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Allan Meagher is seeking a return to the Irving City Council

The Irving at-large position for City Council District 2 features four candidates: Rene Castilla, Allan E. Meagher, Francis Schommer, and Kensley Stewart. Meagher served on the Irving City Council Place 3 for seven years and is a lifelong Irving resident.



Allan Meagher

He continues to work and raise his family in Irving and has been active in the community for many years. Meagher has also been a Planning and Zoning Commissioner and Irving representative to the DFW Airport Board. Serving on the boards of

Irving Cares and YMCA are just a couple of the community organizations he supports. Last weekend he volunteered to cook at a fundraising fish fry for the Heritage Society.

Meagher's community-minded spirit is further

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NEA: Per student funding drops \$1,062; Texas now ranks 49th

Funding for Texas public schools has plunged by \$1,062 per student, measured in spending per average daily attendance (ADA), since the Texas Legislature slashed \$5.4 billion from the public education budget two years ago, the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) announced last week.

Texas now ranks 49th among the states and the District of Columbia in that category, according to research compiled by TSTA's national affiliate, the National Education Association (NEA). Only Arizona

and Nevada spend less per child on education. The figures are based on state budgetary data. During the current school year (2012-13), per pupil spending in Texas is \$8,400, more than \$3,000 less than the national average of \$11,455. Two years

ago, Texas spent \$9,462 per child during 2010-11, the last school year before the deep budget cuts.

The average annual teacher's salary in Texas also has decreased by \$528 since 2010-11. The average Texas salary is now

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5 Tips to lead change in challenging times

Putting the right people at the helm has launched many high profile, highly successful turnarounds, from Jack Welch in his early days at GE to Meg Whitman at eBay.

But companies don't have to fire the entire C-suite to put "new" leadership in place, says Barbara

Trautlein, author of *Change Intelligence: Use the Power of CQ to Lead Change that Sticks* (www.change Catalysts.com).

"Leadership is the key to successful major organizational change, which has had a failure rate of 70 percent decades," she says. "It IS possible to lead successful

and sustainable change - IF it's led effectively. The problem has been that, so often, it's not."

Workforces in every industry -- from manufacturing to service to health care to high tech -- are confused and bruised, she says. Em-

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Blame a dark-skinned man

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) I don't know where CNN's John King got the information that a suspect in the Boston bombing was "a dark-skinned male," but beyond apologizing, he needs to explain himself. How many sources gave him the false tip? If it was fewer than two, then he violated a basic journalism rule. Who were these sources (if you don't want to out them publicly, tell your editor)? Did King

understand that he used the kind of racial/ethnic coding that once got people, even uninvolved and innocent people, lynched?

Remember Charles Stuart? He was riding through Roxbury (used to be the 'hood) when he says a Black man, wearing a jogging suit with a stripe on the sleeve, shot him and his wife in an attempted carjacking. Pregnant Carol Stuart lived for just a few hours, and their baby, delivered by C-section, lived for only 17

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Jane Akowuah

Transfer student and mother of three Jane Akowuah needed a little extra motivation to finish her bachelor's degree at UT Dallas. So she tacked a chart of her courses on a wall at home and checked them off as she completed them.

That visual spurred her on to finish her degree in accounting and management information systems in December. She transferred to UT Dallas from Richland Community College in 2010.

"Any time I felt tired, I could look and see what I've already accomplished," she

said. "It was a challenge, but thank God, I did it."

With her children now 22, 19 and 12, Akowuah is pursuing an MBA with concentrations in accounting and internal audit. She is also a part-time accountant at PDF Solutions, where she completed an undergraduate internship.

Akowuah is one of thousands of students at UT Dallas who have made the successful transition from other higher-education institutions. The University enrolls about 1,500 transfer students each semester and 500 or so more in the summers.

They come with diverse life experiences and their own set of challenges, says Kellie Hanford, assistant director of Transfer Student Services.

Older, non-traditional transfer students typically feel the extra pressure of holding a job and are often raising families while completing their degrees.

"It's time. They have so many time constraints because they're working jobs and have families," Hanford said. "They would love to be more involved."

Domonic Ayala has faced down the challenge of UT Dallas' demanding courses to become president of the Tau



Sigma National Honor Society.

Younger transfer students who completed an as-

sociate degree at community colleges right after high school often need to juggle classes to get on the right course sequence to complete a degree at UT Dallas. Most find that their university classes require a greater time commitment.

Domonic Ayala, who transferred from Austin Community College, recalled that he could study the day before a big test and still come out with an A. At UT Dallas, he knew he'd have to apply himself much harder to maintain a solid GPA.

Ayala committed himself to that goal, and has

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Gabby Douglas

McDonald's is introducing the new Egg White Delight McMuffin, and the option of freshly grilled egg whites with white cheddar on any egg and cheese breakfast sandwich, in restaurants nationwide this week. At 250 calories, the new breakfast sandwich is prepared fresh on the grill with 100% egg whites, extra lean Canadian bacon and white cheddar* served on a new muffin made with eight grams of

whole grain. The new Egg White Delight McMuffin follows the March launch of the Premium McWrap — both menu introductions are part of McDonald's ongoing efforts to evolve its menu with more great-tasting, relevant food choices.

To celebrate how McDonald's is flipping customers' breakfast favorites with freshly grilled egg whites, the company is teaming up with flipping expert and U.S. Olympic



Gold Medalist, Gabby Douglas.

"As an athlete, it's important that I start my day off right with a wholesome breakfast," said Douglas. "I'm a big fan of the Egg McMuffin, so I'm excited that I can now order my favorite McDonald's breakfast sandwich with egg whites."

