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Irving residents get a chance to meet candidates for mayor

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

A group of nearly 50 Irving citizens came out on a chilly Friday evening to the Irving Political Coalition's (IPC) meeting at the DFW Sudanese-American Community Center, to meet the candidates running for mayor and the school board on Feb. 3. Three candidates hoping to unseat incumbent Mayor Beth Van Duyne were in attendance and one individual seeking to serve as a school board trustee. Each candidate was provided an opportunity to introduce themselves and share why they are seeking the support of voters.

David Pfaff, born and raised in Irving and a graduate of MacArthur High School, was the first speaker of the evening. He has spent the last twenty years leading a family business. Plastronics, based in Irving, which for more than 40 years has been a part of the hi-tech world of semiconductors.

When asked why he feels he is the right candidate, Pfaff shared, "I love this city and we are on the verge of great things ahead. I want to position us to be the best city we can be." He compared the City Manager position to that of a CEO responsible for managing the day to day business of the city. However,



JC Gonzalez (left), David Pfaff (center) and Elvia Espino (right) are candidates for mayor in the City of Irving this spring. (Image: Anthony Bond)

the mayor has the opportunity to provide not only leadership but the vision for the direction the city moves in. Pfaff promises as a mayor he will help the city to make sound and fiscally responsible decisions.

The diversity of the city is an important hallmark Pfaff believes should be promoted more. Pointing to the fact a recent report indicates Irving is the most diverse city in the country, with 67 languages spoken by the students of MacArthur High. This type of diversity can set Irving apart in a global marketplace. Irving already serves as the home for several Fortune 500 companies such as Exxon-Mobil and Kimberly-Clark.

Elvia Espino was the second candidate to introduce herself to the citizens and shared her concern regarding Irving's good old boy ways, including even spouses in influential roles.

"I have dedicated my life to bettering and empowering those who are underserved, Espino shared. A native of Houston, she spent more than ten years in the public relations industry.

With the campaign slogan, "Of Course We Can", Espino stated, "I am ready for the uphill battle." She looks forward to the opportunity to

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Lawyers committee goes on red alert as Trump rolls back civil rights

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

and policing reform.

"The actions taken so quickly are unprecedented," said Joe Rich, the co-director of the Fair Housing and Community Development Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Rich is also a former attorney working in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice.

President Donald Trump began his first term by attempting to roll back the civil rights gains that occurred under his predecessor, President Barack Obama.

Hours after Trump was sworn in as president, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice undertook actions that signaled a major shift in civil rights enforcement; particularly work on voting rights

The Lawyers' Committee held a conference call on January 24 with the

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Lisa Brown

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

The job of a lifetime is something most aspire to but, for some, the fantasy simply is much too difficult to even comprehend.

Lisa Brown is a 21-year veteran of the automotive industry, and she has spent 18 of those years at Volkswagen Group of America (VWGoA). There she found the “job of a lifetime,” despite being a woman in a male-dominated industry.

Today, as Brown serves as Volkswagen’s Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, her



passion for diversity and inclusion is fulfilled daily.

“I firmly believe that workplace diversity increases employee engagement and drives organizational performance. It’s a win-win,”

said Brown, who has been in her current role since 2014. “I’m passionate about diversity and inclusion in the workplace. In my position, every day is exciting, because I have an opportunity to make a real impact at work and in the community.”

Brown credits her mother, Brenda, with putting her on the road to success and supporting her along the way.

“As a single mother of four, my mother was always persevering, but I never saw that there was a struggle. I’m the youngest and I was always encouraged to aim high,” she said. “My mom didn’t finish college, but she always says that she earned two degrees, because she

typed all of my papers and, even today, helps me with editing my dissertation.”

Raised in Detroit, Mich., Brown earned a bachelor’s degree in public relations and a master’s degree in communications from Wayne State University. Currently, Brown is a Ph.D. candidate at Walden University, where she is pursuing a doctorate in management with a concentration in leadership and organizational change.

“A dream without effort is just that...I live by that,” said Brown.

Previously, Brown held several positions at VWGoA and has gained a unique skill set from working in areas like operations and human re-

sources, all which help her today.

“The automotive industry is traditionally male-dominated and I had the opportunity to begin my career with the company as, not only one of the first women, but also the first woman of color to hold the Fixed Operations Manager position – which I held for over a decade,” said Brown. “In this capacity, I worked to increase our after-sales business at the dealer level.”

Brown continued: “I was fortunate to hold that position for 12 years before taking over the role of Sales Operations Manager in West Palm Beach, Florida, then Richmond, Virginia. These posi-

tions in operations allowed me to develop the necessary business acumen to move our diversity initiatives forward.”

Lately, Brown’s primary focus is managing the Employee Resource Group (ERG) network. ERGs are employee-driven and provide employees the opportunity to engage with their peers around causes they support and really tap into the heart of the organization. These groups are invaluable to the company as they give employees an opportunity for professional development and networking, while providing the organization with market insights and perspectives from a cross-cultural lens.

Rep. Cedric Richmond

By Danny J. Bakewell, Jr.
Executive Editor
Los Angeles Sentinel

Congressman Cedric Richmond has been a congressman in New Orleans for the past six years. During his tenure, he has experienced some of the best and worst times in the country and has had a front row seat for all of the action. Now, the 43 year-old congressman has taken on a new challenge as the newly-elected chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), one of the most powerful coalitions in the nation.



When asked why he decided to take on this role the congressman explained: “I have always been interested in serving as Chair of the Caucus, but over the Thanksgiving holiday, I began to

contemplate what life was going to look like in the new environment of the Trump Administration and realized that the CBC was going to have to take the lead roll in ensuring African Americans have a loud and active voice.”

The congressman felt he was up to the challenge, and in November, his colleagues in the House of Representatives and in the United States Senate elected him to serve as chairman of the caucus.

Richmond knows that the next two years are going to be crucial and that the only way things are going to get accomplished for African Americans and other disen-

franchised communities, is if the leadership and members of the caucus have strategic thinking, strategic planning and strategic execution.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi asked that all Democrats defer to senior members in crucial leadership roles. Congressman Richmond didn’t see this request as a deterrent from running to lead the CBC and ultimately becoming chairman.

