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Voters to decide fate of DISD school board's District 9 seat in runoff vote

By David Wilfong
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Early voting is already underway for the highly-contested District 9 seat on the Dallas Independent School District's (DISD) of Trustees. The race features incumbent Bernadette Nutall trying to hold off challenger Justin Henry in a rematch of what was a four-way competition in the first round of voting.

District 9 covers a broad swath of South Dallas, beginning in the downtown area. It has five underperforming schools, includes economically-disadvantaged communities, and has a large minority population.

The challenger took the lead in the election held on May 5, garnering 47 percent of the vote, but it was short of the majority needed to clinch the election. Nutall claimed 32 percent in the first round of voting.

As she faces the uphill struggle to reverse the momentum from the earlier vote, Nutall said she is facing a well-funded machine looking to "buy" the District 9 seat. With the race going to a runoff, she says the attacks from the other side have gone south of scrupulous.

"Truth, integrity, and character have been thrown out the window," Nutall reported to her supporters on Facebook Sunday night. "The opposition, through its access to large



Justin Henry (at left) is looking to unseat school board Trustee Bernadette Nutall (right) in a runoff vote on June 16. The two candidates survived the first round of a four-way competition in the school board election held on May 5. (Photos: David Wilfong / NDG)

amounts of cash, has sent out another mailer smearing me. (They) don't twist the truth, they outright lie. This time they said that I support a \$10 million renovation of a campus then give it to a charter school.

"The truth is that DISD administration brought this to the table for discussion and when the financial details were disclosed, I promptly said that such a move didn't make sense. Check the tape."

Similar salvos have come from the pages of Henry's Facebook feed. He contends South Dallas students have suffered under decisions Nutall has made in the past.

"Charter schools (like St. An-

thony's) are not the same as DISD public schools of choice," Henry wrote on May 11, commenting on a news article regarding a proposed partnership between the school district and a charter school. "DISD already has its own successful public schools of choice. The incumbent has consistently advocated against DISD's public schools of choice and districts of innovation. I believe in supporting and creating policies that place programs in DISD schools that increase achievement and opportunities while also attracting more stu-

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Garcelle Beauvais

"I feel like we can express ourselves in so many ways," says Garcelle Beauvais. "It's almost like putting on a character." The model, actress and author is talking about fashion and jewelry and her love of both.

Her adoration doesn't just stem from the glamour of wearing beautiful pieces, but also from the undeniably transformative power fashion can possess.

Beauvais should know. She made the leap from successful model in the early nineties to landing her first big break in the entertainment world on legendary producer Aaron Spelling's



American Gem Trade Association

small screen hit series, Models, Inc., which aired in the mid-nineties.

And while the Haitian-born beauty moves gracefully through her many ventures, behind the scenes securing her spot on Models, Inc. was pure grit and tenac-

ity, playing out in many ways like its own daytime drama.

"I was still modeling and going back and forth to New York when I heard about a TV show coming out about models," says Beauvais of trying to get an audition for the series. "But my agent said that they were not seeing any black models for the show. I dreamt that night that I was talking to Aaron Spelling. Being superstitious, I decided the next day that I was going to write him a letter and take it to him myself."

Beauvais found Spelling's office address, marched up unannounced to the receptionist desk and left her

headshots and resume. The receptionist dutifully placed it on the producer's desk and three days later the model turned to actress with a role in the Models, Inc. ensemble cast.

"We've made great strides since then," she says about an increase of diverse roles in Hollywood. "We have shows like Empire, How to Get away With Murder and Scandal. We still have a ways to go, but we've definitely come a long way."

With over two decades of TV and film under her belt, Beauvais has recently taken her talent behind the camera in order to be an active part of telling women's stories. With the launch of her pro-

duction company, Beauvais/Wilson (with producing partner Lisa Wilson), she is giving life to projects she finds important.

"There are so many stories out there that talk about things we want to talk about," says Beauvais. "It's important to have a woman's voice. Hollywood is just now starting to go, 'Oh, a woman's film can do well.'"

The first project Beauvais and Wilson are producing is a short film called Lalo's House which deals with sex trafficking in Haiti and is inspired by a true story. Beauvais also stars in the film.

"It's loosely based on two little girls living in Haiti, who are kidnapped on their

way home from school and wakeup in an orphanage," explains Beauvais. "I play the nun running her orphanage as a sex trafficking ring."

The film was director Kelley Chatman's USC film school thesis and she had Beauvais in mind to play a role long before ever meeting the actress.

"My picture was always in her deck. She was trying to find me," said the actress of Chatman's desire to have her participate in the movie. "She finally met a friend of mine who introduced us. We decided to jump on board and also produce it. Jamie Foxx helped us. We've made

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Ralph Motta

City Men Cook announced this week USVI Chef Julius Jackson & Chef Ralph Motta will join the City Men Cook roster of celebrity chefs at what is fondly nicknamed- the largest Sunday Dinner in North Texas. City Men Cook is scheduled for Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST, at Gilley's Dallas, at 1135 S. Lamar St., Dallas, TX 75215.

City Men Cook is an annual culinary event, deemed as one of the largest Father's Day celebrations in the country. It is named aptly nicknamed as the largest



Sunday Dinner in North Texas.

Julius Jackson is a professional chef, professional boxer, author and Olympian, who represented the U.S Virgin Islands in 2008.

Julius has a boxing record of 20 wins and 2 losses. He found his culinary passion at the tender age of nine and on his return to the USVI after completing culinary school and competing in the Beijing Olympics, Julius became the lead cook at the popular Fat Turtle restaurant winning "King of the Wing" cooking competition in 2012.

Chef Jackson's cooking prowess and fame led him to be featured on the Cooking Channel's 2015 season of Beach Bites with Katie Lee. Chef Julius specializes in Caribbean, Italian and French cuisine. He also loves to create fusions between all three. Julius is cur-

rently the Head Chef and Manager at My Brother's Workshop Bakery & Cafe, a nonprofit training program for at-risk youth. Julius volunteers with the nonprofit Young Life and attends many speaking engagements to encourage young Virgin Islanders. Julius, his wife Nicole, and son Dominic reside in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Self-taught and fearless, Chef Ralph Motta's inspiration is derived from the cultures and traditions native to the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands. Chef Motta says, "While growing up on St. Croix it was impossible to be blind to

the preparation of local cuisine." He had his pick from family heirlooms, such as his grandmother Claire Motta's mortar and pestle, which she used to produce "pound seasoning," which is a staple ingredient in every savory Crucian dish, to his mother's silver mixing bowls handed down to her by Grandma Ena. Located on St. Croix, Chef Motta is currently the Executive Chef at Motta Cuisine, a boutique catering company established in 2014 with the help of fellow Crucians.

Sponsored by the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, Chef Motta was named the Culinary Amba-

sador for the USVI in May 2017. In addition to Motta Cuisine, Chef Motta also operates 3's Company STX, a Fine Art Gallery and Studio Space dedicated to showcasing the work of local Caribbean artists. 3's Company STX can be found at 57 Company Street in downtown Christiansted.

"The USVI chef's expertise and humble beginnings are a perfect match for City Men Cook and our mission to mentoring in the community," says Terry Allen, Event manager. @terryallenpr #citymencook

"We are overjoyed to exe-

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

MLK50: Fifty years later, racism still matters

Yes, I agree that the government has not done enough to dismantle institutionalized racism. If anything, we have taken a step backwards by allowing the party in power to suppress the minority vote. Here in the Dallas / Fort Worth area, the persecution of Crystal Harris, who received a five year sentence for allegedly voting illegally, is a travesty of justice and should not go unchallenged. Thank God, her lawyers have filed an appeal.