Douglas went undercover to literally flip the morning of unassuming New Yorkers. Visit <http://mcd.to/ZGbs4b> to view the video of her flip-

ping over her Egg White Delight McMuffin.

To give customers even more reason to try the new breakfast choice, McDonald's is offering a coupon for \$1.00 Egg White Delight McMuffin through digital ads and on certain to-go bags in restaurants for a limited time. There will also be a print ad with two coupons for a free Egg White Delight McMuffin with any purchase. The suggested retail price is \$2.69.

Pat and Emmitt Smith

DALLAS - Established in 2007, the Volunteer Cen-

donating their time, talent and resources. This year's



ter of North Texas (VCNT) Hearts of Texas Award Luncheon recognizes individuals in the Dallas area who have dedicated themselves to the community by

luncheon Pat and Emmitt Smith joined others on April 16 at the Omni Dallas Hotel to honor Charlotte Jones Anderson and her family. Anderson is the Dallas Cow-

boys Chief Brand Officer and she was presented the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alongside Ruth Altschuler as Honorary Co-Chair, opening remarks were made by Honorary Co-chairs Pat and Emmitt Smith, NFL Hall of Famer and former Dallas Cowboy. In addition to honoring Anderson, the event showcased VCNT's family volunteerism initiative exemplified by the many volunteer contributions of the Anderson family.

The luncheon, supported by corporate partners Samsung Telecommunications America as presenting sponsor and American Airlines, was attended by 700 community leaders, non-profit agency representatives, sponsors and volunteers. Over \$500,000 was raised to support VCNT in its service to 2500 non-profit agencies

and to build awareness for the importance of engaging families in volunteerism.

As part of the luncheon program, guests were entertained by a performance by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and later viewed a tribute video commemorating Anderson's service to North Texas.

Upon receiving the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award, Anderson's acceptance speech was modest, heart-warming and inspirational. She remarked that The Volunteer Center of North Texas recognizes the need, importance and impact of volunteering as a family, with a focus on students from kindergarten to fifth grade. Anderson stressed the importance of understanding social responsibility even at a very young age so that every generation learns to give back to the community.

She said, "I have been fortunate enough to spend

the past 20 years with the

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Blur the Party Lines

BY JENNIFER DOPSON

When the idea of taking a trip on Blue Ribbon Lobby day was first presented to me, I did not know what to expect. I was told that the purpose of the trip was to talk to our state Representative and Senators about women's issues. After reading up on what Blue Ribbon Lobby day was and what they were lobbying for, I knew my personal party affiliation did not matter. The important things are the issues, such as the Lilly Ledbetter act, putting money back in Women's Healthcare, and restoring funding to education. On April 9, 2013, I boarded a bus in Dallas with 31 other ladies and headed to our state capitol in Austin. I had never done any lobbying, but I figured it would be like writing a persuasive paper, trying to get someone to see things your way, and showing them why mine is the best option.

I had the opportunity to

talk with Jerry Joe Benson, who is a staffer for Representative Pat Fallon. He was very responsive to what we had to say and made sure to take down the name of every bill we were for or against. When I left his office, I felt like he had listened to what we had said. However, I did not really feel like anything was accomplished.

Another person I had the pleasure of meeting with was Kevin Fletcher, the Legislative Assistant to Senator Jane Nelson. He made sure to take down all the names of the ladies in the room as well as notes of what we had to say. I was impressed by the fact that he listened to our story about why putting money back into Women's Healthcare is so important. A few short years ago, two friends of mine were diagnosed with breast cancer even though they were only 22 and 23. They caught it early and are in remission today because of the preventive care from the

clinics. Mr. Fletcher took the time to write down my story and put my name on it so he could give it to Senator Nelson. When I left that office I felt like maybe I had accomplished something, even if it was nothing more than to put

a face with the issue and show them that shutting down clinics affects not only the older generation but younger ones as well. At the age of 22, I was the youngest person there.

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Letter to the Editor: Garland ISD preschool concerns

I have just one question. Will you please explain to me why my grand baby, a legal American citizen and Garland resident does not qualify for preschool in Garland I.S.D unless the parents are collecting government subsidies? And yes, I am an American. I am actually part native American Indian.

I have lived and owned a home in this City for over 25 years, and the

taxes I've paid to the school district are 3 times what I have paid to the county and 2 times more than the city. The highest taxes I pay are to the school district.

My question is, why as a legally born American citizen does my grand baby not qualify?

Thank you for your response.

Tina C., Garland

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days. Stuart's report of the alleged incident sparked a national outpouring of sympathy of him, and an exco-riation of "Black criminals" who do such senseless things.

The police were going door to door looking for a suspect, and several Black men were interrogated. Stewart identified one man in a line-up, and police were building a case against him when it discovered that Stuart's wounds were self-inflicted and that his brother had helped him slaughter his wife. Meanwhile, Stuart collected at least \$100,000 from an insurance policy on his wife, using the money to pay for a new car in cash, and to buy jewelry. Unable to face the consequences of his actions, Stuart committed suicide by jumping off a bridge.

Stuart was too much a coward to be judged by a jury of his peers, but hundreds of Black men could not escape the injustice of the Stuart accusations. The Roxbury community was traumatized by the results of Stuart's lies. Innocent



CNN's John King

men were questioned, many spending time at police stations in an effort to clear themselves. Those questioned and detained included students, professional men, the unemployed, and everybody in between. When in doubt, blame a Black man, any Black man, and let the chips fall where they may.

In 1994 Susan Smith, a South Carolina housewife, said that a Black man stole her two children. Later, she confessed to killing her own children. Again, dozens of innocent Black men were stopped, frisked, and taken to police stations for questioning. Clearly Susan Smith was mentally

ill, but she wasn't so broken that she didn't know that blaming her children's disappearance on a Black man gave her lies more credibility.