“The CBC has never been an organization led or deferred to by seniority and I believed I was best suited to take on this role,” stated the three-term congressional leader; obviously, his colleagues agreed.

As part of Congressman Richmond’s leadership, he has vowed to support the Black Press and Black media throughout the country. He has formed an alliance with past NNPA Chairman Danny J. Bakewell, Sr. and NNPA President Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., to ensure that African American media is included and plays an active role in sharing important news about national government with the communities that they serve.

Congressman Richmond is a supporter of the Black Press and when asked why he feels it is necessary to take on this challenge the congressman had this to say:

“Black Media and particularly the Black Press play and extraordinary role in getting our message out to our communities, print media especially plays an important role, because the Black Press is highly regarded within our communities and people have a greater trust on the information that they receive via the Black Press.”

Richmond continued: “Now that we no longer have a President [Obama], who can or is, willing to call a press conference and get information out to our people, we must be strategic in working with the Black Press to

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Malik Yoba

By Terry Allen
NDG Special Contributor

Celebrity Malik Yoba lent his voice and iconic influence as narrator for The TBAAL 34th Annual Black Music and Civil Rights Movement Concert with performances by feature artists B.Slade, Bilal and Earnest Pugh.

Malik Yoba provided the North Dallas Gazette readers with insight on the impact of MLK and acknowledged the importance that we must have conversations and keep them in the forefront of American communities including topics on race, economic power and civil rights.



Mark McCray, Malik Yoba and Terry Allen at TBAAL Civil Rights Concert

Yoba, the three-time NAACP Image Award Winner is probably best known for his roles as an actor in the 1993 Disney classic, Cool Runnings, and the hit Fox television series Empire and New York Undercover. He is also an actor, writer, director,

producer, musician, activist, educator, inspirational speaker, and entrepreneur and author.il rights.

Before the concert, NDG got a chance to speak with Malik Yoba. Known for his role on 90’s police drama, “New York Undercover” and ABC’s “Designated Survivor” among numerous other movies and television series. He stated that he met TBAAL Founder, Curtis King, 13 years ago while touring with a show in Dallas and immediately fell in love with the mission of the academy, stating there are only a handful of Black organizations dedicated solely to encouraging performance and arts amongst minority children.

Yoba says, “it important

to bridge the gap between generations and the rich history of the Civil Rights Movements” – honoring those who diligently fought for Civil Rights during the 60’s and acknowledging those who are continuously ensuring Civil Rights are inalienable and fundamental rights of all human beings.”

NDG also asked what Dr. King would think of the Black Lives Matter movement and civil rights activism today – to which Malik stated, “I think he would say ‘we’ve done this already’ and be heartbroken that we are still fighting the same battles we fought years ago.”

Yoba told NDG that the

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NDG Readers Sound Off

Is it time for the Democrats to create their own Tea Party?

Like minded folk – especially those who call themselves Democrats should organize and act in an organized fashion. Hopefully if this happens, it will be a fact based organization – unlike the tea party which based its activity on emotionalism, prejudice, xenophobia and basic misinformation. To me, it seemed that the tea party movement was responsible for so many lies about Obama that Obama has to be the most “lied about” president in U.S. history...but back to Democratic Party and further organization. Democracy is hard to achieve. I am reminded of a quote from Will Rogers who was a white Democrat during the time when most Democrats were basically “Dixiecrats” – in other words racist. He said he didn’t belong to an organized political party, he belonged to

the Democratic Party. This was supposed to be a joke although it clearly pointed out the chaos that goes with the democratic process.

- Anonymous via NorthDallasGazette.com

Minority leaders feel Muslims are unfairly targeted

Why isn’t any other local mayor chiming in? Perhaps it’s because there is no ‘Sharia law’ creeping in to supplant American laws. I do believe we already have laws in place that recognize American laws first. I’m really tired of Texas in general & Irving in particular – being the butt of jokes nationwide. Resolution supporting a resolution that went nowhere because it was REDUNDANT! Not really sure what duties our mayor performs anymore – other than trips to receive awards from dubious groups or speaking at Tea Party events on her experience with radical Islam.

I’m sure she does lots of other things, but those two things seem to get all the attention.

- Cynthia Dixon via NorthDallasGazette.com

Texas lawmakers considering privatization of foster care system

“Some things are too important to turned over to folk who just want to make a buck. Among these things is the foster care system for the children of the state of Texas.

Republicans always want to monetize everything. They believe in creating what they call an “ownership society” through “trickle down” economics. The only problem is that “trickle down” does not trickle down. The current state legislature is run by Republicans. I wonder what is too precious to them to be sold for money.

Evidently, they do not care about the quality of

the foster care system because if they did, they would have put enough money into it for it to work before now. Now that it is apparent that it is not working and that it is in fact allowing abuse of many children, they want to “sell it”.

Now, the company (that is in business to make money) that says it can do the job for the least amount of money will get the state contract(s) to run the foster care system. To the legislators, it will turn into another state business deal. The question will become one of gaining or losing money instead of caring for the children in foster care.

So Texas will wind up with a foster care system that is worse than the one we had at first.”

- Anonymous via NorthDallasGazette.com

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press on the current state of play in civil rights policy as the Trump Administration begins.

“We are concerned about the statements of President Trump which are an invitation for voter suppression tactics to be put on the books,” said Kristen Clarke, the president of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Civil rights groups are reeling from the number of moves the new administration has made in less than a week in office. Despite the situation, some hope was renewed by the massive and historic turnout of the Women’s March on January 21, the day after Trump’s inauguration.

In addition, the Lawyers’ Committee says, “the names of new leadership at the Justice Department have been announced and include individuals with track records of fighting against civil rights in

the areas of voting.”

Preliminary changes in the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division are occurring, while the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to serve as Attorney General is pending. The Senate is scheduled to vote on his nomination this week, even as some civil rights groups call for more hearings in the wake of the Trump Administration’s travel ban on seven majority Muslim countries.

Recently, the Trump Administration announced that Jones Day lawyer John Gore would head the Civil Rights Division.

