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Voters should rethink Dallas County Schools vote

NDG's View

Nov. 7 is Decision Day for the Dallas County Schools (DCS). The voters in Dallas will decide if they want to save the embattled agency which provides transportation for thousands of students in North Texas. Despite many influential voices seeking to close the agency, the *North Dallas Gazette* (NDG) believes the agency should survive to see another day. In the absence of a viable alternative presented to the voters, we believe DCS should continue efforts underway to address problems of the past.

As we shared in the Dallas Black Press Coalition story on Oct. 28, DCS is not a school district; they provide transportation for more than 450,000 Dallas County students in Dallas ISD, Richardson ISD, Irving ISD, Highland Park ISD, Lancaster ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Cedar Hill ISD, and DeSoto ISD. They also provide service to local nonprofits at affordable prices for field trips throughout the academic school year and the summer.

First, we must point out possible confusion on how it is listed on the ballot. Under the Dallas City Bond \$1.05 initiatives, Proposition A is for Streets and Transportation, however, this is NOT related to DCS. The ballot matter related to DCS is located at the bottom of the ballot under Dallas County School Board Special Election as Dallas County Schools Propo-



Dallas County Schools has provided transportation services to the Dallas ISD and other area districts. Currently the agency is facing an effort to dissolve it, being led by area politicians and activists. The voters will get the final say in an upcoming vote on the issue. (Photo: Dallas County Schools)

sition A. NDG recommends you vote "For" the proposition.

A vote for Dallas County Prop A is a vote to support economic development through the estimated 3,000 jobs at stake. This includes the bus drivers, vehicle maintenance staff, leadership and support staff which run the agency. Through DCS they have health insurance, access to participate in Teacher Retirement System and other benefits. Right now as you can imagine, they are very concerned about the future of their jobs, which

until now have been stable. This has led some to share their concerns with students and parents, which is improper electioneering and leadership has warned them to not participate in this improper behavior.

While NDG certainly does not condone these actions, with their jobs in the hands of voters who likely are not aware of what is going on, and an organized vocal opponent they perhaps feel they have little choice. It has been

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Allen Rupert

Allen Rupert, a pioneer in hearing research and one of UT Dallas' founding professors, died on Sept. 30. He was 97.

Rupert conducted some of the initial research on how individual nerve cells respond to sound. He published numerous studies throughout his career that advanced science on how the brain interprets auditory information.

Rupert worked closely with Dr. George Moushegian, former director of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders who



later became dean of what is now the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (BBS).

Born during segregation, Rupert began his career at a time when there were few

African-American researchers and professors. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he attended Howard University while working at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He met and eventually married his wife, Mary Elizabeth Jones.

At Walter Reed, Rupert met Moushegian and the two became lifelong friends and research partners. There, they worked under the direction of Dr. Robert Galambos, who is considered to be a founder of auditory neuroscience. Rupert also published research with Dr. David H. Hubel,

who later won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1981.

Rupert and Moushegian left Walter Reed to work at Syracuse University, then relocated to Dallas in 1968 to work at the Callier Center, which later became part of UT Dallas.

In 1973, Rupert joined the UT Dallas faculty and taught undergraduate and graduate students until he retired in 1995 as professor emeritus. He was known as a professor who went out of his way to help his students. When one of them missed her neurobiology final in 1980 because her baby was born earlier than planned,

Rupert brought the exam to her at the hospital so she could complete her degree on schedule.

"Allen was an extraordinary mentor," said Dr. Robert Stillman, professor in BBS and associate dean of graduate studies, who was once Rupert's student and later published research with the professor. "He had a lot of patience with people. He let you learn through your mistakes."

Dr. Jackie Clark, another former student, called Rupert "a good soul." Clark, a UT Dallas clinical professor of audiology, said she was fortunate to work with Ru-

pert and Moushegian before they retired. The researchers worked together for 52 years. Moushegian died in 2006.

"They had a great partnership," she said. "They called each other brothers from different parents."

Rupert helped Moushegian to develop the first magnetically driven hearing aid, with Moushegian serving as the first human subject. Rupert, highly skilled in the lab, was the one who placed the magnet in Moushegian's eardrum.

Rupert is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

Nefeteri Plessy

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) -- TV host/actress/model and single mothers activist Nefeteri Plessy shared her expertise at "It Takes a Village: Birthing a Parenting Community" parenting panel presented by We All Grow Latina Network on Saturday, Oct. 28.

As founder of Single Moms Planet, Plessy is known for her activism and advocacy in support of single mothers who are often young, caring for children and generally struggling to



make ends meet.

"I'm very grateful to We All Grow Latina for inviting me and to Munchkin for taking a leading role in hosting this exciting program to help parents and

their children have a better future," Plessy said.

"At Single Moms Planet, I often hear about the struggles facing single moms and their children - whether its being able to affordable day care, finding proper housing or simply finding a job - its important to host events like this and raise awareness about parenting issues and improve the lives of families."

We All Grow Latina is a Los Angeles-based network of digital influencers, local events and others who support Latinas through activities, brand partnerships and

community development.

"It Takes a Village: Birthing a Parenting Community" panel is led by moderator Grace Bastidas, editor-in-chief of Parents Latina magazine. The panelists include Breegan Jane, co-founder of Mom Life Yo!; Jeff Segura, creator of "The Daddy Diaries" blog; Jorge Narvaez, YouTube star and entrepreneur; Michelle Olvera, founder of Latino Dad Media; and Ruby Medina, founder of L.A. Mamacitas.

Herself a successful model and actress, Plessy established Single Moms

Planet after her marriage broke up and found herself struggling with two toddlers to care for and an uncertain future. It was then that Plessy dedicated herself to creating a stable home and nurturing environment for herself and her children and helping other single mothers do the same. The organization offers parenting classes, job training, counseling, childcare referrals and other services for single mothers.

"I found how challenging just going to the store or doing errands would be when you have children to

care for," said Plessy. "Even if you want to visit friends, go on a date or just have me time, you have to plan with your friends and coordinate who can take care of them. It can be very daunting."

With a resurgence in her modeling work, Plessy has dedicated herself to her career and to Single Moms Planet in its efforts to create a movement and provide needed assistance to struggling single mothers in the Los Angeles area and throughout the US.

For more information, please visit www.SingleMomsPlanet.com.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

NDG Readers answered the question what is their favorite Jay-Z song and why, below are a few responses received.

OMG... would love these tickets! Empire State of mind ft Alicia keys. It's New York's anthem. Since jay is from New York I feel like it's a great representation of him and shows he never forgot where he came from.

-- Sharon Jones-Scaife via Facebook

Lost One! My favorite Jay song. It shows a softer

side that's human talking through what he knows best "music" but still gives that gangster.... love it!!!!

-- Shante Ross via Facebook

Jay-Z represent a generation of men who turned their basic hustle into a bright future. His music is at once inspiring and deeply thoughtful about the state of the world. I love his song "Hard Knock Life" for blending in a popular movie theme into the music. It shows his early desire to "cross over" the racial divides.

-- Tony L. Carr via Facebook

Is the NAACP Still Relevant? Ed Gray

JUST SAY NO TO THE NAACP!

The NAACP is African Americans biggest enemy. Don't join the NAACP.

-- Dr. James Tucker

Sean Carter, himself, is my favorite song. His bold African features, his east coast cockiness and ability to make you love him even if you hate him, all sing to me! "Song Cry" is my favorite song because it was the most personal and vulnerable that I'd heard from Jay & Scarface. It is about the emotions of child death, which is gripping to

me. #jayz #444 #ndg #free #tickets

-- Mesia Davis via Facebook

My favorite song by Jay-Z is "Dirt Off Your Shoulder" I just love the beat & the lyrics

-- Danyeall Williams via Facebook

My favorite songs by Jay Z are "Izzo, Hard knock Life, Big Pimpin, Encore, Lost One". I hope I win the ticket would love to see the show.

