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The many lawsuits and 'Sins of Wells Fargo Bank', Part II

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During the last ten years, a reported 109 lawsuits have been filed against Wells Fargo Bank covering 43 subject areas. Some of these are:

Breach of Contract, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Good Faith, Collusion to illegally set ATM Rates, Conspiracy, Discrimination against Minorities, Employee Unpaid Overtime, Excessive ATM Fees, Excessive Overdraft Fees, False Certification Falsified Documents, Hidden Illegal Fees, Improper Investment Advice, Inflated Insurance to Pay for Kickbacks, Insurance Overcharges; Loan Modification Denials; Mortgage Origination Fraud, Predatory Lending Practices, Property Conversion, Racial Discrimination; Recording False Affidavits; Robosigning, Securities Fraud; Selling Properties they did not own, Unlawful Termination of Employees; Violating Truth in Lending Laws and Wrongful Foreclosures.

The following highlights a few of the cases related to the above mentioned specific lawsuits: November 2007, in *Gipson et. al. vs. Wells Fargo*, the bank was sued for Breach of Fiduciary Duty by allegedly engaging in prohibited transactions. In October 2008 Hagens Berman sued



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Wells Fargo for excessive overdraft fees charging that customer transactions were illegally reordered so as to maximize late and overdraft fees.

In 2010, the City of Baltimore, Md. sued Wells Fargo for Predatory Lending- Ghetto Loans. The judge dismissed the case and blamed the recession; In 2012 in the case of *Ward et al. vs. Wells Fargo*, the bank, was sued for Breach of Contract-Wrongful Foreclosure; in February 2011, in a class action lawsuit brought in the State of Georgia on behalf of veterans, the court found that Wells Fargo overcharged veter-

ans on mortgages and was forced to pay \$10 million.

In October of 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice brought suit against Wells Fargo Bank in the U.S. District Court of Manhattan on charges of "a decade of misconduct under the Federal False Claims Act- false certification, mortgage lies, seeking \$100s of millions of dollars. In August of that same year, the Security Exchange Commission fined Wells Fargo Bank \$6.5 million for violation of section 8A of the Secu-

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NDG's take on the upcoming Dallas elections

NDG's View

For the last several weeks the *North Dallas Gazette* has met with several of the candidates running for office in Dallas, as well as reviewed the responses received from our candidate survey.

Today we are providing our recommendations for voter consideration in several key races for the city council and school board.

Next week, we will feature more.

Casey Thomas District 3

Incumbent Casey Thomas is facing opposition from Joe Tave again, as well as, Sandra Crenshaw. *NDG* believes Thomas deserves a second chance to build upon the experience he gained over the last two years. If re-elected Thomas plans to push for quality economic development in District 3, improved code enforcement and a focus on pub-

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Jade Connor

WACO — Jade A. Connor, a senior biology major from Lewisville at Baylor University, has been selected to receive a prestigious Fulbright study grant, becoming the University's 48th student Fulbright recipient since 2001.

In the fall, Connor will begin studies at Maastricht University in the Netherlands for a master's degree in Governance and Leadership in European Public Health.

"I am extremely honored and excited to be named a Fulbright Scholar," Connor



said. "This program does not simply teach students about public health but gives the tools to make decisions about a variety of public health disciplines and implement programs

that can transcend geographic borders and demographic differences."

After earning her master's degree, Connor will return to the United States to begin medical school with an ultimate goal of improving the lives of patients with dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease.

"The Netherlands has many innovative national programs for citizens with dementia, and I believe that I can learn a great deal from the Dutch approach to care of patients with dementia through public health measures," Connor said. "In my career, I hope to effect change outside of my own

practice by creating public health programs for these patients that can be implemented among the multitude of ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses and cultures in the United States."

Connor decided to come to Baylor after attending Invitation to Excellence, a special weekend program for high-achieving high school seniors that showcases some of the exciting academic opportunities Baylor offers in the Hankamer School of Business, School of Engineering and Computer Science, science programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, Robbins College of Health and

Human Sciences, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work and the Honors College.

"That weekend I spoke to Baylor students who were doing incredible things: going on medical mission trips, studying abroad, conducting research, serving the community — all of them making real differences in the world," Connor said. "I was also drawn to Baylor's culture of community and service. Everyone I met at Baylor felt a genuine desire to help those in need and serve in whatever sphere of influence they had. They really cared about others and wanted

others to succeed. After that experience, I knew that Baylor was the right fit for me, but I had no idea how much I would grow throughout my years here."

Connor is both a William Hillis Scholar in Biomedical Sciences and a Carr P. Collins Scholar at Baylor. The Hillis Scholars program provides research experiences and enhanced mentoring and learning opportunities for high-achieving undergraduate pre-health students prepares them for top graduate programs and medical schools. The Collins Scholars pro-

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Rep. John Lewis

By Christina Pazzanese,
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Few political figures can say truthfully that they dedicated their lives to battling injustice and making sure all Americans are treated equally and with dignity. But U.S. Rep. John Lewis is one.

Lewis, one of the "big six" leaders of the Civil Rights era, was still a student in Nashville when he embarked on the Freedom Rides to battle desegregation in 1961. He became chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and led the group's efforts to de-



segregate lunch counters in the South. He also was one of the organizers and speakers at the landmark March on Washington that year.

In 1965, he co-led the march across the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, Ala.,

where he and other participants were attacked by police in a Civil Rights watershed known as "Bloody Sunday." Lewis sustained a fractured skull. In 1986, he was elected to represent Georgia's 5th Congressional District in Washington, D.C., a position the Democrat has held since.

On Tuesday, the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School will honor Lewis with the Gleitsman Citizen Activist Award for his 60-year career of advancing human rights.

GAZETTE: The country feels more divided today than in some time. Where is America right now, and where are we going?

LEWIS: I think we are at a turning point. I have been involved for almost 60 years, really. I have seen and witnessed unbelievable changes. I tell young people, especially young children, when someone says to me "nothing has changed," I feel like saying "come and walk in my shoes. I will show you change."

I think we're in one of the most difficult periods in our recent history as a nation and as a people. There is this sense that that's all we're going to do, and there's not anything else or a role for the national government to play in helping to make real the hopes and dreams and aspi-

rations of people. But to fulfill the dreams of so many — blacks, whites, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, Latinos — we must not let those dreams and the hopes of so many be abandoned or die. In spite of all of the progress that was made — and we've made progress, we've come a distance — we still have a distance to go.

It is my belief that the scars and stains of racism are still deeply embedded in American society and that people today at the highest level of government want to fan those flames. Some people may not be conscious they're doing it, but in strange ways they're still doing it. The

Civil Rights Act of '64, the Voting Rights Act of '65 have been undermined in so many different ways. The Supreme Court, a few short years ago, put a dagger in the very heart of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

There are people who want to circumvent the lesson, the effect of these two major pieces of legislation. I think there's still a need for people in high places, not just in government, but in the private sector, in the academic community, in the media, in business to continue to be advocates, bringing people together, and build what Martin Luther King Jr. called "the beloved community."

Crystal Dunn

Crystal Dunn had a banner performance in her two appearances for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team as they faced off against Russia.

Playing games in both Dallas and Houston, Dunn left the field with two scores in each match, leading the scoring effort for the U.S. women as she continues to make her mark on the international level.

Prior to Dunn's promotion to the national team, the USWNT thrilled millions in 2015 when they took their third World Cup title in a game that was watched by more than 27 million Americans. Despite the World Cup win, the



USWNT has faced its share of disappointment afterward.

In the Olympics, the Americans were sent home in the first round of elimination play, falling to Sweden in what was likely the biggest upset of the games. Then in the She Believes Cup, held in the beginning of March, the U.S. was once

again disappointed. After initially beating Germany, they lost to England and France, ending up in fourth place when the dust settled.

"I think we all need to hit the reset button and kind of learn from things that we can get better at from the She Believes tournament, but it's a new camp and we have to start anew and get back to it," said Dunn, who earned her spot on the national team after leading the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in 2015 after barely missing the roster for the World Cup held the same year.

This is an off year for women's international soccer, but with a lack of high-profile tournaments, the

players must avoid losing focus prior to the qualifying competitions feeding into the 2019 World Cup.

"I think we have a huge amount of eagerness still on this team, which I think is going to translate into a really strong dominant side," Dunn said. "A lot of us are still trying to get better. We're trying to improve our game every single camp, and I feel like that's exactly the mindset that we need every time we get together. We only have a certain amount of time together before we're off to our own places again. So these camps are really important for us to — like I said — regroup, reset and get it together."

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From outrage to outcome



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Southern Methodist University will be the site of a panel discussion regarding social media and how it influences social action. In this panelists will include attorneys Emmanuel Obi and Lee Merritt, media executive KC Fox, businessmen and activists Cory Hughes, and

Mark Hughes. This panel discussion on April 26 will address the influence of social media on social activist at SMU at Dallas Hall in McCord Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The primary topic is examining social media's ability to create activism. I am greatly impressed with the social media's reach to mobilize the people. We need more people to be action-oriented. Through social media and its various hashtags, we learned of the tragic deaths of Trayvon Martin,

Michael Brown, Sandra Bland. Without social media, these atrocities would not have received the attention they deserve.