Let us all prey for Crys-

tal and hope that her lawyers are successful in overturning this shameful travesty of justice.

-- Kevin Rogers

Counterfactual Textbooks Hurt Texas Students

Many other states use Texas textbooks, too. (At least, that used to be the case.)

So, it's not just Texas schoolchildren who are being brainwashed by this racist garbage.

-- Mr. Walker

Congratulations to Rep. Eric Johnson

I absolutely love to see

the younger generation take steps to move forward with govt. as its goal. Congratulations!! State Representative Eric Johnson!!

-- Frances Hood via Facebook

Great job, Eric!

-- Jacqueline Parker West via Facebook

John Teal @Suprmanj responded a tweet from President Trump that stated: Farmers have not been doing well for 15 years. Mexico, Canada, China and others have treated them unfairly. By the time I finish trade talks, that will change. Big trade barriers against U.S. farm-

ers, and other businesses, will finally be broken. Massive trade deficits no longer!

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Exciting new trend: Black women changing the tide of American politics

By Jeffrey L. Boney
NNPA Contributor

Last week, the world witnessed something that had never been done before in the history of politics in the United States.

Not only did Democratic voters in Georgia elect a 44-year-old African American candidate as the first-ever Black gubernatorial nominee in the state, they also made history by electing the first Black woman to be a major party nominee for governor in the United States.

That's right—former Georgia House Minority Leader and attorney Stacey Abrams soundly defeated her opponent, former State Rep. Stacey Evans, with an overwhelming 53 percent landslide victory; Abrams won 76.5 percent of the vote compared to Evans' 23.5 percent. Abrams will face off against the winner of the Republican primary runoff election that will be held in July between Georgia's Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Secretary of State Brian Kemp.

While much of the political conversation around the country has been focused on the success of women candidates as a whole, one of the primary reasons for Abrams' dominant showing in the Democratic primary was the high turnout of Black voters, particularly Black women voters.

The convincing victory by Abrams, a rising star in the Democratic Party, has created a significant amount of chatter in political circles about the growing success Black women candidates are having across the country, particularly in a deeply southern state like Georgia that hasn't had a Democratic governor since 2003.

"I am a proud daughter of the Deep South," Abrams stated during her victory speech after winning the Georgia Democratic gubernatorial nomination. "To claim our victory, to write that next chapter and live those best lives, we have a lot of work to do. We have to reach out to those who do not believe their voices matter. Who have been disappointed again and again

by promises made and never kept...With your help, we will register every last person we know."

Abrams continued: "And we're going to search out those we don't know yet and prove they matter to us, too...In the Book of Esther, there's a verse that reminds us that we were born for such a time as this. And now is a time to defend our values and protect the vulnerable — to stand in the gap and to lead the way...that is what we will continue to do—all the way to victory in November."

A victory by Abrams in November would truly be a game changer relative to politics, as we know it, in the Deep South and across the country.

Prior to 2003, no Republican had ever served as governor in Georgia since Reconstruction. Republican George "Sonny" Perdue III changed that after he was elected and then sworn in on January 13, 2003. Perdue served until 2011, and the governorship in Georgia has remained in Republican control ever since.

Then, if you take a look at the rest of the Deep South, which consists of states like Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, each of those states currently has a Republican governor at the helm, with the exception of Louisiana, where former Democratic state legislator John Bel Edwards was sworn in as governor in 2016.

Abrams has a chance to change the overall landscape of politics as we know it, but it will take more than having her name on the ballot as the Democratic nominee in Georgia to make that a reality—it will require engaging existing Black voters and focusing on getting newly registered Black voters to the polls in November.

Abrams has adopted a strategy focused on registering new Black voters and engaging more Blacks to come out to the polls and vote in November 2018 than came out in 2014, when only 40 percent of African Americans went to the polls in Georgia, compared to roughly 48 percent of Whites.

If recent history is any indication, the only way the tides will turn in the favorable direction Democrats hope for relative to the key gubernatorial seats that are up for grabs in battleground states this November, is if there is a heavy Black voter turnout—something the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has been focused on in 2018.

The NNPA, a trade group that represents over 200 Black-owned media companies across the U.S., recently launched an initiative to encourage 5 million new, Black voters to register to vote before the midterm elections, with the hopes of ensuring candidates like Abrams cross the finish line victoriously.

"The NNPA views the electoral victory of Stacey Abrams as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia as one of the most important political advances for the interests of Black America, since President Barack H. Obama was elected," said Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., president and CEO of the NNPA. "In particular, Black women are now the effective vanguard in statewide and local elections across the U.S. The win by Abrams in Georgia is also timely as the NNPA has called upon 5 million more Black Americans to register to vote before the November 2018 midterm elections."

Abrams will need that increase in Black voter turnout to add her name to the list of Black women, who are changing the landscape of politics across the country.

According to a recent report by the Higher Heights Leadership Fund and the Center for American Women and Politics titled "The Chisholm Effect: Black Women in American Politics 2018," Black women only make up 3.6 percent of the U.S. Congress and less than one percent of statewide elected executive officials. Only 38 other Black women have served in Congress since Shirley Chisholm's groundbreaking victory in 1968, when she became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

Relative to statewide elected executive offices, only three (3) Black women currently serve in a statewide office—Jenean Hampton (R-Ky.), the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky; Sheila Oliver (D-N.J.), the Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey; and Denise Nappier (D-Conn.), the State Treasurer of Connecticut. Together, these women represent 4.2 percent (3 of 71) of all women statewide elected executive officials and 0.96 percent (3 of 312) of all statewide elected executive officials in the entire country.

Going even further, only 12 Black women have ever held statewide elected executive office in just 11 out of the 50 states, and prior to Abrams' historic quest to become the next governor of Georgia, no Black woman has ever been elected governor, let alone become the gubernatorial nominee of a major political party. Abrams may be just the person to change things.

Abrams has become a major catalyst behind this exciting new trend of Black women running for office nationally, and a lot of her momentum should trickle down to other seats on a local level.

The nation will see how powerful this momentum has become since Abrams' historic victory on next Tuesday, June 5, when London Breed, the current president of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, will face off against seven other challengers in her quest to become the city's first Black female mayor.

Still, many of these Black women who decide to run for office need the support of the Democratic Party, who historically has a pretty dismal track record of providing support for African American candidates nationwide and at the local level.

Maybe this time will be different. Time will tell. November to be exact. Stay tuned.

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Seven tips for fathers raising daughters in today's world

As Father's Day (June 17) rolls around, we are mindful that it wasn't that long ago when a father's job was to attend his daughter's pretend tea parties and make her a pretty dollhouse. But today's fathers must navigate a new world and avoid gender specific roles.

"The fathers of today's girls need to be engaged, creative and flexible," says Sheri D. Engler, author of *The Pearls of Wisdom: A Fairy Tale Guide to Life's Magic Secrets for All Ages* (www.thepearlsofwisdom-book.com). All proceeds go to the Angel Whispers Foun-



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ation, which was organized to empower young females.)

She says today's dads should encourage girls at every opportunity.

"Women are breaking down many barriers, but there is still a lot of work to

be done," Engler says. "Today's fathers play a critical role in their daughter's self-image and can be instrumental in encouraging them to challenge the status quo."

Engler offers the follow-

ing tips for fathers who want to raise their daughters to be strong, independent women:

- **Treat women with respect.** Your daughter is watching how you treat women, and it will have a lifelong impact on her in ways you can't imagine. You must be cognizant of your attitude and behavior around women at all times. This includes not saying negative things about her mother if you are divorced. See yourself as a role model of the kind of man you would want your daughter to marry one day, because that frequently influences how

women choose their partners.