-- Yolanda Williams via Facebook

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Confederate Statues: The White man's burden

Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

This past week at Dallas City Hall, our city leaders continued the debate over the Civil War. I have looked on with great amusement, of what is the folly of the “White Man’s Burden” regarding the Confederate statues. Now before anyone starts to say that I am playing the race card, I want to remind you of who has the deck. This is not about race cards; it is a bigger game. It is about who has power. The statues have come down but what are we to do with them?

The phrase “the white man’s burden” was coined by the great writer Rudyard Kipling, the same guy who wrote “Jungle Book.” Kipling was taught in schools during my time as a great writer whose books were required reading. I have



Rudyard Kipling coined the phrase “White Man’s Burden”

been trying to find a connection with that, but let us keep moving to the present controversy.

The burden of the white man according to Kipling was to teach civilization, culture, and history to the brown, black, and yellow races. The creation of statues glorifying General Robert E. Lee is considered part of the edification of the noble lost cause of white supremacy. Many supporters of the statues point to its beauty and its connection to an alleged history, that of southern nobility. In short, it is a combina-

tion of beauty, art, and history which must be preserved.

Kipling and other white supremacists, but otherwise great writers, urged for the white man to pick up their burden, and a fellow writer, Jack London, said, search for a “Great White Hope.” This hope is centered on the belief that what happens to the black or brown race is irrelevant unless white men are in charge. Being in charge means that the dominant role must be ascribed to white men.

That being said, I think it is a peculiar institution that exists in Dallas. Current debates regarding what happens to the statues are primarily a white debate, in white corridors of power, with predominantly white faces arguing over the historic symbols of terror to black folk. This is largely the white man’s burden, as black leaders are not central in this debate. After all, white men put up the stat-

ues, only white men can take them down, right?

The black man’s burden in South Dallas, Pleasant Grove, and Oak Cliff is fixing potholes, creating jobs, feeding the poor, and planning for a better future. I finally found the connection. As long as we have statues symbolically stand, if not physically stand, the burden is more so on black people than white people.

For you see, regardless of whether white people remove a white supremacist statue in a white neighborhood park with few black visitors, then General Robert E. Lee still stands. You can remove a statue but you can’t remove the pedestal of hate that causes black communities to suffer from poor city services.

I am Ed Gray and this is Straight Talk.

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Trump makes George W. Bush sound eloquent

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Newswire Columnist

I never thought I would miss President George W. Bush, our 43rd president, and I’ve never much thought of him as a great, or even a good speaker; but the speech he gave at a conference convened by the George W. Bush Institute was simply eloquent, excellent, thoughtful, and compelling. After keeping a low profile for the past eight years, he spoke up to decry the fact that “bigotry seems emboldened.”

Bush said that, “Bullying and prejudice in our public life sets a national tone, provides permission for cruelty and bigotry, and compromises the moral education of children.”

Why did George W. Bush choose to speak so forcefully, in a speech that did not mention “45,” but was at least partly directed at him? Perhaps, it was the violent protests in Charlottesville; he and his father, President George Herbert Walker Bush, issued a joint statement denouncing White suprema-

cists, something that it took “45” forever to do. The younger Bush was blunt when he said, “Bigotry or White supremacy in any form is blasphemy against the American creed.”

I knew that I would miss President Barack Obama (44). Like his predecessor, he has kept a low profile since leaving office, stepping out very briefly to campaign for Virginia gubernatorial candidate Ralph Northam and to reflect on the challenges we face in our democracy. Like President Bush, President Obama did not refer to “45” by name, but his speech in Virginia was a repudiation of virtually everything that our prevaricating current president stands for.

Watching Presidents Bush and Obama reminded me of how far the quality of our nation’s leadership has fallen. I saw two men who, with absolute class, reminded us of our nation’s values and everything that is repugnant about the current administration. The contrast is the persistent crassness of “45,” an ill-spoken, bumbling, coarse,

and classless individual. He never met a fight he could not pick and escalate, never met an opposing viewpoint he could not demonize. He has belittled everyone he has disagreed with, from his own inner circle to football players he does not even know, calling them “sons of bitches.”

In his entire eight years of service, President Obama never disparaged his predecessor, President George W. Bush, even as he cleaned up some of his messes. In his several months of leadership, “45” has missed no opportunity to criticize President Obama. If I had a dollar for every time President Obama critiqued President Bush, I’d barely have enough money for a fast-food meal. If I had a dollar for every time “45” disparaged President Obama, I could dine at the nation’s best restaurants for a full week!

Class is visiting Walter Reed Army Medical Center to look in on wounded soldiers, or hosting White House luncheons for Gold Star families. Crass is calling

widow Myeshia Johnson, never mentioning her deceased husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, by name, and telling her “he knew what he signed up for.”

To be sure, I don’t think that “45” maliciously called Myeshia Johnson in an attempt to cause her pain. I think he simply does not know how to talk to people, and we have plenty of evidence. The recent book, “The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President” (Macmillan, 2017) explains that the sociopathic narcissist we elected is so fundamentally flawed that he could easily imperil our very survival by pushing us into war.

“45” told Myeshia Johnson “he knew what he signed up for.” So did the nearly half of our nation’s voters when they chose crass over class.

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Despite Trump, ACA open enrollment has begun

By Cash Michaels
Special to the NNPA

No, President Trump and the Republican Congress haven't "repealed and replaced" President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal health care law, yet. But yes, as Open Enrollment began on Nov. 1, there are significant changes than in previous years.

The enrollment period ends on Dec. 15 for coverage through the 2018 Federal Health Insurance Exchange to begin January 1, 2018. This is the shortest enrollment period (45 days) in recent years, so those without health care coverage should act immediately.

To qualify for federal tax subsidies to offset the rising cost of health insurance premiums, those seeking to apply should go online to www.healthcare.gov. Most of those who get their health insurance coverage through the ACA are eligible for what are known as Advanced Premium Tax Subsidies (APT).

In some states, the average ACA health insurance premium is calculated at \$662 per month, but after the APT subsidy tax credit kicks in, that comes down to just \$129 per month, and in some cases, as low as \$87 a month.

In many states last year, enrollment was down. Observers say one of the rea-

sons for the decrease was uncertainty about the future of the ACA, especially after Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential election, vowing to mothball the federal law, which he and the Republican Congress have repeatedly tried, but failed to do.

The Trump Administration has significantly cut the advertising budget to make more Americans aware of the ACA Open Enrollment period, in addition to shortening it to just 45 days, hoping to slowly phase it out in the future. It has also cut federal funding to nonprofit groups that traditionally helped low-income residents navigate the process of signing up and qualify-

ing.

The White House has also discontinued the cost sharing reimbursements to insurance companies to help offset rising premiums to consumers. As a result, premiums across the nation have gone up anywhere from 15 to 21 percent, according to published reports.

Applicants are generally "...guaranteed to be insurable and are encouraged to sign up for health insurance..." through the ACA if they currently have ACA coverage, but want to change their plan for 2018; they don't have health insurance through their employer or spouse's employer; they don't have gov-

ernment coverage (veterans, Medicaid or Medicare); or they're older than 26 and are no longer on their parents' policy.

Failure in having health insurance in 2018 will result in a sizable tax penalty, officials warn.

For the past two years, that fee has been \$695.00 per uninsured adult, and \$347.00 per uninsured child, or 2.5 percent of household income, whichever is higher.

Also keep in mind, per new rules that are now in ef-

fect, insurance companies can now deny you coverage if you owe them money on current coverage. You must settle any outstanding balances before you will be re-enrolled.

And you can also be denied the premium tax credit to lower your bill in 2018 if you're behind in your taxes. To correct this, fill out the federal tax reconciliation IRS form 8962 to determine your 2016 taxable income.

For more information, call 1-800-318-2596, or go to www.healthcare.gov.