The Stuart and Smith cases made headlines in the late 20th century. Now, our feet are firmly planted in the 21st century. Does this kind of racist stereotyping still take place? While these kinds of cases no longer make headlines, I wouldn't be surprised if any of these occurrences continue to be. When in doubt, blame a Black man.

So here comes CNN's John King, a heretofore respected newsmen, who repeatedly said that a "dark skinned man" was a suspect in the Boston bombing. Here we go again. This kind of false reporting makes every dark-skinned man in Boston a suspect, reminds Bostonians of the Stuart hoax, and sends a shudder through those African Americans who remember police officers going door to door in housing projects rounding up the Black men.

Thanks, John King. Your job is to report the news, not make it. I wonder if you will apologize as many times as you said "dark-skinned man" or if you will ever explain where you got your false information. I'd hate to think that you transitioned from journalist to creative writer when you shared this information.

Some will say no harm was done because there was a correction. No harm was done if you don't know the history. If someone described an alleged criminal as a White man with brown hair, it is unlikely that the police would go door to door looking for a White man with brown hair. That's the basic racism that is the foundation of our nation's history. John King's erroneous reporting reminds us how easy it is to blame a "dark skinned" man.

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

Senior Center offers free computer class

LITTLE ELM - Active older adults in Little Elm can learn to surf the internet safely and donate some of their unwanted possessions over the next few weeks at the Brenda Button Mills Senior Center, according to Caroline Adams, Senior Center Coordinator.

"While the term senior citizen is still very much in vogue, many seniors are preferring to be referred to as active older adults. And, over the next several weeks, the Little Elm Sen-

ior Center is helping them stay active by offering some programs that will keep them in tip top physical health, help them use computers safely and lessen the clutter around the house," she said.

The continuing threat of identity theft over the Internet is causing alarm throughout the world, and knowing how to securely use the World Wide Web is essential for anyone online. On May 7, the Senior Center is offering Computer Class 101 at 1

p.m. The class will cover computer security and will include a free CD.

Private or group computer literacy sessions can be scheduled at the Senior Center at no charge, or for \$20, a technician can conduct a private home visit. Reservations can be made at the Senior Center front desk or call 972-731-1465.

And to lessen the load at home, the Senior Center is conducting a Senior Garage Sale on May 18 starting at 8 a.m. and continuing until 1

p.m. in the Senior Center parking lot. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Center and its programs.

Donated sale items in good condition can be brought to the site beginning on May 17. Each item

should be tagged with an asking price prior to being dropped off.

"Activities for older adults are the very best way for them to maintain good physical, mental and emotional health, and we are

committed to offering a variety of ways to accomplish that," added Adams.

More information on the Brenda Button Mills Senior Center is available on the Little Elm web site, www.littleelm.org.

Plano planning Senior Center Information and Wellness Fair

The Plano Senior Recreation Center invites older adults to participate in a very unique Senior Fair on May 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free health screenings include hearing, balance, strength, nerve scan, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol.

The purpose of the fair is to provide information for those of retirement and pre-retirement age to enhance their ability to plan for future years. It will fea-



ture free health screenings and information about a multitude of services available in our area. You won't

want to miss this fun and informative event. The fair is free and open to everyone.

The Senior Center Information and Wellness Fair will be held at the Plano Senior Recreation

Center, located at 401 W. 16th Street in Harrington Park.

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\$48,110, more than \$8,000 below the national average of \$56,383. Texas now ranks 38th in that category.

"The cuts in per pupil funding are shameful because they hurt our students," said TSTA President Rita Haecker. "Texas must do better for the five million children who attend our public schools."

"The state doesn't need to raise taxes to restore education funding," Haecker added. "We have an \$8.8 billion surplus and a Rainy Day Fund balance of \$11.8 billion, and there is no good reason for the Legislature to wait another year or two for a court order instead of restoring cuts that cost 25,000 teachers and school employees their jobs, forced students to learn in thousands of overcrowded classrooms and eliminated funding for pre-K and dropout prevention programs that keep students on track."



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Assets of Dallas debt management firm frozen by Attorney General

DALLAS – Last week Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has charged a Dallas-based debt management firm with defrauding its customers. The State's enforcement action sought an asset freeze and temporary restraining order against Shane V. Garner and Credit Alliance Group (CAG) dba Credit Services Today.

According to state investigators, the defendant marketed its services through a now-defunct website and direct customer emails. Utilizing purchased leads on individuals with debt-related problems, CAG contacted prospective customers claiming it would eliminate 20 to 60 percent of their outstanding balances within three years. CAG promised that customers would not owe the firm "a dime" if the firm failed to deliver on its claims; how-

ever, the State's investigation revealed customers were nonetheless charged up-front fees, sometimes up to 35 percent of the debt they owed, and CAG failed to deliver on its services.

Affected CAG clients eventually discovered they could not receive refunds on advance fees paid, nor on the accumulated funds the defendant promised to hold in trust to help manage and resolve their debts. The government's review of 52 CAG clients' accounts out of an estimated 800 total accounts revealed CAG owes these 52 clients more than \$180,000 in escrowed funds alone.

The defendant also failed to register as a debt management services entity with the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, a violation of the Texas Finance Code.



Curtis Report
by Barry Curtis

In 1996 Republicans and conservatives won a victory on the federal level (or so it seemed) by enacting the defense of marriage act. (DOMA), unfortunately we have been losing ever since. DOMA specifically prohibits the federal government from recognizing same sex marriage and in addition denies one state from recognizing a same sex marriage from a different state. Same-sex marriage is legally recognized in several jurisdictions within the United States.