“Gore in recent years has been opposed to civil rights in a number of matters,” Clarke pointed out on the January 24 conference call. “He has worked on the opposite side in matters involving redistricting.”

Borrowing a phrase from Martin Luther King, Jr., Clarke added: “Justice de-



Civil rights groups are calling for more hearings for President Trump’s pick for Attorney General Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) in the wake of the Trump Administration’s travel ban on seven majority Muslim countries. (Gage Skidmore/Wikimedia Commons)

layed is justice denied for communities who have long been waiting for relief on these matters.”

Clarke said that Jeff Sessions has used vote fraud as a tool to chill Black voting.

“We are also deeply concerned about the hostility he has had against consent decrees,” said Clarke. “Mr. Sessions has expressed the view that consent decrees are an abuse of federal authority.”

Clarke pointed out that the

recent consent decree on the Baltimore Police Department was delayed by the Trump Justice Department.

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Forget Chocolate! Red juices are a healthier Valentine alternative

From Valentine's Day to Heart Health Month, February is splashed with red.

Although chocolates may rule as a popular Valentine gift, those in the mood for a healthier treat can enjoy strawberries, cherries, raspberries, cranberries, watermelon, tomatoes and beets and reap the rewards.

These vibrant foods have a cornucopia of nutrients that love you back by healing your body and preventing disease, says best-selling author and nutritionist Cherie Calbom, known as "The Juice Lady," whose latest book is *The Juice Lady's Guide to Fasting* (www.juiceladycherie.com).



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For example, numerous studies show that just one glass of beet juice lowers blood pressure in people with high blood pressure, she says. Other attributes of these red-

themed fruits and vegetables include:

- Tomato juice has lycopene, a phytonutrient that studies show reduces the risk for prostate cancer. Tufts and

Boston University researchers discovered that the highest intake of lycopene was linked to nearly a 30 percent reduction in cardiovascular disease and coronary heart disease.

- One study published in the *Journal of Medicinal Foods* found that tart cherry juice can improve sleep in older adults with insomnia.

- Another study found that quercetin, a powerful antioxidant found in tart cherry juice, helped people fight heart disease by preventing oxidative damage to LDL cholesterol.

- Strawberry juice is rich in

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Rep. Johnson named to Advisory Board of Let America Vote

AUSTIN – Representative Eric Johnson was chosen as one of the 27 members named to the Board



Rep. Eric Johnson

George W. Bush Presidential Library celebrates Black History Month with special exhibit

To recognize the outstanding contributions to our community by local African American artists, the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, NBC 5, and the Multicultural Arts Alliance present “Art Past and Present: From a Black Artist’s Perspective,” a special art exhibit until Feb. 23.

Art Past and Present: From a Black Artist’s Perspective features the works of acclaimed local artists, including Nathan Jones, James Kemp, and four exceptional art students from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts: Taylor Marsh, Andrew Perez, Julie Torres, and Aleah Washington. The pieces included in this exhibit employ a range of media and address a variety of different subjects, perspectives, and concepts as they relate to the artists’ personal narratives and experiences. Drawing upon themes from nature, history, the environment, and personal reflections, the works demonstrate how artists from different generations and worldviews express themselves through their art.

The exhibit is in the George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum Classroom at 2943 SMU Boulevard in Dallas. All community members are invited to this free special exhibit.

of Advisors for Let America Vote, an organization launched by former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander that is dedicated to winning the public debate over voter suppression in the United States. Representative Johnson is the only elected official from Texas to serve on the national board and was appointed alongside Cecile Richards, daughter of

former Texas Governor Ann Richards.

“I am honored to have been appointed to the Board of Advisors for Let America Vote by my good friend, Jason Kander. Let America Vote is a long-awaited solution to a serious problem in Texas: voter suppression,” said Representative Johnson.

“Considering the strict voting

ID laws, the inability to register online, and a difficult voter registration process, Texas makes participation in our democratic process less accessible and severely limits voter turnout. A solution to this issue is long overdue and I’m ready to get to work.”

Johnson recently filed House Bill 469 to reduce barriers to vot-

ing in Texas by allowing for same-day voter registration. “Voting must be accessible to all Texans and we must eliminate these often discriminatory barriers to voting and encourage increased participation,” said Representative Johnson.

For more information about Let America Vote, go to letamericavote.org.

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UT Dallas hosting events honoring Black History Month

The UT Dallas Office of Diversity and Community Engagement will present a documentary and discussion on Feb. 7 about the intersection between the civil rights and LGBT+ equality movements.

The Black History Month event will feature a screening of the documentary "From Selma to Stonewall: Are We There Yet?" and a discussion with two prominent activists who produced the film and are featured in it — the Rev. Gil Caldwell



and Marilyn Bennett. The free event, open to the public, will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the McDermott Suite (MC 4.4).

Caldwell is a retired United Methodist Church minister, civil rights leader and author from Boston who marched with Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. Bennett is an LGBT+ activist and author who earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology.

"Social movements are important because they demonstrate the power that ordinary people have when they organize and remain determined to bring about

change within society," moderator Michael Mims said.

The event is one of several planned at UT Dallas to celebrate Black History Month, including:

- Saturday, Feb. 11 – Africa Night: Back to the Roots – Music, entertainment and food hosted by the Multicultural Center and African Student Union. 6:30 p.m., Student Services Building Addition Auditorium.
- Friday, Feb. 17 – All That Jazz: Line Dancing & Live Music – Line dancing lessons and history on swing dancing and jazz music, 7 p.m., Student Union Galaxy Rooms (SU 2.602).
- Thursday, Feb. 23 – The Big Dinner: African-American Heritage Celebration, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Student Union Galaxy Rooms (SU 2.602).