Halloween may be over, there are still creepy pests around

Vampires, ghosts, goblins and witches are usually recognized as the scariest creatures creeping around on Halloween. While these horrors are just make believe, there are actually some very real terrors that might be lurking in your own backyard. With Halloween season over, Arrow Exterminators has prepared a list of the top five creepiest, crawliest, scariest pests guaranteed to still send chills down anyone's spine.



Earwigs are one of the many pests that can be sneaking around after the holiday season is over. (Photo: Trevelino Keller)

"While many may have heard the "horror stories" about these pests, most may not fully understand the very real dangers these creepy creatures pose," said Charlie Jones, Arrow pest expert.

• **Flesh Flies:** Flesh flies are most often found breeding in and feeding on decaying material or feces but some species will actually lay their eggs in the open wounds of mammals – including humans – including humans, hence the name flesh flies. A typically meal consists of decaying flesh, dead insects, excrement, crabs, snails and spiders.

• **Bats:** Historically associated with vampires, only one species of this creepy flier actually feeds off of blood. While there is very little danger of encountering one of

these vampire bats, other species can be quite scary if they invade your home. They can also transmit several diseases including rabies.

• **Earwigs:** The name earwig literally means "ear creature" and is derived from the ancient superstition that these pests would crawl into ears and bore holes into the brain. While this may not be true, these creepy pests do have scary, claw-like pinchers on their abdomen. They use them as weapons for protection and for capturing prey.

• **The Black Widow:** Who isn't "creeped out" after walking into a spider web? While most spiders are actually beneficial, feeding on other insects, there are some scary crawlers to avoid including the Black Widow. The female has a distinct black abdomen, with a red or orange hourglass shaped mark, while the males are normally brown in color. The

pain from the black widow bite is usually immediate and symptoms include fever and increased blood pressure. Be sure to avoid these spiders if you see them!

• **Bed Bugs:** Vampires might not be running around biting humans for their blood, but one notorious pest certainly is – Bed bugs! The size of an apple seed, these bloodsuckers typically come out at night to feed on their unsuspecting victims. Bed bugs do not spread disease but they may leave behind itchy, painful welts on their victims. If left untreated, bed bugs can be a recurring nightmare since they can live for more than a year without food and survive a wide range of extreme temperatures.

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Rolls-Royce unveils new Phantom VIII at The Network Bar

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Dallas recently hosted an advance viewing of the Rolls-Royce Phantom VIII at the Network Bar in Trinity Groves.

Guests enjoyed cuisine from the Network Bar, specialty cocktails from Reyka Vodka, including a special martini dubbed the PHANTINI, and single-malt scotch from The Balvenie. Guests also were treated to a glimpse of a black diamond ring designed by Sleipnir Diamonds honoring the new Phantom. All those

who put down a deposit on the Phantom VIII before Dec. 31 will have their names entered into a drawing for the \$20,000 custom ring.

Originally launched in 1925, the Phantom is one of the longest-running automobile nameplates in the world. It's been 14 years since Rolls-Royce introduced the Phantom VII, and the new Phantom VIII is much more than a mere facelift. Among the upgrades: a new twin-turbocharged 6.8-liter V-12 en-

gine pumping 563-horsepower with 664 pound-feet of torque from just 1700 RPM. In other words, this magnificent beast can launch you from 0-to-62 mph in 5.3 seconds with a top speed of 155 mph. And yet the acceleration is so smooth, you'll feel you're wafting on air. Its all-aluminum spaceframe chassis -- officially christened the Architecture of Luxury -- is much lighter and stronger than its predecessor.

Whether the owner plans to drive it or have a chauff-

er transport its occupants around town, the Phantom VIII is loaded with high-tech driver-assistant features such as night vision, active cruise control, a four-camera 360-degree parking assistant, long-range sensors to detect traffic ahead and even a GPS-aided eight-speed transmission that automatically responds to changing terrain and selects the appropriate gear for the twists and turns ahead.

The Phantom VIII is also the quietest car ever built

with triple glazing on all windows and more than 300 pounds of sound insulation strategically placed throughout. Reportedly, when Rolls-Royce engineers reviewed the acoustic test results, they double-checked their instruments to be sure they were correctly calibrated. One of the luxury carriage's new features is The Embrace. "When the patron is settled into the car," explained Rolls-Royce, "an assistant or valet steps forward and lightly touches a sensor on the door

handle so it whispers closed, enveloping the occupant in The Embrace."

Most Phantom owners will utilize the Bespoke program to customize everything from exotic woods and fine leather to matching a particular color of paint, making their Rolls-Royce an original, hand-crafted work of art that excels in both form and function. There's even a space reserved in the dashboard -- the Gallery -- for Phantom owners to display a

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Drug Take Back Day sets high mark for drug collection

PROSPER - While initially intended as a convenience for residents looking to relieve themselves of unused or expired drugs and medications, the twice-yearly Drug Take Back Days are proving to be a valuable resource for Prosper residents.

National Drug Take Back Day was begun several years ago by the Drug Enforcement Administration in response to the alarming number of drug-related crimes resulting from the abuse of prescribed drugs

and medications. Many of the pain relief drugs prescribed for patients who undergo surgical procedures wound up in the hands of abusers or drug peddlers. Some of these are addictive and extremely dangerous when used incorrectly.

Like many communities, Prosper agreed to participate in the DEA program, with the Police and Fire Departments agreeing to co-sponsor the two events, one in the spring and one in the fall. This year's autumn version event took place on

Oct. 28 at the Central Fire Station, where it has been held for the last several years.

Promoted as a free service where no questions are asked, the just-concluded event proved to be among the most successful, says Firefighter/Paramedic Marty Nevil, who coordinates the two events with Police Officer Erin Hubbard.

"We collected 11 boxes of expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, weighing 231 lb.,"

said Nevil. "We continually increase the collection amount with each event." Members of the Central Fire Department's BShift assisted with the collection.

The program accepts all medications, except those which are illegal to possess, and while medical devices

are not accepted, unused or expired syringes are taken. An individual inquired about disposal of thermometers with mercury, and while not accepted at the site, the person was told of a drop off site at Best Buy which would take it.

"We're pleased to offer

this service, especially because without it, the alternative might be to flush these medications down the toilet or send them to the landfill. Both of these can harm our drinking water and environment," she said. "This is a much better alternative."

Richardson's Santa's Village Construction begins

Santa arrives in Richardson in just five weeks due to the first Saturday of December falling early in the calendar this year (Dec. 2), so City crews began setting up Santa's Village this week. The City's miniature holiday town takes about two weeks to assemble and another few weeks to get the buildings fully decorated. There is also a cushion built in to allow for weather delays.

Each year, Santa's Village comes to life on select weekends in December with children's activities inside each structure, live entertainment, a petting zoo and the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. The free event has become a tradition for



Workers carry out the task of setting up the holiday-themed village in Richardson. (Photo: City of Richardson)

large numbers of area families.

For 2017, Santa's Village will again offer "Hometown Thursdays," special nights for Richardson residents, as

well as its usual Friday-Sunday schedule.

For the upcoming schedule and more information, go to www.cor.net/santasvillage.

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Dallas ISD invites community to Education Summits

The Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) is launching a strategic planning process to create a strategic and innovative vision for Dallas ISD learning, technology, and facilities design. To launch this process, the district is hosting four education summits and encourages all stakeholders to attend one of the summits.

Parents, students, district staff, business leaders and community members will have an opportunity to share their innovative vision of the future. Dates, times



and locations are listed below*.

• 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7
W.T. White High School

• 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7
South Oak Cliff High School

• 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9
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School

• 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9
W.W. Samuell High School and Early College

(*Free childcare and refreshments will be provided at each location.)

During the summits, citizens will have the opportunity

to learn more about the learning, technology and facilities planning process and hear from a student panel, as well as talk about their highest hopes and aspirations for their children. In an effort to develop an actionable and measurable vision, Dallas ISD encourages all community members to join this effort.