As of April 2013, nine states-Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington-as well as the District of Columbia and three Native American tribes have legalized same-sex marriage, representing 15.7 percentage of the U.S.

THE CASE FOR REASON: Why conservatives are losing the gay issue

population. In addition, Rhode Island recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions and California, which briefly granted same-sex marriages in 2008, now recognizes them on a conditional basis.

The fundamental losing issue that conservative will face is simple. We Americans have a built in FAIRDAR (that's a lame take on the gay term gaydar). We have a core belief system that error on the side of reason and fairness. Dr. King said, "The ark of the moral universe is long but it leans toward justice." Simply put, we don't like denying anyone else the same rights that you and I enjoy. It is clear that our FAIRDAR rejects any position that denies the basic of human rights to others.

To deny any American the right to marry whom he or she pleases, the right to jointly own property, the

right to will thru legal means to a loving spouse or loved one, the right to see a loved one on their death beds and to be kept abreast of their medical condition, to deny medical benefits that extend to same sex partners is fundamentally a flawed and unreasonable argument.

Well conservatives what is our argument? What is the position that we take in

denying same sex marriage. The only dissent that makes sense is a Biblical or religious argument. That's great, but that is not a legal position and it fails to hold constitutional muster.

Conservatives what is the argument? What is the solid constitutional position that we as conservatives can

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illustrated by his political positions. He supports bringing the entertainment center online so it can be an asset to the convention center and hotel, and a catalyst for additional development in Las Colinas. He believes prosperity in one part of the city benefits the whole city.

He supports taking immediate action to get the Heritage Crossing development off the ground in an effort to add residences, shopping, and restaurants, to downtown Irving. Meagher knows popular amenities in one part of the city serve well all Irving residents and visitors.

An updated schedule of street, sidewalk and drainage improvements should be established for the city because good infrastructure is needed across the city according to Meagher. He wants to see new single-family neighborhoods for families, because secure and attractive neighborhoods bring stability to the city.

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Allan Meagher is a lifelong Irving resident with experience in city government, planning and zoning activities, and community involvement. Allan is in management with the local office of a national transportation service.

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DISD students and staff help out students in West, Texas

DALLAS — Students from across the Dallas Independent School District are mobilizing to support the students, parents, staff and community of West, Texas, with a number of outreach efforts.

W.T. White High School students joined with Carter BloodCare in an effort to replenish the blood banks as the relief efforts in West continue. Carter BloodCare mobiles were at the campus as students, staff and community members stepped up to help out.

West ISD's Superintendent Marty Crawford is a former Hillcrest High School principal. Hillcrest High School is organizing a school supply drive to collect items to send to the students in West ISD. Suggested supplies include pencils, pens, paper, and binders. Donations will be taken at the school starting April 22 – May 3. They also are accepting gift cards and monetary donations to be used in the relief efforts as



W.T. White junior Noely Diaz takes time to give blood to help with the relief efforts in West, Texas.

well. Checks should be made out to Point West Bank West ISD Disaster Fund.

Also, Irving ISD is collecting monetary donations to be delivered to West ISD in an effort to help the district with anything it may need as it recovers and rebuilds following last week's tragedy.

This donation campaign will be conducted at every

Irving ISD campus. Students, staff, parents, community members and businesses are welcome to come into any of our facilities and pledge any amount of money toward this effort. All of the dollars collected will be deposited into one Irving ISD account and a check for the full amount will be presented to West ISD.

Cedar Hill High School Heroes talk to younger students



Cedar Hill High School Heroes

CEDAR HILL - Real-life heroes from Cedar Hill High School visited younger students on April 10. It was part of the annual High School Heroes program where older students visit eight lower grade schools to share how to succeed in school and life.

Cedar Hill High School teachers nominated students for the High School Heroes team. Eighteen-year-old Madalyn Marshall was selected two

years in a row. "We give them tangible motivation. One of the main things I tell the younger students is to get involved in clubs and organizations, but they have to learn to balance school work and other activities," the senior said. "We also talk about the six pillars of character and how it applies to everyday life."

Character is a key element of the High School Heroes presentation. For the past six years, the

Cedar Hill Independent School District has infused character lessons in its curriculum at all grade levels. The students also participate in community projects that demonstrate character.

"In Cedar Hill ISD, we always look for ways to have our older students help our younger students. We also look for creative ways to keep our students learning about character," said Dr. Chanda McGhee, director of Student Support and Community Services. "The High School Heroes program is really a learning experience for both our younger and our older students. We appreciate the support from The Turn-Around Agenda in organizing this program."

The Turn-Around Agenda is a social outreach of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship with a mission to rebuild communities from the inside out.

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Senator Royce West hosting Doing Business Texas Style West Spot Bid Fair

Senator Royce West is inviting small business owners to attend the 2013 Doing Business Texas Style West Spot Bid Fair. It is presented in conjunction with the DFW Minority Supplier Development Council's. Small and Historically underutilized businesses will have the unique opportunity to compete for bid awards and network with state agencies and in-

stitutions of higher education.

The free spot bid fair is May 13-14 at The Irving Convention Center in Irving, Texas. Times are 1:30-6:00 p.m. on Monday and 9:30 -11:30 a.m. and 1:30 -3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Bids are available for view at: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/bidops/current_bid_opportunities/index.phtml



Senator Royce West

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters honors Curtis King

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL), has been Dallas Arts Institution for over 35 years and guided by its founder Curtis King. It is the premiere of Dallas cultural organization that has produce over 100 memorable performances annually with over 500,000 people attending from its

home at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex Downtown. The Black Academy of Arts and Letters offers a variety of Performances highlighting the rich diversity among the arts that Dallas has to offer. On April 27 at the Omni Hotel, TBAAL would like you to come and help honor Curtis

King at Ties and Tux Gala. Special Guest includes actors Rosanne Barr and Charles Dutton among others. The dinner and program begin at 7 p. m. and the attire is black tie, optional.

