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# Election forum flare-up results in official complaint against Dallas judge

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Defense attorney Alison Grinter is one of numerous challengers seeking to unseat an incumbent judge in the upcoming local races. Vying for the seat in Criminal District Court 6, Grinter addressed the audience gathered at Monday Night Politics (MNP), presented by the *Dallas Examiner* and held each week in the African American Museum in Fair Park, and said it was time for a change.

“You want somebody who is going to apply the law, and know the law, and use compassion and respect for all people,” Grinter said in her closing remarks. “That’s why I’m running for CDC6.”

It only took a few minutes for the “compassion and respect” side of that equation to come into question with her opponent. When incumbent Judge Jeanine Howard stepped up to the microphone to make her closing remarks, her eyes affixed on a member of the audience and she asked the person in the audience to confirm her identity, by name.

The audience member did not appreciate it. After a short burst of angry words, Howard was allowed



(Left to right) Mark Watson, Heath Harris and Chika Anyiam faced off in a forum for Criminal District Court 7 during Monday Night Politics on Feb. 5, moderated by Mercedes Fulbright (at right). The race saw a heated exchange between Anyiam and Harris, but nothing approaching the first forum in Criminal District Court 6. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

to once again attempt to give her final remarks. Taking the microphone, Howard began by telling the audience, “her boyfriend was sent to prison for assaulting her numerous times.”

After MNP moderator Mercedes Fulbright instructed her not to talk about the case, Howard was once again allowed to try to finish her closing remarks, this time limited to 30 seconds. Howard was reduced to listing her endorsements, and finished by saying, “I may have the

courage, I said earlier, to make tough decisions and when you have to do that, you don’t please everybody.”

Keisha Nixon identified herself to Dallas media on Tuesday, saying she has filed a complaint against Howard with the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct. Nixon called it inappropriate for a judge to call out a victim of domestic abuse publicly, and is calling for Howard to resign.

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## Phill Wilson

By Freddie Allen  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

As part of a new strategic plan to prepare for the next generation of Black HIV/AIDS response, the Black AIDS Institute announced several organizational changes, including the retirement of long-time president and CEO, Phill Wilson.

Wilson launched the Black AIDS Institute in 1999 with a clear mantra (“Our People, Our Problem, Our Solution”) and mission, “to stop the AIDS pandemic in Black communities by engaging and mobilizing



Black leaders, institutions and individuals in efforts to confront HIV from a uniquely and unapologetically Black point of view.

“In order for a movement to endure, there must be a plan for the future,” said

Wilson, in a statement. “Stepping down as the President and CEO of the Institute, where I have had the privilege of serving for the last 19 years, is bittersweet for me. I have been involved in this fight for almost my entire adult life.”

The statement continued: “In 1983, when I started doing this work, none of us could have imagined this mysterious new disease, first identified at U.C.L.A. Medical Center, would become the defining health issue of our generation. We are at a turning point. Are we going to build on the remarkable advances we have made over the last decade and continue to push

forward and finally end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic or are we going to go back to the dark days of despair and death?”

In the statement Wilson said that the Institute is committed to doing everything in its power to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, especially in Black communities.

“The time is right. The organization has the infrastructure and capacity to do the changes set forth by the Board to prepare for a new generation of capacity building, advocacy, mobilization and service delivery,” said Wilson. “I am very proud of the work we have done over the last 19 years and of the organiza-

tion’s commitment to new leadership. That commitment is more important now than ever before.”

Pursuing new executive leadership is a part of a larger effort on the part of the Institute to prepare for the next generation of HIV/AIDS response in Black communities.

### Ahead of the Curve

From the African American HIV University (AAHU) and Black Treatment Advocates Network, to the ground-breaking State of AIDS in Black America reports and acknowledgements of Black excellence at the annual Heroes in The Struggle Awards Gala, the Institute has been relentless

in its focus on Black communities.

The organization enlisted Traditional Black Institutions, such as the NAACP, Black fraternities and sororities, Black journalists in mainstream media and Black-owned publications, and others, to commit to raising awareness, fighting stigma, increasing HIV/AIDS literacy and mobilizing Black people. It launched the Black Hollywood Task Force on HIV, currently co-chaired by Jussie Smollett, star of the FOX musical drama “Empire,” and veteran actress and humanitarian Vanessa

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## Vivian Green

Celebrating 50 years, The Warren Center – a nonprofit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities – presents its annual Art of Music Gala at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the South Side Ballroom, 1135 S. Lamar St., Dallas, TX 75215. The evening is a festive night packed with musical performances, stunning visuals, food and drink, and topped with headliner, rhythm and blues superstar



Vivian Green.

Vivian Green is a critically acclaimed R&B singer from Philadelphia. A musical prodigy, Green began her career in music at the

age of five. By the age of 17, she had recorded with music group Boyz II Men and received her first professional songwriting credit on the song “Dear God.” Green went on to work with artists such as Jill Scott and Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Eric Roberson.

She made her film debut in the Oscar-nominated biopic “De Lovely,” portraying a jazz singer performing the classic “Love for Sale.” She appeared in the TV series “American Dreams” as Brenda Holloway, singing “Every Little

Bit Hurts.” Green wrote the songs for playwright/filmmaker David. E. Talbert’s stage play “Love in the Nick of Thyme.” She is featured on Cyndi Lauper’s album “The Body Acoustic” and the late Guru’s “Jazzmatazz Vol. 4.” She was featured on “Soundtrack to a Revolution,” a compilation of spiritual songs featuring artists like Anthony Hamilton, John Legend, The Roots and Mary Mary. Most recently she collaborated with jazz pianist Brian Culbertson for his album “Dreams” and produced the top-10 adult contemporary hit “Still

Here.”

Children with disabilities are near and dear to Green. In 2004, Green gave birth to her son Jordan, who was born with an undiagnosed syndrome. As he grew older, he had to undergo multiple surgeries, which led her to take a hiatus from releasing albums and focus her time and attention to the care of her child. Her strength and resilience pushed her to continue making music through this difficult time.

“Being Jordan’s mom is my life, and I wouldn’t have it any other way,” said Green.

Today Green is an advocate for children with special needs and has created her own PSA campaign, which accompanied the release of her fifth album, “Vivid.” The vision behind her #IamDifferentIamHuman campaign is to fight for the rights of special needs children nationwide, an issue that has personally touched her life.

Called “the most talented Dallas gala,” four musical artists have been selected to compose an original work inspired by “Wonderland.”

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## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Community Water Fluoridation? Yes, and Here’s Why

Some still mistakenly cling to the disproved belief that fluoride helps CHILDREN’S teeth as they form. That hypothesis was thoroughly disproved a quarter-century ago.

It is important to ask — exactly why should an ADULT be sentenced to take this poisonous chemical, fluoride, in every glass of water every day of life?

Fluoridation results in slow poisoning over a lifetime which causes premature aging, thyroid damage, dental fluorosis, lowered IQ, ADHD, brittle bones

(broken hips & arthritis), kidney damage, cancer and other health dangers.

Read this excellent book, “The Case Against Fluoride” authored by three scientists, one an M.D. It contains over 1200 scientific references, over 80 pages.

The whole world is aware of the fluoridation scheme. While 74% of the U.S. is forced to drink fluoridated water, only 5% of the world and only 3% of Europe fluoridate their water. China and Japan have rejected it many years ago.

-- jwillie6

This writer is grossly

misinformed. In all due respect, her job description includes protecting and promoting fluoridation. Politics, not science, rules fluoridation. The independent, impartial and respected UK Cochrane group of researchers reported, after reviewing all available fluoridation studies, that they could not find any quality evidence to prove fluoridation changes the “existing differences in tooth decay across socioeconomic groups.” Neither could they find valid evidence that fluoride reduces adults’ cavity rates nor that fluoridation cessation increases tooth decay

Fluoridation may reduce cavities in children (2 primary teeth or 1 permanent tooth over their lifetimes). But Cochrane cautions these studies have “high risk of bias” and were mostly done before preventive measures were widespread, e.g. fluoridated toothpaste and sealants.