Additionally, community members can provide feedback through an online survey now through Friday, Nov. 10 here. The survey will also be posted on the district and campus web-

sites. The district is also hosting a series of focus groups representing various stakeholder groups in October and early November.

Information, feedback and input gathered at the summits, focus groups and from the survey will be used by a design team comprised of citizens and district staff who will create a community-focused strategic direction for technology and facilities. This strategic direction will include a set of community beliefs, call to action, goals, action steps and a learner profile. Addi-

tionally, it will allow Dallas ISD to measure student learning and serve as a guide for the district as it makes future decisions regarding instruction, technology, budgeting, staffing and facility planning.

As the district embarks on this process, all summits, documents and resources will be posted online at www.dallasisd.org/envisiondallasisd for community members to stay informed. The district will provide updates throughout this process.



Tx.Rep. Eric Johnson has been selected to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Committee. (Courtesy photo)

DLCC selects Texas State Rep. Eric Johnson as a delegate to DNC

WASHINGTON -- DLCC Executive Director Jessica Post announced that Texas Representative Eric Johnson will serve as its third delegate to the Democratic National Committee.

"The DLCC is honored to be represented at the DNC by our Board Chair and Oregon Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, our Vice Chair and Delaware House Majority Leader Valerie Longhurst, and now Board member and

Texas State Representative Eric Johnson," said Post.

"As the DLCC continues to win seats in districts carried by Trump in 2016 and expand Democratic strength in statehouses nationwide, we are confident that Representative Johnson's service as a delegate will help the DLCC rebuild the Democratic party from the ground up."

Representative Eric Johnson was first elected to rep-

resent District 100 in the Texas House of Representatives in 2010 at age 34 and has served on the DLCC Board since last December.

He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Texas House Redistricting Committee and has championed legislation to reform Texas' criminal justice system, expand early childhood education programs, and increase protections for LGBT Texans.

In 2013, Representative Johnson founded the Young Texans Legislative Caucus to highlight the needs of younger Texans, focusing on issues such as education, infrastructure, and natural resources. Recently, he was named to the Board of Advisors for Let America Vote, an organization dedicated to winning the public debate over voter suppression in the United States.

"It is an honor to have

been named to the DNC," said Representative Johnson. "I have been a Democrat my entire life, and I love my party. I look forward to helping Democrats retake Congress in 2018 and the White House in 2020, and I am grateful to the DLCC for this tremendous opportunity."

The DNC recently certified Representative Johnson's appointment during its fall meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

GoFundMe and Thurgood Marshall College Fund partner to help HBCU students

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - GoFundMe announced a partnership with Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf), the nation's largest organization exclusively representing the Black College Community. GoFundMe and TMCf are teaming up to raise money in support of students at the nation's 47 publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"No American should be prevented from enrolling in and graduating from college

because of money. Sadly, that is a reality for many HBCU students," said Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., TMCf President & CEO. "This innovative partnership with GoFundMe makes ordinary people extraordinary philanthropists, through their online giving platform now used to support deserving HBCU students pay for their college education."

"We are proud to partner with Thurgood Marshall College Fund and help HBCU students pay for college. Thousands of students

have turned to GoFundMe to help pay for college, and with college tuition on the rise, it's more important than ever to help support students pursuing their higher education," said Rob Solomon, GoFundMe CEO. "This new partnership will make it simpler and easier for HBCU students to get the financial support they need to thrive at college."

Recently, GoFundMe released a new TMCf fundraising hub, which will serve as a resource for students and their communities.

We want to make it as easy as possible for GoFundMe donors to find students attending HBCUs, as well as giving students and their families the tips and tools they need for a successful campaign. GoFundMe and Thurgood Marshall College Fund launched six GoFundMe campaigns for students attending college at Howard University, Fayetteville State, Norfolk State, and South Carolina State. To make a contribution or to start a GoFundMe, please visit the TMCf

fundraising hub here: www.gofundme.com/tmcf.

Charitable giving isn't a new phenomenon. For 30 years, TMCf has been raising money to support HBCUs and students across the country. What's different today is the ability to help just about anyone in the world in just a few clicks—and GoFundMe's social fundraising platform does just that. For the first time, TMCf is making it possible for anyone to quickly raise funds to pay for college online. In minutes, you can do-

nate to or create a GoFundMe campaign, share it on social media, and encourage your online networks to do the same.

Over the past several years, students, teachers, and parents are increasingly turning to GoFundMe to raise money for education expenses, including college tuition. In fact, in the last two years, over \$100 million has been raised on GoFundMe for education-related campaigns, making it the fastest-growing category on the platform.

South Dallas club to mark 63 years at special event in April 2018

By Gwendolyn H. Daniels

The year was 1954, Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States and Texas Instruments had just developed the first tran-

sistor radio. But the "hidden" secret was the event taking place where I grew up in sunny south Dallas. According to our Club's history, "a small group of business and professional women" led by

founding president Sara J. Holbert began meeting "in the living room of her Wilder Street home in the early fall of 1954." Now, 63 years later, the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club,

Inc. (South Dallas B&PW Club) is still a viable asset in the Greater Dallas area.

South Dallas B&PW Club became an official component of the National Association of Negro Business and

Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. on November 4, 1955. The organization's mission is "to promote and protect the interests of African American business and professional women; to serve as a bridge

for young people seeking to enter business and the professions; to improve the quality of life in the local and global communities; and to foster

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Carrollton native serves aboard ship that honors World War II Admiral

By Rick Burke
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

SAN DIEGO – A 2007 Newman Smith High School graduate and Carrollton, Texas, native is serving aboard the WWII namesake warship, USS Spruance.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Corey Sarmiento is a fire controlman aboard the San Diego based ship, a guided missile destroyer. As a fire



PO2 Corey Sarmiento (Photo: U.S. Navy)

controlman, Sarmiento is responsible for managing networks that allow the ship to

be mission ready at all times.

More than 300 Sailors serve aboard the ship, and their jobs are highly specialized, requiring both dedication and skill. The jobs range from maintaining engines to handling weaponry along with a multitude of other assignments that keep the ship mission ready at all times, according to Navy officials.

Sarmiento has carried lessons learned from his home-

town into his military service.

"Growing up my parents taught me to treat people with respect and I've carried these over into the Navy," he said. "They also taught me to be tolerant toward everyone and that is a great trait to have when working with different people from different backgrounds," he said.

Destroyers are warships that provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities. They are about

510 feet long and can be armed with tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles, variants of the SM missile family, advanced gun systems and close-in gun systems. Destroyers are deployed globally and can operate independently, as part of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, or amphibious readiness groups.

Spruance is armed with long range missiles intended for air defense to counter threats to friendly forces

posed by manned aircraft, anti-ship, cruise and ballistic missiles.

It was commissioned in 2011 and named after Admiral Raymond A. Spruance. He was a key naval commander during WWII, leading U.S. naval forces during two of the most significant naval battles that took place in the Pacific Theatre: Battle of Midway and Battle of the Philippine Sea. He later

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suggested they would likely be hired by the new entity put in place, but will they have the same benefits package and pay? Or will they be relegated to minimum wage pay with no or very limited benefits? Also, if they are such poor performers as suggested, why would they be considered by the new entity?

No one will dispute there have been problems within the agency in the past, but it is important to separate how much of the problems were related to the on-going activities of the staff, and how much was related to the actions of a single individual. The former leader was under investigation by the FBI and the Texas Rangers. But no one else was accused of wrongdoing and under new leadership, the agency has made improvements.

There were questionable financial decisions made which have put the agency in debt, but dissolving the agency will not fix those problems. According to the current leadership, they have been addressed and the agency is no longer in danger of bankruptcy. So why are we trying to throw out the baby with the bathwater? Until news reports surfaced last year, where was the oversight of the agency? Why are their hands seemingly clean and their jobs not called into question?