- **Give her compliments about things other than her beauty.** It is OK to tell your daughter she's pretty, but that should not be the only compliment you give her. Compliment her intelligence, her resourcefulness, her imagination, her many skills, her hard work, and her strength. Honestly tell her the unique things you love about her, the things that make her a good and special person.

- **Teach her the magic of self confidence.** Teach her about the power that comes

from believing in herself and believing she can achieve greatness in the world, while understanding that there are many girls who simply want to be a "mommy" like their , which is the most important job in the world. In this case, they may fear failing their father's expectations of greatness. There is a critical difference between encouragement to be who they are and pressure to be who they aren't.

- **Teach her about what has traditionally been "guy stuff."** Teach her self-

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Sharing lessons learned from Alzheimer's in *Crude Blessings*

By T.M. "Roe" Patterson

June is a great month. It's definitely one of my favorites. August edges out June just a little in my book because my birthday is August. Other than that, June is awesome. It's the start of summer, and the time for vacations. My family usually tries to get away during the middle of the month around my brother's birthday. Father's Day's day is the third Sunday of June. Any dad that says he's not excited for that day has a longer-than-normal nose. Yep, June may be hot, but it's also pretty cool.

June is also special to our family for a few other reasons. June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. June 21, which is the longest day of the year, is the date that the Alzheimer's Association hosts the Longest Day Event to fight the disease. On June 22, 2015 my father, Glenn Patterson, passed away from Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia. So, events like these are extra important to our family. Losing dad in June gives Father's Day special meaning for me. Alzheimer's slowly robbed dad from us over the years, but June is the month it finally came to an end.

Alzheimer's is a tough and horrible disease, but knowing how to deal and cope with it is so important to the patient,

family and caregivers. When my family first began to deal with the disease, we had no clue what we were in for or where to go for help. We learned a lot in those first few years and had we been armed with better knowledge, it could have been so much smoother. To make matters worse, my father was one of those patients that refused to accept his diagnosis. We all thought it was his hard head, but it's actually a very common response. I write about his struggles with Alzheimer's in my new book, *Crude Blessings*. I

write about his slow progression and how our family was forced to respond. I don't recommend our path. If your family is forced to deal with Alzheimer's, there is a much better path.

My recommendation is to gain knowledge and be prepared. Proactive steps can solve so many of the trials that Alzheimer's will bring. As the disease progresses, being ready for each new phase will make life drastically smoother on the patient and family. Materials are

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RE/MAX realtor helps Minnie's Food Pantry and Oprah feed the hungry

RE/MAX Ambassadors Realtor DeLisa Rose recently answered Oprah's requests for support by pledging \$50,000 to Minnie's Food Pantry at its recent star-studded gala. The goal to raise \$250,000 was greatly surpassed.

"I got involved with Minnie's because I know the dif-

ference passionate organizations like Minnie's makes in the lives of others. Minnie's is an exceptional and sincere; and no charitable organization should ever struggle while simply trying to ensure all people have food, housing, and safety," said Rose. "These are basic human needs and rights in my book.

Many people applaud charitable organizations and the work they do; yet what non-profit organizations really need is money, donations in kind and volunteers! I believe that my business has been blessed and I want to use my blessings, gifts, and talents to do all I can to help others."

Minnie's Food Pantry was

founded by Cheryl "Action" Jackson to honor her mother, the late Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing D.D. on April 1, 2008. With a mission to provide healthy meals and resources by way of red carpet treatment to those in need, Minnie's Food Pantry has since distributed over six million meals to families experienc-

ing food-. scarcity.

"Food and Housing go hand in hand. I gave \$20,000 to feed the hungry and \$30,000 is pledged for housing through Sterling Oasis Community and Economic Development Corporation," concluded Rose. "My office, RE/MAX Ambassadors, committed to working with

another developer to restore Cheryl's family home in South Dallas, which she would like to use as another food pantry. Success is measured by our contribution to society and others."

To donate directly to Minnie's Food Pantry, please visit <https://www.minniesfoodpantry.org/donate/>.

Maggiano's marks 15 years of helping Make-A-Wish deliver memories

For 15 years, Maggiano's Little Italy has partnered with Make-A-Wish to grant wishes for children with critical illnesses. Today, Maggiano's Teammates nationwide are excited to kick off the annual Eat-A-Dish for Make-A-Wish campaign, which has raised more than \$8 million and granted more than 1,100 life-changing wishes.

Last week they released a list of ways guests can help

to grant wishes:

- Enjoy a chef-featured item until Aug. 8 and choose from dishes such as Shrimp & Calamari Siciliano, Zio's Shells & Sausage or Chicken Fontina in June and Pepperoni Fondue or Chicken & Truffle Tortellacci in July. For every select featured menu item ordered, \$1 will be donated to Make-A-Wish and for every glass of Wish Lemonade ordered \$0.50

will also be donated

- Order a carryout lasagna bundle between June 11 – June 22 or Meal for Two between July 22 – Aug. 8 and \$1 will be donated to Make-A-Wish

- Savor each bite of fluffy chef-featured pancakes during brunch or order the chef-featured dessert any time you visit Maggiano's and \$1 will be donated to Make-A-Wish year-round. During the campaign,

Guests can look forward to Mint Chocolate Chip and Banana Split pancakes

- Give \$10, get \$10. For every \$10 and above donation, Guests will receive a Star Card with a special offer for \$10 toward their next Maggiano's visit

- Get social by sharing a photo of your experience at Maggiano's on Twitter and/or Instagram using #EatADish4MAW



Chicken & Truffle Tortellacci

Maggianos

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dents to our schools."

Nutall is looking to extend her time on the board, having won her first three-year term in 2009. She held off repeated challenges from Damarcus Offord in 2012 and 2015. Her work with the district as a community liaison goes back to 1995; and in 1999, she co-founded Circle of Support, Inc., a comprehensive academic and enrichment summer learning program for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Henry has a background in education, having started as a middle school teacher in Los Angeles. He worked on school-to-prison research as an intern for the ACLU-Texas. He currently works as a local attorney but has continued to be involved in education through several volunteer opportunities and boards. He has served on the Dallas ISD District 9 Task Force, the DISD Racial Equity Task Force, and the DISD Citizen Budget Review Commission. He is currently on the Southwest Region Advisory Committee for the Jackie Robinson

Foundation.

Recent controversial decisions regarding tax options for improvements are a big part of the conflict for the District 9 seat. Nutall opposed a potential voter-implemented tax hike. The proposed increase would have risked putting the district into "recapture," where local funds generated would have been claimed by the state. She says over the next five years the district would lose more than \$1 billion to the state under that proposal. She did support lesser "tax swaps" as an alternative measure to gain much-needed funds.

Henry has stated support for putting the Tax Ratification Election (TRE) before the voters. He acknowledges the recapture issue but says it is a necessary part of the public education process to carry out a TRE election successfully. Henry believes Dallas voters must understand the state is not going to come in and financially rescue the district, and there is no guarantee the ability to opt into a TRE election will continue.

The Teacher Excellence Initiative (TEI) is another point of contention between the two candidates. In an earlier forum, Nutall said it is one of the negative impacts the district is now reaping because of past administrations. For his part, Henry is confident on the overall effect of the program.

The two candidates also split over whether or not the 2015 bond was a good deal for the district. Henry acknowledges it was less than what the district needed, but supported the move. Nutall said she opposed it, and added the district did not keep its word with voters regarding plans to spend the monies. She felt the budget featured the "pet projects" for specific trustee's districts.

In a contentious and hard-fought race, the decision ultimately made by District 9 voters who take the time to show up for the second round of voting could ultimately have long-lasting effects on the Dallas ISD.