Six Black History Scholarships accepting applications now

(BlackNews.com) Every year, many companies and organizations give away scholarships to African American students as a way of celebrating and honoring Black History month. Some of these programs have come and gone, while others have been very consistent throughout the years. Here's a list of the programs that are open this February:

#1 - Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: This program is for minority high school students in the United States. In addition to a financial grant, the foundation also provides its scholars with mentoring and leadership development opportunities, and internships. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/03/jackie-robinson-foundation-scholarship.html

#2 - Fund II Foundation United Negro College Fund (UNCF) STEM Scholars Program: This program is open to African American students pursuing careers in the STEM fields - science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Scholars Program includes scholarships, internships, mentoring and other tools to help African American students reach their goals. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/01/fund-ii-foundation-uncf-stem-scholars-program.html

#3 - National Association

tion of Black Journalists Scholarships: These scholarships are offered to African American students interested in a career in journalism. The scholarship is for high school students and undergraduate college students who are planning to enroll or currently enrolled in college full-time and majoring in journalism. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2014/05/national-association-black-journalists-scholarships.html

#4 - Regions Riding Forward Black History Month Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded each year to high school students and college students. Interested students may apply by writing an essay about African-Americans who have inspired them. Regions Bank awards 32 scholarships each year, two in each region where the bank has branches. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2014/01/regions-riding-forward-black-history.html

#5 - Jerry Malloy Negro Baseball League Scholarship: This program is open to high school seniors who plan to attend college and work towards a college degree. Two scholarships will be awarded to the students who write the most compelling essay on a topic pertaining to Negro League

baseball. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/12/sabr-jerry-malloy-negro-baseball-league-scholarship.html

#6 - Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) Scholarships: These scholarships are offered to outstanding black high-school seniors who are interested in pursuing careers in technology. High-school seniors of African descent may apply (for example, African American, Caribbean, African, etc). Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2015/04/blacks-at-microsoft-bam-scholarships.html

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The Talks will surround the fundamentals of TED: Technology, Entertainment and Design, as well as societal factors impacting our lives in North Texas.

Hitting the stage this year to share their ideas:

- Varsha Appaji
- Dr. Jen Hartman
- Jon Iadonisi
- Mary Jacobs
- Rev. Arthur Jones



- Carol Kennelly
- Shannon Kraus
- Vinny Minchillo
- Alicia Morgan
- Jaideep Patil
- Gopal Raman
- Kelsey Samuels

- Zach Weisman
- Plano residents and TEXx fans are invited to be a part of the conversation. Tickets are now available for sale for Saturday, April 8 event.

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vitamin C and folate—nutrients that help you fight cancer.

• The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported that the intake of raspberries can lower the risk of death from cardiovascular disease due to their high content of anthocyanins, flavonoids that reduce inflammation. Inflammation is a leading cause of heart disease.

• Watermelon has more lycopene than tomatoes—making it a delicious heart healthy fruit.

For those seeking to lose weight before Valentine's Day, Calbom recommends a one-day red juice fast. "You can lose at least a pound a day and recharge your energy," she says.

Heart Healthy Juice Recipes

Red Sunrise

Beets have been shown to lower blood pressure in a matter of hours. One study found that drinking one glass of beet juice lowered systolic blood pressure by an average of 4 to 5 points.

- 1 apple
- 1/2 small beet with tops
- 1 cucumber, peeled if not organic

Cut produce to fit your juicer's feed tube. Juice ingredients, stir and enjoy. Serves 1.

Icy, Spicy Gazpacho

Cilantro has been shown in studies to help the body detox heavy metals such as mercury, lead and aluminum.

- 2 tomatoes, cut in chunks
- 1 cup fresh carrot juice (about 5–7 carrots)

1 lemon, juiced, peeled, if putting it through a juice machine

1/4 cup cilantro, rinsed and chopped

1/4 teaspoon Celtic sea salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 small jalapeño, chopped (more if you like it hot)

3 radishes

Place the tomato chunks in a freezer bag and freeze until solid. This is optional. (Or you can use fresh tomatoes placed in the blender.) Pour the carrot and lemon juices into a blender and add the frozen tomato chunks, cilantro, salt, cumin, jalapeño, and radishes. Blend on high speed until smooth, but slushy; serve immediately. Serves 2

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CARROLLTON Run For Rover Early Registration Deadline is Feb. 12

The City of Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department will host the furriest 5K benefiting our four-legged friends in the inaugural Run for Rover race on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. Sign up your pup for a dog-specific race supporting the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center.

The race will start at the newly constructed McInnish Dog Park (2241 Sandy Lake Road), and will route through the adjacent sports complex for a full 5K. A shorter route will be offered to smaller or older dogs, or dogs who will still be working off some hol-

iday weight. Don't have a dog? You can still participate. Or even better, swing by the Adoption Center (2247 Sandy Lake Road) where your new best friend is waiting for you.

Pre-register by Sunday, Feb. 12 to receive the \$15 rate for humans and the \$5 rate for dogs.

Pre-registration guarantees a race bag, a T-shirt for humans, a bandana for your pup, and a timing chip. The prices increase by \$5 on race day. To register and for more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/RunForRover.

McKINNEY Collin County NAACP Black History Month Celebration

A Time to Learn and Remember featuring professional storyteller Toni Simmons on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. The event will also feature an exhibiting dance by Schooling Talent. The event will be held at the John and Judy Gay Public Library in McKinney at 6861 Eldorado Pkwy. Call 972-547-7323 for free tickets.

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represent the people, not the current powerbrokers. "They don't need my help, they are already there.

"Change doesn't happen on the sidelines," Espino declared. Stressing she is not seeking an all-Latino council, simply a city council that reflects the citizens it serves.

Juan Carlos "J.C." Gonzalez, a Vice President and Branch Manager for Wells Fargo, was the third candidate hoping to become the future mayor of Irving. He wants to be a bridge building and help to bring everyone together to do the right thing for the community.

He is planning to visit Austin and Washington during the campaign to learn about the legislation proposed which will impact the city. Gonzalez hopes to encourage the lawmakers to do the right thing for the people. He is concerned about the proposed Texas budget which

could lead to cuts for the small business development centers.

While he has enjoyed professional success, he still remembers going to McDonald's as a child and asking his mother why she was not eating with kids. At the time his mother simply stated she was not hungry, but he later realized it was because she did not have the money. Helping working families and immigrants is in the best interest of Irving and Gonzalez believes he can make a difference.