A significant concern is for the safety of the students first and foremost, and news reports of bus drivers incurring thousands of dollars in red light violations are disturbing. But instead of dissolving DCS, why not first ensure appropriate policies are in place

to address repeat offenders? Someone with oversight should require the agency to look at the best practices other school districts have in place and implement them promptly. That goes a long way toward fixing a problem, versus scrapping an entire agency because of the misdeeds of a few.

NDG is also concerned about the safety of students. A hastily thrown together plan with very little details does not sound like an effective way to make sure the children will be protected. This starts before they get on the bus with complete background checks before the first day a driver gets behind the wheel. DCS has an effective process in place, but that comes at a cost. What assurances do we have the new team, whoever that may be, will do the same. Or will they simply go with the most cost-effective vendor that presents a proposal?

Follow the money

State Senator Don Huffines and Dallas ISD Trustee Dustin Marshall have been actively campaigning to see DCS disbanded. However, they are merely the public faces, a political action committee (PAC) named Protect Dallas Kids was formed to lead the charge against DCS.

According to the financial report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission on Oct. 30, the PAC has raised \$22,500. The money comes from three sources: \$1,000 from the Dallas Citizens Council, \$1,500 from a retired individual named Todd Williams and \$20,000 from Dallas-based telecommuni-

cations giant AT&T.

For those criticizing the financial management of DCS, it is odd to see the Protect Dallas Kids seems to have a problem in balancing their books. Also it is interesting to see every dime was spent outside of Texas. They have incurred unpaid bills totalling \$96,174.16:

- \$4,000 Remington Research Group in Kansas City, MO for polling

- \$4,589 Henry Alan, LLC in Dublin, OH for accounting services

- \$87,585.16 Axiom Strategies, LLC in Kansas City, MO was paid for advertising

Until Tuesday, few elected officials would offer more than "let the voters" decide in way of support for DCS. Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price recorded a radio ad encouraging voters to support DCS.

"Don't be fooled by the opponents' rhetoric who wants to abolish a public entity that has been serving the

district for decades," Price stated in the ad encouraging voters to give DCS a chance to continue to address and fix the problems of the past.

Is Dallas ISD really prepared for the task?

Dallas ISD's official position is to reserve comments on the proposal and let voters make up their own minds on whether to save DCS, spokesperson Robyn Harris told the *North Dallas Gazette*. If Dallas County residents vote against the proposition, the district has already developed a contingency plan for finding alternative means of transporting students. What exactly that contingency plan entails remains unclear.

So, let's say worst case scenario what happens if the voters vote to dissolve DCS, what happens? Those pushing hard for this to happen claim to have a plan but it is short on details. Dallas ISD Trustee Dustin Marshall, a

vocal DCS opponent, recently shared via Facebook that a vote to dissolve DCS would trigger the creation within a week of a Dissolution Committee by Nov. 15 with one member from each of the ISDs served by DCS "among other members" with no indication of who these individuals are or how they will be selected. He also indicated the buses will be given free of charge to the ISDs they serve, and they will have to assume the lease if one exists. The committee would select new leadership and decide what happens to the other assets of DCS.

The more you read the plan briefly outlined on this Facebook post it becomes evident - Dallas ISD believes they can run the program themselves at a cheaper price. In fact, they are already in talks with a Transportation Consultant. NDG is certainly in favor of efficient use of taxpayer money, however,

the voters deserve more than bits and pieces of information before they make an important decision regarding the transportation of their children. To end his message with, "and it certainly can't get much worse than DCS," is not terribly reassuring.

Also, under what authority is Marshall speaking, as a member of the recently formed PAC seeking to dissolve DCS or as a voice of the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees? With the message coming via his campaign page where he regularly shares info about the affairs of the district and using the term "we" throughout the post can blur the lines for voters - intentionally or otherwise.

This is an important matter and hastily drawn plans behind closed doors is not the way to provide voters with actionable information. NDG favors voting FOR Dallas County Transportation Prop A.

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Dallas

The Inaugural **Dallas Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 a.m. at Dallas City Hall Plaza at 1500 Marilla St, Dallas. The event is the city's only closed-road, car-free non-competitive bike ride and benefits the non-profits



The inaugural Dallas Bike Ride will be held Nov. 4 and will take riders through nine iconic Dallas neighborhoods (Photo Credit: Dallas Bike Ride)

BikeTexas and Incarnation House. The course will cross the Trinity River and send riders through nine iconic Dallas neighborhoods. People of all biking abilities are encouraged to participate in this inaugural event. The ride will conclude back at Dallas City Hall with the Methodist Dallas Finish Festival beginning at 9:30 a.m. Online registration and more information on the ride can be found here.

The Veteran's Affairs (VA) North Texas Health Care System is hosting its **28th Annual Community Health Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Dallas VA Medical Center at 4500 S. Lancaster Rd, Dallas.

The VA North Texas Health Care System serves more than 133,000 patients each year and is looking forward to further serve the community through this annual fair.

The event will be held in

the Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where free services such as: blood pressure checks, family dentistry information, and an anti-bullying workshop will be available. For more information contact 214-857-2418.

The Dallas Police Department is hosting their final **Chief on the Beat: Crime Prevention Safety &**

Health Fair of the year on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grauwlyer Recreation Center at 7780 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas. In honor of the holiday season, the event will feature food, prizes, and free turkey giveaway in time for Thanksgiving. Medical services and safety information for attendees of all ages will also be available. More in-

formation can be found by calling 214-671-4045.

Dragonflymind is hosting **Work Hard & Play Harder: Practical Strategies to Sustain Success** on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Brookhaven Country Club at 3333 Golfing Green Dr., Dallas. The event will fea-

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Win tickets to the Cosmic Yogi Festival in Addison

The Cosmic Yogi Festival is an event for experienced and yoga newbies looking to practice their favorite style or try something new. *North Dallas Gazette* winners can grab their mat and enjoy the event with two free tickets to the Nov. 11 event in Addison. Guests can choose from three yoga or meditation classes every hour, a speaker every 35 minutes, fashion shows, a

demonstration stage, music, singing bowls, an array of vendors, food trucks and more.

The Cosmic Yogi Festival is scheduled for Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Addison Conference & Theatre Centre. To win free tickets, visit NDG's Facebook page, join the FB community by liking the page and sharing your favorite style of yoga.

The Cosmic Yogi Festival was co-founded by Erica Mestyaneck and AJ Crowell. After the Addison festival, the movement will hit the road traveling to other cities.

You can find more information at www.cosmicyogimovement.com or www.dallas-yogamagazine.com. Also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @dallas-yogamag.

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Cowboys must finally face six games without Elliott

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports Contributor

(Editor's Note: Elliott has another appeal pending, with a decision expected Wednesday evening. Results of that action were not available as of press time.)

FRISCO –In their ever-growing quest for justice, appeal after appeal after appeal after appeal has led the Dallas Cowboys to finally come to the conclusion that they must start preparing prepare for life without running back Ezekiel Elliott.

At least for the next six games.

Earlier this week in U.S. District Court for the South-



Keith Allison / Wikimedia

ern District of New York, Judge Katherine Polk Failla denied a request by Elliott's lawyers for a preliminary injunction that would allow the second-year player to continue playing this season. Her decision in effect reinstated the six-game suspension given to Elliott by the NFL due to allegations of domes-

tic violence.

Thus, Elliott must sit out the next six games, starting with Sunday's contest at AT&T Stadium in Arlington against the Kansas City Chiefs. The two-year pro also will miss a road game against the Atlanta Falcons, home contests against the Philadelphia Eagles, Los Angeles Chargers and Washington Redskins, and a road game against the New York Giants before returning to play a road game at Oakland on Dec. 17.

In Elliott's absence, the Cowboys will use a running back by committee trio composed of Alfred Morris, Darren McFadden and Rod Smith. But Cowboys fans

shouldn't fret about losing Elliott – at least according to Smith.

