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# How America can invest in itself

## Harnessing the power of girls

By Jennifer Bartkowski

If there's one thing you learn when you're involved with the Girl Scouts, it's that girls are capable of pretty much anything. From building robotic hands to building libraries that teach new immigrants to read English, our girls have done amazing things for over 100 years. With the right encouragement, guidance, training and confidence, girls grow into women who change our world and lead it to great things. But getting them that guidance, reinforcing that training, and turning education into real-world skills and confidence is where things can get tricky.

At Girl Scouts, we have always known that girls are the key to our collective future. Gender balance in the workplace and in the public sphere is vital to ensuring that every voice is heard, and every outlook is considered. To us, there's no mystery as to why corporate boards with more female members outperform male dominated boards. One of the best things we can do as a nation to



Investment in programs like STEM for young girls can be a key to improving the entire nation as a whole (Photo: NASA HQ / Flickr)

ensure the long term strength of America is to invest in girls. Women bring a unique perspective to the courtroom, classroom, and caucus room. For America to maintain its competitive edge in today's fast-paced environment, we must leverage the full potential of our workforce, men and women alike. Gender-balanced leadership in business, government, and the nonprofit space is essential to ensuring America's economic future.

Yet, too often, America has failed to invest in itself because it has

failed to invest in girls. Today, fewer than 10 cents of every philanthropic dollar is spent on girls, and girls show a tendency to lose interest in the fields of tomorrow, like STEM, when they receive the message that science and technology is "for boys" from our society. This means we are losing out on the insights, ideas, and potential impact of girls for our future. It's a simple equation really. If we want America to remain a world leader, we have to cham-

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**COMMENTARY**

## This is why Republicans continue to lose the Black vote

By Raynard Jackson  
NNPA Columnist

about it, the answer is always "yes."

Those who have followed my writings know that I have been and will continue to be very critical of my Republican Party over the lack of real engagement with the Black community.

I am now beginning to question whether there is room for Blacks in this Republican Party. The recently ended Republican primary tells me the answer is "no," but when party leaders are questioned

Between the Republican National Committee (RNC), the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC), the National Republican Campaign Committee (NCCC), all the state parties, all the 527 political action committees, the Republican Governor's Association, etc., there are about fifty Black staffers that I am aware of and probably upwards of 90 percent of

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## Alicia Allen

Young Women's Preparatory Network has announced the seven recipients of its inaugural scholarship awards, totaling \$112,000. These deserving graduating seniors from YWPN's network schools throughout Texas were selected because they embody the mission and core values upon which the organization was founded: leadership, college readiness and health/wellness. Additionally, they are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a signifi-



cant impact on their schools and communities. Each student will receive a \$16,000 scholarship.

Lynn McBee, Young Women's Preparatory Network CEO, commented,

"Upon review of their applications, it was clear that these are extremely deserving young women with outstanding accomplishments and contributions to their community. They truly represent well-rounded Young Women's Preparatory Network leaders, and we are thrilled to grant them this scholarship, which will help them afford a college degree."

Alicia Allen of the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School (Dallas) was one of these honorees.

Raised by her grandfather since birth, Allen plans to major in nursing because

she's seen the nurses who have shown her grandfather compassion as he battles leukemia.

She said, "It wasn't until (my grandfather) needed serious chemotherapy that he finally told us the truth. For the next four years, my sister and I had to mature at an exceedingly fast rate. A lot of the weight fell on me because my sister has a learning disability that often renders her insecure about completing tasks."

Allen refused to let her personal life of running a household and taking care of her family affect her education. She is senior class president, a Dallas ISD

Teen Board member and founded and served as president of the school's first African American Student Association.

"To me, what would normally hinder others has given me all the skills and tools to become a powerful and impactful leader."

According to Esmerelda Vanegas-Martinez, M.Ed, of Irma Rangel, "Alicia is always willing to help anyone and does it with a smile. Her attitude is one of her best qualities. She never lets anything distract her from achieving her goal." In the fall, she will attend the University of Oklahoma.

Among the six other

young women honored was nearby neighbor Kennedy Woodard of the Young Women's Leadership Academy of Fort Worth. Woodard pushed to finish early so that she could graduate with her sister in the school's historic first Class of 2016.

Founded in 2002, the Young Women's Preparatory Network is a nonprofit agency that partners with public school districts in Texas to operate the largest network of all-girls, public, college preparatory schools in the nation. More information can be found at [www.youngwomensprep.org](http://www.youngwomensprep.org).

## Dr. Barbara Hutchinson

NEW YORK (BlackNews.com) — The Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), an inclusive organization dedicated to eliminating disparities in cardiovascular diseases, has elected Felix Sogade, MD as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Barbara Hutchinson, MD, PhD as President. "We are very excited to welcome Dr. Sogade and Dr. Hutchinson to their new leadership roles," said Malcolm Taylor, MD, chairman of the Nominating Committee. "Their outstanding contributions to



ABC across many sectors and proven leadership and business experiences will serve our organization well as we embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead of us."

Dr. Sogade currently serves as the CEO/President of Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute (GACRI). He is ABIM board certified in clinical cardiac electrophysiology and cardiovascular diseases and has provided services to the mid-Georgia area for more than nineteen years. In addition, he serves as Associate Professor of Medicine at Mercer University.

"ABC as an organization and its constituent members have played a tremendous role in my personal career development," comments Dr. Sogade. "21 years ago I

was awarded the very first ABC fellowship to continue my training in Cardiac Electrophysiology at Duke University. I am honored today to serve as chairman of the board and shall continue to remain appreciative for this opportunity. This depth of gratitude makes commitment and determination to ensure success of this organization unfaltering."

Dr. Hutchinson is the managing partner of Chesapeake Cardiac Care, P.A., a cardiology practice in Annapolis, Maryland. She is board certified in both cardiovascular disease and

sleep medicine as well as a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC). Dr. Hutchinson is an instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Maryland Hospital and a noted international speaker.

"I am thrilled to accept the Board and membership appointment as President," remarked Dr. Hutchinson. "The organization is at an exciting place in its 42 year history and I look forward to advancing its mission through the collaborative efforts of our board, our membership and staff. We want to build on the successes we

have achieved thus far in education, research and advocacy while cultivating expansive progress in eliminating disparities. As an organization, we are strongly positioned to deliver reliable solutions to achieving health equity and diversity strategies (workforce, clinical trials) through high quality partnerships."

The ABC Board of Directors comprises a wide range of experience in various fields, including healthcare, organizational management and capacity building. To learn more, visit [www.abccardio.org/boardmembers.php](http://www.abccardio.org/boardmembers.php)

## Norma Wright

Norma Wright, a counselor at Billy Earl Dade Middle School, is Dallas ISD's 2015-2016 Counselor of the Year. She, along with fellow counselors from schools across the district, were honored at a special reception on May 3.

Wright emerged from 42 total nominees as Middle School Counselor of the Year. The other three finalists are:

Carla Patrick, Elementary Counselor of the Year, J.P. Starks Math, Science and Technology Vanguard

Nellesia Tolliver, High School Counselor of the Year, Justin F. Kimball High School

Robyn Fall, Counselor's Choice Winner, W.H. Adamson High School



In nominating Wright, Dade Principal Tracie Washington wrote that the counselor enters Dade with a servant's heart to create an environment of accountability, advocacy and leadership. "Charged with the responsibility of strategically designing a guidance program that influences our school culture,

she creates an environment that others dream of, where the principal/counselor role is aligned, serving passionately in her calling."