The activism associated with this outrage is good; however, it must lead to a favorable outcome. As panelist and attorney Emmanuel Obi, the lawyer for the McKinney pool party participants once said, “We need outrage to outcome.” We need political action to go with the foot action. We must move beyond marching in the streets to holding elected officials ac-

countable for creating laws designed to safeguard our rights.

A case in point, “The 1963 March on Washington” was more than just the March where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. recited his “I Have a Dream Speech.” After the conclusion of that speech, the March on Washington organizers lobbied the halls of Congress and the White House for the passage of the Civil Rights bill. Beyond the protest there was action.

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NDG Readers Sound Off

Trump budget cuts hurts his voters

That's the sad news.
Most likely, those who voted for Trump regret

their choice now but however, it's too late because now we have what we have. The thing is that all the presidential candidates make many promised dur-

ing their campaigns but the reality often turns different and all the promises are hard to keep.

It seems that Trump doesn't really care about

the working class and people.

-- Alaska

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lic safety.

“If re-elected, I will have the opportunity to sow the seeds of the development that we have planted over the past two years begin to grow into shovel-ready projects on the ground. We will see the beginning of the redevelopment of Red Bird and the rehabilitation of shopping centers that are long overdue. We will also see the construction of a new grocery store in southwest Dallas,” Thomas shared.

NDG believes Casey Thomas is a keeper.

Tammy Johnston District 7

Tammy Johnston is seeking to replace incumbent Tiffanni Young and NDG believes she represents a new and fresh vision for District 7. If elected she has promised to address the ongoing loose dog issue plaguing the district and establish a Community Advisory Board as a means to provide voters with a voice at City Hall.

According to Johnston, the Board would, “comprise of neighborhood leaders from each community in the district where we meet once

a month with city staff to work together to solve issues.”

Also, NDG is concerned about Councilmember Tiffanni Young's connection with the community she serves. At the Monday Night Politics hosted by the *Dallas Examiner* on March 13, many were surprised by her absence. Young appears aloof even when she is in public and out of touch with the issues the voters are concerned about. When provided an opportunity to submit a candidate survey, despite multiple requests NDG did not receive a response. We also have concerns she lacks the assertiveness necessary to represent the best interests of the voters.

Scott Griggs District 1

NDG believes Scott Griggs has served his constituents well during this first three terms, and is the right man for the position to serve for a fourth term. We appreciate not only his experience, willingness to speak up against powerful voices, but also Griggs values accountability.

“Trust is the difference

that makes me the better choice,” Griggs shared in his candidate survey. “I am the trusted candidate and leader who takes a position and communicates that position to the community and developers. I am accountable to those I represent. I am the candidate and leader that has the confidence of our community.”

We wholeheartedly agree and believe the voters should return Griggs to the City Council.

Dwaine Caraway District 4

In our view, Dwaine Caraway is the Renaissance Man in this election and should replace the woman he helped to elect, incumbent Carolyn King Arnold. Caraway has a proven track record of bringing economic development to the district as spotlighted in our story this week. He is the right person to tackle the issues facing the city such as the Police and Fire Pension Fund and rising crime in District 4.

Tennell Atkins District 8

NDG supports Tennell Atkins to return to the City Council, putting his experience, knowledge and understanding of Dallas City Hall

to work again on behalf of the voters. With incumbent Erik Wilson, we have concerns regarding whether he fully grasps the issues at hand and if he can in fact be his own man and not just another voice for the Dallas power brokers. We believe the community should become very concerned when the powers that be can influence Wilson so much that he changes his vote at will.

Joyce Foreman Dallas School Board Trustee - District 6

Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foreman has been a tireless champion for District 6. Foreman is a woman with strong convictions and is never afraid to speak up on behalf of these students, parents and educators she represents. We believe she has done a great job and deserves the support of voters in District 6.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the NDG, DeSoto City Councilmember Candice Quarles' name was misspelled in the photo caption. We regret the error.

Can unemployment increase stroke risk?

Unemployment appears to increase the risk of having a stroke in middle-aged Japanese men and women, and may have similar implications in the U.S., according to new research published in the American Heart Association's journal Stroke.

Compared with continuously employed middle-aged Japanese participants:

- Those experiencing at least one period of unemployment increased risks of developing and dying from



either ischemic (clot) stroke or hemorrhagic (bleed) stroke.

- Reemployed men, but not women, also had increased risks of stroke.

- Continuously unemployed men and women showed higher risks of stroke mortality.

Unlike in the United States, in Japan, workers are part of a "life-term employment system" in which male employees devote themselves to a stable job. "If they lose that job, they are likely to be reemployed in unsatisfactory, lower positions," said Ehab. S. Eshak, M.D., MSc., Ph.D., lead study author and visiting associate professor at

Osaka University's medical school in Japan.

Researchers analyzed the long-term impacts of changes in employment among 21,902 Japanese men and 19,826 women, age 40-59, over 15 years. During that time, 973 men had a stroke and 275 died because of it, while 460 women had a stroke and 131 died because of it.

The results may not apply to other countries because of cultural differences, including Japan's unique

labor market.

"The main implication is that job security during the most productive work ages could help reduce stroke risk," said Hiroyasu Iso, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., study co-author and professor at Osaka University. "Those who do suffer a job loss need help in rejoining the labor market in an appropriate career."

The study could not distinguish between people who left a job on their own or were fired.

Take a good tip from your elders

Hey, all you strong, healthy kids out there: face it-you are growing old and there is nothing you can do to stop the process, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. AMAC suggests you embrace old age even if you are only in your 20s and 30s; there are things you can do now to make life easier in your later years.

Youngsters, of course, feel invincible. It's only natural and, some would say, you have a right to feel that way but that feeling of invincibility won't last long. Doctors will tell you it is also a time to make lifestyle adjustments that will stand you in good stead in your later years. So, get used to eating the right foods and establishing an exercise regimen. Go and see your doctor and he or she will tell

you what else you can do to create a healthy and happy lifestyle.

Take a tip from your elders: it's not easy growing old. But, there are things you can do to now to help you live a long, healthy and active life.

Galaxy Counseling Center hosting an Evening of Island Fun, top-notch food on May 20

Galaxy Counseling Center presents a tropical soiree, taking place at the home of Christopher and Edith Aslam on Saturday, May 20th, 2017.

The event will feature a spectacular island-inspired menu from World Master

Chef Sharon Van Meter, President and CEO of 3015 at Trinity Groves, Dallas' landmark culinary event venue. Guests will enjoy an upscale wine selection, an exciting silent auction with a myriad of items, and can try their luck at the sig-

nature wine pull. Local artist, Chad Stockslager, will be providing the entertainment for the evening.

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.galaxycounseling.org/luau. Individual tickets are \$125 and couples tick-

ets are \$225. Sponsorships are still available. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs of Galaxy Counseling Center. Galaxy is celebrating its 42nd year of providing counseling services to the community.

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Indivisible Oak Cliff joins Marches for Science on April 22

Indivisible Oak Cliff (IOC) will be taking part in the March for Science on Saturday, April 22. Various groups will meet at 9 a.m. and hold a rally for about an hour. The March itself begins at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marietta, Dallas and march to Fair Park where Earth Day events are taking place.

IOC will have a table at the



pre-march rally and invite participants to stop by and make a sign for the march.

Supplies will be provided by IOC. Donations of sign-making materials (markers, poster board, etc.) will be gratefully accepted. IOC will also offer voter registration and information about their organization. IOC believes these types of events demonstrate their concern about today issues and their impact on tomorrow while providing fellowship and fun. www.facebook.com/groups/762747637214670

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The March for Science is the first step of a global movement to defend the vital role science plays in our health, safety, economies, and governments, according to the organizers. The March for Science champions robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and

prosperity. For more info visit www.marchforscience.com

These marches, planned globally, will see a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policy makers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest, the organizers state.

IOC is a nonpartisan

group, based in Oak Cliff, Texas, dedicated to pressuring our elected representatives to oppose or influence actions and policies that are counter to what they consider are core American beliefs: inclusiveness, the freedoms codified in the Constitution, respect for human rights and dignity, and the peace and well-being of future generations.



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Richardson to host summer camps for 43rd year

The Richardson City Council unanimously approved an ordinance Monday to clear the way for another summer of "Sizzlin' Summer Camps" offered by the City's Parks and Recreation

Department. The ordinance adopts the City's Standards of Care for Youth Programs and is required annually by the state in order for the summer camp program to be exempt from

state day care regulations. The City has been offering summer day camps since 1974.

Parks and Recreation staff presented a brief update on the camp program prior to

the vote. Camp attendance for 2016 was 1,503, which was described as being right on target. Four camps are offered:

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Annual Adolescent and Ladies Symposium slated for May 6

The 32nd Annual 2017 Adolescent And Ladies Symposium will be held at the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ, 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, Texas on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Symposium is designed to assist preteen girls ages 9 – 12, adolescent misses ages 13 – 18, and adult ladies ages

19 – up, to more effectively combat the social and generational issues that confront them today. The Symposium highlights the knowledge, understanding, competencies, and skills that they will need to deal with these issues from a Biblical perspective. The Symposium theme, "Thriving By The Holy Spirit For Life-Long Holiness And

Harmony In The Sisterhood," includes 2 general sessions and 16 small group workshops that will give participants an opportunity to become actively involved in the subject. Participants will also learn proactive skills that will enable them to avoid worldly practices. The Symposium is FREE and includes continental breakfast, lunch,

and door prizes. Children under 9 years of age cannot attend.