"We've got some good backs in our room," Smith said. "We're still confident, our team is confident. We're going to go out there and we'll do what we do."

"Zeke is the head honcho in our room right now, but like I said, it ain't going to be no slowing down. We're going to keep rolling."

Well, that's certainly easier said than done. After all, Elliott is the reigning NFL rushing champion and currently is third in the league in rushing with 690 yards on 164 carries.

Following a slow start the first five games this season,

Elliott has averaged 29.5 carries and 148.5 yards while scoring four touchdowns in the past two contests. It's difficult for anyone to duplicate those numbers, but that's the task the Cowboys (4-3) are faced with as they try to remain within shouting distance of the Eagles (7-1) in the NFC East.

Right guard Zack Martin tried his best to convince his listeners that absolutely nothing changes in the running game now that Elliott is on the outside looking in.

"The system is the system," Martin said. "We're going to be running the same plays, we're going to be running the ball."

"We just got to be able to

execute up front because we know these (backup running backs) can make a ton of plays."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, of course, is perturbed that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell laid down the hammer on Elliott. By Jones' account, Goodell flubbed some alleged domestic violence cases in recent years, including the 2014 case of former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice – and Elliott is paying the price for those missteps.

"This swing of judgment (by Goodell) has been unbelievable from the Ray Rice thing (from) one or two

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Soul Rep Theatre's RE-TALES offers fairy tales and nursery rhymes with an urban, musical flair

Soul Rep Theatre Company's SOUL POWERED 11th season of plays continues with an original production to be enjoyed by the entire family. RE-TALES, written by Soul Rep's Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director, Guinea Bennett-Price, and her husband and company member, Keith Price, will run Nov. 30 – Dec. 3 and Dec 8 – 10 at the South Dallas Cultural Center, where

Soul Rep is the resident theater company.

RE-TALES, Co-Directed by Guinea Bennett-Price and Daylene Carter, is a colorful "re-telling" of classic fairy tales and nursery rhymes with an urban and R&B twist. It includes charming and imaginative stories such as "Little Red Rides the Hood", "Pinochi-Toe", and "Sherry Perry", takes on "Little Red Riding Hood",

"Pinochio," and "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary." This delightful piece was originally produced by the company as "Rep Tales" in 2000 but has since been reworked with new characters and music written by Keith Price and composed by Professor Keyz.

"Soul Rep has always had an affinity for producing

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Alternative Fiction Fest this weekend hosted by Dallas VideoFest 30

Dallas VideoFest 30 presents the final series of films in its fall season: Alternative Fiction Fest, featuring dozens of narrative features, TV-focused special events and shorts, during four days, Nov. 2-5, at Angelika Film Center in Dallas. The narratives that make up the majority of Alt-Fiction Fest explore this moment in time at the intersection between media and how cinema artists can create original work in this new world.

A few of the highlights from the festival include:

Thursday, Nov. 2

DAWSON CITY: FROZEN TIME pieces together the bizarre true history of a collection of some 500 films dating from 1910s - 1920s, which depict a unique history of a Canadian gold rush town. The films, lost for more than 50 years, were discovered buried in a sub-arctic swimming pool deep in the Yukon Territory, in Dawson City, located about 350 miles south of the Arctic Circle. **DAWSON CITY:**



The Beginning and End of Everything is one of the films to be featured at the festival. (Courtesy photo)

FROZEN TIME utilizes these permafrost protected, rare silent films and newsreels, archival footage, interviews and historical photographs to tell the story of how a First Nation hunting camp was transformed and displaced. The story, accompanied by an enigmatic score by Sigur Ros, and collaborator and composer Alex Somers (**CAPTAIN FANTASTIC**), chronicles the life cycle of a singular film collection through its exile, burial, re-discovery and salvation.

Friday, Nov. 3

THE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF EVERY-

THING - Filmmaker is scheduled to be in attendance for Q&A. Angelita returns home from prison in hopes of reuniting with the young child she left behind. Upon discovering the child is nowhere to be found, she goes on a quest to find the baby, her hope and her reason for living

Andy Anderson tribute

To honor the memory of local filmmaker and teacher Andy Anderson who passed away this year, we are showing his film, **DETENTION**.

After some personal trauma, Wilson Walmsley is invited to work as a substitute

teacher in a suburban public high school. He finds lack of authority and interest in the school direction and teacher body; and uncontrolled and abusive students in an environment of disrespect and lack of discipline. Walmsley becomes close to the arts teacher Louise and to the smart and abused student Joey. When he saves Louise from a sexual assault by a student named Davey, he and Louise are sued by Davey's family lawyer; then Davey's girlfriend beats Louise. The upset Walmsley lures, drugs and kidnaps Joey and six troublemakers of his class and brings them to his isolated property in Alpine, Texas. When the seven students wake up, they are naked and locked in cages with electric fences. When Walmsley arrives, he advises them that his class will begin, and any disrespect or lack of discipline will be duly punished. He shoots Joey to make his intentions clear.

And the class begins.

Saturday, Nov. 4

I DREAM IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE (Mexico) - A linguist (Fernando Álvarez Rebeil) travels to an isolated Mexican village to study a nearly dead language, but finds that its only two speakers (Manuel Poncelis and Eligio Melendez) refuse to converse with each other due to an ancient grudge. In time, the researcher works to reunite the duo in the hope of preserving their native tongue, and learns more about the language's mysteries in the process.

Scandal Made Me Famous-Monica Lewinsky

What happens when a face in the crowd becomes a household name for all of the wrong reasons? See the unforgettable stories that thrust everyday people into the spotlight when their scandals reach the public. Each hour-long episode of **Scandal Made Me Famous** unfolds in

the storytelling tradition of the fan favorite original series **Murder Made Me Famous**.

Dramatic recreations of famous scandals are brought to life through archival material and insightful commentary from those connected to the story, but **Scandal Made Me Famous** proves you don't have to kill to become a notorious celebrity—you just have to be a part of a killer scandal.

New episodes include the salacious stories of Monica Lewinsky, Rachel Uchitel, Heidi Fleiss, Jessica Hahn, Mary Kay Letourneau and Jennifer Wilbanks. **Scandal Made Me Famous** is produced by AMS Pictures.

QUEEN SUGAR follows the life of three siblings, one brother and two sisters, who, with one of the sister's teenage son, move to the heart of Louisiana to claim an inheritance from their recently departed father - an 800-acre sugar cane farm.



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Building means business in DISD's upcoming \$1.6B bond program

The Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) wants to open its doors to qualified contractors to bid on and participate in projects related to the district's \$1.6 billion bond program. The program, approved by voters in 2015, is currently in phase two of five phases. Plans call for the renovation of dozens of existing school district

campuses in the form of new roofs, upgrades to science labs, career and technical education spaces, restrooms, and performing arts spaces, among others.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, in conjunction with a consortium of minority contractor associations, the district's Minority and Women Business Enterprise department will

sponsor a contractor networker where construction contractors can meet and talk about the bond program with members of the Dallas ISD Construction Services and M/WBE departments, learn how to qualify and bid on building projects in the program pipeline, and find out about joint venture and other business opportunities.

The networker is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dallas County Schools Training and Technology Center, 5151 Samuell Blvd. The event is free and open to the contractor community, however pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, visit the Dallas ISD Bond website at www.dallasisd.org/bond2015.



Dallas ISD's M/WBE department will sponsor a contractor network event on Thursday, Nov. 9 for to meet and discuss the bond program with the district's Construction Services. (Photo: Dallas ISD)

Women whistleblowers launches a movement to combat fraud

A new community for women exposing corporate and government fraud, Women Whistleblowers, announced its official launch on October 24th. A combination of a website, Facebook group, and other online resources, Women Whistleblowers is geared toward bringing whistleblowers out of the shadows and helping everyone understand the extraordinary impact that women play in reporting fraud in the workplace.