For more information and to purchase a ticket please call Ken Carter 214-744-1428 ext:206

Urban League and Be Covered Texas campaign working together to reach uninsured Texans

DALLAS – The Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas announced it will partner with the *Be Covered Texas* Campaign, funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, to raise awareness among uninsured Texans about how the new health care law impacts them and how to access individual health insurance.

Be Covered Texas is a grassroots campaign introducing uninsured Texans to the new health insurance options available under the Affordable Care Act. The new law expands health insurance

to include more benefits for more people and is aimed at making coverage more affordable and available to the millions of uninsured Texans. The enrollment period for uninsured Texans begins October 1, 2013 and health care coverage starts January 1, 2014.

"We serve as a significant part of Dallas County's community service providers due to our one-stop strategy. By partnering with *Be Covered Texas*, we are able to include educational information about new health insurance options that are available," said

Dr. Beverly Mitchell- Brooks, President and CEO of Urban League of Greater Dallas.

The League, one of 28 organizations partnering with *Be Covered Texas*, will host educational events, engage supporters through email campaigns and network with partners to help spread the word about health care options under the Affordable Care Act.

"We are proud to partner with Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas to provide educa-

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Dallas Cowboys working alongside my family. We've realized that we have the power and visibility to use who we are with the Cowboys to transfer that over to a more important thing."

In support of volunteerism and VCNT, Anderson stated, "Compassion is

not a spectator sport. That's where the Volunteer Center of North Texas comes in; they give everyone a chance to play. They connect the volunteers with the organizations who need their help so much."

As one of the NFL's most innovative and versatile front

office executives, Ms. Anderson's 24 years of experience with the Dallas Cowboys have enabled her to assume a position of leadership among women in American professional sports. She also is a role model because of volunteer efforts throughout North Texas.



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A look at the North Dallas City Council elections

BY FAITH CAMP,
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We have all heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." This May we will not only see new flowers, but we can also expect to see a change in the Dallas political powers.

Councilwoman Delia Jasso, 58, who was first elected in 2009 to serve District 1 and then re-elected in 2011, is now competing against councilman Scott Griggs, 38, the incumbent for District 3 since 2011. Jasso represents Oak Cliff residents in District 1, Griggs currently represents residents of West Dallas, Oak Cliff, and Mountain Creek/The Woods, in District 3.

Jasso, a Dallas native, has strong roots in the Oak

Athletic Complex, the Luna Vista Golf Course and the Elm Fork Shooting Sports gun range in Northwest Dallas.

In a recent city hall debate, both candidates told KERA, they are fighting against gas drilling because it is dangerous. Griggs told Bill Zeeble, KERA reporter, that fracking can pollute the water and when disposed the liquid may create earthquakes.

Another topic discussed during the debate was building a toll road inside the Trinity River levees. Griggs has been very vocal about his opposition to this project. He said building this toll road would have a negative impact on recreation and the environment. He also said this would not be a wise way to invest the city's money.

Jasso told KERA she has to go with the voters' decision which has been mostly in favor of building the tollroad. However there is no money to fund the road at this time.

According to Jasso's website, her top priorities remain public safety, economic development, streets and infrastructure upgrades. She indicated she has been working on various alternative modes of transportation including streetcars.

Dwaine Caraway is currently running uncontested for re-election in District 4, a position he has held since 2007, and was elected Deputy Mayor Pro Tem the same year, and Mayor Pro Tem in 2009. On Feb. 26, 2011, he became the interim Mayor of Dallas when Mayor Tom Leppert resigned.

Caraway was born and raised in Dallas and has resided in District 4 for decades. He is the owner

of The Profile Group, advertising and consulting company.

On his website, Caraway, highlighted his key platform issues as improv-



Councilwoman Delia Jasso

ing housing and quality of life for residents. He has worked to help ex-offenders enroll in work and job programs, and served as an advocate to give better benefits to DART and city employees.

Caraway has recently been in the news for his push to ban plastic bags. He told WFAA news station that he favors paper bags over plastic and said he believes it will reduce the pollution.

When Councilwoman Ann Margolin decided not to seek re-election for District 13, a new runner, Community Volunteer and registered nurse, Jennifer Staubach Gates decided to tip her hat in the race. Her opponents are Leland Burk, Jacob King and Richard P. Sheridan.

Staubach said her primary focus in this election will be working to make schools, police and fire forces stronger. She would also like to make streets and parks cleaner. "We have so many great amenities here in Dallas, and I am proud of our beautiful Arts District, our signature bridge and our world-class deck park, but to truly be a great City that serves the people who live here, we must have great basics" Staubach said.

Staubach said she was not motivated to run because someone asked her to but because she is vested in the district and sees this as an opportunity to give back to her community. "I have 35 immediate family members who live in District 13, and I am committed to working very hard to ensure that City Hall is working every day to improve the lives of all our citizens," Staubach said.

Leland Burk who has served for more than 25 years as chairman and President of Burk Interests, said he is the right candidate to represent District 13 residents.

"Experience is the difference in this race. I am the only candidate with the business knowledge and experience who will be ready from day one to oversee the over \$2.5 billion city budget and meet the many complex and critical challenges of the future," Burk said. He elaborated and said, "District 13 has the highest residential tax base in the city and the citizens deserve a representative who will be a strong, independent voice, not a 'rubber stamp' on the council."