Spaces for workshops are filled on a first-come, first-

served basis, according to registration. Popular workshops fill fast! The Early Registration Deadline is April 26, 2017. Go online for

Workshop Sessions and Early Registration details at: www.gacoc.org or call 972-644-2335 for more information.

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Dallas Police and Fire Pension rescue threatens DART funding

By David Wilfong
NDG Special Contributor

The Dallas Police and Fire Pension (DPFP) is at the top of the list of financial concerns for the city, and most likely the biggest crisis the city will face anytime soon. While city leadership and all concerned interests look for and debate possible solutions all the way from Dallas to the state capital in Austin, one potential source of revenue is ruffling a few feathers.

Currently, the DPFP is running a deficit of approximately \$4 billion, and there is no quick and easy answer as to where to find the money to shore it up. State Representative Dan Flynn (R-Van) has filed a comprehensive 177-page bill (HB-3158) to address the funding crisis, but officials still need to find an additional estimated \$450 million.



A DART Red Line train leaves the Tyler/Vernon station during its daily service to commuters. DART is facing the possibility of losing millions of funding dollars if the city decides to tap into its tax support to shore up the failing Dallas Police and Fire Pension. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

It has been widely reported that the fund is on track to go broke in 10 years, but Flynn has stated the fund could run dry a lot sooner than that if something is not done quickly.

That's where the possibility of tapping into taxes originally earmarked for DART comes in.

Dallas City Councilmember

Scott Griggs, who also sits on the board for the DPFP, has proposed tapping into tax revenues currently being allocated to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) as one potential source of funds to shore up the ailing pension.

No surprisingly, DART reacted swiftly against the proposal, publicly opposing

it in a press release on the DART website.

"The (DART board) resolution also points out if Dallas were successful in reducing its contribution, DART would reduce service within the city by that amount," DART stated. "This would result in significantly less bus and rail service in Dallas, affecting approximately 20,000 daily Dallas customers, as well as the loss of 250 to 350 jobs

held by DART employees.

"The DART resolution explains such a plan is not an option since cities part of DART must commit a full one percent of sales taxes collected in their cities. DART received approximately \$545 million in sales tax revenue from its 13 service area cities last year."

The DART Board unanimously passed a resolution against the measure during their March 28 meeting.

But it is also that 13-city stretch of the DART service area that Griggs said partially justifies the use of tax money to divert to the DPFP. Griggs explains that Dallas taxpayers are currently subsidizing the transportation needs of suburbanites who currently use the DART system in other municipalities.

He also said he believes

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McKinney re-establishing public transit

The McKinney Urban Transit District last week voted on policies to re-establish limited public transportation services in the McKinney Urbanized Area during their board meeting. The Urban Transit District board currently includes all members of City Council and representatives from Celina, Lowry Crossing, Melissa and Princeton.

The board voted on a hybrid plan allowing for a taxi voucher program to begin within the next 90 days and dedicated demand response service when vehicles are ac-

quired. The data gathered from the taxi voucher program will allow the board to better determine the level of demand for public transit services within the McKinney Urbanized Area. Taxi services under a voucher program allow qualified recipients to determine their own schedule rather than having to wait on a fixed route service. Moreover, taxi vouchers empower the users to scale up or down their own needs for transit depending on their own circumstances.

The policies established

by the board will provide limited public transit services for seniors 65 years and over and individuals with disabilities as defined by the Urban Transit District. The board also directed staff to amend this policy to potentially include consideration for citizens in hardship situations.

For more information on public transit in McKinney, visit the city's website.

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Kinder Camp (5-6)

This is a fun and eventful camp that brings out the creative genius in the kinder campers. With arts and crafts, science projects, outdoor fun, special guests, and more, kinder campers have a blast during the summer.

Playground (7-11)

A camp hosted in Heights Parks during the morning, and comes inside to the Heights Recreation Center

for lunch and afternoon activities. This camp attends one field trip a week, and goes swimming daily.

Elementary Camp (7-11)

This specialized indoor camp focuses on gym games, arts, crafts, and science experiments, occasional playground activities, and much more. Campers enjoy two field trips per week, and swimming every other day.

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Remember the Chibok Girls

By Congresswoman
Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.)

Three years ago, Boko Haram terrorists burst into dormitory rooms at the Government Secondary School in the northern Nigerian town of Chibok and kidnapped nearly 300 girls simply because they dared to get an education. In the days leading up to anniversary of their kidnapping, there were plenty of headlines devoted to the “Chibok girls,” as these now young women are famously known. On April 14, 2017, we reached another sad milestone. Some of us paused to remember the anniversary of this horrific, ongoing tragedy. Soon the news reports will fade and the story of the still missing Chibok girls will slip once more to the backburner.

The 195 Chibok girls who haven’t been able to escape their captives or were not among the 21 released last October, are still the most compelling symbols of the Boko Haram insurgency, but we must never forget that the group has committed increasingly heinous acts in the past three years from which innumerable victims may never recover. Let me count the ways.

More than 2.6 million peo-

ple are currently displaced across Nigeria and its neighbor nations in the Lake Chad region, and Nigeria is in the process of building a comprehensive orphanage to house approximately 8,000 children who’ve been separated from their parents. At least one million children have been forced out of school. Millions more Africans are at risk of starving to death and countless men, women and children all of ages, both Christians and Muslims, have been kidnapped, tortured, and/or killed.

It gets worse. In addition to engaging in the human trafficking of women, forcing them into sexual and domestic slavery, the insurgents also use children as suicide bombers. Even ISIS, to whom Boko Haram has pledged allegiance, has expressed concern that the group goes too far.

As a mother, a former educator, and indeed, a human being, I have felt heartbroken, shocked and angered by the daily horrors our West African sisters and brothers have been forced to endure. The actions of the world’s most deadly terrorist group have also emboldened me to use my voice and every re-

source available in the fight to ensure that the Chibok girls are not forgotten and to help eradicate Boko Haram and repair the damage it has caused.

I have traveled twice to Nigeria to meet with victims’ families and government officials and brought the #BringBackOurGirls movement to the United States. Each week that Congress is in session, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle participate in a “Wear Something Red Wednesday” social media campaign that helps maintain pressure on the Nigerian government to keep working to negotiate the release of the remaining Chibok girls and pull out all stops to defeat Boko Haram.

On December 14, 2016, President Barack Obama signed, into law, legislation that Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) and I sponsored that directs the U.S. secretaries of State and Defense to

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LEWISVILLE School Board candidate forum

A Lewisville ISD school board candidate forum 6:30 p.m. is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at Lewisville ISD’s Bolin Administration Center located at 1565 W. Main St. The public is invited to hear the eight candidates vying for the two open seats on the seven-member Board of Trustees.

MESQUITE Mayor’s prayer breakfast on May 4

The City of Mesquite and Mesquite Ministerial Alliance will co-host the 14th Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4, from 7 - 8 a.m. at Family Cathedral, 790 Windbell Circle. To register for the free event, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Breakfast.

This free event offers the Mesquite community a unique opportunity to come together in fellowship on the National Day of Prayer. A brief prayer service will follow the breakfast.

In addition, a National Day of Prayer-Noon Day Service will be held from noon - 12:30 p.m. on May 4 at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. No registration is required.



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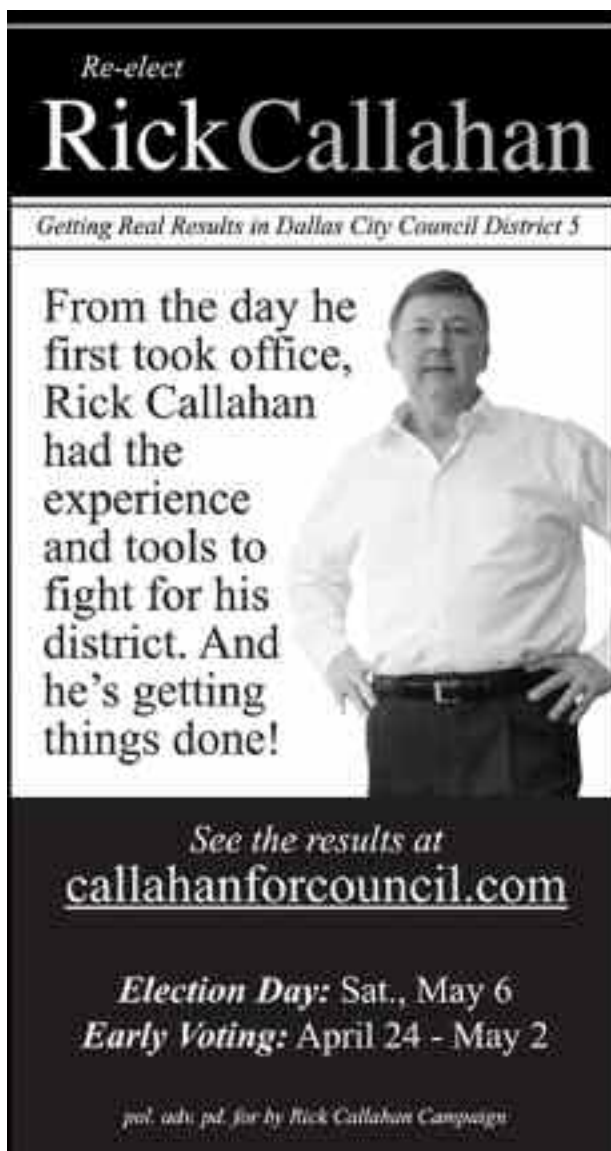
DART could still improve its services to riders through optimization of bus routes and cutting certain projects, specifically naming the proposed Cottonbelt rail line that would run north of Dallas (all currently operating DART light rail lines run through the center of the city).

