begin saving more and the estab-

lishment of a proper household budget.

Transformance is always available to answer your questions and assist you, either through our website or by calling 1-800-249-2227.

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Community Involvement

- 35-plus year Carrollton resident
- Fluent in both English and Korean
- Active member of the Korean Chamber of Commerce
- Children are a product of CFBISD school system
- Member and Deacon at the Korean United Central Methodist Church
- Graduated from Newman Smith in Carrollton, TX
- Bachelors Degree in Business Management from Maryville College, Maryville, TN
- MBA from Le Tourneau University from Longview, TX

Professional Accomplishments

- Court Interpreter and Mediator
- Real Estate Broker
- Department of Justice Language consultant
- Holds an MBA degree
- Endorsed by the Korean Chamber of Commerce
- Former an All American collegiate soccer nominee
- Interpreter/Translator for Korean World Cup National Soccer Team in 1994