Early voting for the runoff began on Monday and continues through June 12. Election Day is on June 16.

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It's been a great year!



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6
Trustee

The last bell for 2017-2018 school year will soon ring. Many students will rush out the door, while some will linger to say “good bye” to close friends and teachers. But before everyone switches into summer mode, I’d like to cheer on our teachers, administrators, parents and of course, our students, for another successful year! THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication.

Your efforts make District 6 the shining jewel of southwest Dallas.

High Notes All Around

Dallas ISD fifth- and eighth-graders performed well on the first administration of the STAAR test. Results released by the Texas Education Agency show all math comparisons increased by at least five percentage points. That’s up from last year with double-digit gains at the Meets Performance Level. Reading results showed an impressive increase as fifth-graders posted gains in every performance level, and the greatest growth was at the Meets Level with a 9.2 per-

centage point increase, while students at the Approaches level gained nearly 7 percentage points. All results compared, our fifth- and eighth graders outpace the state in nearly every category!

Among other districtwide accomplishments this year is having lowered the number of Improvement Required schools to fewer than five.

High Notes In District 6

District 6 schools effectively equip students to become fierce and skilled competitors in the classroom and beyond. In the last month alone, our students have demonstrated remark-

able talent and skill in academics and athletics.

Fabian Arellano, a student from Maria Moreno Elementary School, emerged as a gold medalist in the elementary school division of the annual Dallas ISD Districtwide Chess Tournament.

The Carter High School boys and girls track teams swept the Class 4A team state championship – marking the 17th time in UIL history that this has occurred.

Summer Tips

Dallas ISD offers summer programs and enrichment opportunities in partnership with several community organizations. The district of-

fers more than 100 free and low-cost options with emphasis in the arts, science, technology and other areas that will help prevent summer learning loss by reinforcing what students learned during the year in fun and interactive sessions. To learn about the summer program opportunities around Dallas ISD, click here. Enrollment dates vary per program and campus.

Also, remember to check community service organizations such as the Girls and Boys Clubs, the YMCA and YWCA and Girls, Inc. Talk to the churches in your community, as well as the local businesses that may

sponsor camps. Lastly, keep an eye out for camp offerings from area sports organizations.

The key is to keep your children mentally and physically engaged, not just entertained all summer. Help them avoid the dreaded “summer learning loss” by identifying ways to expand their minds and move their bodies in the home, in the community, in a class or at a summer camp.

I wish everyone a safe and exciting summer vacation. And we look forward to seeing you at one of our schools on August 20 to begin a new and exciting school year!

Open house nurtures university and corporate collaboration

(UT-Dallas) Representatives from more than 100 companies attended The University of Texas at Dallas’ second annual Corporate Open House, exploring potential ways to partner with the University.

Corporations represented at the event employ a combined 3 million workers worldwide, including approximately 6,200 UT Dallas alumni.

In the keynote address, Dale Petroskey, president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Regional Chamber, offered an inside look at the economic growth experienced by the Dallas-Fort Worth region over the last decade and the crucial role played by the University to drive that growth.

“UT Dallas does a great



Dale Petroskey (left), president and CEO of the Dallas Regional Chamber, spoke with Shaila Parker, founder and CEO of LH Executive Services, after his keynote presentation. (UT-Dallas)

job already of contributing to the region’s economic success through mentorships, internships and research which turns into products and companies,” he said at the May 16 event held at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. “All of this is a big boost to the econ-

omy of the Dallas region.”

Petroskey also stressed the importance of the Corporate Open House and similar events that foster conversations on future research goals and academic programs.

“What kind of jobs do we need? What kind of skills

do we need to fill in this workforce?” Petroskey said. “That is the kind of conversation that needs to go from industry to universities so that universities can teach the kinds of courses and skills that are needed for graduates to work in meaningful jobs.”

Representatives from some of the University’s longtime corporate partners, including IBM, were on hand to attest to the benefits of collaboration.

“There is a terrific alignment between IBM’s needs and what UT Dallas has to offer,” said Jim Tokarz MBA’98, strategic partner development manager at IBM. “Our company is involved in a lot of different areas, from pure research to building technology-based solutions and providing

business consulting. When you look at the different schools here on campus, from the Naveen Jindal School of Management to the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, it’s great to have a pool of talent and resources which can address all of our different needs within the company.”

The open house included a session about on-campus recruiting and student organizations. There were also panels detailing the University’s many innovation and entrepreneurship programs, research, student veterans, and a series of TED talk-style presentations by student researchers working with industry partners.

Event participants also

learned about the experiences of students in the University’s Academic Bridge Program, which helps first-generation college students transition from high school to university life. Hepson Sanchez, a computer science junior and president of the UT Dallas chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, spoke about the importance of such programs and the need for corporate engagement to fill a similar role for graduating students.

“My parents emigrated from Mexico with little formal education and by the time I was in middle school, they were really struggling to help me in math,” Sanchez said. “I’m grateful for the Academic Bridge

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Garland ISD receives national music award ... again

Continuing a longstanding tradition, Garland ISD recently received its ninth Best Communities for Music Education title from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. This distinction honors districts that demonstrate a commitment to providing music access and education to all students.

GISD qualified for the

award by answering detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were then verified and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

“The Garland Independent

School District has a longstanding tradition of offering quality music education to its students,” said Director of Visual and Performing Arts George Jones. “The fact that this is the ninth year that we have earned this distinction is an affirmation of the great work of our teachers and students, as well as the strong support we receive from our district and communities.”

Garland ISD’s multiple Best Communities for Music Education designations also affirm the district is leading the way with learning opportunities that provide a well-rounded education for all children. In a series of studies by scientists and researchers at Northwestern University a link was found between students in community music programs and

lifelong academic success, including higher high school graduation rates and college attendance. In another study from the university, it was discovered that the benefits of early exposure to music education improves how the brain processes and assimilates sounds, a trait that lasts well into adulthood.

Beyond the Northwestern research, other studies have

indicated that music education lays the foundation for individual excellence in group settings, creative problem solving and flexibility in work situations, as well learning how to give and receive constructive criticism to excel.

To learn more about music education in GISD, visit the district’s Visual and Performing Arts webpage.

Developer accused of fraud in obtaining taxpayer money in the City of Irving: Suit filed to stop \$44,000,000 transfer of taxpayer money

Irving Taxpayers Matter, an Irving-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation organized for social welfare purposes, including a special emphasis on oversight of taxes collected by the taxing authority over the citizens and businesses of Irving, Texas, filed suit today to stop the payment of millions of dollars in TIF money by the City of Irving to ARK Group of Irving.

In 2015, the City of Irving, Texas and ARK Group of Irving, Inc. entered into agreements to design and construct an Entertainment Center, which includes the popular Toyota Music Factory. As part of this project, Irving established a TIF District, which could potentially result in the payment of \$44,000,000 in tax monies to ARK. Irving Taxpayers Mat-



Courtesy photo

ter filed suit today to stop the City of Irving from wrongfully paying over the tax funds based, among other things, on allegedly fraudulent activities engaged in by ARK in order to meet deadlines to obtain certificates of occupancy required to qual-

ify for the TIF money; and, instead, to use the funds to fix the problems that ARK created through its fraudulent conduct.

The suit states, "In order to meet deadlines for obtaining \$44,000,000 of TIF monies for the construction of an En-

tertainment Center in Irving, which includes the popular Toyota Music Factory, ARK has defrauded the taxpayers of the City of Irving by installing substandard toilets, sinks, counters and other fixtures in order to obtain approvals from the City and certificates of occupancy, and then ripping the fixtures out afterwards."