According to Gonzalez, a recent study showed that many of the most successful businesses are run by immigrants. The reason suggested is because of their drive and determination. "Bringing everyone together, including businesses, will make Irving a great city," Gonzalez stated.

No support for the sanctuary city ban

Each mayoral candidate was asked for their views on the proposed Texas Senate Bill 4, which seeks to ban so-called "sanctuary cities" in Texas. It was approved by the Senate on Tuesday and if it becomes law, any city or county that refuses to turn over immigrants to federal custody risk losing state grant money.

Pfaff stated, "We are asking the police to do too many things and now the governor is wanting to make them ICE agents. It is a federal problem."

Espino agrees, this is a federal policy issue. She shared concerns on how the law will be enforced, asking if individuals with blond and blue eyes will be questioned or only those who fit the description of an immigrant?

School board election

Sharon Deberry is running for Irving ISD Place 2. A long time educator, DeBerry is the wife of Will DeBerry, the first African American Irving ISD School Board Trustee. She

is concerned students are checking out. DeBerry believes one-to-one mentoring is great, but educators should not abandon group mentoring to ensure they reach as many students as possible.

Attendance is a problem across the district, this impacts not only the district's budget but the ability of a child to get a quality education. She wants to see the district partner with the families to address truancy issues. DeBerry shared within the last two weeks made home visits with truant officers.

"When you walk through the door, you feel the depression. It is Noon and everyone is still in bed," DeBerry stated

The natatorium is a bright spot DeBerry spotlighted, pointing out it was a cooperative endeavor between the city, the district and North Lake Community College. She hopes to see future partnerships between the city and the school district.

Richland hosts Black History student art show

During its annual celebration of Black History Month, Richland College will feature an exhibit of paintings, drawings and prints on loan from the African American Museum of Dallas.

Cultural and historical items will be featured at the Brazos Gallery in Crockett Hall, presented in a stirring, thought-provoking exhibition called "Sankofa." Sankofa, a word from Ghana, means to



Richland College is hosting a student-driven art show celebrating Black History Month (Courtesy photo)

reclaim the past in order to move forward.

The exhibit is free and

open to the general public as well as the college community.

"The primary purpose of the gallery here is a teaching gallery for students and faculty," said John Spriggins, coordinator of the Brazos Gallery at Richland. He also serves as the interim curator for the African American Museum.

"I encourage faculty to bring their students and to teach some of the principles of what they're doing in the classroom, such as art appre-

ciation. I want to exhibit part of their collection and show some of the images that the museum offers," Spriggins said.

The exhibition features self-taught folk artists like Clementine Hunter. Hunter's paintings are known for their simple accounts of rural life in Louisiana.

Other pieces will celebrate the works of Roy Ferdinand, who used New Orleans as the

centerpiece for some of his drawings. Crime scenes of the city's toughest wards are a favorite detail for this self-taught artist.

The exhibition opens on Mon., Jan. 30, and closes Feb. 24. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. An opening reception is set from noon to 1 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Richland College is located at 12800 Abrams Road.

McDonald's and Continental Societies to host Dallas African American read-ins

To celebrate Black History Month, McDonald's of Greater North Texas has teamed up with the Dallas Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc., a public service organization dedicated to the socioeconomic and cultural welfare of underprivileged youth, to host African American Read-In events every Saturday in February. "Throughout the year,

McDonald's of Greater North Texas is committed to supporting education throughout the DFW area," said local McDonald's Owner and president of the North Texas Chapter of the Black McDonald's Owner Operators Association, Cliff Johnson, II. "This Black History month, we're proud to partner with Continental Societies to further that

pledge and promote reading and literature to our African American community."

The first event of the month will occur on Saturday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. at the McDonald's restaurant located at 10320 Lake June Road in Dallas, Texas. Representatives from the City of Dallas, the Dallas Police Department and more, will read books and short stories by

African American authors to families and children attending the event. Additionally, while supplies last, McDonald's will be providing each child attendee with one McDonald's backpack filled with school supplies and a book written by an African American author.

"For over 17 years, the Dallas Chapter of Continental Societies has supported

the African American Read-In as a major part of our literacy program," said Judith Nix, president of the Dallas Chapter. "By hosting these events year after year, our hope is that African American literacy will become a fundamental part of celebrating Black History Month."

African American Read-In events planned for Black

History Month include:

- Saturday, February 11, 11:30 a.m. —McDonald's at 5404 S. Cooper, Arlington, TX 76017
- Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m. —McDonald's at 2575 E. Arkansas Lane, Arlington, TX 76011
- Saturday, February 25, 11:30 a.m. —McDonald's at 8333 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75241



Josefina Lopez is one of the featured playwrights at TeCo's Down for #TheCount festival.

TeCo's 2nd Down for #TheCount Festival features a female perspective

TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. are hosting their 2nd Annual Production of Down For #TheCount play festival that gives a platform to female voices. Production dates are Feb. 16 – 26 at 7:30 p.m. nightly for two consecutive weekends with a preview night on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center. The event was inspired by the Dramatists Guild of America and Lilly Awards' study on the under-representation of female voices on American stages. Down For #TheCount will feature notable national and local playwrights including Josefina Lopez who is debuting her world premiere on the Bishop Arts Theatre stage.

Following is the line-up: **Josefina Lopez's Hypstoria**, a world premiere by Chicana playwright best known for Real Women Have

Curves starring America Ferrera. An award-winning playwright, Josefina depicts the inspirational story of a woman and her son in the fight against gentrification of their Latino neighborhood by hipsters.

Caramela Lamberti's How to Iron a Shirt, a one-act-play full of reflection, as an Italian woman describes the intricate details of ironing her husband's shirt and what

it reveals about a man.

Cecilia Copeland's Smashing the Patriarchy, a depiction of Latina women in political conflict with the conservative party's decision for *Roe vs. Wade* and a Teacher's Union. The play highlights the passion of women in politics as they fight for minority women's rights.

Ashley Edward's The Red Zone, the comical story

of a married couple's personal struggle out of selfishness, in the most romantic place on earth: Wal-Mart.

Camika C. Spencer's Things That Go Bump, a dark and tragic story of a small family of three living with domestic violence.