The DART Board is not alone in its opposition to Griggs’ plan. Dallas City Councilmembers Erik Wilson and Jennifer Staubach Gates both voiced their opposition to the proposal at the April 13 meeting of the DPFP board meeting where Griggs and fellow Dallas City Councilmember Philip Kingston spoke in support of such a move.

Ultimately, it will be the

voters who decide whether or not such a stop-gap measure takes place. The measure will have to go through the state legislature and then back to the Dallas City Council, who could then pass the measure on to Dallas voters in a referendum.

Griggs, who has repeatedly said the solution to the DPFP crisis is going to involve “shared pain” across the city, said he believes the Dallas citizens, when faced with the other possibilities, will decide to divert 12.5 percent of the existing tax revenue stream currently going to support public transportation is one of the least harmful approaches to fixing the problem.



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Science and Middle Ages share time at Sachse library

SACHSE -- Over a span of three days, patrons of the Sachse Public Library will go from marveling at the wonders of modern science to the pageantry of a medieval court.

The ever-popular Perot TECH Truck will make a visit to the library on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. In addition to hands-on science experiments, the TECH truck brings the promise of inspiration and innovation to Sachse.

The TECH Truck is a mobile discovery lab where students of all ages can Tinker, Engineer, Create and Hack, all under the guidance of personnel from the Perot Mu-



seum. The truck's emphasis is on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) topics, creating an environment that allows students the freedom and encouragement to create and discover.

"All ages are invited to this free event," says Mignon Morse, Library Manager. "The TECH truck is a great way for boys and girls to cultivate an interest in the sciences. That's an important field where we defi-

nately need more students to enter."

Then, on Tuesday, May 2 the library undergoes a transformation into a court from the middle ages, as the Knight and Princess Academy takes over the Children's Area at 6 p.m. Youngsters are encouraged to come dressed as knights, princes and princesses, as they will hold court, play games and make crafts with a medieval theme.

"A knighting ceremony will take center stage," said Morse. "All of the pomp and pageantry of this impressive ceremony will be brought to life by a 'real' knight."

The Knight and Princess

are sponsored by the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, and the knighting will take place once the youngsters complete an obstacle course with a medieval theme.

Once the ceremony is complete, everyone will join a procession to the library meeting room to be presented at the royal court. The newly knighted youngsters will then be treated to a royal tea with a 'real' princess. The tea will include apple juice and a snack.

"Exposing our young patrons to science with the Perot TECH Truck and then, two days later, show them what it was like during the

middle ages allows them to see the progress of time," said Morse. "It's a great example of how progress takes the world from one era to another."

Both programs are free, and all ages are welcome to attend.

The Sachse Public Library has a full schedule of events and activities, including Story Time each Wednesday and Thursday and on Saturday, May 20. Also, Paws to Read with Princess the Therapy Dog will return the on Tuesdays, May 9 and 23. For more information, residents are encouraged to visit www.cityofsachse.com/library or call (972) 530-8966.

UT Dallas hosting Diversity Awards Ceremony and Soirée

UT Dallas will honor student, faculty, staff and community leaders for their commitment to diversity at the 8th annual Diversity Awards Ceremony and Soirée this week.

The event will feature musical, dance and poetry selections and a video tribute celebrating 10 years of service through the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement (ODCE).

The ceremony will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Davidson Auditorium in the Jindal School. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP here.

"UT Dallas is committed to becoming a nationally competitive, prominent research university. As part of this development, a commitment to enhancing diversity and community engagement is vital," said Dr. George Fair, vice president for di-



UT Dallas celebrating the diversity of staff and students this week. (Courtesy photo)

versity and community engagement and dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. "We are concerned with recruiting a diverse faculty, staff and student body, and we recognize that this can be accomplished only if we build significant partnerships with the diverse populations we serve."

The event benefits the University's Diversity Scholarship Program, which was created in 2010 to in-

crease the diversity of students enrolling at the University. Performances will include the UT Dallas Chamber singers and winners of the Diversity Poetry Competition and the Bangladesh Student Association Dancers. The event also will feature food from various cultural regions of the world.

Dr. Melissa Hernandez-Katz, who teaches communications in the School of

Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication, will receive the Inclusive Excellence and Intercultural Engagement Teaching Award. She said she was honored and humbled to be

recognized.

The University established the ODCE in 2007 to provide leadership for diversity initiatives. Dr. Magaly Spector, professor in practice and assistant to the

provost, served as the first vice president for diversity and community engagement. Fair was appointed to the position in 2014 after Spector stepped into a new role.

Nova Academy and Community Missionary Baptist Church set to host Fall Enrollment Roundup and annual Spring Fest

Nova Academy and Community Missionary Baptist Church of Desoto, is hosting its Fall Enrollment Roundup/Spring Fest on April 22 from 8 a.m. to Noon. The Roundup and Spring Fest will be at Nova Academy's newest location

located at 820 Wintergreen Road in Cedar Hill.

The free family friendly event includes free food, fun activities such as bounce houses, face painting, photo booth, vendors and entertainment. The Nova Academy LLC Drill

Team will perform.

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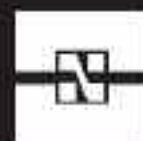
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PISD student wins DART art contest

Plano eleventh-grader Caitlin Savage is this year's best of show winner in Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) annual student art contest.

Her work was selected from first- through third-place finishers for each grade level in the contest, which attracted 2,246 entries from students in kindergarten through 12th grade. DART's 2017 art theme was "The adventure starts here."

Savage is enrolled in the Plano Independent School

District at Plano East Senior High School.

She will receive a \$1,000 cash prize by Dallas Contemporary and her winning art will be displayed on the side of a DART bus traveling across the agency's 13-city service area through September. The winning entry along with 28 various grade-level first, second, third place and honorable mention winners can be seen at DART.org/art-contest and on display at the Dallas Museum of Art from Apr. 18-30 before being

highlighted at Dallas Love Field.

DART's student art contest is a 19-year tradition that helps promote the use of public transportation and is supported by community partners Dallas Contemporary, Half Price Books, Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas Zoo and the DMA, along with media partners The Dallas Morning News, Al Dia, NBC-DFW, Telemundo-39 and Suburban Parent Magazines.



Bring your unused medications to a drug take back collection site

It is time to clean out the medicine cabinet and dispose of your unused prescription medications in a responsible way. Join the Plano Police Department for the Drug En-

forcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 29. The take-back service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. Sites will

accept tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of unwanted medication. You may black out your personal information or simply remove the prescription label

altogether. Plano Police officers will also accept unwanted medicine dumped into unmarked disposable bags at the collection sites.

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The Renaissance Man

Dwaine Caraway of Place 4 throwing his hat back in the ring

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

Dallas City Council election is May 6 and voters will go to the poll to determine seats in all 14 Districts comprising the city council board. District 4 candidates include incumbent Carolyn King Arnold and former Dallas City Councilmember Dwaine Caraway.

Caraway successfully held four two-year terms from 2007 to 2015. According to the City of Dallas website, council members who satisfy the eight-year maximum term, are unable to seek reelection until one City Council term has passed. Caraway has met the requirement and thus he formally announced back in February his intention to run for his old Place 4 seat.

Caraway shared with *North Dallas Gazette* via a phone interview the reasons why he's running again in the upcoming May election.

"I am very much invested in this community. I am a stakeholder. I live in District 4 as well as my Mother, so it matters greatly to me to see this community thrive," he adds.

Caraway claimed his run-

ning against incumbent Arnold is nothing personal, as he played an integral part in helping her win the seat back in 2015. But, he feels the progress the District gained while he was in office has significantly stalled. According to Caraway, constituents have asked him to run again.

"My responsibility to my constituents in which I served and did a tremendous job serving is to make sure the momentum continued from when I left office. Unfortunately, it has come to a screeching halt," Caraway exclaims regarding his reason for throwing his hat back into the ring.

Experience makes a difference

Caraway believes his strong pedigree in city government distinguishes him from Arnold.

"For the Council to elevate me to Deputy Pro-Tem, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Mayor meant that they believed in me and that I was capable of crossing all political lines. I bring about results and people listen and trust me," Caraway affirms with respect to his proven track record as a leader when serving on the Dallas City Council Board.

City of Dallas offices/committees Caraway has served include Interim Mayor (2011); Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem (2007-2009); Mayor Pro-Tem (2009-2011); Public Safety Committee (Chairperson); South Dallas Fair Park Trust Board (Chairperson); and Park and Recreation Board (Vice Chair).

Caraway has also held



Dwaine Caraway wants to spearhead more economic development like the Glen Oaks Crossing Shopping Center located at I-35 & East Ledbetter, which was developed during his earlier tenure on the Dallas City Council. This shopping center features retailers such as Super Walmart, Hibbett Sports, Shoe Dept., Dollar Tree, IHOP, and Cato Fashions. (Photo credit: Kendrick Colton)

and/or currently serving on the following civic and community boards: NAACP, Dallas Branch (former President); Kappa Alpha Psi (member); Cotillion Idlewild Club (former Chairperson); Cedar Crest Neighborhood Association (board member); City of Dallas Youth Commission (member); and Habitat for Humanity (volunteer).