The suit also alleges that "ARK failed to build the Plaza and the Parking Facilities as required by the governing agreements." The agreements required ARK to construct an open-air Plaza of approximately 50,000 square feet that will be utilized for outdoor festivals, concerts and other events and will contain a minimum of two outdoor stages. Instead, ARK constructed the Plaza to be only 27,000

square feet, not the 50,000 square feet required by the agreements. In addition, the layout of the Plaza is bisected, such that the Plaza cannot be used for many of the functions that were intended to be held there. For example, in the Texas heat, shade is essential for the use of the Plaza during many months of the year. Because of the configuration of the Plaza that ARK actually built, a huge canopy that was intended to cover the Plaza and provide essential shade, cannot be constructed. In addition, instead of constructing the Parking Facilities to allow for events requiring up to 1,200 parking spaces, ARK carved out 580 of the parking spaces for the use of one tenant only.

The suit filed today in Dallas by Larry Friedman, attor-

ney for Irving Taxpayers Matter, is the vehicle to "enjoin the City of Irving from paying over the \$44,000,000 of TIF monies so that these funds can be used to fix the problems and defects resulting from ARK's fraud."

The suit alleges that "the City of Irving's approval of ARK's work under the circumstances is also fraudulent, and the result of arbitrary decisions and abuse of its discretionary powers at the City. Irving intends to reimburse approximately \$44,000,000.00 of taxpayer funds to ARK even though ARK has failed to fulfill the requirements of the agreements. Once the TIF Money is paid, there will be no opportunity for the taxpayers of Irving to recoup these funds."

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Legends Of The City Presents ... White Chocolate!! will be held on June 8 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Tailgate Tavern, in Arlington. Louisiana is invading Texas with this all white party. There will be drinks, food, and entertainment all night. Be sure to dress your best for this eight annual white party.

For more information visit Facebook.com/events.



Fun-seekers can head out to Irving for the annual "Canal Fest" where a myriad of attractions and performances take place next to the iconic waterway. Opportunities include taking a ride down the canal itself while enjoying all the music. (Photo: City of Irving)

Dallas

The **Maroon 5: Red Pill Blues Tour 2018** will be held on June 9 starting at 8 p.m. at the American Airlines Center, in Dallas. Tickets start at \$45. The Red Pill Blues Tour is the sixth concert tour by American band Maroon 5, in sup-

port of their sixth studio album Red Pill Blues. For more information and to buy tickets, visit Ticketmaster.com

Irving

The City of Irving is hosting their annual **Canal Fest**

2018 on June 9 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 501 E Las Colinas Blvd, in Irving. Canal Fest 2018 is a celebration of world cultures, featuring dance, music, art and food representative of customs from around the world. The WFAA Community First,

the Irving Arts Center and the Bar Louie stages will each showcase one or more continents through music, dancing, and interactive lessons. The area surrounding each stage features food, activities, children's crafts, cultural displays, and vendors. Explore artifacts from a variety of world cultures presented by the Museum of International Cultures. Photo stations will be placed around the festival, and attendees are encouraged to dress in clothing that represents their own heritage or culture. Admission and activities are free. For more information visit the City of Irving website.

13 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, in Irving. Join the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The Study USA, for the final installment of this special two-part series exploring Generations in the Workforce, presented by Citi. The diverse group of executives serving on the panel will discuss best practices for recruitment and retention, professional development and what changes are being implemented in the workplace to compete and secure talent.

Lewisville

The **Larfell 2018 All White Boat Party** will be held on June 9 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pier 121 Ma-

rina, in Lewisville. This event will have a live DJ, food, entertainment, and free margaritas. Tickets sell out fast so be sure to RSVP at 214-994-3968.

Plano

Yoga at Legacy Hall Box Garden will be held on June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Legacy Hall in Plano. Enjoy an all levels yoga class, detox juice samples from The Juice Bar Dallas, followed by a complimentary retox: mimosa or Bloody Mary. Tickets are \$25. Tickets include: Your yoga mat spot, and Yoga Digest Goodie bags. A portion of the proceeds will go to the One Love Movement benefiting underserved youths around the world. To register visit Eventbrite.com.

Irving ISD opens its doors to non-district students

For the first time, Irving ISD is giving families from surrounding school districts the opportunity to make Irving ISD their district of choice. The district will allow any student who currently lives outside of Irving ISD attendance zones to apply for an out-of-district transfer beginning June 4.

The announcement comes after an unanimous vote by the Irving ISD Board of Trustees, who approved revisions to FDA (LOCAL) and FDB (LOCAL) policies at the April 2018 board meeting. The revised policies will permit out-of-district students to enroll and experience all that Irving ISD has to offer.

"It is an exciting time to be in Irving," says Irving ISD Superintendent of Schools Jose L. Parra, Ed.D. "The energy of student success is palpable across the district.

With graduation rates at a record high and all 33-rated campuses repeatedly performing at the state's highest standards, we are seeing our students compete and achieve in exceptional ways. Now, Irving ISD has the opportunity to help more students reach their maximum potential regardless of their ZIP code."

Irving ISD is looking forward to welcoming students into the excellence that has made Irving ISD a standout district in the area. In recent years, the district has earned notable recognitions including Top Digital District, District of Distinction, Best Communities for Fine Arts, and National Advanced Placement (AP) District of the Year in 2015. Out-of-district families will be able to take advantage of the district's dual-language immer-

sion program, Regional Day School for the Deaf, 95 nationally-recognized Signature Studies pathways, Early College Start program and more.

Under the new policy, students entering kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to apply. Families may select up to two preferred schools when applying; however, approval and placement will be based on available space and staffing. Online applications open June 4, and Irving ISD will begin fulfilling requests as early as June 25 in time for the 2018-2019 school year.

To learn more about Irving ISD's new out-of-district transfer process, interested families may visit www.irvingisd.net/transfers for additional information, guidelines and the application.

sica Shepard Watts MPA'10, senior director of corporate relations at UT Dallas.

"We make it very easy for them to engage with the University, through recruiting students, supporting class projects and collaborating with our faculty on research."

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Program for providing the mentorship I could not find elsewhere. This program fills the gap between high school and college for a lot of students, but we are in need of a bridge from college to the professional world."

After last year's inaugural Corporate Open House, more than 20 new relationships were forged between UT Dallas and local companies.

"We want companies to know that UT Dallas is open for business," said Jes-

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The Lion King comes to life with return of Dallas performer

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

It is always nice to return to where it all began.

Christopher L. McKenzie, Jr. is the dance captain of The Lion King Broadway traveling production. A native of Miami, Florida, he studied at New World School of the Arts College and trained at The Ailey School. He has danced professionally at Dallas Black Dance Theatre, The Las Vegas Contemporary, and Festival of The Lion King. He is performing in The Lion King for the second year, with the tour visiting nine cities this year.

According to McKenzie, transitioning dancing in college and to a professional production is a challenging experience. After auditioning for seven years, he finally made it into a production where he enjoys doing what he loves.

"Touring with a musical is consistent work," said. "You get to literally inspire and entertain so many families from all over the world. It's so over the top and inspirational. It's a different flair. No matter who you are, when you come to the show, no matter what race, ethnicity, background or religion, our show serves one purpose and that's to inspire."

The musical will run from June 13 to July 7 at Music Hall in Fair Park in Dallas.

"It sends the message of things you go through, things in life. However, you can always recover greatly,



Christopher L. McKenzie, Jr. who previously danced at Dallas Black Dance Theater is returning to Dallas for another show. (Courtesy Image)

and that's such a great message to send to the world."

Based upon the very popular Disney animated film, the touring production has been experienced by more than 90 million people worldwide.