-- nyscof

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# 2018: Year of the Black Woman

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(NNPA) There is a reckoning afoot in this country. On one side, Trump has emboldened and embodied a virulent and reckless hate that targets women, Black people, and immigrants (among many others). Each day brings a new outrage. On the other side, #MeToo has followed #BlackLivesMatter as a hashtag-turned-movement, led by courageous truth-tellers who are sick and tired of a violent and largely ignored status quo. The conversation about race and gender in this country has broken open, and now we must all contend with the truth of who we are as a nation.

While this may feel like scary and unfamiliar territory to some, in reality, the U.S. is just catching up to an understanding and analysis that Black women in this country have had for a long time. Black women have never had the luxury of ignorance—not to police violence, not to the rampant sexual harassment and assault that women experience at home, school, and work. In 2018, we should look to the work of Black women to see the path forward for a troubled and divided nation. In a way, Black women scholars and organizers have left breadcrumbs for us to follow to liberation, if we'll only pay attention.

In 1989, legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw coined the term "intersectionality"

in her paper for the University of Chicago Legal Forum to explain how Black women's oppression on the basis of gender combined with oppression on the basis of race to create something altogether new, an experience of discrimination did not match what either white women or Black men experience. This concept would lay the groundwork for social justice organizing that now spans the globe, and provided a vocabulary for something Black women experience on a daily basis. While intersectionality risks dilution as an increasingly popular buzzword, the analysis it provides is a crucial tool to cut through the noise and understand the Trump administration's policies and their impact on different communities.

Take for instance the recent Jane Doe case, and similar cases, of the Trump administration blocking young immigrant women from getting reproductive healthcare. The mistreatment of the "Janets" (as they've come to be called) at the hands of the Trump administration targets them both as women and as immigrants, and the two identities cannot be pulled apart. "Intersectionality" provides an analysis that explains why their treatment is so much more extreme, and its impact so severe.

Just five years after Crenshaw's groundbreaking work, the reproductive justice movement was founded by Black women who, like Crenshaw, saw that their

perspectives and experiences were being, once again, left out of the equation. Reproductive justice brought intersectionality and a global human rights framework together with a nuanced understanding of U.S. policies of reproductive coercion. The founding mothers of reproductive justice rejected White feminism's focus on the birth control and the legality of abortion as too narrow, and described a vision for a world, where we can all prevent pregnancy if we want to, end a pregnancy if we need to, and have and raise children in healthy environments and without fear of violence.

Reproductive justice broadened the lens of abortion rights to include low-income women and women of color "and" broadened the entire conversation to recognize the ways in which U.S. policies denied motherhood to some women even while forcing it on others against their will.

This framework is crucial to connect the dots among Trump's reproductive policies. Trump wants to make birth control unaffordable, push abortion out of reach, and punish women for having children. What seems inconsistent on the surface is, in fact, all part of one agenda to coerce and control a woman's decisions about pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting.

When Trump was first elected, Black women were the least surprised. We saw Trump coming from a mile

away and we already knew how deep this country's anti-woman and anti-Black sentiment ran. Now, more than a year later, the work of Black women will help us understand and combat Trump's agenda, with Black women leading the fight.

Let 2018 be the year of the Black woman.

Let 2018 be the year Black women's brilliance, leadership, and analysis are heeded at last. Let 2018 mark the beginning of a new era of listening to, respecting, and trusting Black women. Just stop for a moment and imagine what might happen, if we actually made those words a reality.

The day after the Alabama Senate race, the hashtag #TrustBlackWomen was all over social media. And yes, we should trust Black women voters, because they've kept us from the brink many times. But Black women's wisdom and contributions have so much more to teach us all—and we're going to need to understand that if we hope to keep Trump from dragging us backward.

Like many other Black women across the country, I was standing up in my living room cheering and clapping my hands as I watched Oprah deliver her passionate speech at the Golden Globes. The next day the media went wild with hopes for and critiques of a theoretical run for president—but they missed the point. While the thought of it made me smile, what I saw was an invitation.

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Beth Stewart is the Executive Director of Texas Oral Health Coalition, Inc.

-- Joe

**Sister Tarpley: Let us not forget, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. (Part Two)**

Thank you again Sister Tarpley.

I did not know some as-

pects of MLK's history.

And King's classic quote holds so true...

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — Martin Luther King Jr.

--TomT

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# Winter Olympics events highlight the importance of balance and flexibility, says Dallas physical therapist

As millions marvel at the world's top competitors performing athletic feats on cold, wet and slippery surfaces during this month's 2018 Winter Olympics, Dallas physical therapist Alan Thompson sees an ideal educational opportunity for local athletes and fitness-minded people.

While we watch Alpine skiers speed through difficult downhill courses and figure skaters bound balletically across the ice, Thompson sees performances that vividly highlight the importance of two oft-overlooked elements of good fitness and training routines: of balance and flexibility.

"When we work to prepare our bodies for a certain activity, or simply for the rigors of living an active lifestyle, we shouldn't only be focusing on strength and cardio fitness," said Thompson, clinic manager of Southwest Sports & Spine, part of Vista Rehab Partners, a network of 17 physical therapy clinics in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro-



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plex. "It's a good start, but if your balance and flexibility are below par, performance will be limited and the body will be more susceptible to injury."

Few things highlight this more than winter sports and activities, such as those featured during the Winter Olympics.

"Winter sports provide the

ultimate challenge to balance and flexibility," said Thompson. "Both balance and flexibility work together to keep these athletes upright while they adapt to new terrain, changes in position, etc. The importance of this is obvious on snow and ice, of course, but the same concept applies in everyday life."

Whether your personal

goals include competing better athletically, getting outdoors more for hiking, cycling or (yes) skiing, or simply feeling safer and more confident playing in the backyard with the kids, good balance and flexibility are key, Thompson added.

To help improve balance and flexibility in your life, Thompson offers some simple recommendations:

**Take an Exercise Class:** Yoga, Pilates, step classes ... they all strive to strengthen your core muscle groups, which are essential in achieving good balance. Plus, these classes often complement indoor cardio and resistance training – training that may do little to help with your balance.

**Stretch Every Day:** Take 10 to 15 minutes each day to stretch, either in the morning or just before bed. A stretch right before an activity will do little to help you out unless you've worked to establish a higher level of flexibility over the long term.

**Perform Single-Leg Bal-**

**ance Exercises:** Get your body accustomed to relying on one side at a time.

Practice standing on one leg while tilting your body

forward, back and sideways. Place your hand on a wall, countertop or piece of furniture if you need help balancing.

## Get a flu shot, now. There is still time, says AMAC

WASHINGTON - Senior citizen advocate Dan Weber has issued a call for the elderly, in particular, to get a flu shot if they haven't done so already. He says it is not too late. The flu season began earlier than usual this year and is expected to last for months.

"There's still time and, as the saying goes, better late than never. It could save lives. Seniors, especially those 65 years of age or older, are at greater risk of complications from influenza because their immune systems grow weaker with age," according to Weber, who is president of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

A worldwide flu pandemic occurred in 1918-1919, leaving between 50 and 100 million people dead- three percent of the world's population at the time, historian Dan Jones noted in a recent article.

There was no vaccine at that time.

No one can predict how long the flu season will last this time around. But, we have vaccines to help sig-

nificantly reduce the number of people who can become infected with the influenza virus. In fact, even if you get the flu after being vaccinated, the shot will

significantly reduce its symptoms among those who had recently received influenza vaccine as com-

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# Federal HBCU Student Symposium presented online Feb. 28

In observance of Black History Month, The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has partnered with Blacks In Government to present the Federal HBCU Student Symposium. The Symposium will take place Feb. 27 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to offer training for students attending HBCU colleges and

universities that are interested in learning about the Federal application process and opportunities available for students and recent graduates. Areas of focus will include:

Pathways Programs – Recruiting and Hiring Students and Recent Graduates into Federal Careers

This presentation introduces the audience to the Pathways Programs (Intern-

ships, Recent Graduates and Presidential Management Fellows (PMF)). Information presented covers what each program offers to the job seeker, the basic requirements and employment potential after each program is complete.