Ticket prices are \$12 – \$25 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (214) 948- 0716 or by visiting www.bishopartstheatre.org.

'I Am Not Your Negro' documentary receives Oscar nod

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

On February 1, the first day of Black History Month, the National Museum of African American History and Culture premiered the Oscar-nominated documentary "I Am Not Your Negro," which features commentary by James Baldwin. The film is a tribute to the staggering contribution of one of America's greatest men of letters.

Director Raoul Peck spent ten years completing the film. The documentary was inspired by one of Baldwin's unfinished manuscripts regarding his friendships and views on three of his friends: Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. None of the three would live to see their 40th birthday. Medgar Evers was assassinated in 1963 in Jackson, Miss.; Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965 in New York City; King was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, Tenn.



At the heart of the film, the jarring documentary provides Baldwin's sociopolitical observations and showcases the writer's eloquence and directness as a communicator.

Peck credits Baldwin with changing his life after he read "The Fire Next Time" when he was a teenager.

"The starting point of the movie are the words of a person, a great author, James

Baldwin," Peck said at the The Hollywood Reporter's Documentary Oscar Roundtable. "My job was to put myself in the background. I knew those words since I was 15 years old.

"If I can summarize the essential part of Baldwin, it is the ability and obligation to always question whatever truth is put in front of you. Beginning with images, beginning with stories, beginning with cinema. This is something that I learned very

early on," Peck told a reporter last week. "And Baldwin gave me the words and the instruments to do that, to be able to deconstruct whatever was put in front of me— ideology, stories, narrative— very concretely."

Baldwin was an American social critic, novelist, essayist, playwright and poet. His essays, as collected in "Notes of a Native Son" (1955), explore issues of race and class differences in a poignant, sometimes provocative way. His books include "The Fire

Next Time" (1963), "Giovanni's Room" (1965), "No Name in the Street" (1972), and "The Devil Finds Work" (1976).

There hasn't been anyone who has been able to duplicate the power of Baldwin since his death at 63 in France in 1987. Baldwin confronted the "moral monsters" of racism in the United States and dealt with the complex social and psychological pressures confronting Black people in America. Baldwin often challenged

White Americans on the question of racism.

"It does matter any longer what you do to me," Baldwin said in an interview in 1965. "The problem now is how are you going to save yourselves?"

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Two new Black History books open the past for kids

National Geographic Children's Books has released two timely about Black History that offer fascinating details and insights that will excite, engage and entertain young readers.

Shackles from the Deep is written by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Cottman who delivers a tale that is "part mystery, part history, part self-discovery" (Booklist starred review) in this unique and mostly unknown true story of the Henrietta Marie, a slave ship that was wrecked off the coast of Florida at the turn of the 18th century.

Award-winning author Ann Bausum chronicles the story of what has been called the final march of the civil rights era in The March Against Fear, The Last Great Walk of the Civil Rights Movement and the Emergence of Black Power. This story powerfully parallels the modern fight for social justice and is hailed by Kirkus in a starred review as "an exceptionally well-written and -researched chronicle of a crucial civil rights turning point."

In his book, Cottman retraces the Henrietta Marie's route around the world: from England to West Africa, from the Henrietta Marie's departing port in Senegal to the American, sharing his emotional journey of walking the steps of his ancestors and reliving the traumatic, treacherous and heartbreaking ordeal of these enslaved men, women – and children – who died on its final journey. Jamaican plantation where the slaves it carried were sent to work. Cottman draws from his own experience as a diver and an African-American.

"Cottman weaves his personal story of discovery with history of the slave trade, helping readers understand why a sunken slave ship from the 1700s still matters," reviewed Kirkus. "His emotional attachment to the artifacts, including child-sized shackles, deepens the storytelling in this highly readable narrative."

Color photographs, a timeline, map, and further reading



resources make this an enlightening historical study,

while raising timely social questions. Cottman previ-

ously told the ship's story for adults in The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, and now makes this significant aspect of history accessible to young readers, who are the ones assigned the task of ensuring our future does not repeat the terrible mistakes of our past.

Cottman is a former political reporter for the Washington Post. Cottman has appeared on National Public Radio's (NPR) "Tell Me More" with Michel Martin and also the Oprah Winfrey Show in 2000 to discuss his

(adult) book The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie. Cottman also serves as a special consultant to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a national multimedia project, "Voyage to Discovery," an education initiative that focuses on the African-American contribution to the maritime industry spanning 300 years and efforts to teach students of color about careers in marine biology and oceanography.

In Ann Bausum's book, she

recounts the often-overlooked 300-mile walk from Memphis to Jackson that became a key moment in civil rights history. On June 5, 1966, James Meredith set out to confront racial fears and to peacefully protest for voter registration for African Americans, but was shot in an assassination attempt the very next day. His cause was taken up by two leaders of the era, Martin Luther King Jr. and Stokely Carmichael –

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Dr. Daniel B. Prescott
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2017 is now a little more than a month old. While a few of your New Year's resolutions may have already fallen by the wayside (or maybe not), there is still plenty of time left this year to get your own financial house in order.

Perhaps you're used to juggling bills, making every effort to pay just ahead of the deadline and often have little money left over for eating out or catching a movie. We understand that times can be tough every now and again. For some folks, this reality never changes. But in the spirit of new beginnings, the organization I represent—Transformance, Inc.—would like to share a few small behav-

ioral changes that might add up to a real difference in your lives.

First, if you have a household budget, stick to it at all costs. If you don't have a household budget, that's problem number one. You can't expect to get your financial house in order if you have no plan to begin with. Budgeting consists of listing out your income against your regular debts and payments. What's left over should become savings. Put this amount in a separate bank account and forget about it. In just a few short months, you'll have a balance you can be proud of. You must also review your budget at the end of each month. Keep all of your receipts and find out where and why your money is being "frittered" away and take steps to eliminate waste.

Find new ways to cut monthly bills and save

money. Negotiate with your common service providers, such as cellphone and cable TV, for a lower monthly rate. Shop for cheaper insurance rates for your auto or home. Often times these providers will readily agree, with no change in service. Take the difference and begin depositing it in your new savings account. Even \$20 a month becomes \$240 in one year.