"I started dancing at the end of high school," McKenzie said. "It was one of those things where they said hey, you are actually good at this, why don't we give you a full scholarship. It was crazy because at first, I was a musician. At the end of the day my body took to it, and I was just happy."

McKenzie is delighted to return to Dallas for this production. The Dallas Black Dance Theater was one of the first dance companies he danced for after college.

"It's like going back to the beginning and refreshing. It is going to be interesting because I have so many friends coming out to see and support me. It's going to be emotional, but it is going to be great."

McKenzie's favorite part

of the show is the opening number, Circle of Life. To him, it's the most visual opening anyone could ever experience in the world.

"We are drawn in these awesome puppets," McKenzie said. "We travel with 229 puppets that includes a giraffe, cheetah, zebras, and gazelles."

He then talked about how the costumes operate and the amount of work that goes into all of them.

"We are dressed as these characters, but what I love most about the costuming is that you can see our faces," McKenzie said. "As a giraffe, you are on stilts walking across the stage. There's a head that has a connection to the rest of the costume; it's almost like a big hat. Every animal has two faces. The face of the person and the face of the animal at the top."

Since he is the dance captain of the show, his role is to understudy 11 male ensemble roles.

"I always have to have

costs associated with these phases of the disease is imperative. Once you know you are up against Alzheimer's, or any brain disease, you cannot be prepared enough.

Diagnosing and treating any brain disease early is key to better life after symptoms begin. So, this June, take a minute to think about your family and how educated you are. Get involved in one

my mind ready," McKenzie said. "Sometimes their backs pull out; sometimes their voices aren't doing the best. I'm the guy that keeps the show going. There are eight of me in the show."

Besides being the dance captain, he is also a swing. There are two swing male dancers, two swing female dancers, and two swing female singers.

Coming into the show is typically a four week rehearsal period.

"You would rehearsal by yourself with the directors and dance captain," McKenzie said. "At the end of the rehearsal period, you would then schedule a put-in where we put you into the show where everybody. You would learn numbers, blocking, and choreography."

All of the costumes are handmade to fit each performer's specific body.

"The production is so detailed," McKenzie said. "While the show came out in 1997, it was actually in the works in 1995. Even today it's still growing, and things are getting more and more detailed."

The show is fully interactive. The 'inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular' were brought to life by an experienced creative team. Julie Taymor, Tony Award-winning director, created the backdrop visuals. Garth Fagan's, Tony Award-winning is the choreographer for the production. Elton John and Tim Rice's Tony

of many events this June to help fight Alzheimer's and all brain disorders. One day we will cure Alzheimer's. Until then, we can only fight to give every affected family the smoothest path possible. Most of all, enjoy your family and friends, your June and your summer!

T.M. "Roe" Patterson is the president and chief executive officer of Basic Energy Services (Basic).

Award-winning artists music are also featured.

"The blessing of our talent allows us to give back," McKenzie said. "I build up all of this energy to give be-

cause I know it's going to be reciprocated because I am going to wow you. I train hard; I play hard, I work hard so I can give hard."



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available at the Alzheimer's Association website (www.alz.org) and there are numerous programs to teach and guide families through the disease's progression. Read and learn as much as you can. My mother learned a great deal from a book titled "The 36-Hour Day" by Nancy Mace. Talk to families who have been in the same

situations. Every patient's experience is different, but much of the response by families is very common. Knowing how to respond to patient's changes in mood and condition, different medications and their side effects, types of in-home and outpatient care, when and how to transition to long term care facilities and the

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Channel 8 television personality Demetria Obilor has agreed to serve as a taster for the event. (Courtesy photo)

The event for more than 15 years has grown to feature celebrity chefs competing against local home-cooks looking to earn bragging rights. Not only will the event feature special

guests serving their favorite dishes, but the tasters scheduled to appear include Dallas' own leading lady Irma Hall, Belinda Ramsey and WFAA Channel 8's Demetria Obilor.

The annual event raises money for the on-going mentorship program which strives to:

- mentor fathers and help them understand their critical role in their family's success.

- recognize not all families have a father in the home, but many father figures may help fill that void.

City Men Cook is scheduled for Father's Day, Sun-

day, June 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. CST, at Gilley's Dallas, at 1135 S. Lamar St., in Dallas. Keep your eye on CityMenCook.com for tickets and more details.

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cute our first Mentor program in DFW and these two chefs are great supporters of our new mentoring program with Kevin "Special K Daley," Allen added. "Our mission is clear and what remains most important is that we continue our commit-

ment to fathers and father figures in our families and communities through this culinary showcase of men, mentors and leaders. We are an official FedEx Cares event. The largest Sunday Dinner in North Texas is the best way to celebrate Fa-

ther's Day," said Allen.

FedEx, US Virgin Islands, Inc., and others have returned as sponsors of the event helping to commemorate this new chapter.

To cook, sponsor or participate in City Men Cook visit the event website at www.citymencook.com and/or call 214-233-6199

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the short and are hoping to get a feature. You always have to put things out in the universe."

Foxx and Beauvais are longtime friends and co-workers, having starred together for five years on The Jamie Foxx Show, and again on the big screen in the film White House Down.

Like Foxx, Beauvais has proven that her talent doesn't stop at the screen (though her star clearly shines bright there). In addition to her thriving production company, she has a reoccurring roles on The Magicians, which she describes as "Harry Potter, but more grown up," and on The Arrangement which is loosely based on Hollywood's clandestine marriage contracts.

"The beauty now of the industry is that it's not bad to do other things," says Beauvais of branching out beyond traditional entertainment. "When I started in the industry you were pigeon-holed to being one thing. That's changed and allowed

me to do so many things."

Case in point: A successful children's book series focusing on common issues within modern families that can often be hard to deal with. The 3-book series includes the titles, "I Am Mixed", "I Am Living in Two Homes" and "I Am Awesome".

"Writing books was something I always wanted to do, but was also very scared of doing, she says. "I was going through a hard time and realized that to get out of the mindset I was in, I had to do something that scared me. That's when the book happened and it's been so great for my kids to see that I had an idea and I made it come to life."

Though she's far from her initial modeling days (and having to personally hand in her headshot for a role), Beauvais still makes time for fashion, especially jewelry.

"I love it!" coos Beauvais, about slipping into model mode for her AGTA Spectrum Awards™ photo shoot and getting to wear amazing

clothing and award-winning jewelry. "This shoot was so much fun. I'm such a girly girl and I love every time I get to dress up and get fancy."

For the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ shoot, the actress donned an array of gemstones ranging from black and white "tuxedo" inspired sets to dazzling purple Amethysts and gorgeous Garnets. The vivid color of each piece fell perfectly in line with her personal sense of style.

"When it comes to my personal style, I'm classic," says Beauvais, "but it doesn't mean I wouldn't wear a trend. And I love color! Being from the islands, color is big for me."

The added radiance Beauvais brings to the gemstones is indicative of everything she is involved in – infusing her own inner and outer beauty in order to play an interesting character and to tell a compelling story.

For further information regarding the AGTA Spectrum Awards, visit the AGTA website at www.agta.org.

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NDG Book Review: Put *Breaking Up With Busy* at the top of your to-do list

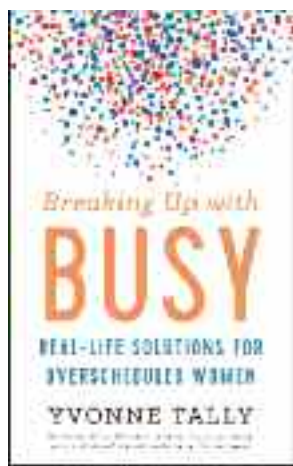
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your to-do list is a mile long.