In addition to Caraway's public and community service involvements, he is most proud of his work with the Dallas Youth Council; an organization that provides 100 percent sponsorships to high school students by granting them the opportunity to experience college tours in the effort to promote higher education.

"I have had 18 summit college tours where over 3,000 students are given the opportunity to travel to different colleges and travel beyond their neighborhoods to see other opportunities," adds Caraway.

Pay the police and fire pension

One of the hot-button issues being discussed in this election cycle is the Dallas Police and Fire Pension (DPFP) System funding crisis. The Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) is a benefit within the pension plan that allows members who have passed their retirement date to continue work-

education and economic development.

Crime on the rise in the district

Per a 2016 Dallas Police Department Report, homicides in 2016 increased by 26 percent from 2015 and violent crimes increased by 11 percent. There has also been an exodus of police officers leaving the Dallas Police force creating additional challenges for the department with respect to combating crime.

"The crime rate is up, streets are bad and are getting worse and the things we put in motion have simply stopped. We are losing ground and the drug dealers and prostitutes are walking the streets and taking back over what we cleaned up and took out," adds Caraway in regards to his assessment of the present condition of Place 4.

Caraway feels better training for police officers and more police directives are immediate solutions to the crime infestation taking place in the neighborhoods he hopes to be able to serve once again.

"There's a Fina gas station on Overton and Bonnie View Road that has a problem with gangs, drug dealing, and prostitution and at one point we had police cameras, which are no longer visible there, that pointed straight across the street in the direction of the car wash and the

store. There are no cameras there today," Caraway advises.

"The problem must be eradicated and some different tactics need to be used in order to eradicate the problem by getting the police more involved," he describes.

He also feels strong HOAs and better job opportunities for ex-offenders are some other effective ways in helping to eliminate crime. Caraway believes when we empower and educate the community we are able to create strong and secure neighborhoods.

"We have to educate our folks, but we have to first make them feel safe enough to want to come in and take pride back into the community in which they live."

Address Dallas ISD issues

Caraway also hopes to improve code enforcement for schools, expressing concerns about the physical conditions of many of the schools in District 4.

"From a City Council perspective, I want facilities to be upstanding facilities that my citizens, as those students are my citizens, have a safe environment in which they can go to get their education."

According to Caraway, the lead and asbestos issues in which many District 4 schools are plagued with, he strongly feels are a responsibility of the Council member

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Urban Village Apartments located on Lancaster Rd. is the type of attractive and affordable housing Caraway wants to continue to bring to Place 4. (Photo credit: Kendrick Colton)



Explore these top kid-friendly attractions at EarthDayTX 2017

By Carla Meadows
NDG Special Contributor

I used to think of Earth Day as a festive little springtime holiday which gave me a legitimate excuse to let my girls go outside and play in the dirt in honor of Mother Nature.

Today this holiday has taken on a bigger significance, and what better place than in Big D.

That's because Dallas is home to the world's largest Earth Day exposition and eco-conference called Earth Day Texas (EarthDayTX), which returns to the Lone Star State at historic Fair Park April 21-23.

This FREE three-day mega fun event gives parents an opportunity to teach kids to care about and preserve our planet. It offers an array of exciting and interactive activities, exhibits, presentations and unique



Kids petting zoo at Earth Day Texas in Fair Park.

one-of-a-kind experiences.

EarthDayTX 2017 sprawls more than one million square feet of indoor and outdoor event space and attracts more than 130,000 attendees, 700+ exhibitors and 250+ speakers. That makes it the largest annual environmental exhibition and programming initiative in the world!

It's a unique forum for sharing the latest initiatives, discoveries, research, innovations, policies, and corpo-

rate practices that are reshaping our world.

Since EarthDayTX has so much for families to see and do, here's a quick list of top attractions that your kiddos will enjoy:

Top EarthDayTX Attractions for Kids:

Lego Build The Change
During this three-day building event, children are inspired to build their "A, Bees, and Seas" version of a more sustainable future using millions of LEGO

bricks.

Tree Climber's International

Learn how to climb trees rope-and-harness style with professional instructors on the tall, historic oaks at Fair Park.

Mobile Dairy Classroom

For an utterly amazing experience, learn how to milk a cow in the Southwest Dairy Farmers exhibit.

Go Dive Now – Scuba Pool

With the addition of Go Dive Now's 20'x30' mobile pool arriving at Fair Park, EDTx attendees can receive a scuba tutorial in Dallas!

Lung Force Walk

Organized with the American Lung Association, walk this 5K for lung and women's health everywhere!

Performing Poets

Rush over to the Eco-Poetry Lounge to learn from

New York City poetry pro's as they guide participants of all ages on how to share your environmental message with the world.

Solar Car Challenge

High school teams display the solar-powered cars they built from scratch.

Creature Teacher

Meet animals like kangaroo, giant tortoise, python, lionhead rabbit, chinchilla, and even tarantulas!

Texas Discovery Gardens

Play with butterflies at the Texas Discovery Gardens, which will be open during EDTx!

Green Library

Check out new and classic environmental books and DVDs.

Science On A Sphere

This state-of-the-art spherical device designed by NOAA scientists allows you to see the Earth as if you're in outer space.

Petting Zoo

Wild Things Zoofari gets you up close and personal with our furry friends.

Exotic Wildlife

Take advantage of this opportunity to see an Anteater, Sloth, and Cheetah from the Dallas Zoo!

Wellness In The Park

Yoga and Tai Chi returns to Fair Park on Saturday and Sunday. Unify with your surroundings in these hour-long classes for the whole family!

Earth Day Texas 2017 is a free public event on April 21-23, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Fair Park in Dallas. Conference times and locations may vary. For more information call 214-310-1200.

Carla Meadows is a special contributor and blogger. More of her work can be found at www.Mommys-MinivanMonologues.com.

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jointly develop a five-year strategy to aid the Nigerian government, the Multinational Joint Task Force created to combat Boko Haram, and international partners who've offered their support to counter the regional threat the terrorists pose.

In a telephone conversation between President Don-

ald J. Trump and Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari in February, the two leaders pledged "to continue close coordination and cooperation in the fight against terrorism in Nigeria," according to a readout from the White House. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also has reportedly praised the Multi-

national Joint Task Force's efforts to defeat Boko Haram a "success story," but while the terrorist group may be down, it is far from out.

On June 12, we will mark another milestone in this terrible saga. That is the day the State and Defense departments' five-year plan is due. It also is the deadline for the director of National Intelligence to assess the willingness and capability of Nige-

ria and its regional partners to implement the strategies outlined. We must use our collective voice to ensure they don't miss this urgent deadline.

By now you may be asking yourself why any of this should matter to African Americans who are fighting their own battles to close the economic and opportunity gaps that still exist here at

home and to exercise fundamental rights like the right to vote. Some of you may have never even heard of the Chibok girls. But if we don't, who will? If we don't teach the world to acknowledge that Black lives matter across the globe, who will? Until then, it will continue to cry for victims of terrorism in European nations, the Middle East and even Russia, while

African and African-American lives lost go ignored.

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and represents parts of northern Miami-Dade and southeast Broward counties. She serves on the House Education and the Workforce Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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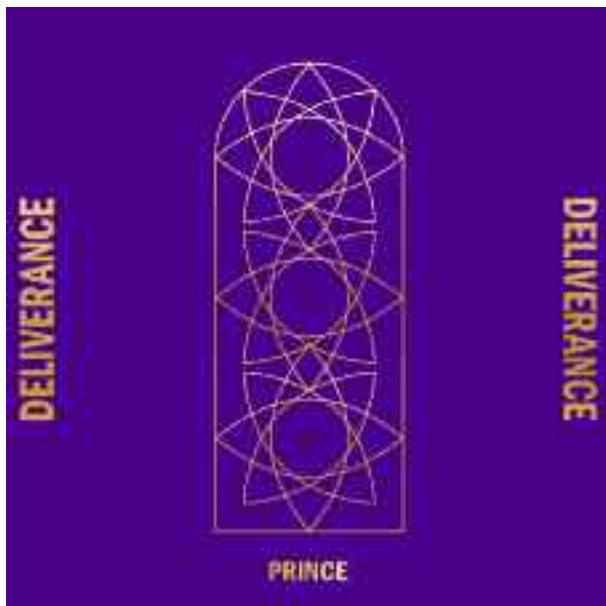
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Undiscovered Prince recordings to be released with 'DELIVERANCE' EP

(PRNewswire) -- In honor of the one year anniversary of Pop icon Prince's passing, RMA (Rogue Music Alliance) is releasing a special six song EP titled DELIVERANCE, of new, undiscovered studio recordings from 2006-2008 this Friday, April 21. The title track, "Deliverance," is available now on iTunes and Apple Music. The pre-order for the EP is also available now on iTunes, Google Play and Amazon.

The EP disc version of DELIVERANCE will be released nationwide on June 2 at Walmart, Target and other major brick and mortar stores.