Wright agreed that her being a counselor is a calling. "It is the work in serving the needs of any educational community that has driven me to be equipped with the skills necessary to meet the needs of that community," Wright wrote in her nomination form. "We dice the children on academics, and performance, but the focus has to be on the whole child. It's my unwavering commitment to building relationships that keep the core of the school on one heartbeat."

Dade Middle School staff have been recognized in other ways this year as well. Principal Tracie Washington

was named Secondary Principal of the Year and Ellyn Favors was recently named Secondary Volunteer Coordinator of the Year. Dade is part of the Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) initiative, about to wrap up its first year.

Washington gave words of encouragement during the event, before one of her counselors was awarded the top prize.

"I get excited in the work that you do. You are transforming schools every day," Washington said. "You are the keepers of the vision."

Other guest speakers included Tamara Singleton, last year's Counselor of the Year, who is now assistant principal at W.A. Blair Elementary; and Lynette Howard, principal at J.P. Starks.

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## Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill speaks out

**Letter to the Editor**

I am not an apologist for America! I am writing this letter on the 6th anniversary of my incarceration, while hospitalized in a federal medical center in Butner, North Carolina, with Stage 4 prostate cancer, serving an 18 year sentence for public corruption. I may never see free-

dom again. Therefore, I have reason to be fatalistic about my daughters’ and grandchildren are, including my 18 year- old grandson’s, future in America. Nevertheless, my life experiences tell me of a power in expectant optimism and that power works toward righteousness – even righteousness in America.

Ta-Nehisi Coates’ best-selling book, “Between the World and Me”, took my hope for America to task in a way that was unexpected. In writing a letter to his beautiful teenage son, his counsel concerning his son’s future in America is devoid, in large



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Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill (image: Twitter)

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those work for a member of congress, thus most Republican entities have no Black staffers, advisors, or consultants.

Republicans will counter that Blacks are an insignificant part of primary voters (about 2 percent), which is factually true, but that should not prevent the hiring of Black staffers, advisors, or consultants during this process.

Implicit in this bogus argument is that Blacks should only be hired to engage with the Black community. I totally reject this approach. As a matter of fact, if a campaign has a limited budget, they are better served by hiring a Black staffer over a White staffer.

Blacks, out of necessity, are forced to live in two worlds simultaneously. We have to be able to live and function within the Black community (where most of us live); but we must also be able to navigate the white community (where most of us work).

Most whites could not navigate the Black community effectively since most have absolutely no relationship within the community. So, by hiring a Black staffer, you get a two-fer. I find this an extremely compelling reason to hire a Black staffer.

To my utter and total dismay, every Republican presidential campaign other than one gets a failing grade on the issue of Black staffers.

You never hear the few Black Republicans who have a media platform talk about the lack of Black staffers within every level of the Republican Party. They are too caught up waiting for the proverbial pat on the head from their overseers.

You rarely, if ever, see

them take a principled stand against the party when it comes to the invisible Black man.

You see them on CNN mouthing all the words they are told to speak and not bringing light to a party that is lurking in the dark.

According to the Gallop, “almost two-thirds of blacks identify as Democrats, with most of the rest identifying as independents. Only 5 percent of Blacks nationwide identify as Republicans.” This means about 29 percent of Blacks label themselves as “Independent.” In business, this 29 percent is called a “target market.”

Did we really need an autopsy report after the 2012 election to tell us what needed to be done to diversity our party? This was a cheap political stunt to give the party cover, because they didn’t really want to address the reality starring them in the face.

In typical Republican fashion, they appointed two minorities, one Black and one Hispanic, as co-chairs (the other three being Whites) of the committee. Then they had a White as the national face of the report who did most of the media interviews after the report was released.

This little fact is exhibit “A” in how Republicans just don’t get it. Why would they not have the Black and Hispanic as the face of the report to engage with the media? Duh!

Even when they try to do the right thing, they do it the wrong way.

The one person who understands these issues is the one person the Republican establishment tried to defeat, Donald J. Trump. He constantly talks about engaging with the Black community,

he constantly talks about how illegal immigration has devastated the Black community, he constantly talks about how the Obama administration has been disastrous for Blacks and he has hired “real” Blacks and put them in positions of power.

Trump has substantively talked about the Black community more than the sum total of the 16 candidates he defeated. Yes, you heard me correctly.

Trump’s national spokesperson, Katrina Pierson, is all over TV speaking on behalf of the campaign. The visual of a Black female being the face of a presidential campaign is unprecedented and very powerful. Neurosurgeon and former presidential candidate, Dr. Ben Carson, is leading Trump’s vice presidential search; I can’t recall a Black ever serving in this position for any other Republican

nominee.

The Republican Party has no Blacks that ever speak for the various entities listed above, so please don’t get mad when the Democrats label our party as racist; visually and optically, we are; on policy, not so much.

Democrats and Republicans are trying to brand Trump as racist, sexist, and a xenophobe. If these claims are true, I hope he continues to live up to those characterizations; because if he does, he will be sworn in as the 45th president of these United States.

If you don’t believe what I am saying, maybe you will believe one of Trump’s long-time employees, Lynne Patton. This video says it all.

Raynard Jackson is founder and chairman of Black Americans for a Better Future (BAFBBF). BAFBBF focuses on the Black entrepreneur. For more information about BAFBBF, visit www.bafbf.org.

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# Blood pressure over time may better predict stroke, death risk

Knowing the path of a person's blood pressure from middle age onward may help doctors better assess the health risks posed by high blood pressure and could lead to earlier interventions to prevent stroke and other diseases linked to high blood pressure, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal *Hypertension*.

"We already know that high blood pressure is the biggest risk factor for stroke and that in people aged 50 to 75, it can change in a couple years' time," said M. Arfan Ikram, M.D., Ph.D., senior study author and associate professor of neuro-epidemiology at Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. "Yet, most studies looking at the relationship



between high blood pressure and stroke have relied on a blood pressure measurement at a single point in time, rather than looking at the course of blood pressure and stroke risk."

Dutch researchers tracked the systolic (top number) blood pressure of 6,745 participants, age 55-106, living in a suburb of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, for over two decades.

Researchers identified four distinct blood pressure

trajectories in people 55 and older:

- Class 1 experienced gradually increasing blood pressure from normal systolic blood pressure (120 mm Hg) in middle age to high systolic blood pressure (160 mm Hg) at age 95. Class 1 was the most common trajectory.

- Class 2 began with normal blood pressures in middle age but experienced a steep increase to very high systolic blood pressure (200

mm Hg) over the same time period.

- Class 3 had moderate high systolic blood pressure (140 mm Hg) in middle age that did not change much over time.

- Class 4 had high systolic blood pressure (160 mm Hg) in middle age, but their blood pressure decreased after age 65. Class 4 were more frequently men and more often used medication.

The study accounted for blood pressure lowering medications, smoking, alcohol use, body weight and other factors that might bias results. After adjustment, researchers found:

- Those whose blood pressure climbed steeply with time (Class 2) and those with high blood pressure that decreased after age 65 (Class 4) had the highest

risk of stroke and dying from non-stroke diseases up to the age of 80.

- People with moderately high blood pressure at mid-life and throughout (Class 3), had the highest risk of stroke overall but their risk of dying from non-stroke events, along with those in Class 1, was the lowest.

- Those with normal baseline and gradually increasing blood pressure from borderline-high to high (Class 1) had the lowest risk of stroke and a low risk of death for non-stroke events

During the study period, 1,053 participants suffered a stroke. Researchers also studied the number of deaths that occurred from non-stroke health events. High blood pressure increases the chances of dying from heart attack,

heart failure, kidney disease and other diseases.

Authors said that these findings raise questions about caring for patients with high blood pressure and borderline high blood pressure.