If you have credit card debt, you need to take it seriously. Ignoring and missing payments can have serious consequences on your credit score for years to come. If you don't think it means much now, wait until you're ready to buy a newer car or even transition from an apartment to a home of your own. If you've gotten off track, get back on track. Contact each of your creditors and work out a pay-

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SKYWARN storm spotter training slated for Feb. 18

As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth will host the SKYWARN severe weather program on Saturday, Feb. 18. The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Garland, and is sponsored

by the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management.

The program will begin with a review of tornado formation and behavior and give some insight as to why some storms produce tornadoes and others do not. For those interested in becoming a storm spotter, the presentation will discuss spotter oper-

ations and recommended reporting procedures.

The second half of the pro-

gram will feature basic radar interpretation, advanced discussion on topics from the

first part of the day and a radio demonstration.

The program is free and

open to the public, and no advanced registration is necessary.

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events at the TBAAL MLK concert is important and it had to resonate with millennials. "It is imperative to continuously be active – in communities, schools and beyond," stated Malik said, "it will be especially important for millennials to actively engage in their communities today, tomorrow and "5 years from now", being that they are the generation of the future and have potential to influence the world. Millennials must use all of their resources to create their own way while remaining in service to their

communities."

There is one major benefit of this transition according to Yoba, "In this new presidential transition we will be uncomfortable. This transition will ultimately cause growth; reminding us all that growth cannot occur within your comfort zone."

Yoba encouraged today's youth to get out there and make a difference, leaving us with brilliant words from his father, Yoba said, "My dad said build your own generator, so when they cut off the power, you still have lights".

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get our information and our stories to the people."

Congressman Richmond understands the power and role the federal government plays in supporting all media, and he feels that supporting the Black Press is a key tool in ensuring that the African American community is not ignored in this process.

"The federal government is the largest advertiser in the country and for us to ignore, not support, or cripple our Black Newspapers would be a travesty," said Richmond. "If we don't advertise in the Black Press we are not taking advantage of a way to communicate to the millions of African Americans throughout the country. We cannot allow the Black Press to go away or be weakened and I am committed to working with Danny [Bakewell Sr.] and the NNPA to get the federal government more active in advertising in Black newspapers."

Diversity is a word that, in today's political climate, is thrown around in almost every government and corpo-


rate office, but rarely have African Americans benefitted from these discussions about diversity. Chairman Richmond intends to hold everyone accountable when it comes to making sure that African Americans are part of the diversity discussion.

"Just as we discuss and take diversity very seriously within the House, in regards to employment, we must also lobby for diversity in advertising and take that just as seriously," said Richmond.


Richmond said that restoring the Voting Rights Act, fighting to raise the minimum wage and creating economic opportunities for African Americans are critical objectives on the CBC's agenda. He recently met with the national leaders of most of the major African American civil rights groups and they have agreed to meet regularly to organize and function in unison to move forward with a unified Black Agenda.

Richmond said, "We have been through tough times before and this is no different."

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The event is free and open to the public.

Dozens of employers motivated to hire former service members will be on hand to provide employment information and conduct interviews with

potential hires.

The employers recognize the value of military service in shaping productive, responsible employees.

"Veterans bring important skills and leadership abilities to the companies who hire them" Arianna Gray, assistant director of Financial Aid for Collin College and a career fair organizer, said.

"The employers who

will attend this career fair know that, and are eager to meet our veterans."

Some of the employers represented will include: UPS, NTTA, Embassy Suites, Legacy Texas, Liberty Mutual, L3, Ericsson, Thyssenkrupp, U.S. Cus-

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For a full list of employers and service providers, visit www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/veterans/newsandupdates.html.

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February 15, 7 p.m.
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February 15, 7 p.m.
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Dr. Henry T. Sampson is the inventor of the "gamma-electric cell" which pertains to Nuclear Reactor use. This technology is used in the cellular phone.

Dr. Sampson received a Master Science (MS) in Engineering from the University of California. He was awarded a MS and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois.

He is the first Black person to receive a Ph.D in Nuclear Engineering. In 1971 he was awarded a patent for his "gamma-electric cell."

During the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Centennial Meeting held in Philadelphia in November 2008, Dr. Sampson was honored among the "Twenty Chemical Engineers in Other Pursuits."

He is the recipient of a variety of awards including the Atomic Energy Commission Award (1964-1967), Black Image Award from Aerospace Corporation (1982).

Dr. Sampson also was the recipient of the Blacks in Engineering, Applied Science and Education Award and Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers (1983), and was named a fellow in the U.S. Navy (1962-1964).

In addition to his work in engineering fields, Dr. Sampson is a writer, film historian, and documentary film producer who focus on the African American presence in the film and entertainment industries.

He has written five books about the portrayal of Black people in movies, cartoons, and on radio. Sampson is married to Laura Howzell Young-Sampson, a profes-

sor at California State University-San Bernardino.

On July 6th, 1971, according to Dr. Sampson, his Gamma Electric Cell, patented July 6, 1971, Patent No. 3,591,860 produces stable high-voltage output and current to detect radiation in the ground.

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1956. He went on to the University of California, Los Angeles where he graduated with a MS degree in engineering in 1961; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, MS in Nuclear Engineering in 1965, and a PH.D in 1967.

Mobile Communications took a big step forward in 1983 with the invention of the Cellular System regulating the portable telephones, which use radio waves to transmit and receive audio signals.

Before this time, mobile telephone service in the United States, consisting mainly of car phones, was extremely limited because metropolitan areas had only one antenna for these purposes.

In addition, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigned only 12 to 24 frequencies to each area, which meant that only that many calls could occur at a time.

These limitations often meant a wait of up to 30 minutes for a dial tone and a five to 10 year waiting list just to acquire the service. With the invention of cellular phone service in 1983 personal communications no longer depended on wires.

In the 1990s it would become possible to connect to the Internet from virtually anywhere in the world using a portable computer and a cellular modem with satellite service.

Technologies that developed from different fields, such as personal communications, computation, and

space exploration often worked together to serve the constantly evolving human needs of the information age.

Dr. Sampson worked as a research Chemical Engineer at the US Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California in 1956-61.