Burk said Dallas's population is growing, and citizens expect usable roads, transit choices and innovative solutions. Burk also said public safety is also on his agenda. "Public safety is the most important function of city government. Dallas City Council must continue to support the efforts of all who are combating crime," Burk said.

Eighteen year-old, Jacob King, has also stepped into the race for the District 13 seat. According to a Dallas Observer blog, King is running because he believes the government is spending too much

The City of Dallas currently has two propositions on the ballot this spring

Proposition 1: Conveying by sale or exchange up to approximately 25 acres of city park land contained in Joey Georgusis Park and using the proceeds of the conveyance for the enhancement of the City Park and recreation system.

Proposition 2: Conveying by sale or exchange up to all of the city park land contained in Elgin B. Robertson Park, and using the proceeds of the conveyance for the enhancement of the City of Dallas park and recreation system.

and leaving behind a lot of debt for his peers.

Another candidate running for a chance to represent District 13 is community activist, Richard P. Sheridan. He said his life



Jennifer Staubach Gates

experiences qualify him to represent District 13. Sheridan said he has a B.A. in Civil Engineering and a M.A. in Environmental Engineering. "I have been an active citizen participant in both City and County Government for the past 10 years. I know the strengths and weakness of Dallas," Sheridan said.

He said he plans to address poverty homelessness and public housing in his district if elected. "District 13 is the wealthiest district with the worst streets, our pitiful schools, our being amongst the highest crime cities," he added.

Sheridan also said he believes he has the key attributes to being a good politician in service to a constituency. These include thick skin, a sense of humor, boldness, honesty, and a good to great relationship with God. He referred to these characteristics and said, "I do pretty good at them most of the time."

King, Caraway, Jasso and Griggs did not respond to our interview requests.

We will see what voters decide in the upcoming weeks. Early Voting begins April 29 and continues through May 7. Election day is May 11.

EARLY VOTING

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May 5 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Leland Burk

Cliff area. She founded a language school and is now a successful businesswoman.

Griggs was also raised in Dallas, and is an intellectual property lawyer.

Due to re-districting, both council members are facing each other to determine who will serve North Oak Cliff residents. Although both are not new to politics, this election will certainly present new challenges. One of the biggest concerns both Jasso and Griggs have in this election is opposing Trinity East's request to drill gas near the Elm Fork

WIN a run of engagement pass to see *Pain & Gain*

True crime stories, which include tales of torture, multiple murders and dismemberment is usually not the subject of action comedies. *Pain & Gain* is an exception, because whenever Michael Bay is involved viewers can expect the unexpected. The film brings to the big screen the story of the "Sun Gym Gang" brought to the public's attention when Pete Collins ran a three part series in the *Miami New Times* in December 1999 and January 2000.

Daniel Lugo played by Mark Walberg was a personal trainer and then a manager at the Sun Gym and set his sights on the money of Marc Schiller,

who he met in the gym. Schiller was born in Argentine but had amassed quite a fortune and Lugo along with his bumbling buddies want it. In the movie, Dwayne Johnson "The Rock" plays Paul Doyle, but his character is based on Jorge Delgado and Anthony Mackie plays Adrian Doorbal.

In real life the aspiring criminals try to kidnap the guy and failed a few times, but when they actually captured him, they kept Schiller for a month, tortured the guy, pumped him with drugs, tasered him and then set him on fire and ran over him – a couple of times. Remarkably Schiller lived. Unfortunately two other

victims the gang kidnapped did not survive. In fact, they were murdered and their faces were peeled off, teeth removed, heads were removed as well as their hands and feet. Lugo and Doorbal are sitting on death row in Florida.

Is it a good idea to turn this brutal crime spree into an action comedy? *NDG readers can decide for themselves by winning a run of engagement pass to see the movie at their favorite theater in DFW.* Send an email to ebblast@northdallasgazette.com and tell us your favorite way to stay in shape this spring. Three winners will receive the pass and a workout gear pack.

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Dallas dance fans will have their first chance in nearly 30 years to enjoy a live performance at TITAS presents the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater May 3-4. North Dallas Gazette readers can WIN free tickets. *Visit the North Dallas Gazette Facebook profile and click on the WIN box at the top of the page.*

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater grew from a now-fabled performance in March 1958 at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Led by Alvin Ailey and a group of young African-American modern dancers, that performance changed forever the perception of American dance. The Ailey company has gone on to perform for an estimated 23 million people at theaters in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents — as well as millions more through television broadcasts.

One of the most popular works in the Ailey repertory, Ronald K. Brown's spellbind-



ing *Grace* is a fervent tour-de-force depicting individuals on a journey to the promised land. Described by The New York Times as "astounding, something to be sensed as well as seen," this spiritually-charged work is a rapturous blend of modern dance and West African idioms. As in many of Brown's works, the movement alternates fluidly between extremes, with eruptions of power coupled with lightness. A serene solo for an angel-like figure in white gives way to fireball intensity as 12 dancers resembling urban warriors execute Brown's whirling, pounding

choreography, arms and legs slicing the air and fingers pointing to the sky.

Brown's varied music choices closely reflect the heart of the work, with the spiritual grounding of Duke Ellington's *Come Sunday*, the contemporary yet timeless house music vibe of Roy Davis' "Gabriel," and the West African and African-American traditions of Fela Kuti's Afro-Pop beats.

Remember to register to WIN free tickets via North Dallas Gazette Facebook profile. Click on the WIN box at the top of the page to register to win.