Although large, the study's population was geographically limited and mostly white. However, Ikram said the study's take home message can likely be applied to people from other communities:

"Blood pressure should be measured regularly because it can change markedly over the course of a couple years, and put you at high risk for an adverse event, said Ikram. "Since the risk of stroke and death differ across these trajectory paths, they are potentially important for preventive strategies."

## Teenagers and theatre addresses juvenile recidivism through classical text

The teens gather behind the curtains, ready with anticipation for their big night: The presentation of the Shakespeare production they've been working on for almost two months. The anticipation builds as the curtain call draws near. As the cast of teens arrange the set and double-check the lighting and sound, they rehearse their lines one last time.

What makes this after-school production different from others is that it includes teens from the Dallas County Juvenile Department. Many of the teens participating in the production are from at-risk neighborhoods and some have experienced disciplinary action by the county juvenile courts. "The Clink" by Steven Young, a comedy based on Shakespearean text, provides an avenue of rehabilitation for these teens as they work constructively to arrange the stage and design the show, dealing with real problem-solving and learning to communicate with each other in positive and creative ways.

Since the beginning of April, 2016, these teens have been instructed on all aspects of theater, including costuming, lighting, sound and set



T-An-T (Teenagers And Theatre) Apprenticeship Program

design, as well as acting techniques and stage management. Jonathan Luke, the director of "The Clink," is responsible for the training of the teens. He hopes they will gain a deeper sense of themselves through this program for both on and off the stage, he said.

"I'm working on this specifically with awareness. Vocally, physically and emotionally, and as it relates to the theatre," he said, explaining the exercises he plans to use to prepare them for their performance. Using vocal warmups, tongue twisters, visualization techniques and imagination exercises, he hopes to tap into their creativity and inspire teamwork, utilizing lessons he has learned from graduate school at Columbia University.

The T-An-T (Teenagers And Theatre) Apprenticeship program is the brainchild of Executive Artistic Director, Teresa Coleman Wash and was started in 2008 as one of the student outreach programs and theatre series offerings. T-An-T, as part of their education program, combines a mixture of high school students and teens from the Dallas County Juvenile Department.

Also partnering with the North Texas Volunteer Truancy Program, the purpose is to provide an afterschool outlet for teens that enables them to work through problem-solving and develop creative and collaborative methods of conflict resolution, thereby reducing patterns of destructive behavior.

Teresa Coleman Wash, the

founder and executive artistic director of the Bishop Arts Theatre Center believes this innovative theatre experience will encourage self confidence in the teens as well as enrich the rest of their education.

"Studying theatre, especially classical text, is an innovative way to teach text interpretation, encourage creative thinking and improve reading skills," Wash

said. "Our objective is to touch students with the arts in a way that informs the rest of their academic interests and transform their sense of personal potential by reducing the rate of recidivism."

Participating in the program can cause greater development in the teens' reading skills. In 2014, 91 percent of students in the program passed the reading por-

tion of the STAAR test, the standardized testing system used in Texas public schools.

The work of the teens will culminate with their production of "The Clink," which will premiere on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a final performance on Saturday, May 21 at 3 p.m. at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center, at 215 South Tyler Street in Dallas.

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## Dallas P.D. to serve Norma's Café customers during Tip-A-Cop event

Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) and the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) will team up with Norma's Café, the original Dallas dining icon serving Texas-style home cooking, on Tuesday, May 17 for the annual Tip-A-Cop fundraiser.

Dallas-area police officers and LETR members will serve Norma's Café customers at all three of the chain's locations (North Dallas, Oak Cliff and Frisco) and raise awareness

for local SOTX athletes. The event will run from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Officers will serve tables and will collect tips, which will be donated to SOTX at the end of the shift, to support programming and training for more than 6,800 athletes with intellectual disabilities in the Greater Dallas Area. A portion of the day's sales will also be donated to the organization.

Contributions can be made via cash, check or

credit card. For more information, contact Doug Ray (dray@sotx.org) at 214.943.9981.

Participating Norma's Café Locations:

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Cops and Law Enforcement Torch Run members will serve table for tips, which will be donated to support local Special Olympics Texas athletes.

## Hawaiian Falls offering military free admission Memorial Day Weekend

Hawaiian Falls will offer free admission to all military personnel at its North Texas water parks in Garland, The Colony, Mansfield and Roanoke from 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend – Saturday, May 28; Sunday, May 29; and Monday, May 30. All immediate family members can purchase their day pass for a discounted price of \$20.99.

"We're grateful for the

brave service members who willingly give up their freedoms to protect ours," said Hawaiian Falls CEO Clint Hill. "Because of their sacrifices, we can enjoy a fun, carefree summer with family and friends. We're not going to bore them with long speeches or embarrass them by singling them out. We're just happy to provide them a day to relax and have fun at our water

parks."

To participate, individuals just need to show a valid military ID at the ticket window. This free admission applies to one individual admission for a military member on Saturday, May 28; Sunday, May 29; or Monday, May 30, 2016 only and cannot be combined with any other offers.

Celebrating more than a decade of bringing families

closer together, Hawaiian Falls operates water parks in Garland, The Colony, Mansfield, Roanoke, Waco and Pflugerville. The water parks will open to the public 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 28th for the 2016 summer season. Season passholders are always allowed into the park 30 minutes before the gates open to the public. More info at [hfalls.com](http://hfalls.com) or [facebook.com/hfalls](https://www.facebook.com/hfalls).

## Dallas Chamber Symphony recommended for NEA award

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu announced 64 awards totaling \$4.3 million supporting projects across the nation through the NEA's Our Town program.

The Dallas Chamber Symphony (DCS), in partnership with the City of Dallas, will be "Taking It to the Streets" as one of the organizations recommended for an award of \$50,000 to engage citizens in our community through live music

in downtown spaces between fall of 2016 and spring of 2018.

The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. The NEA received 240 applications for Our Town this year and will make awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

"Taking It to the Streets"

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measure, of the 3 pillars of my spiritual life: faith, hope and love. Despite Coates' love for family and the African American community, this writer's authentic affections falter in the face of America's history of hatred and oppression of our ebony brothers and sisters.

Three major premises emerge in Coates' book: first, the assault on "black bodies" by America's law enforcement, educational and economic institutions, have given birth to a fear born of Coates' life experiences, that is beyond hopeful end.

Secondly, racism is the "father of race" and its implications of white supremacy and black inferiority. Finally, the "love power" of African American people profoundly displayed in the aftermath of the murder of the Charleston Nine is not from God or divinely inspired. As exquisitely explained in a recent "Letter to the Editor," love requires a risk of loss, of rejection, of re-

buke. Nevertheless, love requires me and all who desire the best for America to "cast out bread upon the waters" as King Solomon advised over 3,000 years ago. In loving our enemies and America with its legacy of failed promises, we embrace the possibility that America's vituperative progeny will ultimately see us as authentic Americans. The transformation has begun already. We have given birth to educational, economic and cultural institutions and icons that impact America on a daily basis.

Our struggle to achieve full citizenship embodies this Nation's highest principles. The humility and courage displayed by so many African Americans, young and old, rich and poor, skilled and unskilled, over our history in this country point undeniably to an endowment from God. The fact that the book remained on so many bestseller lists throughout 2015 and beyond

is a testimony to the powerful writing of Coates and, most important, the disillusionment in America.

The killing of black and brown men across America, including Dallas, grieves my heart, as well as the increasing rate of poverty throughout our Nation. We are frustrated! From the segregated neighborhoods of America's class-stratified urban areas, including Dallas, and the attendant dangers to Coates' son, as well as my grandson, I am ever prayerful.