### Federal Résumé Writing

This workshop is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of how

to write an effective Federal resume and give a quick overview of the resume builder on USAJOBS. This workshop will also cover the interview process in the Federal Government. It explains the types of interviews (structured/unstructured), different delivery methods, types of common questions, responding utilizing the S.T.A.R. (Situation/Task, Action, Result)

method and how to prepare for an interview. This session will include a demonstration of how to formulate a Federal résumé using the information in a Job Opportunity Announcement.

### Interviewing Techniques

This presentation introduces the audience to the interview process within the Federal government. It explains the types of interviews

(structured/unstructured), different delivery methods, types of common questions, responding utilizing the S.T.A.R. (Situation/Task, Action, Result) method and how to also prepare for an interview.

Students are invited to use the following link to access this event: <https://opm.adobe-connect.com/pathwaysprogramshbcu>.

# Dallas ISD Botello Elementary celebrates World Read Aloud Day

Former NFL football player Langston Moore joked with students at Felix G. Botello Elementary School that the league's initials stand for "Not For Long."

Moore played for 10 years in the NFL, for the Cincinnati Bengals, Arizona Cardinals and Detroit Lions. The point he aimed to make was that athletes must have a career plan for after their relatively short professional sports careers end. He said one way to do that is to read as many books as possible, which boosts speaking and writing skills – tools that can



Courtesy photo

lead to many ways to succeed.

"The more books you read, the more opportunities for you to get stronger," Moore said. "The brain is

probably the most important muscle in your body."

Moore read his book, #JustaChicken, to the students to celebrate World Read Aloud Day and en-

courage them to read more often. He said a way to boost reading time is to pick up a book for the same amount of

time a student plays a video game or watches TV.

Shaun Smith, whose eight-year NFL career in-

cluded stints at the Arizona Cardinals, New Orleans

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## The Original Pancake House DFW initiates recycling for the Future Cell Phone Collection Program

The Original Pancake House DFW (OPH-DFW) is committed to providing future generations a better, cleaner environment. In working to achieve this goal, they have launched a program, Recycling for the Future, to collect old cell phones. In addition to working to decrease the environmental impact, OPH-DFW will use the proceeds from the

recycling to help support local homeless shelters.

OPH-DFW is encouraging community members to participate in the Recycling for the Future program by offering participants up to three \$10 gift certificates. Guests may visit any of OPH-DFW's eight locations within the DFW Metroplex to exchange their old cell phones for OPH-DFW gift certificates.

"At OPH-DFW we recognize our responsibility to leave our children and grandchildren an environment in which they can thrive. The Recycling for the Future program provides a win-win opportunity as we are able to use the proceeds to assist those that need a helping hand in our local community," stated Jonathan Seyoum Co-Owner of OPH-DFW.

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pared to those who had not, says American Society for Microbiology. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Dr. Andrea Chisholm is an OB/GYN at the Cambridge Health Alliance and a Clinical Instructor of Ob-

stetrics and Gynecology at Harvard Medical School. She says that the risks associated with the flu far outweigh the risks of not getting vaccinated, even among pregnant women.

Dr. Chisholm says "getting vaccinated against the flu during pregnancy has benefits for your baby as

well. Newborns, like pregnant women, are more likely to get seriously ill or even die if they get the flu.

Your baby can't get a flu shot until 6 months of age. However, if you get the flu vaccine during pregnancy you will pass antibodies to your baby that will protect him or her from the flu in the first few months of life."

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# State Senator Royce West to be honored at Paul Quinn College

Texas State Senator Royce West will be honored with the James C. Belt Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award by the United Methodist Men of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church at the organization's 2018 Honors Brunch. The presentation event is set for 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd., Dallas.



Chair of the selection committee, Terry Robinson, said Senator West's accom-

plishments exemplify the same spirit of leadership, civil rights and social activism demonstrated by the late attorney James C. Belt Jr. for whom the award is named. Belt was a well-known attorney and activist who served St. Luke UMC and represented a variety of civil rights causes for several decades.

Robinson said, "The Belt

award is presented annually to an individual with a record of outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of their community and the state." The first recipient of the award was Ron Kirk, Dallas' first African-American mayor and U.S. trade ambassador. Robinson said the goal of the recognition "is to shine a light on deserving in-

dividuals who have given of their time serving all people and ensuring that justice prevails for all."

Senator West has represented Texas' 23rd Senatorial District in the state legislature since 1992, and has served as an outspoken advocate for public education, funding for at-risk youth programs, and enhanced standards for child care.

During his 25-year tenure, he has received numerous awards and recognitions for his effectiveness as a legislator, including being named to the Texas Monthly list of "Ten Best Legislators in Texas."

A portion of the proceeds from the recognition event will be donated to the James C. Belt Jr. Scholarship Fund at Paul Quinn College.

## Political candidates to take the stage Feb. 13 in public forum

Candidates for elected positions serving Dallas City, County and U.S. Congressional Districts 24 and 32 will take the stage in a moderated forum on Tuesday, Feb 13 at

6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, 11881 Schroeder

Road, Dallas, Texas 75243. The non-partisan forum is free and open to the public. The event is hosted by two chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Dallas Alumnae and North Dallas Suburban Alumnae – as part of the organization's mission of service to the com-

munity.

The Forum is designed to give voters an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of candidates running for offices in the 24th Congressional District which serves the suburbs and metropolitan areas between Dallas and Fort Worth and Con-

gressional District 32. District 32 includes north Dallas and the suburban communities of Garland, Richardson, Rowlett and Wylie in District 32. Voter information and registration will also be available.

"We are very excited at being able to join forces

with our sister chapter to present the candidates who serve Dallas and the surrounding communities," said Leslie A. Swann, Dallas Alumnae chapter president.

"Meeting the candidates and understanding their positions on issues is an important part of the voting

process," said Pamela D. Pujo, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae chapter president.

Invited candidates include Dallas District Attorney Candidates, U.S. Congressional Candidates and Dallas Judicial Candidates from all parties.

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This is not the first incident Howard has faced for remarks made about the victim of a crime. In 2015, the commission reprimanded Howard for comments she made in an interview when she said a 14-year-old female sexual assault victim "wasn't the victim she claimed to be."

That was the first of five races highlighted at MNP on Feb. 5. It also continued a series of hard-fought judge's races that have raised tension heading into the judicial elections.

The second race of the night featured three candidates for Criminal District Court 7, in which Chika Anyiam, Heath Harris and Mark Watson are running for an open judge's seat.

Anyiam took the offensive in the second segment, directing her criticisms toward Harris. Anyiam first criticized Harris for continually resetting a case and having a client waiting three years for trial. She then challenged his legal integrity.

"I do question the judgment of someone who would dismiss a case when an investigator in the District Attorney's office took a

bribe and influenced a prosecutor to dismiss ... someone who was charged with a sexual case, dismissed it after they were bribed and influenced," Anyiam said.

Harris responded that he held his defendant up in order to gain more favorable court conditions for his client and avoiding a life-long listing as a registered sex offender. "That's called being a good defense attorney," he said.

In regards to the other charge, Harris responded to it in his closing remarks.

"OK listen, on this bribery stuff, the case was dismissed on its merits," Harris said. "If you look, no one's ever said anything that the case wasn't supposed to be dismissed. The man had been no-billed before. It was brought to my attention, so I dismissed it, and it wasn't by the investigator. The bottom line is that anyone who being held against their will on a case that should be dismissed, I'm going to urge those prosecutors to move that case along as quickly as possible."

Watson was spared most of the barbs in the exchange, and recalled a case of "cultural misidentifica-

tion" he encountered in his early days as an attorney. On a "Hail Mary" move before the trial, he had the witness look at the defendant before the case started and upon a closer look, the witness retracted her earlier identification. He said he was looking forward to bringing this to the attention of the 80 people in the court from North Dallas when the trial started, but it didn't happen.

"Do you know what the judge did? He sent them home," Watson said. "He didn't want those 80 North Dallas white people to know that it was truthful. 'Cause he didn't want that story to get out in North Dallas. He told them the case got settled. And I've been doing that for 25 years."