For years, while men have dominated the boardroom,

women have watched from the sidelines. In those positions, they are ironically better placed to observe fraud. Combined with a willingness to take moral risks and lower tolerance for business risk, women have blown open some of the most significant fraud cases in the country, including JP Morgan Chase, WorldCom, and the Enron scandal that toppled the company.

The Women Whistleblowers website, located at womenwhistleblowers.com, features articles, interviews, and

reports about women who have followed their consciences and stepped forward to protect those in weaker positions. The site also features a Facebook page and Twitter feed that provides the latest news on women whistleblowers.

The site focuses on why women make great whistleblowers. One reason is that women risk less by speaking up because they're not part of the good old boys' network. Another reason is that women have a protective instinct to speak up, attributed

to the "motherhood gene."

The group believes that for every high-profile whistleblower, such as Erin Brockovich (PG&E) Sherron Watkins (Enron) and Karen Silkwood (Kerr-McGee), there are many more courageous women ready to speak up. In some industries, like healthcare, banking and government administration, women are kept out of the boardroom and often rele-

gated to bookkeeping duties, placing them in ideal positions to observe and record wrongdoing. Healthcare is the best example, since 80 percent of employees are women. Healthcare whistleblower cases commonly involve hospital systems, doctor's offices, pharmaceutical companies, medical testing facilities, Medicare providers and health insurance companies.

"We hope to start a movement where women who observe wrongdoing can report it, fight back and win," said Jessica Copen, a senior writer and reporter for the site. "With the right law firm behind it, Women Whistleblowers has the potential to change the business landscape significantly and expose the egregious cases of fraud happening in boardrooms all across the country."

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ture entrepreneur Wes Melcher and host Dean Lindsay along with surprise guest appearances for the event's panel. It will provide participants to network with the community's leading entrepreneurs and philanthropists.

Garland

Resurrected Designs will be hosting **The Urban Flea** on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 150 N 6th St, Garland. Organized by a group of self-described "irreverent" artists, this outdoor market will feature vintage and homemade vendors, live music, found objects, rescued and repurposed items, hand crafted wares, and food trucks.

McKinney

Rebuilding Together North Texas is hosting the **7th Annual Homes 4 Heroes Golf Tournament** on Monday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

at Stonebridge Ranch Country Club at 5901 Glen Oaks Drive, McKinney. The event is organized to honor and support America's veterans and first responders. Attendees are encouraged to bring custom signs that display names, branches of service, and logos of individuals they wish to honor. Tickets can be purchased here. For more information on the tournament, contact executivedirector@rebuildingdallas.org.

Plano

Volunteer North Dallas is hosting **Feed the City: Making Meals for the Homeless** on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Gordon Biersch at 7401 Lone Star Dr., Ste. B120, Plano. Attendees are encouraged to bring the whole family and ingredients for the sandwiches that will be made at the event.

The goal for the event is to have enough sandwiches made to feed 5,000-10,000 people.

Richardson

The Meier Clinics Foundation is hosting **A Celebration of Hope for Mental Health** on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Canyon Creek Country Club at 625 West Lookout Drive, Richardson. This silent auction event will help support the Meier Clinics foundation charitable-care services and will provide participants the opportunity to bid on a variety of items during an evening of live music, entertainment, food and beverages, and opportunities to win raffle drawings. Registration for the event is free and can be done here.

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Voters to decide fate of Dallas County Schools transportation services Nov. 7

By Joe Farkus
Dallas Black Press Coalition

The Nov. 7 Constitutional Amendment and Bond Election will give voters the opportunity to save the embattled and often misunderstood Dallas County Schools (DCS). Despite its name, DCS is not a school district; but rather, the organization provides transportation in the form of school buses for more than 450,000 Dallas County students in Dallas ISD, Richardson ISD, Irving ISD, Highland Park ISD, Lancaster ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Cedar Hill ISD, and DeSoto ISD. DCS largely funds its services through a property tax on Dallas County homes.

While the wording of proposition related to DCS – Proposition A – may be difficult to understand for some voters, the meaning is clear: voting FOR Proposition A would save the organization from being totally dissolved. If the proposition fails, the process to end DCS would begin promptly. The process would involve a transitional period guided by a committee created by the school districts that currently utilize the organization's services. As DCS would be allowed to continue operating for the rest of the current school year, each district would come up with their own plans for



Dallas County Schools will have its future decided by voters on Nov. 7
(Photo Credit: Dallas County Schools)

how to handle student transportation for the 2018-19 school year moving forward.

Dallas County Schools is certainly not without its detractors with Republican State Sen. Don Huffines (District 16) and Dallas ISD Trustees Edwin Flores and Dustin Marshall serving as some of the most vocal.

“On the Nov. 7 ballot, voters in Dallas County will have the opportunity to improve the safety and reliability of hundreds of school buses in North Texas while returning some money to their own pockets,” Dallas ISD Trustee Dustin Marshall wrote in an Oct. 12 op-ed. “It’s a win-win situation that voters should seize.”

Reports of the FBI and the Texas Rangers launching investigations into the previous DCS leadership's financial dealings surfaced

this summer. In addition to charges of corruption and financial mismanagement, DCS buses have a well-documented history of reckless road behavior in previous years as well as failing to deliver students to school on time 33 percent of the time.

Supporters of the proposition, however, point to the reshuffle that occurred at the top of the organization in the last year, with DCS acquiring a new president in addition to new trustees. Already, DCS is reporting significant decreases in roadway incidents and traffic citations for buses as well as a 95 percent on-time rate for Dallas County students.

“Unfortunately, proposition A is an all-or-nothing measure,” said Randy Schackmann, who sits on the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Trustee Board.

and Professional Women's Club, Inc., visit southdallasbpwc.org; or the Facebook page: Facebook.com/southdallas1954; and Instagram @southdallas1954.

Gwendolyn H. Daniels is the President of the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

community to join us on April 28, 2018 for our 55th Annual V. Alyce Foster Trailblazer Awards Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

For more information on the South Dallas Business

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good fellowship.”

Club history details show that our “first Trailblazer Awards Luncheon was held March 30, 1964 at the Holiday Inn Central in Dallas.” Trailblazer is now our Club's signature event. We invite the

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“Attempting to fix DCS problems by disbanding them at the expense of we taxpayers and our school districts, is throwing the baby out with the bath water.”

Fellow Trustee Candace Valenzuela told the *North Dallas Gazette* she supports Schackmann's statement, calling for reform of DCS rather than sudden death and pointing to their Chief Financial Officer's prediction it would cost Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD roughly \$2.5 million just to reinstitute transportation services if DCS is abolished on Nov. 7.

When compared to potential private vendor alternatives, DCS saved Dallas County taxpayers more than \$42 million during the 2016-17 school year on student transportation costs according to an October press release. If Proposition A fails, each district would have to find additional

funds to cover the increased costs in transportation through an increase in taxes or a shift in money currently going to student programs. The tax currently levied to support DCS will remain in place, forcing taxpayers to pay it without receiving the benefit of service in return.

In addition, many are concerned about the impact the abolition of the agency would have on the many employees who currently work for DCS.

“Our employees, including the part-time bus drivers and monitors, receive a livable wage, TRS, health insurance, paid sick days, holiday pay, and attendance bonuses,” Dallas County Schools board member Dr. Kyle Renard, who considers the effort to end DCS a “hostile takeover”, told the *North Dallas Gazette*. “Private companies and other school districts do not offer

all of this, and we are very concerned [about what] our employees stand to lose if the vote goes against DCS.”

Dallas ISD intends to reserve comments on the proposal and let voters make up their own minds on whether to save DCS, a spokesperson for the district told the *North Dallas Gazette*. If Dallas County residents vote against the proposition, the district has already developed a contingency plan for finding alternative means of transporting students. What exactly that contingency plan entails remains unclear.

It is that level of uncertainty – combined with concerns regarding the possible privatization of the county's school transportation services – that has so many fighting to save this agency on Nov. 7.