Coates' cry for the sanctity of his son's body echoes the paternal prayers of every faithful father. Deaths in the black lives of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, La Quan McDonald, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice and too many others are anecdotal evidence of police oppression often repeated and devoid of real accountability. An innate response of parents, family members and the larger community resembles the fear of family separation during slavery: sudden, final, without remorse or justification. Even

the legacy of indiscriminate lynching provided rules of conduct for the oppressed to follow though without any guarantee of safety.

Coates' cautionary calculations to his son are heartfelt and real. The antidote, however, to this parental terror is the provocative trinity of faith, hope and love. May I explain? The foundation of a righteous nation is justice. As the sacred scripture from the book of the prophet Amos proclaims, justice and righteousness are infinitely intertwined and inter-related. Justice rolling down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream are progressive. What was the common thread in all of Jesus' miracles on which the sufferer experienced healing – the quality of faith demonstrated or a lack thereof.

My faith in a righteous America is based on the progressive reinvention of itself. Nations do reinvent themselves. America has and continues to reinvent itself through historic social movements. I do not believe we are

captive to our past, nor condemned by our present predicament, but faithful to the principles of America's founding documents and its reinvented iterations of freedom from stigma or oppression, due process of law, equal protection and full citizenship. We are not pitiful victims; we are pitiless victors!

An early 20th century writer best captured, in words, the danger of fear in a short essay entitled "The Realization of Perfect Peace" when he proclaimed: Fear is everywhere. Fear has become with millions a fixed habit. To live in continual dread, continuing, cringing, continual fear of everything be it loss of love, loss of money or situation, is to take the readiest means to lose what we fear we shall. Consider this; hope that is seen is no hope at all!

A hopeless, struggle-filled future that Coates casts before his son is the antithesis of a legacy born of our historic heritage. Throughout the historical journey of African American people,

we possessed an eternal hope as well as a daily expectation that our lives will be better, we will survive, no matter the circumstances. This courage to believe in better days would prevent some of our ancestors from committing suicide during the Middle Passage, others from revolts doomed for failure and others to survive in the face of incomprehensible cruelty. Yet in our hopeless situation, we gained strength; the more hopeless the circumstance, the more we persevered. We got married, we had families, we developed skills, intellect, and trades; we displayed industry to create our own! No greater story has ever been told!

Love of country demands a just rebuke when confronted with injustice. To love those who reject our existence, even to the point of murder and oppression, is America's redemptive opportunity to reciprocate and create, in the words of President Barack Obama, "a more perfect union."

# DCCCD colleges offer Summer fun, classes for kids

Now that school's out and kids are home, everyone's looking for something to do. Several colleges in the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) have the answer: summer classes and summer fun for tykes and teens alike.

Six DCCCD colleges are offering summer programs through their offices of continuing education. Fees and dates vary, so check the websites or call the phone numbers listed below for each college that's offering summer programs for kids.

## Brookhaven College – Carrollton/Farmers Branch

Brookhaven College's summer youth program is back by popular demand – a program that's packed with fun-filled courses that make learning an adventure. Four sessions are offered, and each features a different set of classes for different age

groups. Courses include: art – “Super Hero Cartooning” and “Just Add Water,” both for ages 7-13; writing – “Creative Writing: Tell a Tale of Mystery, Sci-Fi, Manga or Horror” and “Creative Writing: Short Stories,” both for ages 8-12; leadership – “Future Leaders,” ages 11-14; Photoshop – “Digital Photography Using Photoshop,” ages 8-12; test preparation – “SAT/ACT Test Preparation,” juniors and seniors only; and theater – “Theatre for Youth,” ages 8-12.

Registration is under way. Parents can register in person in the college's admissions office or by phone at 972-860-4715 (please have course information ready and a valid credit card). All students must complete the Continuing Education Registration Form which is available on campus or online; they also must complete a DCCCD Minor Student Form and photo release form. Forms are available at [www.brookhavencollege.edu](http://www.brookhavencollege.edu) under Youth Programs.



## North Lake College – Irving

This summer, children in grades 2 through 7 can spend some time at the North Lake College Kids' Summer Camp – a place where youngsters can make new friends and create summer memories. Activities are designed to promote opportunities to explore, create and have fun. Camp topics include robotics, basketball, art and culture, fitness, mathematics, science, reading and writing. Individual camps last one week, and two sessions are offered: June 13 to July 1 and July 18-29. Morning camps are held from 9 a.m. to noon, and afternoon camps are scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m.; parents can choose either the morning or afternoon camp during the camp dates their children attend. Kids' camp classes range in cost from \$120 to \$159. North Lake also offers a Fu-

ture Blazers Basketball Camp from June 27-30 or July 11-14, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., for boys and girls, ages 8 to 14.

Registration is under way, and space is limited. All registration must be done in person; no phone registrations are permitted. A registration packet must be completed by a parent/guardian and returned to the North Lake College continuing education office, along with proof of payment (in full) before a student can be accepted for a camp. All children who are enrolled in a summer camp also must obtain a North Lake College photo ID, which they will wear at all times during every camp session. For more information, call the North Lake College office of continuing education at 972-273-3386. For details about each camp, visit Kids Summer Camp.

## Richland College – Richardson/Dallas

Richland College will present “Girls Inc. Eureka!” for rising 8th-grade girls who are interested in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) areas. The eight-week program starts at Richland from June 13-17 and then moves to: the University of Texas at Dallas from June 20-24; the University of North Texas-Dallas from June 27 – July 1; and Cedar Valley College from July 5-8. The Eureka! Institute offers opportunities on a college campus to participate in STEM-based activities, personal development and sports. The cost is \$200 for the camp (plus \$60 additional membership fee for new members), and campus are held Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30

# Leaders break ground on improvements at Toyota Stadium

FC Dallas, U.S. Soccer, Frisco ISD and the City of Frisco broke ground Thursday on a \$39 million Toyota Stadium project featuring more than 100,000 square feet of renovated space, new locker rooms, premium seats, a private club and the National Soccer Hall of Fame Museum.

At the ceremony, FC Dallas Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt, along with FC Dallas President Dan Hunt, revealed the names of the 2016 U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame induction class, which includes U.S. Women's National Team alumni Shannon MacMillan and Brandi Chastain, as well as MLS Commissioner Don Garber. Chastain represented present and future Hall of Famers, joining the Hunts, Frisco Mayor Maher Maso and Frisco ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Lyon in breaking ground on the construction site.

“This is an incredible day for all associated with soccer in America,” said Dan



Hunt. “We are so pleased to be able to continually improve Toyota Stadium with our partners, the City of Frisco, FISD and U.S. Soccer.”

The 24,000 square foot National Soccer Hall of Fame Museum and event center will be home to U.S. Soccer hardware, including the Women's World Cup, Gold Cup and Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup trophies, as well as Olympic medals and memorabilia from the historic U.S. win over England in the 1950 World Cup, among other memorabilia and trophies. Toyota Stadium will also become the permanent site for the annual National Soccer Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

No other major national sports hall of fame museum is built into a stadium.

Frisco ISD will benefit from the construction of brand new locker room facilities with tunnels on each corner of the South end of the Stadium. These locker rooms will be home to FC Dallas, as well as teams from Frisco ISD and the NCAA FCS Championship teams. The locker rooms can be configured into four separate soccer dressing rooms or combined into two 100-person rooms for football.

“Frisco ISD has helped guide the process of designing the new locker rooms, which will be much more conducive to a football-type

atmosphere than the current locker room configuration,” said Frisco ISD Athletic Director David Kuykendall. “The close proximity to the field as well as separate tunnels for each team is a big advantage for all our FISD teams.”

Frisco ISD will con-

tribute \$4 million into the project or \$280,000 annually. Funding will come from TIRZ #1, a financing district established in the late 1990s that encompasses 713 acres around Stonebriar Centre.