DELIVERANCE features six previously unre-



leased tracks: "Deliverance," "Man Opera," which includes a four-movement medley: "I Am," "Touch

Me," "Sunrise Sunset," "No One Else;" and an extended version of "I Am." The songs were written and

recorded when Prince was an independent artist, protesting what he saw as an unjust music industry. In the spirit of that independence, and in supporting Prince's opinion of major label contracts, DELIVERANCE is being released independently via RMA, a Vancouver, WA based record company. The majority of all sales of DELIVERANCE will benefit Prince's estate.

Prince, and Ian Boxill (2Pac, Gladys Knight, Janet Jackson, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, multiple award winning Prince albums), co-wrote and co-produced all of the tracks beginning in 2006. After Prince's untimely passing, Boxill con-

tinued their work by spending the past year completing the compositions and arrangements, finishing the production and mixing the songs.

Says Boxill, "I believe 'Deliverance' is a timely release with everything going on in the world today, and in light of the one-year anniversary of his passing. I hope when people hear Prince singing these songs it will bring comfort to many."

He continues, "Prince once told me that he would go to bed every night thinking of ways to bypass major labels and get his music directly to the public. When considering how to release this important work, we de-

cided to go independent because that's what Prince would have wanted."

Prince is regarded one of the most prolific and groundbreaking artists in modern music history. A worldwide Multi-Platinum selling artist, Prince was also a multiple time GRAMMY Award winner,

American Music Award winner, Billboard Music Award winner, Academy Award winner, Golden Globe Award winner, BET Award winner, Soul Train Music Award winner, Brit Award winner, GRAMMY® Hall of Fame winner, MTV Music Award winner, NAACP Image Award winner, and ASCAP Award winner, and more.

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gram recognizes and rewards students who demonstrate leadership through service.

In addition to academics, Connor is involved in student organizations. She serves as president of Baylor Undergraduate Research in Science and Technology (BURST), a student

organization for undergraduate students interested in scientific research, and is editor of BURST's journal, Scientia, which features outstanding student research in the biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics and technology. She is a member of the American Medical Student

Association at Baylor, a Biology Ambassador and a tutor at La Vega High School.

Connor considers Dr. Bill Nielson her "most influential mentor." Nielson is a medical doctor and serves as clinical professor of the Honors Program and associate dean of the Honors College.

"I honestly have never had an educator invest in

me as much as Dr. Neilson has. He was the one who suggested that I apply to the Fulbright and the first one who really challenged me to take risks and make big goals. Dr. Neilson has re-

ally cared about me as a person, not just as a student," Connor said.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in more than

140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students. Connor is a 2013 graduate of Hebron High School in Carrollton. She is the daughter of Trevor and Foye Connor.

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Why United Airlines' woes had nothing to do with social media

By Jay York

As a social media manager who manages many corporate campaigns for my agency's clients, I can't help but sympathize with the poor soul who handles United Airlines' social media accounts.

I can imagine that person driving to work Monday morning, listening to Gary Jules' "Mad World" on repeat, dreading what the day would hold — all because of a total and incomprehensible lack of basic customer service.

By now, nearly everyone has watched the infamous viral video of a United Airlines passenger getting "voluntarily" yanked out of his seat by police, his face smashing into the armrest in the opposite row. Gasping



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passengers aimed their smartphone cameras at the ordeal, but no one with the United Airlines staff seemed to realize how bad the situation was — and certainly not how bad it was about to become.

They soon found out. News organizations reported on this PR disaster, social media skewered the company relentlessly, and competitors gleefully piled

on.

And what's been happening with those folks who manage the United Airlines' social media? Just two posts have appeared on the United Airlines Twitter account since the incident. The first was a much-decried non-apology apology from CEO Oscar Munoz, who expressed regret for having to "re-accommodate these customers."

The second came a day later, when the first post failed to capture the essence of what an apology is supposed to be. This time the CEO assured us that United would take "full responsibility and will work to make it right." It was signed, simply, Oscar.

Although United Airlines' Twitter has gone mum, the rest of the social media world hasn't been so silent. Browse through United's tweets prior to the incident and you'll discover angry Twitter users finding clever and creative ways to weave the notorious incident into unrelated conversations. The results range from hilarious to savage.

But what would you expect? Any company that thinks this type of mistake (read: abhorrent, bone-

headed, violent violation of the customer/business relationship) will go unpunished by the internet (read: actual human beings) is living in a different century. Consumers are more active now than they've ever been. They expect more than they ever have before. And they arguably have greater power than ever before because of social media.

Social media has created an avenue for consumers to make their voices heard, much to the detriment of companies who choose to put customer service on the back burner in favor of the bottom line.

Social media was never meant to be a place where customer service issues were handled. That's just the way things evolved, at least in part because compa-

nies avoid dealing with problems their policies create until the collective voices rain down on them via their Facebook and Twitter profiles.

Can you blame customers who feel cheated or wronged for taking the only recourse they know how? I certainly can't. Companies have a duty to service their customers in a fair and just way. Yes, mistakes can happen and in those cases customers will do their best to take to traditional means to get their problems solved. If those avenues don't work or are too inconvenient, to Twitter they'll go.

What's really unfortunate from a PR standpoint — and social media manager standpoint — is that the

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representing the District and must be addressed to ensure all students are safe.

Caraway emphasized matters, for example, relating to the school curriculum, hiring, administration, budgeting; are matters that fall under the oversight of the Dallas Independent School District.

Jump-start economic development in District 4

Caraway feels economic development within the District is stagnate and he thinks more can be done to bring additional restaurants, shopping centers and entertainment venues to the southern sector.

"I would like to see a Tinseltown Movie Theater in our area. We have to go to Lancaster, Cedar Hill and Oak

Cliff is big enough to have a movie theater," he proclaims.

Under his stewardship, Caraway stresses public safety would remain a priority with the entertainment establishments he's proposing (i.e. movie theater) as he advised a "no loitering ordinance" would be enforced to ensure optimal safety of the residents.

Pursuing economic development initiatives that support the diversity of retail and restaurant establishments is something Caraway feels will attract and retain local patronage of its District 4 residents.

"I want to bring more economic development in the Village Fair Shopping Center, where we can have sit

down restaurants and where customers can go in and have a diverse dining experience," he suggests.

"There's a mix match from what I see on the other side of the freeway and why can't we have those same amenities," a question Caraway poses with respect to bringing more economic development to his District.

During his tenure as a City Council member, Caraway felt his District was moving forward, but now he is concerned things are moving in the opposite direction under Arnold's care.

"I want to restore integrity and ensure a better quality of life for our future generation," he concludes.

For more campaign information on Dwaine Caraway,

voters can visit the following social media sites and websites:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dwainecaraway/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/carawayfordallas

Twitter: @dwaine-

fordallas and YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCiWkoC0g5VHM34mdvOeg-Q

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drugs) will be accepted. Law enforcement representatives must be present when controlled substance medications are dropped-off for disposal. Please remember, officers cannot accept combustibles such as inhalers and sharps items (needles) of any kind.

Last year, Plano police collected 2,384 pounds of drugs

for disposal. Drop-off locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these sites:

- Clark High School, 523 W. Spring Creek Parkway
- Plano East Senior High School, 3000 Los Rios Boulevard
- Plano Senior High School, 2200 Independence Parkway

• Plano West Senior High School, 5601 W. Parker Road

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day process also includes Plano Police officers taking the collection boxes to the local Drug Enforcement Agency headquarters in Dallas. All boxes of drugs are weighed before being safely burned in an incinerator.

MWBE Vendor Workshop

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April 27, 2017

5:30 p.m. Registration
6 p.m. Presentations

Irving City Hall, Council Conference Room
825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas 75060

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MWBE Program Administrator
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Dallas Regional Chamber targets national millennial workforce with new 'Say Yes to Dallas' campaign

The Dallas Regional Chamber (DRC) is putting out the word to millennials around the country: No matter who you are, where you're from, or what career you want to pursue, there's no better place to be than the Dallas Region - and there's no better time to be here.

The Dallas Region has become a shining example to the country for business opportunities, corporate relocations, and job growth. In fact, since 2010, more than 75 companies have re-

located to the Dallas Region and hundreds more have expanded operations, creating more than 500,000 new jobs.

To ensure this success continues, the DRC worked with its member companies to create a new Talent Attraction department and develop a national, multi-level, multi-channel marketing initiative, Say Yes to Dallas. The campaign, which formally launched today, will target the influential millennial workforce and highlight

why the Dallas Region is a great place to start or continue a career, raise a family, and experience a high quality of life in one of the most affordable and dynamic markets in the country.

Say Yes to Dallas will reach the target demographic by working with member companies' in-house recruiting executives, partnering with authentic social media influencers, hosting networking mixers and events, and driving digital traffic

to its new website, www.SayYesToDallas.com

"Millennials are the largest generation in the U.S. workforce today and are key to the continued expansion of the Dallas Region's economy now and in the future," said Dale Petroskey, President and CEO of the Dallas Regional Chamber. "We want the entire world to know what we know: Dallas truly has something for everyone - from diverse job opportunities and an affordable cost of living, to unique neigh-

borhoods and unlimited access to parks, culture, arts, sports, and entertainment," Petroskey said.

Tiffany Cason, Dallas Market President for Capital One Bank said, "The Dallas Regional Chamber has been a catalyst in getting companies to relocate and helping companies that are already here to grow and expand."