The race in Family District Court 302 features two candidates, Thelma Clardy and Sandra Jackson, running for an open seat. Both come to the table with many years of legal experience. Jackson also has experience working for the federal government, and Clardy has additional experience on the DeSoto City Council, including as Mayor Pro Tem.

Clardy said she is looking for an expansion of the pro

bono attorney program, and wants to be able to hold night court on a regular basis, though she admitted how regular that might be could be determined by factors outside her control.

She drew a much-needed chuckle from the audience when closing with, "I'm Thelma Clardy, the hardy one and I won't be tardy."

Jackson said care needs to be taken to insure there are enough lawyers to adequately handle the case load, and said she would be seeking to increase attorneys' rates to insure proper representation.

"I believe that families in crisis need compassionate justice," Jackson said. "And that passion leads to purpose. There is a purpose that goes on inside of law. Families are fundamental to our society ... We need to keep our families together as much as possible."

The race for Family District Court 304 features incumbent Judge Andrea Martin being challenged by attorney LaDeitra Adkins.

Adkins challenged Martin on the way she runs her court, bringing forward large photographs showing a mattress on an office floor used by a court reporter, and a photo of Martin's son be-

hind her at the bench during a hearing. She also claimed Martin had been criticized by others for not having good attendance in court.

Martin flatly rejected that she had been absent, challenging anyone to check the records. She said she is happy to bring her son to work, and countered that Adkins had brought her child to work as well. As far as the mattress on the floor, she remarked, "I have pictures of her sleeping on it if you really want to see them."

The final race featured for the night was Dallas County Court at Law 2, where Melissa Bellan and Dorothea Ocker are vying for the Democratic nomination. Both candidates have backgrounds which exemplify hard work, Ocker having started her own practice on a laptop after leaving the Department of Justice after the Obama administration's term. Bellan worked her way through school from a working class family where her father dealt with layoffs at every recession.

Both are also enthusiastic Democrats, Ocker having been a part of the effort to turn Dallas Blue in 2006, and Bellan having been a Democratic Volunteer of the

Year.

"Of all of the endorsements that have been done so far, I have received all but one of them," Bellan said, naming a few. "And that is because of the work I have been doing since 2006 when we flipped the county. I have been knocking on the door for the folks who ended up being judges when we flipped this county, and I want to do that again for you."

"I've been a Democrat my entire life, which where I'm from is probably the most controversial stance I've ever taken," Ocker said. "I was a precinct chair up there in Carrollton where we flipped our precinct Blue. I ran last time, 2016, against Matt Rinaldi (in a race for Texas House District 115). I increased the Democratic share of the vote from 39 percent to 49 percent ... So I do have the commitment to the Democratic party and I do have the commitment to justice because it's what I decided to do ever since I graduated law school."

MNP will continue on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Early voting begins on Feb. 20, with the Primary election day on March 6.



# Irving accepting applications for 2018 event vendors

The application for vendors to sell food, crafts and other items at Irving's 2018 citywide special events is now available online. Vendor spaces are available at several events throughout the year, including Canal Fest, Taste of Irving and Irving Main Street Event. Vendors are classified into one of the four groups listed below, and event availability differs for each vendor category. Vendor applications will be reviewed weekly, and approved vendors will be notified via email. Full payment is due within 10 business days of approval notification.

## Vendor Categories

### Artisan Vendor

Vendor must create the products to be exhibited or sold (at least 75 percent original products).

This includes handmade



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or custom art, jewelry, clothing, accessories, furniture, decor, toys or similar items.

### Community Vendor

Information, resale and local businesses.

This includes independent consultants/direct sales, nonprofit organizations, locally owned Irving-based businesses, and the sale of manufactured products and prepackaged food/beverage items.

### Commercial Vendor

Chain retailers, regional/national corporations,

and businesses based outside of Irving.

This includes electricity/internet/phone service providers, health care institutions, memberships/rewards clubs, travel agents and other retail or service providers.

### Food Vendor

Any vendor serving open food or beverage requiring a permit under Irving Inspections or Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission rules.

This includes any alco-

hol, edible substances, ice, beverages or open ingredients.

This does not include prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods, such as unopened cans or bottles of nonalcoholic beverage, individual bags of chips/cookies, etc. Such items generally fall under "Community Vendor."

Food vendor spaces at several events are already full; the vendor application will identify which events

have available spaces and which are accepting applications for the Wait List only.

All interested vendors must submit a completed application. A brief overview of each event is available for download here; detailed information about each event is available online at [www.IrvingEvents.org](http://www.IrvingEvents.org). Use the link below to complete the 2018 Vendor Application.

## Carrollton reports sustainable economic growth in 2017

Carrollton's economy grew by more than 3 percent in 2017, as the City's strategic location, transportation links, quality of life, access to a quality workforce, low crime rate, and low tax rate continues to make it a competitive location for corporate business investment.

Expansion in all sectors of the economy grew steadily, with Carrollton's large industrial base generating more tax revenues, thus enabling Carrollton to sustain its high quality city services at a low cost.

"Our elected officials continue to invest in our parks, first responders, infrastructure, industrial and office parks, and neighborhoods to further enhance the City's reputation as one of the most competitive locations in the country to raise a family, work, and play," Economic Development Director Tom Latchem said.

Carrollton's population grew to 133,351, and its assessed value grew to over

\$13 billion. Currently, more than 14,000 businesses call Carrollton home. As of June 2017, 86,339 people were employed in Carrollton, which is a 3.1 percent increase from 2016. Average annual wages increased by 4.3 percent, with the average worker earning \$62,568 annually. Home values in Carrollton also increased in 2017, with the mean home value rising to \$246,565, a 9.82 percent increase from the 2016 value of \$224,512.

### Retail Sector

The new WinCo Foods grocery store broke ground at the Trinity Valley Shopping Center, and Sam Pack's Five Star Chevrolet constructed its new 60,000 square-foot car dealership near Downtown Carrollton.

Restaurants such as Front Porch Pantry, El Pollo, Sing Box/YasiYang, Musiro Korean Cuisine, Too Thai Street Food, New Taste of Korea, Yoon Korean BBQ,

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### Dallas

Dallas Park and Recreation Department is offering **youth scholarships for eight-week enrichment camps** at city recreation centers. Financial assistance is available only to Dallas residents who qualify for state and federal financial programs. To complete an application, families will need to show proof of household income, residency, and participation in any other need-based programs such as WIC, CHIP, TANF or SNAP. Dallas Parks Foundation will review and award one scholarship for one child in a family.

Apply online at [DallasParksFoundation.org](http://DallasParksFoundation.org).

Author Tani Lamb, is a Dallas-based globetrotter. She explores the world to experience the culture, make memories, sample the cuisine, and meet new friends.

"T Sees an Island" is the first book in Tani Lamb's children's book series, "T Sees". The books are told from her viewpoint as a seven-year-old accompanied by colorful pictures.

**Tani Lamb will host a book reading and signing** Sunday, Feb. 25 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Pan African Connection Bookstore at 4466 South Marsalis Avenue, in Dallas visit [www.tanilamb.com](http://www.tanilamb.com) for more info.

### Denton

Electing women to political office is a long game. With roughly 20 percent of all elected positions held by women, according to the Center for American Women and Politics, there is a dire need for women

across generations to engage in the political process. IGNITE is the leading nonprofit, nonpartisan organization providing training, resources, and networks to feed the pipeline, so there are masses of women running in the decades to come.

Organizers anticipate nearly 200 young women will participate in **IGNITE's annual Texas Young Women's Political Leadership Conference** being held on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Texas Woman's University in Denton (304 Administration Drive). Over 30 elected officials will participate in the training, encouraging young women to embrace their rights to political power, including State Representative Nicole Collier, who will deliver the keynote address. WFAA news anchor Alisha Laventure will moderate the session.

The conference is free for high school students and their parents; registration for college students is \$10.00 per person.

### Frisco

Thousands turnout to raise money to fight childhood obesity.