The tax revenue generated through the taxable

value in that area goes into a special fund, which allows the District to participate in public-private partnerships such as this one, which benefits FISD students and the whole community. The funds cannot be used to support day-to-day expenses for the District.

## State of Colorado, District Court, Jefferson County AMENDED SUMMONS FOR DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY OF MARRIAGE for Case No: 15DR1696 in Division P, Honorable Ryan Paul Loewer; Federico Cordovez, Petitioner vs Favour Johnson aka Thelma Arnold, Respondent

To respondent: Favour Johnson aka Thelma Arnold:

This Summons serves as a notice to appear in this case.

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a lawsuit against you to determine invalidity of marriage. Within 35 days after this Summons is served on you, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Colorado Code of Civil Procedure, to the Petition. Your response must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401 and to Katherine Windler, the petitioner's attorney whose address is 3737 Gill Drive, Denver, CO 80209. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

You may be required to pay a filing fee with your Response. The Response form (JDF 1270) can be found at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us) by clicking on the "Self Help/Forms" tab. The Petition requests that the Court enter an Order affecting your marital status, distribution of property and debts, issues involving children such as child support, allocation of parental responsibilities (decision making and parenting time), maintenance (spousal support) attorneys' fees, and costs to the extent the Court has jurisdiction. If you fail to file a Response in this case, any or all of the matters above, or any related matters which come before this Court may be decided without any further notice to you.

This is an action to obtain a Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage as more fully described in the Petition.

Dated this 18th day of APRIL 2016

# Irving ISD Athletic Hall of Fame welcomes new inductees

The Irving ISD Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced the Class of 2016, which includes two former NFL players and two beloved coaches, one of whom was also an athlete at Irving High. The inductees are (in alphabetical order): DeMarcus Faggins; Kelvin Korver; Ray Overton; and Morris Sloan.

The 2016 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at a banquet on Saturday, June 18, at the Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For sponsorship and/or ticket information, please contact the Irving ISD Athletic Department at 972-600-5215.

Now in its fifth year, the Irving ISD Hall of Fame is designed to honor those who have contributed to athletic excellence throughout the history of Irving ISD. Read more about this year's honorees below.

## DeMarcus Faggins

DeMarcus Faggins, who played football for the first time as a sophomore in high school, quickly became a standout cornerback on the Irving High School football team in the 1990s, earning First Team All-District and Second Team All-State honors. Graduating in 1998, he continued his football career at Navarro Junior College and then at Kansas State University, where he helped lead his team to the



2001 Cotton Bowl championship.

Faggins played two years at Kansas State before being drafted by the Houston Texans in the sixth round of the 2002 NFL draft. After six years with the Texans, Faggins moved on to the Tennessee Titans and Detroit Lions. He also spent several years as a player/coach for the UFL's Omaha Nighthawks.

Former Irving Tigers' coach Jim Bennett remembers Faggins as a special player who had a burning desire to succeed and make his mother (who had passed away when he was 13) proud of his academic success, life choices and performance on the football field. Faggins, who volunteered for youth football camps in Houston when he played with the Texans, now lives in the Houston area with wife Khonnia and their 8-year-old son De-Mari.

## Kelvin Korver

In addition to having a successful football career as a defensive tackle for the Oakland Raiders, Kelvin Korver broke state and national records as a track and field athlete at Irving High School in the 1960s.

With a discus throw of 197 feet 3 1/2 inches in 1967, Korver became the Class 4A UIL State Champion and set the state and national record, which stood for 13 years. Korver attended Texas A&M University on a track scholarship before transferring to Northwestern College in Iowa where he competed in track and played football, earning All-America honors both years that he played.

Drafted by the Oakland Raiders in the second round of the 1972 NFL draft, Korver played six seasons there as defensive tackle and was a member of the Super Bowl XI Championship Team. He now lives in Adams, Neb., where he is

self employed.

## Ray Overton

Ray Overton, a member of the Big Country Hall of Fame, is a storied football coach of 47 years. In the history of Texas high school football, Overton is one of the most well known and well respected coaches of all time. With 30 years as a UIL head coach and 169 wins, Overton has made history in high school sports.

At MacArthur High School, he led teams to 13 playoff games, a district championship in 1987 and an overall record of 69-61-3. His career also included stops at Paint Creek High School, Haskell ISD and Abilene Cooper High School. He became a THSCA (Texas High School Coaches Association) Hall of Honor member in 1978, was named Co-Coach of the Year in 1990 and won the Tom Landry Award from the THSCA in 1994. Having led the MacArthur Cardinal football team as its head coach from 1983 to 1994, Overton retired from coaching in 1994 and continued to teach at MacArthur until 2006.

A resident of Irving, Overton's plans did not always include coaching. After high school, he attended Texas A&M University for a year, served in the

Air Force during WWII and then returned to Texas A&M, where he finished his bachelor's degree in 1948. He returned home to be a farmer and began coaching at Paint Creek High School, almost by accident. He later earned a

master's degree from Abilene Christian University and taught and coached for nearly 50 years.

## Morris Sloan

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## Plano's Senior Information & Wellness Fairs cheduled for May 25 at Rec Center

The Plano Senior Recreation Center invites older adults to participate in the Senior Information & Wellness Fair on Wednesday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Plano Senior Recreation Center, 401 West 16th Street in Harrington Park, hosts this annual celebration in observance with May being National Older Americans Month (OAM). This is a time to focus on issues facing this group and appreciate the contributions they are still making in the world. The

2016 OAM theme is "Blaze a Trail."

The purpose of the Senior Information & Wellness Fair is to provide a wealth of information for those of retirement and pre-retirement age to enhance their ability to plan for the future. There will be over 50 vendors providing senior living options, financial planning, funeral pre-planning, senior moving services, insurance options, and personal care services.

City staff will also be on

hand with fire safety tips (Plano Fire-Rescue) and personal safety tips (Plano Police). Those who attend the fair receive free chair massages, and can have free screenings for hearing, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, depression and fall-prevention.

Encourage the older people in your life to attend the Senior Fair and to always be a trailblazer. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information please call 972-941-7155.

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Meet the Knights, King and Princess, and three of the King's finest horses. The event will feature free food, a chance to test your archery skills, and more. Call 972-205-2750 for more

information.

**Free homebuyers  
workshop**

Saturday, May 21 10 a.m. to noon, City of Garland Unified Learning Center, 232 Carver St. Learn the steps involved in purchasing a home including: the importance of credit, budgeting for homeownership, and choosing a realtor. Register by calling 972-205-3300.

**LEWISVILLE  
City seeks input**

The City of Lewisville continues to seek improve-

ments in the quality of the services it provides to the people living, working or visiting in Lewisville.

As part of this ongoing effort to improve services, the City is asking residents to share their opinions in a new online survey about the Lewisville Police Department and City Appearance/Property Maintenance.

The online survey will be available May 9-23. Links to the survey will be available on cityoflewisville.com, the city's Facebook page, the City's Nextdoor page, and in the Horizon e-newsletter.

**RICHARDSON  
Youth Citizen Police  
Academy**

Applications are being accepted for the Richardson Police Department's 2016 Youth Citizen Police Academy, to be held June 27-July 1 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. The free program is for teens ages 14-17 who live or attend school in Richardson.

Students will get an inside look at the different areas of the Department, including SWAT, K-9, Investigations, Crime Scene and more. Classes will cover

topics that include anti-bullying, Internet safety, distracted driving awareness and others.

**Women on the Go  
networking event**

A Women on the Go networking event will be held

on Wednesday, May 25 | 5:30-7 p.m. at NOAH's of Richardson, which is located at 2251 N. Greenville Ave. Richardson 75082.