For more information about Say Yes to Dallas, visit www.sayyestodallas.com.

City of Irving to Hold Minority Women/Business Vendor Workshop

The City of Irving has scheduled a Minority Women/Business vendor workshop April 27 to ensure vendors and contractors interested in doing business with the city are informed and understand how to do business with the city. The city will focus on e-procurement for goods and miscellaneous services.

Representatives from key City of Irving departments including Capital Improvements, Building Services, and Parks and Recreation will discuss the various types of goods and services contracts they require and the bidding process. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions during the presentations.

Workshop registration is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. April 27 at Irving City Hall, First Floor Council Conference Room, 825 W. Irving Blvd. MWBE administrators will begin presentations at 6 p.m.

The city encourages all interested to attend and to RSVP with Deborah McVean, MWBE program administrator, (972) 721-3753 or dmcvean@cityofirving.org.

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rities Act of 1933. In the February 2013 case of *Malta vs. Wells Fargo Bank* brought in California, Wells Fargo was sued for alleged violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act by calling cell phones without prior consent using an automated dialer or with a prerecorded voice message. Denying any liability, Wells Fargo Bank agreed to pay \$17.1 million to fully resolve the matters.

In 2014 in the case of *Garcia et al vs. Wells*

Fargo, the bank was sued for violating the California unfair competition law by deceiving its customers that debit card purchases would be posted chronologically to their accounts when in fact Wells Fargo posted them in a high-to-low order for the sole purpose of generating overdraft fees. The bank was ordered to pay \$203 million

In 2015 in the case of *Militello vs. Wells Fargo Bank* suit was brought for Trust Fraud alleging (1)

Breach of Fiduciary Duty, (2) Conspiracy to Defraud and (3) Negligence and Gross Negligence. The bank was ordered to pay \$8 million.

In January of 2016 in the case of *Manuel vs. Wells Fargo*, the bank agreed to a settlement of \$12 million to resolve a class action lawsuit that claimed the financial institution allegedly violated the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) after denying employment to a job applicant based on the results of a background check report.

In August of 2016, the U.S. Consumer Fair Practices Board sued Wells Fargo bank for charging illegal fees on student loans. The bank was fined \$3.6 million. In February of that same year, the same federal agency charged Wells Fargo mortgage brokers with receiving illegal kickbacks in return for borrower referrals for title insurance and settlement services, from 2009 to early 2014. The settlement fine was \$16.2 million.

Coming up to September

2016, the same U.S. Consumer Fair Practices Board and the case of *People vs. Wells Fargo & Co.* in the Los Angeles Superior Court brought suit against Wells Fargo for "secretly ramming phony accounts down customer's throats". The bank agreed to a settlement of \$185 million.

Wells Fargo is bracing for its April 25 Shareholders meeting and the results of an investigation ordered by the board in relationship to the many problems that have become public.

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There was an "Outrage to Outcome."

There was street activism in Selma, Alabama too. However, it was more than just marching to the Alabama state capitol singing "We Shall Overcome." The purpose of the march was the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Beyond the protest there was action. There was an "Outrage to Outcome."

The challenge is to move beyond our collective outrage of protest. We need to use that outrage to get favorable legislative outcomes. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, we have had several marches and rallies protesting the abuse of power by the police. Let's use our collective outrage to coordinate the creation of local Citizens Police Review Boards to address police shootings. This is a favorable outcome that

can come out of our outrage. Beyond the Outrage, there must be an Outcome.

Ed Gray, the host of The Commish Radio Show airing Saturdays 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. on FBRN.net, can be reached at eegray62@att.net.

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Job prospects flat for black workers in March

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Managing Editor

The employment prospects for African Americans showed little improvement in March, according to the Labor Department's most recent jobs report.

The labor force participation rate, which is the share of Blacks who either hold jobs or are looking for work, remained unchanged from February (62.3 percent) to March. The share of Blacks who have jobs within the population (employment-population ratio or E-POP) was also flat (57.3 percent). The Black unemployment rate improved slightly, decreasing from 8.1 percent to 8 percent in March.

Meanwhile, the key labor market indicators for White workers continued to improve under the Trump Administration. The labor force participation rate for White workers ticked up from 62.9 percent in February to 63 percent in March and the E-POP increased from 60.3 percent to 60.5 percent last month. The unemployment rate for White workers also improved, dipping below 4 percent in March.

The labor force participation rate for Black men over 20 years-old climbed up a few rungs from 67.8 percent in February to 68.1 percent in March and the E-POP ticked up from 62.5 percent to 62.6 percent. The jobless rate increased from 7.8 percent to 8.2 percent in March, which may occur when workers are optimistic about their prospects.

The labor force rate for White men over 20 years-old decreased from 72 percent to 71.9 percent in March. The E-POP also declined from 69.3 percent in 69.2 percent. The unemployment rate improved from 4.1 percent to 3.9 percent, but this was most likely the result of White men leaving the labor market in March.

The labor force rate for Black women over 20 years-old was the same 62.7 percent in March that it was in February. The employment-population ratio increased from 58.3 to 58.6 percent in March. The jobless rate for

Black women fell from 7.1 percent to 6.6 percent in March.

The labor force rate for White women over 20 years-old rose from 57.6 percent to 57.8 percent in March. The E-POP also increased from 55.5 percent to 55.7 percent in March. The unemployment rate for White women fell from 3.7 percent to 3.5 percent in March indicating that White women entered the labor market and found jobs at higher rates in March compared to February.

The national unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in March and the economy added 98,000 jobs, the lowest monthly job growth under the Trump Administration, so far.

The professional and business services sectors added 56,000 jobs and retail trade lost 30,000 jobs in March, according to the Labor Department.

In a statement about the March jobs report, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) said that the current economic

growth, once again, disproves President Trump's claim that he was handed 'a mess' by the Obama Administration.

"President Trump and Congressional Republicans have failed to build on the economic progress made during the Obama years," said Scott.

Scott also noted that the House Republicans of the 115th Congress have rolled back protections that would help Americans stay safe at work, have access to a high-quality education, save for retirement, breathe clean air and drink clean water.

In a blog post about the March employment numbers, Elise Gould, a senior economist with the Economic Policy Institute, said that, despite President Trump's claims, the economy has been slowly but steadily headed ever-closer to full employment for years.

Gould said that policymakers must aggressively pursue full employment to ensure that all workers share

in the nation's economic growth.

"While the topline indicators provide important measures of the overall economy, workers of color, as well as young workers and less credentialed workers, suffer from higher than average unemployment rates in both good times and bad," said Gould. "For example, it was only in July 2015 that the Black unemployment rate finally ducked below where the White unemployment rate was at its peak in the aftermath of the Great Recession."

Gould continued: "So, while the economy is the strongest it's been in years, there are still a lot of workers sitting on the sidelines and underutilized. For communities across the country to feel the full extent of the recovery, the Federal Reserve needs to keep their foot off the brakes and let the economy reach full employment before raising interest rates again."



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TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a general election is ordered to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 14 members to the city council of the City of Dallas to be designated as: Member of Council, Place 1; Member of Council, Place 2; Member of Council, Place 3; Member of Council, Place 4; Member of Council, Place 5; Member of Council, Place 6; Member of Council, Place 7; Member of Council, Place 8; Member of Council, Place 9; Member of Council, Place 10; Member of Council, Place 11; Member of Council, Place 12; Member of Council, Place 13; and Member of Council, Place 14, respectively.

Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary

For more information call 214-670-5654

VOTING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY

The most current list of voting locations is available in the City Secretary's Office, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling the city secretary at (214) 670-3738 or accessing <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/upcoming-election-information/>.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance for the Saturday, May 6, 2017 City of Dallas general election will be conducted at the early voting locations listed below. Any qualified voter of the City of Dallas may vote early by personal appearance at any of the listed locations. Early voting locations are subject to change. The most current list of early voting locations is available in the City Secretary's Office, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling (214) 670-3738 or accessing <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/upcoming-election-information/>. Dates and times all locations will be open for early voting are as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