Kim Kardashian is finally free, happy and divorced

By SHENICE SANDERS,
NDG INTERN

The 32-year old Kim Kardashian who said, "I do" to Kris Humphries in 2011, can now close that chapter in her life. As of April 19 the couple who once was so in love is now finalizing their divorce. The marriage was displayed for the entire world to see on a televi-



sion special on E network. It has been reported Kardashian

received \$10 million for her nuptials. The marriage itself lasted just a short 72 days when back in October 2011 Kim filed for divorce. Leading up to Kardashian filling, rumors had already spread about the couple having marital problems.

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Bloomberg BusinessWeek ranks Baylor's Entrepreneurship program 3rd in the nation

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was the highest ranked school in Texas.

The program is dedicated to the study, teaching and practice of new venture creation and development. It

combines challenging instruction with active involvement in new and emerging ventures. Students acquire a practical, well-rounded knowledge that prepares

them for the diverse demands of today's competitive marketplace.

The Bloomberg BusinessWeek ranking is based on
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employees in this economy thirst for guidance but are distrustful and disenfranchised -- not engaged, empowered, or equipped to do what is needed to help their organizations transform to survive and thrive.

The solution? Those who lead change must first change themselves.

Trautlein shares five simple but effective ways to accomplish that:

Change Your Story - Reframe resistance. Resistance in organizations is like the immune system in the body; it protects against harmful invaders from the outside. Just like pain in the body is a symptom something is wrong, so resistance is a sign to which managers should pay attention. The goal is not to eradicate it, but to allow it to surface, so it can be explored and honored. To lead more effectively, learn to see resistance as your ally, not your enemy.

Change Your Stance - Picture a triangle. So often, we view ourselves on one angle, others at another angle, and "the problem" on the third angle. In our minds, it feels like it's us against the other people as well as the problem. That's exhausting. Instead, re-envision yourself and the other people working together to solve the problem. Move from being and feeling and acting against others, or doing something to others, or even in spite of others, to working with and even for them. If you can make this simple mindset shift, how you relate to others will almost immediately become palpably partnership-oriented to them.

Change Your Seat - What you see depends on where you sit. Change looks very different at different levels of the organizational hierarchy. Those at the top are typically

isolated. Those at the bottom are most resistant. Those in the middle are squeezed. Sit in others' seats and appreciate their pressures. Adapt your approach and messages to the very different needs and concerns of these very different audiences.

Change Your Style - We all know the Golden Rule: Do unto others, as you would want them to do unto you. To lead change effectively, follow the Platinum Rule: Do unto others, as THEY want to be done unto. Tell stories they can relate to. Share statistics relevant to them. Demonstrate what's in it for all of us to work together in new ways.

Change Your Strategy - So often, what looks like re-

sistance is really that people don't get it, don't want it, or they are unable to do it. Engage the brain by explaining the "why" and "what" of the change -- help the "head" understand your vision, mission, and goals. Paint a clear picture of the target and the end game. Inspire the "heart" to care about the change objectives by engaging with others, actively listening, dealing with fears and insecurities, and building trust. Help the "hands" apply the change -- provide tactics, training and tools, and eliminate barriers standing in people's way.

The good news: None of these prescriptions require leaders to change who they are.



The Irving ISD Purchasing Dept is holding an educational session for vendors on Friday May 10, 2013 a 9:30AM at Irving ISD Administration Building at 2126 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062.

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May 10

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May 10-11

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May 11

FREE Bancroft Family Concert at 3 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Arts located at 1717 North Har-

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Wildflower! Richard-son's Arts & Music Festival; <http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/>

May 19

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May 23

Wells Fargo is hosting a **Home Preservation Workshop** in Dallas at the

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The first Academy begins the week of June 10, with the last Academy session beginning on July 29. The Junior Police Academy is developed to expose middle school aged children to a

wide range of police activities. Participants will learn about the Carrollton Police Department's Motorcycle Unit, Crime Scene Investigations, SWAT Team, Hostage Negotiation Team, Police K9 Unit and many other exciting areas within the department.

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I want to encourage more young people to join in this fight and help change things. After all, these issues do affect us and we can make a difference. I also want to encourage all women to put aside your party affiliation, look at the

issues and fight for them, even if there is only one issue you find important. We need to show congress that it does not matter that we are Democrat or Republican, what matters is that we are human and it is our health, education, and eco-

nomie well-being that are being affected. I hope to see many more women of all ages and political backgrounds at the next Blue Ribbon Lobby day fighting for what affects us women.

Jennifer Dopson, a member of North Dallas

Texas Democratic Women, is a student at Collin College, and a member of the Collin College Political Science Club. She joined Dallas Democrats on April 9 in a visit Austin to lobby lawmakers with over 500 others.



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Tuesday, May 7, 2013
6 p.m.

DCCCD District Administrative Offices, Board Room
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April 29, 7 p.m.

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"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6:63

We've seen some tremendous medical breakthroughs in our generation. There are "miracle drugs" that have been developed that can conquer many kinds of sickness and disease.

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God's medicine (His Word) is the answer to every need that you can have. It is life. It is health. It is the power of God. And if you put it in your heart and act on it, you will be healed of everything that's not in God's will for you.

There may be times when some people ask, "If God's medicine works every time, why are there so many believers who are still sick?" There are two reasons. Number one, because they don't take the time to plant **The Word** con-

cerning healing deeply into their heart. And number two, because they don't do what **The Word** tells them to do.

Think of it like this: If a doctor prescribes medicine for you to swallow daily and you decide to rub it on your chest instead, that medicine isn't going to work for you.

You have to follow the instructions and use it properly if you expect to get well, don't you? In the same way, if you read God's prescription for health and don't act on it, you won't reap any of its benefits.