Guests are also invited to hang around afterward for an after hours networking "trunk show" event.

**BMW joins Dallas Marathon as new sponsor**

The Dallas Marathon board of directors have announced a multi-year title sponsorship agreement with BMW of North America and the Dallas-Fort Worth Area BMW Centers for the organization's marquee race property: the Dallas Marathon. The event, which is Texas' oldest marathon and the largest annual sporting event

in North Texas, will be known as the BMW Dallas Marathon, Half Marathon and Behringer Relay.

BMW will also serve as the official automobile partner of the Dallas Marathon and participate in year-round Dallas Marathon-organized events including the RunDallas Race Series, Oncor Mayor's Race 5K, the Pro

Relay Challenge and monthly BMW Dallas Marathon social runs held throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. To debut the sponsorship, the Dallas Marathon unveiled a new logo, website and visual brand identity.

BMW is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016 and has a long history of sup-

porting global endurance sporting events including the BMW Berlin Marathon and the Tokyo Marathon – both World Marathon Majors – along with the Frankfurt, Munich, and Vancouver marathons. The BMW Dallas Marathon represents BMW's first title sponsorship of a

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# DCT 2016-17 Season offers more than entertainment for young audience

For those who take the journey with Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) this season, they'll discover the key ingredients that go into the development of the greatest masterpiece.

Through fun adventures with Dr. Seuss, Charlie Brown, Jack and the Beanstalk, Junie B. Jones and others, youngsters along with their friends and family will be able to paint their own mental pictures of the trips, the people, and the events that both build their character and their memories of a lifetime.

Whether it's cooking, making volcanoes, building LEGOs, decorating, or something else, Season 2016-2017 represents an awesome exploration into the remarkable making of... (insert your name



DCT's Robyn Tomas

here). That's why next season's theme is Me, the Recipe.

When considered altogether, next season is a way for children to understand the elements that go into growing up, and understanding those elements as it relates to them personally. According to Sandra Session-Robertson, DCT's Senior Director of Communications and Philanthropy, when the artistic team

revealed the season internally, one common theme among every single play described was the idea of finding oneself and discovering one's place in the world.

Theater moves people out of their ordinary realm and allows us all to step into the worlds, cultures, and shoes of others. Founder and Executive Artistic Director Robyn Flatt explains, "When kids see live theater, it's a special

time that triggers all kinds of other learning. Our characters and storylines put children in touch with their own memories, thoughts and ideas in ways nothing else can. We're so proud to play the role we do in the growth of the young people who come to DCT."

Drumroll, please... announcing the 2016-17 Season:

- **SEUSSICAL™** - Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, runs September 16 - October 23, 2016, Recommended for ages 5 and up.

- **SEASON SPECIAL TEEN SCENE PLAYERS PRESENT DRACULA: THE VAMPIRE PLAY** - By Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston (From Bram Stoker's novel), runs Octo-

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## Jubilee announces upcoming season

Jubilee Theatre last week announced their 2016-17 schedule featuring everything from musicals and holiday fare to works promising insights on our history.

**Working - The Musical** Sept. 30 - Oct. 30 is a look at the seemingly humdrum lives of everyday working people - their hopes and dreams

**The Gifts of the Magi** Nov. 25 - Dec. 24 offers a Christmas Musical of True Love - In Lean Times

**Thurgood** Jan. 27 - Feb. 26, 2017 - The law can be a powerful tool for social change - The story

of Thurgood Marshall  
**Two Trains Running** Mar. 17 - Apr. 16, 2017 showcases August Wilson's story exploring the effects of social change on sense of community in 1969

**Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters First 100 Years** May 26 - June 25, 2017 is when two sister-both over 100 years old, tell the story of the last century- as they lived

**BeeHive - The 60's Musical** Jul. 28 - Aug. 27, 2017 promises to be a wild toe-tapping, head shakin' musical tribute to the women of 1960's rock and roll.

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	<b>Don Diego</b> Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Town Center Amphitheater 211 E Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115	Don Diego is a contemporary jazz fusion saxophonist, vocalist and keyboard player who mixes instrumental covers of modern and classic R&B with rap and pop vocals.
	<b>R. L. Griffin</b> Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM Town Center Amphitheater 211 E Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115	R.L. Griffin is a major figure on the Dallas blues scene. Not only is he a fine entertainer and recording star, but he owns the R.L.'s Blues Palace #2. He is also a disc jockey on KKDA 730 AM where he spins classic blues and R&B tunes.
	<b>Ivory Jazz Band</b> Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Town Center Amphitheater 211 E Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115	Ivory Jazz spans across all genres of music and encompasses an eclectic musical style that offers something for everyone. Offering tunes from the musical genres of soul, jazz, funk, pop, and R&B, Ivory Jazz can rock any crowd.
	<b>Crawfish Festival</b> Saturday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 12:00 PM Town Center Amphitheater 211 E Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115	Come and enjoy tons of delicious spicy crawfish, great food, live music, vendors and games. Revel in the best Zydeco bands and enjoy the infectious rhythms of the Bayou. This will be a friendly, relaxed and fun community event.

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## Ragtime returns to the Dallas stage

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Winning Tony Awards for

Best Book and Best Musical Score, this 13-time Tony Award nominated musical is a timeless celebration of life – what it could and should be! The Hollywood Reporter declares that RAGTIME is "one of the best musicals of recent decades." Its celebrated score includes "Wheels of a Dream," "Back to Before" and the title song, "Ragtime."

RAGTIME features a book by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty,

lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and is based on E.L. Doctorow's best-selling 1975 novel. Tony-nominated Director & Choreographer Marcia Milgrom Dodge will helm the production. Scenic Design by Kevin Depinet, Lighting Design by Mike Baldassari and Sound Design by Craig Cassidy.

The stories of an upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician unfold – set in turn-of-the-century New York – all

three united by their desire and belief in a brighter tomorrow. Their compelling stories are set to theatre's richest and most glorious Tony Award-winning score.

Choose Your Own packages for the last three DSM 2016 season shows, are now on sale online at [Dallas-SummerMusicals.org](http://Dallas-SummerMusicals.org) and by phone at 800-514-3849. They can also be purchased at The Box Office, 5959 Royal Lane Suite 542 Preston Royal Shopping Center.



## Dugg Burger opens its second location on W. Park in Plano

Dugg Burger opened its second location at 4701 West Park Blvd. # 110 in Plano on May 10. Owners Jeff Braunstein, Martin Hennessy, Jeremy Samson and Scott Spence are delighted to bring the innovative and popular burger joint to the Plano community.

"We know the Plano community enjoys dining out and is proud of its restaurants. We couldn't be more excited about joining this great community and introducing them to the way we do burgers," says Jeff Braunstein, managing



partner.

By digging out the top portion of the bun, Dugg Burger is able to reverse the burger-building process. Rather than starting with

the patty and then adding toppings, the Dugg team fills the "dugg out" bun with toppings chosen by guests in a build-as-you-go fashion. The burger patty is

then added hot-off-the-grill after all ingredients are selected, giving customers a perfectly customized burger.

All the toppings are included in the price; with guests always having their

pick of the "Dugg Dozen" including Hickory-Smoked Bacon, Caramelized Onions, and Sautéed Mushrooms, as well as a Lucky 13 topping that changes frequently.

Dugg Burger also offers

fries and drinks, including wine and a selection of local craft beers. With the opening of the Plano location, Dugg will add milkshakes to the menu.