Every day, you add three things for every one you cross off and you're starting to resent That List. What's worse: accommodating everything on the list means there's no more you for you. In "Breaking Up with Busy" by Yvonne Tally, you'll see that it's time for the list to get lost.

You are not having fun.

You're busy – over-busy, in fact – and while it can be exhilarating and exciting for awhile, it's also "exhausting." It affects your personal life,



your family, your job, and even your health, as Yvonne Tally learned when busyness led to a panic attack and a trip to the hospital in an ambulance.

She was what she now calls an "OSW," or an over-scheduled woman. Her definition is that an OSW has "Superwoman-like powers" and is "everything from a well-intended problem-solver to a driven and tireless overdeliverer." You already know that can't be sustained and, sooner or later, something has to give.

The first step to ridding yourself of the problem is to know the ten signs of needing to "break up with busy" – a list of traits with which most of today's working women will be familiar. Secondly, remember that being overly busy is a habit that,

like many habits, can be altered or eliminated altogether.

Separate needs from wants and know how both relate to goals you've set. Learn to "re-wire" your mind to respond to stress and busyness. Stay away from "OSW Traps" that are lurking everywhere on your calendar; they're "reinforced by the shoulds of life" and can cause you to lose focus. Take advantage of Tally's quick worksheets, to know what kind of OSW you are, where you stand, and where work is needed. Learn her "Super Solutions Process" for assessing tasks. Be mindful, learn to

listen better, and learn to meditate. Deschedule in a way that doesn't add to your stress. Finally, "count your yessings"; a little two-letter word ("no") can mean a world of difference.

At one point in "Breaking Up with Busy," author Yvonne Tally mentions something that absolutely lends urgency to her entire book: your kids learn by example. Is over-stressed and over-scheduled what you want to teach them?

Using case examples that may hit uncomfortably close to home, Tally shows how a packed calendar and no time for one's self is akin to being

bullied. The solution doesn't appear to be easy and Tally's ideas can have a whiff of new-agey-ness to them but, while they're quite commonplace in relation to other books of this kind, her fixes seem usable and sound. The one exception: at least initially, it's not clear how one is to find time in an overscheduled day to learn to unschedule in order to find time...

Still, for businesswomen who long for ten extra hours in a week, this book can't hurt; at the very least, it's a place to start. You might even want to add "Breaking Up with Busy" to the top of your to-do list.

New Business Women's Empowerment Series set to start June 21 at Friendship-West Baptist Church

Business entrepreneur, health and wellness expert Debra Peek-Haynes, along with the Women of The West (W.O.W.) at Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, are presenting "3rd THURSDAYS".

"3rd THURSDAYS" is a Business Women's Empowerment series kicking off June 21, 2018, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Friendship West

Baptist Church, located at 2020 W Wheatland Road, in Dallas. This 8-part Business Empowerment Series is structured to help women build their existing skills and propel their businesses to the next level in marketing, mentorship, economic independence and more!

Peek-Haynes says, "The series is open to the public, but we want to especially

encourage African American women to participate. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Black female-owned businesses are the fastest growing economic force in the U.S., so we really want to do our part to provide them with the tools and mentorship they need to help them become successful entrepreneurs."

The first panel discussion

will be moderated by Peek-Haynes. All speakers schedule to participate are experts who operate in the profit, non-profit and corporate arenas and they are coming fully loaded with a wealth of information to share.

"3rd THURSDAYS" Women's Empowerment 8-part Series will provide life tips for women of all ages, stages, and phases of life.

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There will be something for everyone who is seeking to learn strategies and techniques on how to become successful entrepreneurs

and professionals.

Registration is only \$20 per session or a discount registration package of \$130 for all 8 sessions. Proceeds will benefit the W.O.W. ministry at Friendship West Baptist Church. To register or for more information call 214-752-7366 or visit www.friendshipwest.org or www.eventbrite.com.

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reliance, such as routine car maintenance, or mechanics in general. Teach her how to use tools while building a treehouse. Go fishing together. Take her to see planes at air shows, teach her photography and go birdwatching with her. It matters to spend quality time with her, because it makes her feel she is worth her dad's time. And it doesn't have to stop in childhood. What could you be teaching your adult daughter?

- **Let her get gritty like the boys.** Teach her how to play sports from early on. This fosters tremendous social confidence as well as body confidence. Or just let her play in the mud and get dirty if that is what she wants to do. Girls don't al-

ways have to be clean and pretty.

- **Introduce her to books with girl heroes.** There are plenty of books to choose from, so when reading to her let her enjoy a variety of adventures including books with strong female leaders like *The Pearls of Wisdom* or other books that were written to empower girls. This will send the message that you believe in her. Or perhaps help her write a story of her own imagining herself as the hero or lead character. If nothing else this will give you a valuable view of how she sees herself so you know what's going on with her.

- **Share music with her. Play your favorite music and tell her why you like it and let her do the same.**

Take her to concerts. If she wants to play an instrument, help her learn how. Music, and the arts in general, can be very bonding experiences.

"The most important change for today's fathers is that they shouldn't box girls in or out of anything just because they are a girl," Engler says. "Fathers who respect the women in their lives have a better chance of raising daughters who feel deserving of respect themselves. Confidence, self-respect and family support will help them face any challenges that may come their way."

Sheri Engler is the author/illustrator of The Pearls of Wisdom: A Fairy Tale Guide to Life's Magic Secrets for All Ages (www.ThePearlsOfWisdomBook.com).

Free job training opportunity available at Frazier House

Potential earnings start at \$40,000

The Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Community Outreach Center is beginning its Job Training Program with free job training in the Low-Voltage Field. Individuals can learn to install home theatres, Internet service, satellite dishes, phone service and more in this 5-week training course. Job placement opportunities are available when training is complete. Successful completion of this training will result in SBCA Satellite Broadcasting and Cable Certification.

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Board Chair for The Holmes Outreach Center, says that the Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Community Outreach Center's mission is to help create self-sustaining pathways out of poverty through education and job placement. Providing skills which lead to employment at companies or as entrepreneurs is the objective of this Low Voltage initiative, and our board is extremely excited to be in partnership with Mr. Jimoh and Kreatamotive to provide this opportunity to the community.

Jermaine Jimoh, CEO of Kreatamotive will be the instructor for the classes. Kreatamotive is a local telecom brokerage firm and custom satellite installation, and a Frazier House partner.

Interested individuals should register by June 11 for an Information Session on June 14. Go to www.zwhjcc.org and select the Jobs tab. Frazier House is located at 4600 Spring Avenue, Dallas. For more information, call Jasmine Anderson at 214-324-4443,

Redlining settlement fails to provide strong penalties

By Charlene Crowell

For as long as many people of color can remember, succeeding generations have called for justice. Despite these age-old pleas, justice is not only elusive, but frustrating since the enactment of a series of civil rights laws. Despite federal guarantees of equal treatment, much of Black America experiences something short of what was promised.

A recent settlement of a federal redlining lawsuit is yet another sign that justice is still being denied. Even worse, those entrusted in key federal agencies are willing to accept much less than what is fair or just.

On January 13, 2017 and as one of the last cases brought under the Obama Administration, the Department of Justice (DOJ) sued KleinBank, a lender in the Twin Cities' metropolitan area with violations of both the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). The complaint said in part that from at least 2010 to 2015, "KleinBank's discriminatory practices as described herein have been intentional and willful, and implemented with reckless disregard for the rights of individuals on the basis of their race and/or national

origin."

The January 2017 lawsuit followed a near two-year DOJ investigation that uncovered illegal redlining in neighborhoods of color. Within the metro area, lending in 78 of 97 majority-minority census tracts were excluded by the bank. Further, as KleinBank expanded to add at least seven full-service branches since 2007, not one is in a community of color.