The AdvoCare Foundation - which focuses on ending childhood obesity and encouraging kids to lead healthy lives hosted **#GenerationFit**, a workout event featuring four-time CrossFit Games champion, Rich Froning, at The Star in Frisco on Saturday, Feb. 3. Rich led more than 2,000 participants, including hundreds of fitness enthusiasts, novice athletes, AdvoCare Distributors, and several AdvoCare founding family



More than 2,000 participants gathered together for a workout led by CrossFit® Games champion, Rich Froning, to help the AdvoCare Foundation fight childhood obesity and ensure the next generation is the fittest generation. (Courtesy photo)

members in a special workout as attendees help ensure the next generation is the fittest generation.

Committed to ending childhood obesity, the AdvoCare Foundation supports organizations across the country whose work directly impacts the safety and health of children in need, including two in the Dallas/Fort Worth area - REAL School Gardens (Fort Worth) and Y.M.C.A Dallas. With the help of these allies, the AdvoCare Foundation is building Champions for Children and will grant \$1 Million by 2020 to help lead the charge against childhood obesity. On Saturday more than \$112,000 was raised on behalf of these organizations.

Sci-Tech Discover Center in Frisco will kick off **National Engineering Week** on Presidents Day (Monday, Feb. 19) by showcasing and exploring inventions created by past presidents. On Presidents Day, the museum will offer hands-on activities aimed at exploring the science and engineering behind presidential inventions, family fun activities, electrifying stage shows, planetarium

experiences and special guest speakers.

General Admission is \$5/member and \$10/non-member and \$2 Planetarium, with show tickets available at the door.

### Garland

Time is running out for any Garland resident interested in **running for a seat on the Garland City Council**. The deadline to file for a place on the May 5, 2018, ballot is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

Applications and all required materials must be submitted to the Garland City Secretary. For more information, visit the City of Garland website or call 972-205-2404.

Garland Library hosts **Perot Museum Tech Truck** on Saturday, Feb. 10. Tech-savvy tweens can enjoy the Perot Museum's Tech Truck during its Central Library visit. The truck is outfitted with technological gadgets and gives kids hands-on experiences with STEAM technology. To register, call 972-205-2516.

### Lewisville

Lewisville CVB seeks residents' help on **City his-**

**tory project.**

Lewisville Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking help from residents on a project to document the city's rich history and create public displays at the new Visitor Information Center and other municipal facilities.

Three come-and-go public meetings will be held to get resident input. Those meetings will be:

- Thursday, Feb. 22, 4-7 p.m., Visitor Information Center, 247 W. Main Street
- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-noon, Senior Activity Center, 1950 S. Valley Parkway A
- Wednesday, March 7, 7-8:30 p.m., Lane Chapel CME Church, 615 Hembry Street.

The CVB is asking for help identifying people, places, and descriptions of historic artifacts and pictures currently in its inventory. Some long-time Lewisville residents will be at each meeting to share a few stories of their own Lewisville history. CVB staff members will talk about the three history rooms at the Visitor Information Center and discuss proposed ideas for future exhibits. Residents also will receive information about donating to the Lewisville Collection, or volunteering to help plan future exhibits. Light refreshments will be served and there is no fee to attend.

Three history rooms at the Visitor Information Center are open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Richardson

Mayor Paul Voelker presented the annual **Richardson State of the City Ad-**

**dress** on Jan. 31 at the Eise-mann Center. Centered on a theme of "Richardson Delivers," the Mayor talked about the City's most significant achievements in 2017.

Among the past year's accomplishments recognized were the successful funding of the Cotton Belt Rail Line, participating in the D/FW regional bid for Amazon's HQ2, groundbreaking for the City's new Public Safety Campus, and the continued priority placed on strategic community goals, prioritizing economic development and reinvestment, finance, internal processes and culture.

The event was free, open to the public and broadcast live. State of the City will be replayed on Spectrum Channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and videos of the event are also available on demand at [www.cor.net/stateofthecity](http://www.cor.net/stateofthecity).

Eisemann Center presents **Mummenschanz** in their new show you & me on Friday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Mummenschanz is a Swiss mask theater troupe who perform in a surreal mask-and prop-oriented style. Founded in 1972 by Bernie Schürch, Andres Bossard (August 9, 1944 - March 25, 1992), and the Italian-American Floriana Frassetto, the group became popular for its play with bizarre masks and forms, light and shadow, and their subtle choreography.

Tickets range from \$41-\$62 and are available for purchase online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons.

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The four compositions will be performed live during the gala. Additionally, four visual artists have been chosen to create four original masterpieces inspired by "Wonderland."

The art pieces along with the original Wonderland

scores will be auctioned off during the gala. Proceeds from the live auction will directly benefit The Warren Center.

The night will also include performances and artwork by:

- Jamar Jones - Golden

Globe-nominated singer and piano composer, Jones is famous for his soundtrack work in the recent movie release, "The Greatest Showman."

• Ryan Berg - Dallas native, musician and songwriter, he released his first debut album early last year.

- K.C. King - Acoustic

guitarist, vocalist and composer, King has been writing and performing music for over 15 years.

• Abel Garcia, Christina Yielding, Milessa Murphy Stewart and Jonathan Ramirez - DFW visual artists

This annual black-tie optional event includes valet

parking, dinner, drinks, music and art. Individual tickets are available starting at \$200, as well as table sponsorships beginning at \$2,500. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.theartofmusicgala.com/artofmusicgalatickets/>.

The Art of Music Gala is co-chaired by David Call and Jordan Roberts and presented by Melody and Rick Rogers and The Moglia Family Foundation on behalf of Amy Heuerman and Joseph Moglia. For more information, please visit [www.thewarrencenter.org](http://www.thewarrencenter.org).



# Take your Valentine sweetheart to new heights this year

Delta Charlie's Bar & Grill, located at the Dallas Executive Airport, is changing the way people celebrate Valentine's Day by providing a romantic adventure for its guests. In 2012, Delta Charlie's combined cuisine with the runway to create a Dinner & Flight package that sets them apart from a typical dining and dating experience. This is an adventure unlike anything else.

"The breathtaking view of Dallas at sunset was unforgettable for both my wife and me," said Desmond Smith, a recent guest of Delta Charlie's.

Delta Charlie's offers a three-course dinner for two,



Courtesy photo

which includes a refreshing salad, a delectable entree, and dessert. With different options for each course including a Filet Mignon served with garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables, blackened tilapia linguini pasta in a lemon caper sauce, and more! Each guest will be able to find exactly what will entice

their palette. Delta Charlie's offers a fully stocked bar to create a perfect pairing to any of their delicious dishes, including anything from bottles of champagne to their signature Mai Fly cocktail.

"The food was fantastic. The whole experience is just...enchanted!" said Jessica Reynolds, another

guest of Delta Charlie's. After the dinner experience, guests are escorted out to the runway to meet the pilot who will take them on a journey to new heights. New perspectives of Dallas' best attractions are a sight to behold, including Fair Park, White Rock Lake, and of course Downtown Dallas. Soaring above at dusk or in the darkness of night illumi-

nated by the city glow below, each guest is bound to see Dallas in a new light. Delta Charlie's offers the Romantic Package upgrade which includes roses and champagne upon the guests' arrival. Treat your love to a unique experience this year, and fly high to an unforgettable moment for the both of you to share. Valentine's Day Flights will be offered

from Friday, February 9th through Sunday, February 18th from 4pm to midnight. You may call 972-655-6665 to make a reservation.

Delta Charlie's is located at 5303 Challenger Dr., in Dallas, and is open Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesday thru Sunday from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Check out the website at [www.deltacharlies.com](http://www.deltacharlies.com).



## WIN tickets to Black Violin

Defying 'StereoTypes' is in the DNA of the hip-hop inspired classically trained duo called Black Violin, it was also the title of their major label debut. Wil B. and Kev Marcus combine their classical training as a violist and violinist with hip-hop influences to create a distinctive multi-genre sound that is often described as "classical boom." *North Dallas Gazette* readers have an opportunity to win tickets for two to enjoy their performance in person on Friday, March 9 at 9:45 p.m. at Annette Strauss Square.