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# Suggestions for reducing your Texas property tax bill

By Mary Belan Doggett

While property taxes are a fact of life in Texas, it's possible you're paying more than your fair share. A little homework now could reduce your bill significantly. For starters, here are a couple of things you can do:

Apply for all eligible exemptions with your Central Appraisal District. Texas offers a variety of exemptions including those for Residence Homesteads, Age 65 or Older or Disabled Persons, Veterans, and Charitable Organizations. Exemptions effectively reduce the taxable value of your property in much the same way income tax exemptions reduce your taxable income. The end result? A lower tax obligation.

Take a look at the full list of exemptions available to Texans online at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts page. Qualifications and application procedures vary by county. Check with



your Central Appraisal District (CAD) for details.

Protest your appraised property value. The CAD in each county appraises the value of your property each year. Appraisal Districts occasionally miss the mark and most homeowners don't bother to check.

There are two ways to protest your valuation:

**Market value method.** This is when the appraised value is excessive and your property would not sell for the amount determined by the Appraisal District. With the help of a Texas licensed real estate agent, gather actual sales data from recently sold properties (similar in location, age, size, and amenities) to justify a lower market value.

While you are at it, make sure the description of your property is accurate. If the appraiser thinks you have more bedrooms, bathrooms, or square footage than you have – or if anything else is wrong – let the appraiser know.

**Equal and Uniform method.** This is when your property is unequally appraised compared to a representative sample of comparable properties (even if the appraised value is at or below market value). Use the information provided on the CAD website to create a list of comparable properties with different taxable (CAD) values. For example, there are five homes on your block that are similar in age, size, and amenities. CAD

taxable values are as follows: #1 \$110,000; #2 \$115,000; #3 \$117,000; #4 \$125,000; #5 \$130,000. Use the "equal and uniform" method to justify that your taxable value be reduced to the median (or middle) amount of \$117,000.

Now that you have some evidence, initiate the protest process according to your county's published procedures. You can file a Notice of Protest (Form 50-132) with the CAD and request a hearing with the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

A word of caution: Be aware of the protest deadlines. The usual deadline for filing your Notice of Protest is May 31. Contact the CAD for your specific protest filing deadlines.

What if you don't receive a notice of appraised value? File a protest anyway. Protesting your property value is up to you, regardless of whether the mailed notice of appraised value ever makes it to your mailbox.

Lastly, be sure to pay the undisputed amount of your tax bill before it becomes delinquent (typically Feb 1). If you miss that payment deadline, you lose the right to continue your protest and

appeal. Make sure you understand your county's payment requirements.

*Mary Belan Doggett is Vice President-General Counsel for Propel Financial Services in San Antonio.*

## AT&T commits to hiring 20,000 veterans by 2020

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Doubling its military hiring commitment, AT&T\* has announced it plans to hire an additional 10,000 veterans for a total of 20,000 by 2020. This commitment was announced at today's White House Joining Forces event, along with more than 50 other companies dedicated to hiring and training veterans and military spouses.

These companies recognize the immeasurable value of veterans' skills and how well their expertise translates to businesses – and collectively pledged to hire 100,000 veterans over the next five years. The hiring commitment from AT&T is one of the largest announced.

In 2013, AT&T announced it would hire 10,000 veterans within the next 5 years, which was met at the end of 2015, well ahead of schedule. AT&T is doubling that commitment

and pledged to hire an additional 10,000 veterans by 2020.

"Military experience is great preparation for a successful career at AT&T. Veterans' leadership, integrity and commitment to service make them outstanding employees," said Randall Stephenson, chairman and chief executive officer, AT&T. "We're proud to have added 10,000 of these men and women to our team since 2013, and we look forward to hiring another 10,000 by 2020."

AT&T actively focuses on recruiting veterans into career paths because the experience and skills gained through military service are an invaluable contribution to the workforce.

"While in the service, I often wondered if the self-discipline, teamwork and skills I was gaining would help me find a fulfilling ca-

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will feature the Dallas Chamber Symphony's chamber ensembles in a series of 20+ outreach concerts. The project includes Musical "Moments," slated to be hour-long, free public concerts featuring an array of music styles and ensembles presented around Downtown Dallas and adjacent neighborhoods, as well as "Seeds" outreach events through which the DCS will bring music into area hospitals, homeless shelters, and other facilities whose population might not be able to partake of the public events.

"Taking It to the streets" will culminate in a perform-

ance at Dallas City Performance Hall in spring of 2018. Local businesses, individuals and organizations interested in co-sponsoring concerts through matching contributions can contact DCS Development Associate Robin Korevaar for more information at (214) 449-1294 x 20. The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center, The Wayman Center and Dallas Area Rapid Transit are among the organizations participating at this time.

"For six years, Our Town has made a difference for people and the places where they live, work, and play," said NEA Chairman Jane



Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill (IMAGE: Twitter.com)

Chu. "Projects such as the one led by the Dallas Chamber Symphony help residents engage the arts to spark vitality in their communities."

"This award is the Dallas Chamber Symphony's first from the National Endowment of the Arts, and serves as a testament to the Or-

chestra's extraordinary accomplishments in its first four years," said DCS Artistic Director and Conductor Richard McKay. "The support provided by this grant will enable us to deploy new kinds of high-quality community outreach programming, while enhancing our creative impact on the

Dallas Arts scene."

"The Dallas Chamber Symphony has become an indispensable member of the vibrant Dallas Arts District by creating and performing entertaining concert events which excite our patrons and inspire follow members of the artistic community to innovate and

collaborate," said DCS Board President Jim Langham. "We are thrilled to be forging new partnerships with local neighborhoods and community service providers to enrich our City and engage new audiences."

For a complete list of projects recommended for Our Town grant support, please visit the NEA web site at arts.gov. The NEA's online resource, Exploring Our Town, features case studies of more than 70 Our Town projects along with lessons learned and other resources.

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pion the types of programming that helps girls sustain the gains they make in school.

Girl Scouts understands the vital connection between the development of young girls and their future success. We support and bolster the benefits of school by fostering a safe environment where girls are free to experiment and apply themselves.

This ancillary developmental step is crucial to empowering girls to take up the mantle of leadership in America. We also know that we get the best results when girls start young, and when their Girl Scout experience is tailored to bolster and augment the gains they make in school. The inclusive, girl-led, all female environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can practice new skills, try new things, feel free to take up leadership positions, and yes, even feel free and safe to fail and try again.

Here in Northeast Texas, with so much growth in our economy, we recognize that our rapidly growing and changing workforce needs are dependent on having girls prepared to enter STEM fields. That was the inspiration behind the de-

velopment of the STEM Center of Excellence in southwest Dallas, a living laboratory where girls can explore science, technology, engineering and math programs, activities and careers.

The progressive 98-acre campus serves girls K-12th grade with girl-led, hands-on and collaborative programming that brings the best of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience together with the best of STEM expertise in our community. Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas is raising \$13M to invest in this facility which we expect to ultimately change the workforce pipeline in North Texas.

This investment is guided by what we know about girls. In a recent Girl Scout Research Institute study, 74% of girls agree that they learn more by doing things than by being told things.

A majority of girls agree that adults in Girl Scouts listen to girls more than they do in other places and that the adult makes them feel valuable. Finally, girls see Girl Scouts as a portal to access more information and experiences with STEM during the key career exploration years in high school. Girl Scouts has a legacy of being the girl

expert; today we can apply those learnings to encouraging girls in the careers of tomorrow.

The good news is that Americans seem to understand the importance of investing in girls, and that the time to start is now. Our Girl Scouts Research Institute has released a pulse poll of American voters which shows that a vast majority of American voters believe investing in girls' education is the key to our country's advancement.

American voters believe in the value of supporting girls' leadership development through preparation in subjects, hands on experience, and career exposure to financial literacy, STEM, and business. In fact, 82 percent of voters feel that America's future depends on preparing girls for careers in business, science, finance, and other careers traditionally dominated by men.