Beyond a failure to serve all consumers, mortgage applications and approvals among consumers of color were equally disturbing. Other metro lenders surpassed KleinBank by as large a ratio as five-to-one in serving consumers of color. For example, among the 5,837 single-family residential loan applications filed with KleinBank, only 1.06 percent – 62 – came from consumers of color. Of the bank's approved 4,392 residential mortgages, only 51 were secured in neighborhoods of color.

With these and other findings, DOJ's complaint requested both monetary damages to those consumers who fell victim to these illegalities, and a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest.

Yet on May 8 of this year when a settlement was

reached with the current DOJ, there was no civil penalty or judicial oversight – two key elements in earlier settlements with similar charges. Among other requirements, a limited, three-year agreement authorized a \$300,000 loan subsidy fund to increase credit access in predominantly minority neighborhoods, as well as another \$300,000 for credit repair initiatives, education, outreach and advertising that would include minority media. The settlement required the bank to redraw its Community Reinvestment Act assessment area. KleinBank also agreed to open a single branch in a neighborhood of color within the next year.

According to the settlement, "The United States agrees to jointly stipulate with KleinBank to the dismissal of the Civil Action. The parties agree and acknowledge that this consideration is adequate and sufficient."

Pardon me, but I respectfully disagree – and so do others who believe in fair lending. A lack of civil penalty coupled with a brief term of compliance does not bode well for fair or just lending.

"The absence of a civil penalty is noteworthy and inconsistent with past

redlining cases," noted Melissa Stegman, a Senior Policy Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "Furthermore, unlike prior cases, the parties entered into a settlement agreement – not a consent order. A consent order is a more powerful vehicle in that it is subject to the judge's approval. Also, with a court order, the court maintains supervision of the agreement. Arguably, it's a stronger way to hold the bank accountable for meeting the terms of the settlement."

According to the original DOJ complaint the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) never conducted a redlining examination of the bank, nor did it comment on or approve the bank's CRA assessment area.

It is also noteworthy that earlier this month HUD announced it planned to seek public comment to revisit whether its 2013 rule known as 'disparate impact' was consistent with the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Until this rule was adopted in the previous administration, many entities argued in fair housing lawsuits that lenders never intended to discriminate in housing. Disparate impact theory focuses on the effects

of practices that foster housing discrimination and was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015. HUD's interest in public comment in 2018 sets the stage for weakening or reversing the rule and is yet another rollback of Obama-era initiatives.

Unfortunately, these kinds of fair lending concerns are experienced across the nation. In 2017, 28,843 housing-related complaints were reported, according to the National Fair Housing Alliance's 2018 Fair Housing Trends Report. Of these complaints, more than 70 percent were handled by private, nonprofit fair housing organizations.

But the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is charged with ensuring effective enforcement of the Fair Housing Act. Even so, HUD processed less than five percent of last year's complaints – about 1,311. Further, DOJ brought only 41 cases from the 6,896 complaints forwarded by Fair Housing Assistance Program agencies.

The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act is the nation's most comprehensive mortgage lending report for its inclusion of data on lending by race and ethnicity. It too will be under review by the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and appears to be in jeopardy. Currently, this annual report informs the housing industry as well as consumers as to remaining disparities and challenges. Without its detailed data, fair housing measures would be watered down.

When government offices charged and entrusted to enforce laws fail to fulfill their full duties, laws enacted to end discrimination become meaningless. If HUD turns away from fair housing enforcement, as recent actions taken by the agency indicate, or DOJ settles for far less than the law allows or what has even occurred as precedent, none of us should stay silent in the face of these failures.

"It has been 50 years and the Fair Housing Act still has not been fully implemented," noted Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance. "We cannot build a thriving society as long as our nation is plagued by discrimination, segregation, and severe economic inequality."

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MegaBus is offering free tickets to job seekers

ELIZABETH, N.J.-- Recently, the May 2018 U.S. Jobs Report indicated continued job growth across the country, which includes many cities served by megabus.com. This summer, megabus.com is helping connect job seekers to these cities and job opportunities.

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view booked, the codes can be applied to another trip of choice, but must be redeemed before Dec. 31, 2018.

"For young professionals and recent grads, the job hunt can be a challenge – especially when the opportunities are out of town," said Sean Hughes, director of corporate affairs for megabus.com. "Whether the

interview is in another city, or another state, we're committed to getting people there safely and free of charge via this unique offering."

To further support those en route to their interview, career coaching experts will be aboard select megabus.com routes on Wednesday, June 13 between Houston, Dallas and

San Antonio. Career Coaches – Octavia Goredema of Twenty Ten Talent and Rachel Ritlop of The Confused Millennial – will ride along and be available to help job seekers prepare for interviews with sample questions, while also offering resume advice and answering riders' questions.

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June 11 Dallas Career Fair

The Dallas Career Fair will be held on June 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doubletree by Hilton Dallas-Market Center, in Dallas. Open the doors of opportunity when you meet and interview with hiring managers at companies ranging from small local

June 12 Methodist Job and Career Fair

The Methodist Job & Career Fair is expected to be held on June 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 4040 N Central Expy, Ste. 501, in Dallas. This fair is for those who are savvy on systems, col-

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June 12 Choice Career Fairs

Choice Career Fairs is holding a Dallas Career Fair on June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Radisson Hotel, in Fort Worth. Make sure to register for this event and receive immediate access and VIP pass to this event. Make sure to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes. For more information visit www.eventbrite.com.

June 14 Dallas Job Fairs & Career Fairs

Dallas Job Fairs & Career Fairs is holding a job fair on June 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel, in Dallas. Make sure to dress to impress and bring copies of resumes. Employers send hiring decision makers to the job fairs to interview the area's top candidates. For more information visit www.besthirecareerfair.com.

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"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."

- Job 31:1

In Genesis 38, we read how Judah, one of Joseph's brothers, allowed his purity - and the staff that represented his stature and position in the community - to

be taken from him.

Tamar was deprived by Judah of having children in memory of

her husband which was the custom of the day if a husband died. Under the law, Judah did a great injustice to his daughter-in-law. Although Tamar lived in Judah's house, Judah withheld his son from her.

So Tamar devised a plan. Hearing that Judah planned to go

to the town of Timnah, she disguised herself with a veil and hurried to the village of Enaim. She posed

as a Canaanite prostitute and waited for Judah to pass by. Soon, Judah came up, saw a prostitute sitting at the gate, and propositioned her and promised a goat for payment.

Tamar asked for a pledge - the personal seal and the staff in his hand. The staff was the symbol of Judah's position in the community. So Judah gave her the staff and the seal with its cord. He slept with Tamar, and she became pregnant. Time

passed and Judah discovered Tamar was pregnant. He knew that there was only one way this could have happened - she had prostituted herself! Enraged, Judah said, "Bring her out and have her burned to death!"

As the people brought Tamar out to be executed, she cried out, "I am pregnant by the man who owns these!" She held in her hands the seal and staff of Judah. Seeing them, Judah

knew he stood convicted. He broke down and confessed, "She is more righteous than I am!"

Sexual sin can take everything away from a man or woman; their reputation, their career, and even their family. No matter how strong we think we are, no one is immune from temptation. Pray that God's grace keeps you pure.

People have written books on how to be highly effective and successful leaders, churches, parents . . . and so on. If you want to become a more effective

Christian leader ask God to help you improve your walk in life and keep your mind focused on Him being first in your life. Give your thoughts and actions to God to lead and guide you. In your own human capacity, without His guidance, it is impossible for you to be an effective Christian.

May His Spirit flow through you and let God use you to minister to others, to reach out to the lost, and to love those around you with a godly love. Allow God be glorified in the Name of Jesus.

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