He then moved on to the

Aerospace Corp, El Segundo, California. His titles include: Project Engineer, 1967-81, director of Planning and Operations Directorate of Space Test Program, 1981.

Dr. Sampson holds patents related to solid rocket motors and conversion of nuclear energy into

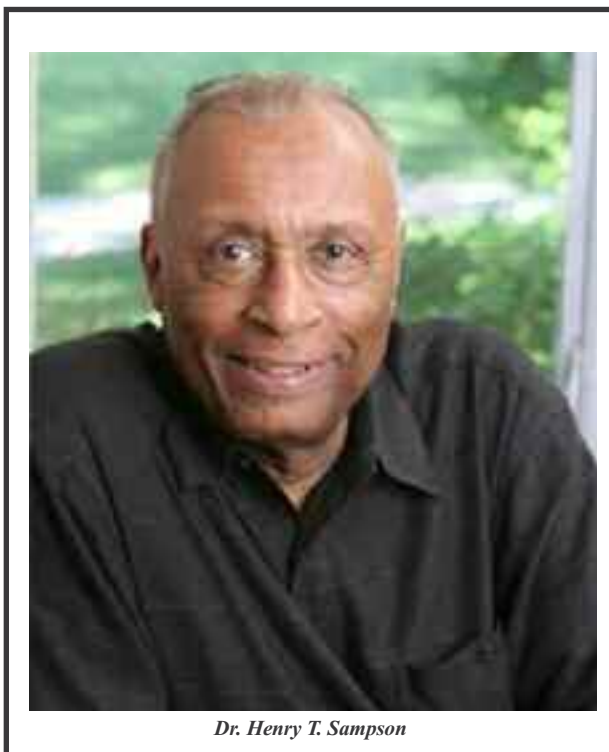
electricity.

He pioneered a study of internal ballistics of solid rocket motors using high-speed photography.

He was also a producer of documentary films on early Black filmmakers and films

and a member of the board of directors of Los Angeles Southwest College Foundation

Dr. Sampson was a technical consultant to the Historical Black Colleges and Universities Program.



Dr. Henry T. Sampson

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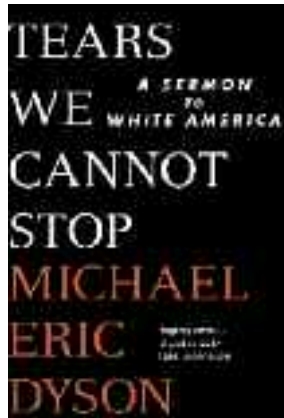
NDG Book Review: *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

I know what you're thinking.

You've said that before, to a furrowed brow, a mischievous smile, a child who's about to do something sneaky. You can see it in the eyes, the body language, the tone of voice, and you know just what they're thinking. But until you've read "Tears We Cannot Stop" by Michael Eric Dyson, you might not really have a clue.

You watch the news, you read the paper, and you know that things aren't going well in our country. Much of it, says Dyson, can



be blamed on race, and the fixes he believes are needed are most eloquently said in a sermon.

Racism, he says is "poison." For black people, that's not a possibility, it's a fact. It's seen in courtrooms

and streets, colleges and workplaces, neighborhoods and prisons. It means that black parents must specifically remind their children how to act around police officers, an everyday caution that white people rarely need to worry about, but "that can mean the difference between life and death for [African Americans]."

Most white people, he says, are racist, even if they don't mean to be. Some of them don't even know they're racist; or they'll deny it, until they read a book like this one with truths laid bare. African Americans know that unvoiced, deeply-buried

kind of racism and they discuss it with one another but rarely with whites; most whites don't know or don't think about it because they weren't taught it. Instead, it's a legacy of skin color, passed down for centuries.

White people have an advantage, says Dyson, by merely being white. "White privilege" opens doors. It doesn't worry about dying in a police encounter. White privilege offers higher-paying jobs and nicer homes. It enjoys "a way of life that comes at the direct expense of other folk who are denied the privileges you take for granted."

So what can be done?

"Beloved," says Dyson, the first step is to wake up to the advantages of being white, realize the wrongness of it, and admit it. Demand justice for injustices. And be open and willing to be R.E.S.P.O.N.S.I.V.E.

Got a comfortable chair to relax in? If not, then get one. "Tears We Cannot Stop" is going to keep you there.

Yes, there's controversy in what author Michael Eric Dyson states, but it will also open a lot of eyes. To get readers there, Dyson chides as deftly as he uses outrage and sorrow, but his point

never wavers: we will not fix this country until we get to the root of racism and that must start with the education of, and mind-set-change within, white America. He offers ideas here on how that can happen, as well as musings on cultural assimilation, racial epithets, and the re-writing of history.

At just 228 pages, this might seem like a small, quick read, though it's anything but. Instead, be ready to pause nearly every other sentence, absorb what is said, and prepare for action. "Tears We Cannot Stop" is meant to change your thinking.

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swelling one man's walk into a historic march of more than 15,000 people, resulting in 4,000 black voter registrations in Mississippi.

The different approaches of King and Carmichael caused tension that ultimately drove

a wedge between their organizations and fueled the Black Power movement, which was derided by the media and resented by many others at the time — a haunting echo of contemporary tension with the Black Lives Matter move-

ment.

"Bausum dissects these internal divisions with great sensitivity, lauding Martin Luther King Jr.'s peacemaking powers while illuminating the conditions that provoked others to more confrontational protest," reported Publishers Weekly in a starred re-

view. "Abundant details disclose the extent of segregation and racism, the pivotal role of law enforcement authorities, and how fraught protecting the marchers could be: state troopers used tear gas and physical assault to "suppress an act of racial defiance" when marchers tried to pitch

their tents on public land."

Bausum met Meredith in the course of her research and his first-hand account, combined with historical photographs and quotes from key figures on both sides, brings to life a significant moment in history that will resonate with modern readers as the fight

for equal rights continues today.

Bausum writes about U.S. history for young people, and she has published eight titles with National Geographic Children's Books including, most recently, *Marching to the Mountaintop* (2012) and *Unraveling Freedom* (2010).

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