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Nov. 7

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Nov. 20

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Dec. 7

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Dec. 13

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Plan to attend and meet face-to-face with several of the Dallas area's finest employers. All of the companies at our job fairs have open positions they are seeking to fill. Remember, the best way to be considered for a position is to meet the hiring managers in person. Plan to attend this event! Positions in the following areas are typically available: Sales, Customer Service, Call Center, Management, General Business, Marketing, etc. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at Dallas DFW Airport South at 4650 West Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062.



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First, there is the gestation period. This is the development stage of our lives. It may involve years of normal work experiences.

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during this time, or you may be following after worldly success as a non-Christian.

Paul spent years in religious and political training, persecuting believers most of his early life. Moses spent years in the court of Pharaoh and 40 years tending flocks in the desert.

Jesus spent 30 years living at home and working in His father's carpentry business. However, all these years were part of their preparation.

Next is the crisis stage. Sooner or later, God calls you into relationship with Him. For many, like Paul, it comes through dramatic encounters like being knocked off a horse, blinded and spoken to personally by God.

Some people are more difficult than others to reach

and so require this level of crisis. This is a time when God requires major changes so that you follow Him fully.

It can be a time in which God harnesses years of experience for a new life purpose.

Paul's earthly experiences would be used in his calling to the religious and political leaders of his day.

For Moses, the burning bush experience would begin his journey in which he would discover his ultimate calling after years of preparation.

For Peter, it was his de-

nial of Jesus three times that allowed him to face his shallow commitment to Christ.

For Jesus, it was the garden of Gethsemane. These were the benchmark turning points for men who made an impact on their world.

Last is the fruit-bearing stage. In it, God's power is manifested in your life like never before.

God takes all your experiences and uses them to build His Kingdom in and through your life.

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For Abraham, it resulted in becoming the father of many nations. For Paul, it resulted in bringing the gospel to the Gentiles.

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ers of men like the world has never known.

Ask God if there are any areas of your life that has not come under the lordship of Jesus Christ or there is any lack of obedience that will prevent you from being used fully by Him?

Ask God to search you, and show you your heart; to try you, and know your anxieties; and see if there are any wicked way in you.

Ask Him to lead you in the way everlasting (based on Psalm 139:23-34). And, don't forget to praise Him and lift Him up, Because He is God Almighty.

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original work for children and their families," explains Guinea Bennett-Price. "It's important that children of color experience theater that reflects their culture and gives them a reflection of themselves." In fact, as a beneficiary of Communities Foundation of Texas' first Racial Equity grants, hundreds of students in South Dallas will have the opportunity to see RE-TALES and engage with the directors, cast, and company members.

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Ms. Kelsey Jones, and Ms. Frances Cruz, City of Carrollton Councilwoman at the Spoken Word Festival in Downtown Carrollton on 10-20-2017.

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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NDG Book Review - Her Right Foot is a goofy, fun narrative

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Ever since you were a few months old, you've been walking everywhere.

Now, think about all the places you've been and the steps you've taken. Imagine where your feet have walked, one in front of the other, over and over. That's what happens when you want to go somewhere, and in the new book, "Her Right Foot" by Dave Eggers, art by Shawn Harris, there's only one thing to do now...

For most people, the Statue of Liberty is one of the most recognizable things



America has to offer - but you might be surprised to know that the Lady is really from France. Yep, she was designed by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, from an idea that Edouard de Laboulaye imagined, as a gift to America.

Bartholdi first made a series of smaller statues until he was sure he'd gotten

everything right. Then he made the Statue - all 305 feet of her - and covered her with copper. Yes, by the way, copper is brown but it turns green over time, through oxidation. That, in case you're wondering, is why the Statue of Liberty looks a little greenish. She's been that way for nearly a century.

Because of her size, the Statue was originally made "in many parts." Then she was put together and stood in France for about a year before being taken apart again and sent to America, by ship, inside 214 crates.

Nearly a year-and-a-half later, she stood tall and proud and since 1885, she's held many secrets.

The book she carries says "July 4, 1776." The crown on her head has seven spikes for seven seas and seven continents. Thomas Edison - the inventor of the record player - once suggested that his invention be installed in Liberty's head, so that she might speak but that idea was scrapped. Aren't you glad?

You probably know what the Statue of Liberty looks like; you've seen pictures of her, but have you ever seen

pictures of her feet? To be exact, her right foot? If you did, you'd know that it's raised, as though she's taking a step. Yes, the Statue - the Lady who's welcomed "millions of visitors and immigrants to the USA" - is "on the move!"

But why...?

Though it may seem otherwise, "Her Right Foot" is not a picture book for toddlers.

The littlest kids, in fact, probably won't understand the goofy humor inside author Dave Eggers' narrative - and that humor is half the appeal of this book. Very

young children won't care much about the astounding facts Egger includes, either, and they absolutely won't grasp the ending of this book or its meaning or its place in today's current events. Small children may enjoy looking at the artwork by Shawn Harris but even so, this isn't a story for them.

No, this book is meant for elementary school kids, but older children and adults will appreciate it just as much. The sentiment that's left when you close the covers is one you can't miss, so go find "Her Right Foot" - step on it!

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games all the way up to a six-game suspension when you've truly got a debate," Jones said on 105.3 The Fan. "Even this judge said it shows that very reasonable people could possibly come down on both sides of this.

"Well, under our legal system it has to be stronger than that for someone to have done it. Now, we all know we were not there to see it, but I do have every point of contention on both sides and in our system in this country, Zeke would not have any issue here as to his workplace. I'm sure (Goodell would) like to take back his initially Ray Rice stance and a few others, and he's in the

process of having trying to correct that, and in doing so Zeke is a victim of an over-correction."

Elliott's absence puts more pressure on quarterback Dak Prescott to run the offense in precision-like fashion. It also puts more pressure on the defense to continue with a trend that has seen them force six turnovers during the past two games.

As far as that running back by committee goes, they will be severely tested. But at least two of them have already enjoyed some success on the NFL level.

Morris rushed for 1,613 yards in 2012, 1,275 yards in '13 and 1,074 yards in '14 -

all with the Redskins. The six-year veteran has rushed for mere 105 yards on 13 carries this year as Elliott's primary backup.

McFadden has a pair of 1,000-yard rushing seasons on his resume, including one with the Cowboys. The 10-year veteran rushed for 1,157 yards with Oakland in '10 and 1,089 yards with the Cowboys in '15 but hasn't been activated for any of the Cowboys' seven games this season.

Smith, meanwhile, has just 12 rushes for 74 yards in his brief three-year career, including 10 carries for 69 yards this season. Still, he maintains that, sans Elliott for the next six games, the Cowboys aren't concerned about missing the playoffs.

his Enlisted Warfare Specialist pin.

"It shows that I put in the time and effort to learn not just my job but to get a better understanding of all aspects of what it takes to operate the ship. It makes me a more well-rounded Sailor and a better asset," he added.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Sarmiento and other Spruance sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"It gives me the chance to serve my country while also allowing me to provide a better life for my son," said Sarmiento.

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served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.

At Midway, Spruance scored the first major victory for the United States over Japan; generally considered to be the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

"USS Spruance is responsible for 22 mission areas, with 350 people onboard each Sailor actively supports multiple missions, said Cmdr. Joshua Menzel, commanding officer of Spruance. "As a member of the Pacific Fleet, the crew of USS SPRUANCE patrol the same waters and trains to perform the same missions as the Sailors Admiral Spru-

ance commanded during WWII."

Sarmiento has military ties with family members who have previously served and is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My grandfather served in the Air Force as a mechanic," he said. "My uncle served in the Army as an infantryman and my cousin currently serves in the Army as a Captain and was deployed to Afghanistan during Operation Iraqi Freedom. It has a sense of pride knowing my family answers the call to serve."

Sarmiento's proudest accomplishment was receiving

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