The band released their major label debut *StereoTypes* (featuring Black Thought of The Roots and MC Pharoahe Monch) on Universal Music which de-



Colin Brennan

buted at #1 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart and #4 on the Billboard R&B Chart. Black Violin has shared stages with top names including Kayne West, Aerosmith and Tom Petty, and has creatively collaborated with the likes of Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean and Alicia Keys.

Music education is impor-

tant to the talented team, so they often perform for students and campaign for awareness to the importance of music education which is often underfunded in public schools. For an opportunity to win tickets, visit our Facebook page and share what do you believe students gain from an opportunity to study music?

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Saints, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Tennessee Titans, said that finding success takes work. "You can be anything you want to be," Smith said. "You just have to make the right choices."

Smith encouraged students to write in their journals everyday, adding that each person in the room is an author. "We all have a story," he said. "Write your story every day." He formed the 91 Ways Foundation to help others achieve their dreams.

Nate Livings, who played for the Dallas Cowboys and Cincinnati Bengals, read a book he wrote based on a road trip with his son. After getting home and seeing all the photos they had taken, he decided it would make a great children's book, and *Big Boy Nate Adventures: Football Road Trip* was born.

## Frieda Porter for the Office of Justice of the Peace

(Tarrant County, Precinct 7) - Number 1 on the Ballot.

The Justice of the Peace Office governs over Landlord and Tenant Disputes, Evictions, Small Claims, Truancy, and some minor traffic tickets.

As a State Licensed Realtor of over 17 years and a Landlord, I've worked diligently to help build Homeownership. I've worked hands on with the eviction process in the Justice of the Peace Courts to successfully resolve various Landlord and Tenant issues.



I've volunteered my service for the Arlington NAACP using my experience and education of Fair Housing, Real Estate Law, Deceptive Trade Practices Act and Multi Family Property Management to bring positive resolution to citizens with Landlord complaints. Service is a great way to give back to my community.

Precinct 7 is my home My children grew up here. As JP, I will use my office as a support to everyone and help truants move into a positive direction. Remember, I'm #1 on the Ballot and the ONLY Woman in this category.

Cast your vote for Frieda Porter for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 7 on March 6, 2018.

Note:

Precinct 7 includes Tarrant, Grand Prairie, South Arlington, Mansfield, Kennedale, Dalworthington Gardens, and Rendon



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# Mother and daughter team brings Mardi Gras spirit to Dallas

The parades, king cakes, elegant masquerades, and bead tossings are back in full bloom for Mardi Gras 2018. Krewe de Etoile, also known as the Official Mardi Gras Krewe of Dallas, presents its third charity gala with entertainment, food, and an unforgettable night. Mother daughter duo, Annia Jenkins and Cynthia Hightower-Jenkins accepted the task of introducing and assimilating the true essence of Mardi Gras culture, season and celebrations. This year's gala theme is Dallas Mardi Gras: A Whimsical Wonderland and will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG) at 1807 Ross Ave. in Dallas.

"Often time, we have to dispel the myths that are for any, synonymous with Mardi Gras, such as bad behavior," said Annia Jenkins. "It's about elegance, Royalty, over-the-top themes,



unfathomable headdress and costumes with a unique terminology of its own."

Mardi Gras has been celebrated for hundreds of years and the duo looks forward to the celebration morphing into a major weekend with a Mardi Gras festival and parade in Dallas. Krewe de Etoile brings clarity of Mardi Gras to Dallas with stilt walkers, theatrics, noted musicians,

including a New Orleans Jazz Band, and an indoor Parade of the Royal Court with bead and trinket tossing. Attendees can also look forward to a Celebrity Red Carpet with local and national television personalities, beauty queens, magazine publishers, real estate gurus, influencers, and philanthropists.

A few of those involved in this year's event include

Dallas Cowboys legend and Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett as King, Donna Richardson-Joyner as Queen, Jennifer Meyers from FOX 4 DFW, Larry Hamilton of Hamilton Properties and the Lorenzo Hotel, and Miss Texas 2017-2018 Margana Wood.

In 2009, Annia moved to Dallas and began to inquire about the Metroplex celebration for Mardi Gras as the season drew near. She found that many didn't have inclination as to what it was, others hadn't heard of it, and the rest were only familiar with the surface level party elements. The limited understanding for the celebration sparked a movement for Jenkins. She decided to call her business partner and mother, Cynthia to contemplate how to introduce the authentic culture and spirit to the area. By 2013, the duo launched Krewe de Etoile for the ex-

pressed purpose of presenting a Mardi Gras-styled Gala Ball and to make certain that the Dallas Metroplex would become more Mardi Gras savvy.

They coined "Mardi Gras 101" taking every opportunity to share special nuggets and trivia regarding the celebration. The journey has taken them from boardrooms to news rooms and ballrooms. Fast forward to 2016, the duo produced their first mega Mardi Gras Masquerade Charity Gala in Dallas. The Gala served as a major eye-opener for many in the area and successfully brought awareness to the celebration and charities they paired with. Now, the grandness is what is expected of those who participate with the gala and those AListers who are selected for the Royal Court.

The spotlighted charity CitySquare was selected by Krewe de Etoile to be the

2018 honoree and monetary awarded. CitySquare is an effectively noted program designed to fight poverty and homelessness through service, advocacy and friendship. For more information about CitySquare, please visit <https://www.citysquare.org/>

Krewe de Etoile also chooses a person or organization as the recipient of its "Barry Annino Wings of Altruism Crystal Award" presented to an honoree whose unselfish work and giving reaches far beyond the norm. Nick Marino, Jr., director of Tango Tab, will receive the 2018 Crystal Award.

General Admission and VIP tickets are on sale now and range from \$80 to \$120. VIP tables are also available for \$1,500. Visit [www.dallasmardigras.ticketleap.com](http://www.dallasmardigras.ticketleap.com) or [www.krewedeetoile.com](http://www.krewedeetoile.com) for more information.

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# In the Trump era, Consumer Protection Agency changes course

By Charlene Crowell  
NNPA Columnist

In the wake of a recent series of anti-consumer actions taken by Mick Mulvaney, the Trump-appointed Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Acting Director, a bicameral call for accountability was released on January 31. Led by Congress-

woman Maxine Waters of California and Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, two other Congressional Black Caucus Members, Congressmen Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) and Al Green (D-Texas) joined Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) as signatories.

Together, the group of

lawmakers seek to know what prompted Mr. Mulvaney's actions as well as his ties to the payday lending industry.

A January 31 letter calls into question the following specific actions that have occurred over the past month:

- Halting implementation of the agency's final rule preventing abusive payday

lending (the 'Payday Rule');  
• Announcement of the Bureau's intention to initiate a rulemaking process that appears designed to weaken the Payday Rule;

- Withdrawing a Bureau lawsuit against four online payday lenders who allegedly misled customers on interest rates that spanned a low of 440 percent to as high

as 950 percent; and  
• Ending an investigation of World Acceptance Corporation, a high-cost installment lender that began in 2014 after consumers complained of unaffordable loans and aggressive collection practices.

"For too long, some payday, auto title, and installment lenders have taken ad-

vantage of American workers who need a little extra money to pay an unexpected medical bill or fix their car," wrote the lawmakers. "For too many families, one unexpected expense or tight week traps them in a cycle of debt that lasts months or years... The rule finalized by

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and many others located to Carrollton or expanded in 2017.

The City's ongoing efforts to encourage the redevelopment of older shopping centers through usage of its Retail Rehab Facade Improvement Grant Program continue to generate results with a number of new retail leases signed at the redeveloped Northcrest Village Shopping Center, Carrollton Town Center, and the Shops at Old Denton.

### Hospitality, Medical, and Residential Sector

The Marriott Courtyard Hotel and Conference Center has seen room occupancies steadily increase along with special events within its 20,000 square-foot conference space.

Carrollton's medical industry is thriving with several ancillary businesses locating around the periphery of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center and throughout the City. The recently completed 20,000 square-foot Medical Parkway Center directly across from the hospital is now completely leased. Land is now being prepped for a new 40,000 square-foot medical office building, Carrollton Medical Village, on Plano Parkway. Several senior/assisted living and memory care centers are also being developed, such as the 183-unit Overlook at Prestonwood Senior Living Complex currently in progress on Hebron Parkway.