DALLAS COUNTY

DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

April 24 – April 28 (Monday through Friday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
April 29 (Saturday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
April 30 (Sunday)	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
May 01 – May 02 (Monday and Tuesday)	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
Addison Fire Station #1	4798 Airport Pkwy.	Addison	75001
Balch Springs Civic Center	12400 Elam Rd.	Balch Springs	75180
Bethany Lutheran Church	10101 Walnut Hill Ln.	Dallas	75238
Betty Warmack Library	760 Bardin Rd.	Grand Prairie	75062
Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Administration Building	1445 N. Perry Rd.	Carrollton	75006
*Carrollton Library @ Hebron & Josey	4220 N. Josey Ln.	Carrollton	75010
*There will be two tables set up at this location: One table to vote for City of Dallas General Election (City Council Places 1-14) and one table to cast a ballot for Denton County-administered election issues.			
Cedar Hill Government Center	285 Uptown Blvd.	Cedar Hill	75104
Cockrell Hill City Hall	4125 W. Clarendon Dr.	Cockrell Hill	75211
Coppell Town Center	255 Parkway Blvd.	Coppell	75019
Crosswinds High School	1100 N. Carrier Pkwy.	Grand Prairie	75050
Dallas ISD Administration Building	3700 Ross Ave.	Dallas	75204
Disciple Central Community Church	901 N. Polk St.	DeSoto	75115
Duncanville Library	201 James Collins	Duncanville	75116
Eastfield College - Pleasant Grove Campus	802 S. Buckner	Dallas	75217
El Centro College - West Campus	3330 N. Hampton Rd.	Dallas	75212
Farmers Branch City Hall	13000 William Dodson Pkwy.	Farmers Branch	75234
*Frankford Townhomes	18110 Marsh Ln.	Dallas	75287
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Fretz Park Library	8990 Belt Line Rd.	Dallas	75254
George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building	600 Commerce St.	Dallas	75202
Grauwylar Park Recreation Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd.	Dallas	75235
Highland Hills Library	6200 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
Hutchins City Hall	321 N. Main St.	Hutchins	75141
Irving Arts Center	3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.	Irving	75062
Irving City Hall	825 W. Irving Blvd.	Irving	75060
*J. Erik Jonsson Central Library	1515 Young St.	Dallas	75201
* SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS LOCATION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARKING – During the entire early voting period, free above-ground and underground parking is available to citizens visiting the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ("Library") to vote. Free metered parking is available on the west and north side of the Library (corner of Young and Ervay Street). Underground parking can be accessed on the north side of the Library (Wood Street, traveling east). A parking attendant will be available at the entryway to the underground parking area. The parking stub will be validated by Dallas County election staff which will enable exit from the underground parking area at no cost. The underground parking area will be closed at the end of each early voting period. Any vehicles not moved by the end of the voting period for a specific day will be locked in, with access to the vehicle delayed to the next working day. DISABLED (CURBSIDE) VOTING – Although free meter parking is available, it is recommended that those citizens desiring to utilize curbside voting use the underground parking method. Notify the parking attendant or security officer of the intent to vote "via curbside." The parking attendant will notify the election judge and a voting device will be brought to your vehicle. 			
On Saturday, April 29, 2017, access to free parking for voting purposes will be slightly more difficult due to temporary street closures. Please refer to the parking access points noted above.			
Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3736 if you have any questions or require assistance during the early voting time periods.			
Josey Ranch Library	1700 Keller Springs	Carrollton	75006
Lakeside Activity Center	101 Holley Park Dr.	Mesquite	75149
Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library	1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.	Lancaster	75134
Lochwood Library	11221 Lochwood Blvd.	Dallas	75218
Marsh Lane Baptist Church	10716 Marsh Ln.	Dallas	75229
Martin Luther King Jr. Core Building	2922 MLK Blvd.	Dallas	75210
Martin Weiss Recreation Center	1111 Martindell	Dallas	75211
Mountain Creek Library	6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy.	Dallas	75249
Oak Cliff Sub Courthouse	410 S. Beckley	Dallas	75203
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	7611 Park Ln.	Dallas	75225
Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Library	2008 E. Kiest Blvd.	Dallas	75210
Preston Royal Library	5626 Royal Ln.	Dallas	75229
*Renner-Frankford Library	6400 Frankford Rd.	Dallas	75252
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Reverchon Recreation Center	3505 Maple Ave.	Dallas	75219
Richardson Civic Center	411 W. Arapaho Rd.	Richardson	75080
Richland College - Garland Campus	675 W. Walnut St.	Garland	75040
Rowlett City Hall Annex	4004 Main St.	Rowlett	75088
Sachse City Hall	3815 Sachse Rd., Bldg. B	Sachse	75048
Samuell Grand Recreation Center	6200 E. Grand Ave.	Dallas	75223
South Oak Cliff High School	3601 S. Marsalis	Dallas	75216
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 N. Collins Rd.	Sunnyvale	75182
Valley Ranch Library	401 Cimarron Trl.	Irving	75063
Wilmer Community Center	101 Davidson Plaza	Wilmer	75172

TEMPORARY BRANCH VOTING LOCATION DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

April 24 – April 28 (Monday through Friday)
May 01 – May 02 (Monday and Tuesday)

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
Highland Park ISD Administration Building	7015 Westchester Dr.	Dallas	75205

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April 26, 7 p.m.
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April 26
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April 23 & 30, 8 a.m.
Join us in our Sunday Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen; followed by our Sunday Worship Services at Bolin Elementary School in Allen, Texas 75002 and bring someone with you, you will be blessed.

April 26, 7 p.m.
Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

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April 23 & 30, 10 a.m.
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April 24, 7 p.m.
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April 23 & 30, 10 a.m.
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April 26, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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Obituary of Common Sense



Send email to: businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com to sign up for Sister Tarpley's weekly electronic newsletter.

No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense.

He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as, "To know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair."

Common Sense lived by simple and sound financial policies: Don't spend more than you earn. Reliable parenting strategies:

The adults are in charge, not the kids; and it's okay to come in second (or even last, as long as your best efforts were given.)

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression and the Technological Revolution, Common

Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole language and "new math."

But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as self-seeking lawyers ruled good people.

His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies, reports of six-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate.

A teen was suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch and a teacher was fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

It declined even further when schools had to get parents consent to administer aspirin to a student but cannot inform the parent when the female student is pregnant or wants an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports.

And, when a woman who was stupid enough not to realize that coffee is hot, and was awarded a huge payout for her stupidity, this really caused Common Sense to finally throw in the towel!

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

Two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner, survive him. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that he was

gone. --Author Unknown

Everyone can make a difference within their own surroundings. The world would all benefit from following these nine fundamental, "Native American Commandments:

1) Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.

2) Remain close to the Great Spirit (God).

3) Show great respect for your fellow beings (all humans, regardless of race color and creed.)

4) Work together for the

benefit of all mankind.

5) Give assistant and kindness wherever needed.

6) Do what you know to be right (in God's eyesight!)

7) Look after the well-being of mind and body (es-

pecially your own.)

8) Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.

9) Be truthful and honest at all times.

10). Take full responsibility for your actions.



K104 Street Team, (L to R) Kardon, Sister Tarpley, Jaylan and Q taking the picture at the UT Southwestern Health Fair, 04-15-2017

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NDG Book Review: *Early Sunday Morning* will have you singing praises

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Each Sunday, your family has a routine they follow.

Everyone gets up early to the smells of a good breakfast that Mama makes; she serves all your favorites before you go to church to raise your voice and praise God. Church is also where people can go to pray. Some people get saved there. And in the new book “Early Sunday Morning” by Denene Millner, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton, some people get a dose of confidence.

Sunday is the day your family sets aside for the Lord,



which makes it pretty special because everybody puts on their best clothes, shines their shoes, and goes to church together. It's your favorite day of the week, especially when something like a solo in youth choir makes it even better.

Singing is fun, and it's easy to practice when nobody's around. It's also fun when it's done with someone else but singing alone in front of a microphone, in front of the whole church? That's scary, even though everybody tells you it'll be okay. You'll be looking extra-fine, you'll have your hair in a beautiful crown, they all have good advice but still, you're awfully nervous. Mama says “the angels will shout in Heaven” when you sing. Daddy says to “pick a spot in the church and sing to it like you do in the mirror.” Their words make you feel a tiny bit more

confident.

Once you're at church, just getting through Sunday School is hard. Not looking at the microphone is hard. Not watching the clock is hard, too. And then, it's time to put on the choir robe you've brought from home and walk to the front of the church with your friends. It's time to open your mouth and sing... but you're still nervous.

Mama thinks angels will shout. Daddy reminded you to pick a spot and don't worry. You remember all that, so you take their advice and a deep breath....

Dry mouth. A little shaky

in the knees. That funny feeling just below the ribcage. Yep, that's a case of the nerves alright, but “Early Sunday Morning” shows your child that things have a way of turning out fine.

And that can take time, as this story indicates. The main character, unnamed but based on author Denene Millner's own childhood, is ready-not-ready to tackle what's obviously a big honor; through the expressive artistry of Vanessa Brantley-Newton, young readers can see the character dealing with Mean Kids and wrestling with her fears, and that reticence is

easy to identify with no matter what your age.

But wait — that's not all. Millner also tells a tale of a tight-knit community, a close family, and their collective faith. Of course this book is about a little girl's solo in choir, but you can't discount the adults, who quietly support the story.

Children who love read-alouds will enjoy this book, while kids ages 8-to-10 may enjoy reading it themselves. It's definitely a charmer; in fact, once you've read “Early Sunday Morning” once, you'll be singing its praises, too.

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United Airlines situation could have been avoided.

United Airlines needed four people off that flight. They asked for volunteers, offering vouchers as enticement, but couldn't clear the seats they needed. So they chose passengers them-

selves and ordered them off the plane. When the doctor, already in his seat, declined to leave the police were brought in and social media infamy followed.

What should have happened instead? The airline could have simply raised

their offer for vouchers. They could have enticed someone to give up their seat by other means. A volunteer could have been found, if only they'd been willing to pay for it.

This incident should remind companies that they need to take a hard look at the policies they have in

place when dealing with customer disputes. They need to train their employees to identify and disengage when their policies are causing needless escalations.

They should do this because it will help them avoid a PR disaster but, more importantly, because it's the

right thing to do. The viral videos, hashtags, posts, articles, and subsequent hit to their stock prices are just an after effect.

So let's make it happen, brands. Let's come together for a united effort to do right by our customers. Your customers—and the folks who manage your social media

accounts—will thank you.

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