Proverbs 4:22 says that God's Words are life and health to you. Don't wait until you get sick to start using them. **Start now;** put God's Word in your heart in abundance and it will be hard for you to get sick. **The Word** within you will constantly be keeping God's healing power at work in you.

There's no limit to the amount of God's medicine you can take. You can't get an overdose. The more you take, the stronger you get.

Start getting stronger and getting healed today. Study **Proverbs 4:20-27**

Now do some house cleaning: Throw out **WORRY**, it can get old and in your way. It can keep you from being in God's will, you won't



Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. Board Secretary Richard Flemings, stand against domestic violence.

do things God's way.

Throw out any **INHIBITIONS**, they will crowd God out. Make room for new growth and get rid of old dreams and doubts.

Throw out **OLD GRUDGES**, they're not good for you. Replace them with **FORGIVE** and **FORGET**.

Throw out **WHINING** and **COMPLAINING**; and get a **NEW PHILOSOPHY**. One that agrees with God plans for you.

Think of other good words, "I can, I will, and I must" not "I might, I think, and I ought."

GOD'S MEDICINE

help you to do some house cleaning and will add some things Himself; like prayer, hope and faith; you will really like His style.

Don't forget to pick up God's **PEACE**; nothing will get you down when you have

His peace inside of you. Don't let things like worry, trouble and grudges stay in your house. It's good to do a little house cleaning every now and then. Get rid of old things on the shelf. It sure makes your house brighter.



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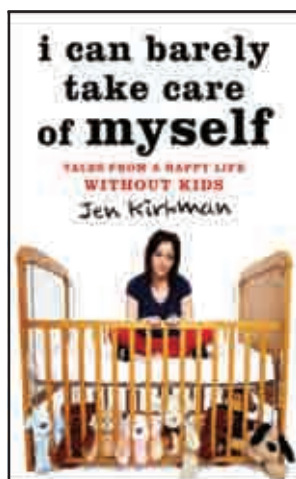
One's due in October, the other in November. Heavy sigh.

It's not exactly that you're anti-kid. No, you *like* kids ... as long as they're not yours, and you're pretty firm on that. And in the new book, *I Can Barely Take Care of Myself* by Jen Kirkman, you'll find a kindred spirit.

NDG Book Review: *I Can Barely Take Care of Myself* speaks to the folks who enjoy having no kids

If there's a chance to fly somewhere for the weekend, Jen Kirkman is on it. That's one of the perks of being child-free, she says. She can choose the lifestyle she wants, without "dragging a kid around" or forcing a child to adapt. She can go anywhere for her comedy career because, after all, "improv and child rearing are not so different."

But many people are not okay with her decision to remain child-free, though she doesn't know why such a personal choice should matter to them. It might be that "people who want kids and people who have kids have secret meetings where they come up with... talking points." The



arguments they give her are varied – but similar.

People say she's young and she'll change her mind, but Kirkman is steadfast. The only child she wants to in-

dulge is her inner one. They say she's "selfish," but she wonders how it's selfish to avoid giving birth to an unwanted baby. They say she'd be a "really good mom," which may be true but she doesn't want to test that theory. They warn that if she doesn't procreate, she won't have anybody to care for her when she's old. She says there are nursing home attendants for that.

Even when she got married, Kirkman was clear about her decision, "making certain" that her husband absolutely didn't want children. He didn't, and their parents were supportive. Which is good, says Kirkman, because when parents start asking for

grandkids, everyone knows what they're really saying and who wants to think about that?

"It's time for the bullying... to stop," says Kirkman. Having kids is a choice. Shouldn't not having them be a choice, too?

You love your nieces, nephews, and friends' kids. You really do, but if you don't know what to say to people who try pushing you into parenthood, then "I Can Barely Take Care of Myself" is the book for you.

Author Jen Kirkman is a little grumpy and quite defensive about her position here – for good reason – but she's not militant about it. Instead of getting livid, Kirkman puts

her comedic talent to use by snarking to her readers about the ridiculousness of baby culture, overly-enthusiastic parents, and total strangers who feel it necessary to publicly pry. And since it's a good bet that those readers feel the same way, this book may very well strike a funny bone.

While parents or parents-to-be might laugh at this book, I think it'll be better-appreciated by anyone who's made a negative decision on the "Baby, maybe" question. If that's you, then you'll love *I Can Barely Take Care of Myself*. No kid-ding.

I Can Barely Take Care of Myself: Tales from a Happy Life Without Kids by Jen Kirkman, \$22

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tional information about the changing face of the health insurance marketplace," said Bert Marshall, president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

Be Covered Texas has ongoing outreach efforts and will continue to create partnerships with community and civic groups. The campaign includes a website, www.be-

coveredtexas.org that includes information about insurance coverage, benefits plan options, and important requirements of the new Federal health care law. As the deadline for purchasing individual insurance approaches, the website will help guide Texans through the enrollment process.

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take to deny same sex marriage? Not a religious argument! Not a sexual preference argument! Where is the constitutional prowess that we conservatives have on virtually every other issue? The silence of reason is deafening.

In my opinion, any argument that we as conservatives promote that denies the

right of any other American to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness is dead on arrival in the hearts of Americans. This unreasonable position is a losing proposition for any competent constitutionalist and it is a non-starter at the ballot box.

So, my fellow conservatives use your FAIRDAR.

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done so well that he is now president of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society, an organization for transfer students that requires a 3.5 GPA in major course work. His dream job is a position with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

He now counsels other transfer students to invest two to three hours of studying for every hour of class they take.

"You can't just regurgitate information on a test," he said. "The professors here want to see you apply what you know."

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student responses to questions asking them to rank their program's entrepreneurship program. Points are awarded for each response and then averaged for each school.

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