The Billingsley Company completed construc-

tion of Sloane Street, an upscale, mixed-use residential and retail development at Midway Road and Park Boulevard adjacent to International Business Park in North Carrollton.

Most remaining greenfield sites are being developed with an addition of more than 2,800 homes. Furthermore, the City is annexing nearby unincorporated land, which will house hundreds of new homes in far North Carrollton.

### Downtown Development

Historic Downtown Carrollton also continues to see interest and activity. The construction/reconstruction of IH-35E and the reconfiguration of the East Belt Line Road/IH-35 E interchange were completed in 2017.

Trammel Crow began construction on the 353-unit Phase III of The Union at Carrollton Square, resulting in a total of more than 650 units in this urban, upscale apartment development within walking distance to shops, retail, restaurants, and Carrollton's Downtown

DART Station. Construction has also begun on The Switchyard, another upscale apartment community which will result in an additional 234 units on Broadway Street just north of the Downtown Square.

### Looking Forward

Carrollton's population is

projected to continue its steady 3-4 percent growth rate in 2018 to nearly 140,000 people. Employment is projected to expand by 1,473 jobs and will soon top 90,000.

In 2018, major development and redevelopment projects moving forward in-

clude Trinity Mills Transit Center District, Thomas Park Residential, and Crosby Gardens Residential Infill Redevelopments.

Monthly updates from the Economic Development Department are available at [carrolltontxdevelopment.com](http://carrolltontxdevelopment.com).

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# Dodge criticized for MLK voiceover in Superbowl ad

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Contributor

There were ads with Morgan Freeman rapping and ads with babies from around the world and fast cars with singer Steven Tyler. There were ads with medieval themes, magic and song.

Then there was the ad using the words and voice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to sell Dodge Ram sell trucks.

"Everybody can be great," Dr. King said in a speech in 1968, two months before he was murdered. "You only need a heart full of grace; soul generated by love."

The advertisement featured images of football players, cowboys, U.S. troops and first responders as



Some Super Bowl watchers were dismayed by the use of a Martin Luther King, Jr. voiceover in the Dodge truck commercial. (Screen Shot/YouTube.com)

a backdrop to King's voiceover. The advertisement ended with an image of a soldier, a Dodge truck, and the words "Built to Serve."

The commercial for Dodge trucks provoked protest on social media shortly after it aired from

many Super Bowl LII viewers. It also induced a reaction tweet from the The King Center and Bernice King, the daughter of the late civil rights leader.

"Neither @TheKingCenter nor @BerniceKing is the entity that approves the use

of #MLK's words or imagery for use in merchandise, entertainment (movies, music, artwork, etc) or advertisement, including tonight's @Dodge #SuperBowl commercial," The King Center tweet stated not long after the ad was broadcast.

April 4, 2018 was the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee, at the hands of James Earl Ray.

"The worst commercials are those that use icons like Martin Luther King Jr to sell things like a Dodge Ram truck," tweeted *Boston Globe* Deputy Bureau Chief Matt Viser. He wasn't the only one who noticed.

"So, Ram Truck appropriated Martin Luther King Jr. and used an all white cast + 1 token black to sell trucks to Trump supporters as if we're back in the 1950s. #SuperBowl," stated Lucy Amato on Twitter.

"Using a "Martin Luther King" speech and completely taking it OUT OF CONTEXT for a truck commercial is a disgrace," another Twitter user reacted in a typical statement.

Super Bowl advertisements have become an annual obsession as the expensive and targeted marketing to a huge audience has become a place where products are debuted for the first time. Super Bowl ads have also become an annual time to

analyze and study the many marketing strategy, as well as the "hits and misses" of the ads seen during the game.

It's likely that the ad featuring King's voice and words will likely be the source of analysis over the coming days. The ad might also reignite discussion on some of the decisions being made by Dexter King and Martin Luther King III regarding the use of their father's image and words.

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to review both insurance and cash bundle rates, and compare quality provider ratings. In addition, this all-in-one platform allows pa-

tients to book and track their appointments directly from the app to ensure they are saving time and money.

Furthermore, the app in-

tegrates real-time feedback from select sources to provide real patient experiences that can help members find the best suited provider and ensure they have a positive experience.

After receiving services, members can then easily rate their own experience via the app for others.

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cure interviews.

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Williams, to leverage the power of celebrity to amplify messages about prevention, testing, treatment and ending stigma.

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Munar, the president and CEO of the Howard Brown Health Center in Chicago, says "almost every milestone in the fight against AIDS domestically, and in some cases internationally, has been paved by the Black AIDS Institute, and that's a credit to the Institution and its many supporters and affiliates across the country."

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"For those of us who have been doing the work and standing with Phill shoulder-to-shoulder for many years, it will be hard to imagine this work without

him," said Munar. "But this transition is not about Phill Wilson, it's really about a mission, a vision, a commitment to mobilize a community, to leverage influence wherever we can, to eliminate AIDS and make this world a better place for people who are affected by HIV."

Freddie Allen is the Editor-In-Chief of the NNPA Newswire and BlackPressUSA.com. Freddie is also a frequent contributor to the Black AIDS Weekly. You can follow him on Twitter @freddieallenjr.



# Black History Month



Sister Tarpley

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By Sis. Tarpley  
NDG Religion Editor

Daniel Hale Williams was one of the first physicians to perform open-heart surgery in the United States; and, he founded a hospital with an interracial staff. Born on January 18, 1856, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, Williams pursued a pioneering career in medicine. As a Black doctor in 1893, Dr. Williams opened Provident Hospital, the first medical facility to have an interracial staff. He was also one of the first physicians to successfully complete pericardial surgery (the membranous sac enclosing the heart) on a patient. Dr. Williams later became chief surgeon of the Freedmen's Hospital.

After the death of his father, a 10-year-old Daniel was sent to live in Baltimore, Maryland, with family friends. He became a shoemaker's apprentice but disliked the work and decided to return to his family who had moved to Illinois. Like his father, he took up barbering, but ultimately decided he wanted to pursue his education.

Dr. Williams worked as

an apprentice with Dr. Henry Palmer, a highly accomplished surgeon, and then completed further training at Chicago Medical College. He set up his own practice in Chicago's South Side and taught anatomy at his alma mater. He became the first Black physician to work for the city's street railway system.

Dr. Williams who was called Dr. Dan by patients adopted sterilization procedures for his office, informed by the recent findings on germ transmission and prevention from Louis Pasteur and Joseph Lister.

Due to the discrimination of the day, Black citizens were still barred from being admitted to hospitals and Black doctors were refused staff positions. He firmly believed this needed to change so in May 1891 Dr. Williams opened Provident Hospital and Training School for Nurses, the nation's first hospital with a nursing and intern program that had a racially integrated staff. The facility, where Dr. Williams worked as a surgeon was publicly championed by famed abolitionist and writer Frederick Douglass.

In 1893, Dr. Williams continued to make history when he operated on James Cornish, a man with a severe stab wound to his chest who was brought to Provident. Without the benefits of a blood transfusion or

modern surgical procedures, Dr. Williams successfully sutured Cornish's pericardium. Thus becoming one of the first people to perform open-heart surgery; Cornish lived for many years after the operation. Physicians Francisco Romero and Henry Dalton had previously performed pericardial operations out-

side of the U.S.

In 1894, Dr. Williams moved to Washington, D.C., where he was appointed the chief surgeon of the Freedmen's Hospital, which provided care for formerly enslaved Black people. The facility had fallen into neglect and had a high mortality rate. Dr. Williams worked diligently on revi-

talization, improving surgical procedures and increasing specialization. Dr. Williams also launched ambulance services and continuing to provide opportunities for Black medical professionals, among other feats.