This is the time for Americans to act. From Washington to Wall Street, to the women who serve as the CEOs and CFOs of their families, wherever you see courageous, determined, effective female leaders, you are most likely looking at one of our 59 million living alumnae. With over 90 percent of Americans suggesting that they believe out-of-school programs play an

important role in helping girls maintain their interest and achievements in STEM and other fields, the public support for the Girl Scout mission is there. It's time for our leaders to hear from that overwhelming majority, and to harness the power of girls to help

America invest in itself.

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas needs the community to engage with their work as volunteers, as investors and as advocates for girls. Contact us at [www.gsnetx.org](http://www.gsnetx.org) to learn more ways to get involved today.

Jennifer Bartkowski serves

as the CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. Bartkowski has been with GSNETX since 2009, when she joined the council as Chief Development Officer. Bartkowski is the mother of two children, including a Girl Scout Junior and is the proud recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award.

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about becoming a police officer, contact Officer Jones at 972-487-7358 or visit [GarlandPolice.com](http://GarlandPolice.com).

## VETERANS,

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 reer,” says JoHanna Martinez, military talent attraction manager, AT&T Talent Acquisition, and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. “15 years later, I now know that those skills have been the foundation to every success in my career. Because those values are part of the AT&T culture too.”

Once veterans are hired, AT&T helps ensure they

have the skills needed to grow their career and succeed as an employee in the every-evolving technology landscape. The AT&T veterans’ employee resource group also serves more than 9,000 members and creates an instant community for veterans. This includes mentoring and helping other veterans in their transition process.

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 came a devoted high school and college football coach for more than 30 years, he was a top athlete at Irving High School, lettering in both football and baseball

Having a love for the game, Sloan returned to Irving where he coached at Lamar Junior High School from 1975 to 1977, at Nimitz High School from

1977 to 1980, and at Irving High School from 1980 to 1984.

He then moved on to coach two years at Bonham High School and the next 14 at his alma mater, Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SE).

As SE’s head coach, Sloan’s achievements include coaching six nation-

ally-ranked teams, winning the OIC Conference in 1988, the Aztec Bowl in 1989 and being named conference co-champions three times.

He was named the OIC Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996, the Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2000, and he is the all-time winningest coach in school history at SE, where he

coached 113 All-Conference athletes and 17 All-Americans. In 2007, Sloan was inducted into the Southeastern Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 2009, he returned to Irving ISD where he finished his career at Nimitz High School.

Sloan’s 31-year career included 14 years in Irving ISD. He is now retired, living in Roanoke, Texas.

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Value those friendships and the love. Respect their feelings and never make de-

mands. Hold their love tightly in your heart and your hands.

Trust in friendship, give a piece of your heart; this is how friendship was intended from the very start.

Hold their memory in your heart and your mind; continue to love them all the time. See them for what they really are—true friends are Angels sent by God!

--Author Unknown

The following story is summarized and told by Dr. Mahesh S. Raisinghani, Ph.D, MBA, MSc, in his closing remarks at the NSLS induction ceremony on April 22, 2016 at TWU in Denton, Texas.

There was a farmer man named Fleming; he was a poor farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog (swamp.) He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and

struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the farmer's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy that Farmer Fleming had saved.

I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family shack. 'Is that your son?' The nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly.

'I'll make you a deal. Let

me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy and if the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London; and went on to become known as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was

saved from the swamp was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin discovered by Farmer Fleming's son; and, the name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill ... His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said: "What goes around comes around." Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it is Heaven on Earth.



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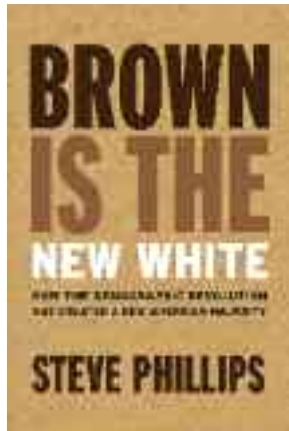
# NDG Book Review: *Brown is the New White*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your vote matters.

At least that's what they tell you, but you have your doubts. You're ONE of millions of people who'll go to the polls in November. You're a raindrop in the sea, a needle in a voting haystack. But as you'll see in "Brown is the New White" by Steve Phillips, you are more powerful than you think.

In 1968, the year Martin Luther King was assassinated, about 12 percent of the U.S. population comprised "people of color." Forty years later, on the night that Barack Obama was elected president, 36



percent of Americans were African American, Latino, Asian American, Arab American, or Native American.

While that still doesn't sound like a very high number, Phillips says that, for a politician looking to win in

2016, those demographics belie an "equation that's been hiding in plain sight": add progressive White voters, and "America has a progressive, multiracial majority right now..."

That's good news for Democrats – the party most often favored by progressives and people of color – but it's not the final word. Drawing a line from Selma to Obama's election, Phillips says that understanding the interests and histories of each individual group (including progressive Whites) is essential for forward movement, politically. It's also important to know how those groups vote and the issues they care

about, because if the "truth of the lives of the New American Majority" is ignored, "they will ignore you..." Phillips says. Stirring things up, as he points out, are conservatives who actively court "communities of color" and Republicans who've shown that they're trying to embrace new thinking.

Smart politicians, Phillips says, will "invest wisely" by speaking directly through media outlets that are important and relevant to voters in order to keep the New American Majority's attention and retain their support. Both parties must examine ways to bring "justice" and, therefore,

equality to constituents. They need to cultivate "great cultural competence and expertise." And they'll have to "educate themselves about the realities of the lives of people of color."

Jam-packed with statistics, numbers, and thoughts that whirl around the pages, "Brown is the New White" is interesting, but it's not a book to finish in a weekend. There's so much inside here to comprehend, that you may not even finish it this month.

Author Steve Phillips pulls together plenty of intriguing ideas, history, and cause-and-effect tales but too many stats, which often muddy his points. He seems

to go off-topic, sometimes slightly, but enough to cause me to stop and wonder where this was going. And yet, what he says is compelling and impossible to ignore; to wit, we are on the verge of something that could be exciting, if we only coalesce.

To reach that point, there are suggestions here, some of which may be controversial and some of which will require serious work. Still, though this book is definitely on the heavy side, what you'll eventually learn is meaningful, particularly in this election year. For anyone over 18, "Brown is the New White" could be a book that matters.

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major U.S. running event.

The Dallas Marathon in recent years has attracted top American endurance talent with unique race events and a runner-friendly course. Last December's field included 2016 Olympic qualifiers Meb Keflezighi, Jared Ward and Desi Linden, who will each represent Team USA in the marathon at the Rio 2016 Olympics. American record holder Ryan Hall famously ran his last official race be-

fore announcing a retirement from professional competition at the Pro Relay Challenge in Dallas in 2015.

"Performance and efficiency are at the heart of every marathoner and at the heart of every BMW," noted Russell Lucas, Vice President Southern Region, BMW of North America.

BMW plans to launch exclusive contests for BMW Dallas Marathon participants, including a chance for one

2016 race registrant to win a complimentary two-day trip to the BMW Performance Driving School. Throughout Dallas Marathon race weekend, BMW will offer ride-and-drive experiences at the Health & Fitness Expo. On race day, a fleet of BMW vehicles will be utilized to transport media, escort elite athletes and VIP participants, lead the race as the official pace car, and add entertainment to spectator areas along the race course.

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also host social events and training runs for North Texas BMW customers and dealers including Autobahn Motorcars, BMW of Arlington,

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Relay is Sunday, December 11.

For more information or to register, visit [bmwdallas-marathon.com](http://bmwdallas-marathon.com).

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