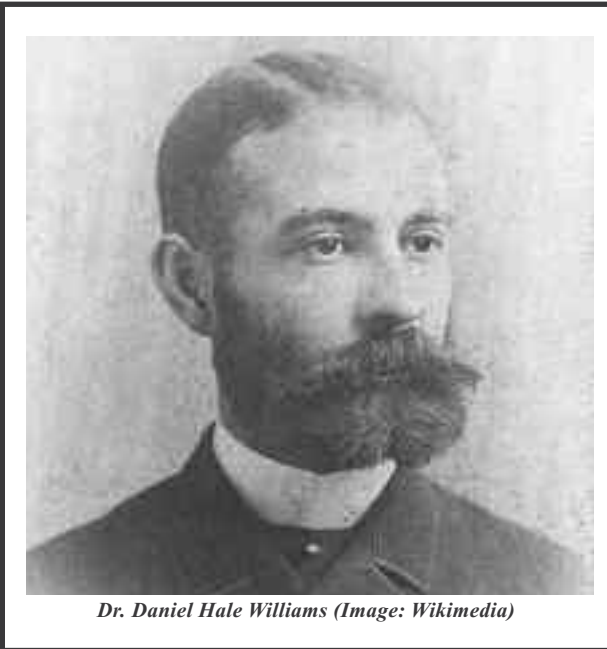
In 1895, he co-founded the National Medical Association, a professional organization for Black medical practitioners, as an alternative to the American Medical Association, which didn't allow Black membership.

Beginning in 1899, Dr. Williams also made annual trips to Nashville, Ten-

nessee, where he was a voluntary visiting clinical professor at Meharry Medical College for more than two decades.

He became a charter member of the American College of Surgeons in 1913. In 1926 Dr. Williams experienced a debilitating stroke and died five years later on August 4, 1931, in Idlewild, Michigan.

Today, Dr. Williams' work as a pioneering physician and advocate for Black doctor's presence in medicine continues to be honored by institutions worldwide.



Dr. Daniel Hale Williams (Image: Wikimedia)

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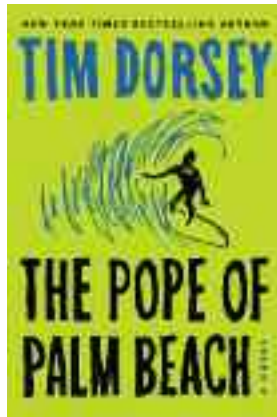
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# NDG Book Review: Reach back for *The Pope of Palm Beach*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



Reach back, they say. Grab the person behind you, beneath you on the Success Ladder, the newbie in the office, and elevate them, too. Reach back and help somebody. Reach back and be a mentor, but use your head – or, as in the new book “The Pope of Palm Beach ” by Tim Dorsey, it could be deadly.

Everybody knew Darby. He was the guy who always lent a hand, lived quietly, talked to strangers, and never bothered anyone. When the best waves crashed on the inlets near Palm Beach Gardens ,

Darby was the only guy who could ride them. He was a legend. The surfers called him The Pope of Palm Beach.

Much like a real Pope, Darby blessed his followers but his favorite was Kenny. Back in '65, Darby noticed

the skinny boy was teased a lot and, because he made a point of including those dis-included, he taught Kenny to surf. He saved Kenny's life and then he taught him to live.

And, as they sat one summer night on the docks, watching men with large guns, big boats, and drugs along the waterway, Darby taught Kenny about dying.

That was the night that Kenny Reese, Florida author and witness to a crime, went home, barricaded doors and windows, and hid for the next thirty years. Terrified and assuming that drug men – or maybe cops, or both – were looking for

him, he lived in the dark and relied on his lawyer to pay bills, bring groceries, and deal with a publisher that never knew what happened to their best-selling writer...

“Another working vacation.”

That's how Serge Storms described the trip down Florida 's east coast when his sidekick, Coleman, questioned their intentions. This vacation, however, was unique, in that they'd never done it before. This trip was entirely literary, looking for landmarks of Florida writers. Harrison, Thompson, Hurston, those were the easy ones.

McGuane, Rawlings, so many of them. And then there was the one Serge could never find: a guy who'd written a trilogy, then disappeared.

A guy by name of Kenny Reese.

Here's something new: a Serge Storms novel that isn't All Chaos, All the Time. Instead, Dorsey's done something different, and it's quite refreshing: there's a calmer timeline inside “The Pope of Palm Beach” that takes readers back and forth, fifty years to the present, inside several character's lives.

One of those, of course, is Storms, who is six years old

in some parts of the book and present-age in others; regular readers of this series will be delighted with this childhood peek at Little Serge, and a kid called “ Seymour .”

Alas – heavy sigh - the best character here is killed before we're fully able to get to know him.

If you're mourning the loss of the chaos – don't. Dorsey offers plenty of that for fans, as well as Serge's usual creative revenge but there's a full story in the way first, and that's okay. You'll still love “The Pope of Palm Beach,” so reach back for it.

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the CFPB last October was carefully balanced to end that cycle of debt while ensuring that borrowers retain access to needed credit.”

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act that created the CFPB intended for it to be an independent agency, charged with serving as the consumer's financial cop-on-the-beat. Its director was to be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate to a five-year term of service. Additionally, CFPB was to secure its funding directly from the Federal Reserve Bank, rather than through Congress' annual appropriations process that could enable powerful special interests to restrict necessary funding.

Even though the Dodd-Frank Act also defined a

succession plan for an Acting Director in the event of personnel changes, two people were appointed to this same role. One, Leandra English was lawfully appointed by the former Director Richard Cordray, while another, Mr. Mulvaney, was appointed by President Trump. The lawmakers' letter is addressed to both appointees.

An appellate federal court will eventually decide who should be the legal Acting Director; but in the interim, Mulvaney leads CFPB while retaining his position as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. In his prior role as a South Carolina Congressman, he co-sponsored a bill to eliminate the CFPB and accepted nearly \$63,000 in campaign donations from payday

lenders. These donations included \$4,500 from World Acceptance Corporation's political action committee.

“The CFPB spent five years honing the Payday Rule, conducting research and reviewing over one million comments from all types of stakeholders: from payday lender, to state regulators, to faith leaders,” wrote Ranking Members Warren and Waters.

Now Mr. Mulvaney oversees the daily operations of the same Bureau that returned \$12 billion to nearly 30 million consumers in about six years. Instead of regulating financial services, this Acting Director prefers allowing private enterprise to determine consumers' choices – including those that are harmful and predatory. He also wants financial businesses to have more input on determining what

regulations CFPB should use in their supervision and monitoring.

As CFPB's Acting Director, Mulvaney also wrote a letter to Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen advising that “for Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018, the Bureau is requesting \$0.”

Mulvaney added, “While this approximately \$145 million may not make much of a dent in the deficit, the men and women at the Bureau are proud to do their part to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.”

When the federal deficit is hundreds of trillions of dollars, it strains credulity to believe that \$145 million

will lighten the nation's debt. But an emerging pattern of the current administration is to allow lengthy delays that could eventually become denials. Key consumer protections in student loans have been delayed as well, and through the Congressional Review Act, a rule that would have allowed consumers to have their own day in court to resolve financial and credit issues has also been rejected. Moreover, Mulvaney directed the CFPB to delay implementation of its prepaid card rule that was designed to help stop abusive fees for users.

“I certainly understand

the desire to protect taxpayer dollars,” said Debbie Goldstein, Executive Vice President with the Center for Responsible Lending, “but I think the mission of the CFPB is to protect the taxpayers, the American people, from lenders who target them for high-cost and unaffordable loans. And the best way to save Americans millions of dollars is by preventing predatory lending, not by draining the CFPB's resources.”

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## SMU presents SAM Award to Councilmember Tennell Atkins



*Southern Methodist University presented its annual Silver Anniversary Mustang Award (SAM) to alumnus and Dallas City Councilmember Tennell Atkins. The SMU Letterman's Association selects recipients of the SAM award. Awardees must have graduated 25 years from the University prior to receiving the award and are selected based on making a significant positive and lasting impact on the community. Councilmember Atkins graduated from SMU's Cox School of Business in 1978 and lettered as a scholar-athlete while playing football for the University. SMU President Dr. R. Gerald Turner and Director of Athletics Rick Hart will present the award to Councilmember Atkins on Saturday, January 20 at halftime during the SMU men's basketball game versus Tulane.*



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