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Competition is heated in race for Dallas City Council District 7 seat

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

The Monday Night Politics forum held at the African-American Museum in Fair Park focused on the Dallas City Council race in District 7. The event, hosted by the Dallas Examiner, gives candidates an opportunity to speak directly to voters in the weeks preceding each election cycle.

District 7 is a heated race, with many candidates looking to unseat the current councilmember Kevin Felder.

Candidate Sade Johnson was not in attendance at the forum, having sent a message to the organizers she was ill at the time. Those in attendance were Adam Bazaldua, Sandra Crenshaw, Kevin Felder, Yvette Gbalazeh, Calvin Johnson, Corey Mack, Joseph Thomas, Tiffinni A. Young.

Felder is the incumbent in the race and is the subject of controversy over a felony arrest last month for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident causing injury. While never directly addressed at the forum, several candidates alluded to the district needing a councilmember who does not generate negative press.

Bazaldua is a teacher at Skyline High School. He has run for the seat before and pledges to make it a full-time job is elected.



Kevin Felder, recently in the news for an arrest on charges of allegedly leaving the scene of an accident, is facing a full field of challengers for his District 7 seat on the Dallas City Council. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

"Our three main priorities are affordable housing, building coalitions and increasing transparency and accountability in our government," Bazaldua said.

He divides coalition building into internal and external efforts. Internally he wants to create an advisory board of the "mover sna shakers" within District 7. Externally he says he can build cooperative relationships with other elected officials to get the eight votes necessary on the council to get anything done.

"I'm tired of seeing our district at the forefront of the news, and I'd like that news to be in a positive light for the constituents and the progress through our district,"

Bazaldua said.

Crenshaw is a former Dallas City Council member and has run unsuccessfully for higher office in the past. She is no stranger to controversy herself, having seen her own legal battles as well as controversy over the removal of Confederate statues in Dallas. Crenshaw says she is running because she is not happy with what she's seen taking place since she left her spot on the horse-shoe.

"I have been part of the political landscape in Dallas since 1978," Crenshaw said. "And I've gone through a lot of pain, lot of fighting,

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People In The News...



Royalyn Reid



Mae Beck

NDG Quote of the Week: "The people must know before they can act, and there is no educator to compare with the press."

- Ida B. Wells

Royalyn Reid

Co-founder and CEO of Consumer and Market Insights (CMI), Royalyn Reid is known for her entrepreneurial spirit and long history of business and philanthropic accomplishments. CMI is a certified, award winning People and Process Improvement Company with offices in Washington, DC and Dallas, Texas.



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Department of Defense (DOD), Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), Tarrant County College (TCC), Dallas Independent School District, and First American Corporation.

Beyond her work in CMI, Royalyn has been a recurring subject matter expert on Fox News Radio and Good Morning Texas. She has presented to various chambers of commerce, professional organizations and community groups throughout the country. She also served as a panelist for the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Royalyn serves on the

Women's Business Council Southwest (WBCS) Board of Directors and Executive Committee and the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Cox School of Business Associate Board. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council (D/FW MSDC), American Cancer Society Texas Division, and American Cancer Society Dallas Metro.

Royalyn received the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Champions of Diversity Award in 2018. She

has received other awards over the years including the Small Business Administration (SBA) Women in Business Champion of the Year, SBA Minority Champion of the Year, Dallas Business Journal Minority Leader of the Year, D/FW Minority Supplier Development Council Capacity Building, Women's Business Council Southwest Woman Business of the Year and Woman Business Advocate of the Year.

She also served on the advisory council for International Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW)

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Mae Beck

By Shirley Tarpley
NDG Religion editor

A longtime Dallasite, Mae Beck was born in Tyler, Texas. Her family moved to Dallas when she was 7 years old. She grew up in Frazier Courts Projects in South East Dallas and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1962.



decided to enroll in Bishop College in September, 1963. She attended Bishop College during the day taking 12 - 15 credit hours per semester, and continued to work at TI at night. The best thing about

working at TI was that she could change her work schedule from day to night per semester according to the classes offered.

In 1968 she met Arthello Beck, Jr., on Bishop College campus at the end of her junior year; he was exhibiting his Black art. He never attended college as a student, but during the 1960's and later years, he was always asked to exhibit his Black art at colleges, schools, churches, clubs, businesses organizations and other welcoming venues.

During the early years of the Civil Rights Movement, images of Black paintings

were a rarity, so there was an interest in Arthello's art because he only painted Black people and their activities. Mae and Arthello dated for 8-months and married in March 1969.

Mae did not go back to Bishop College during her senior year in Business Administration, but decided to finish her last year of college sometime in the future. In 1986 Mae completed her last year of college at Dallas Baptist University with a Bachelor of Career Arts Degree.

Mae and Arthello had two children, Mashariki, born in 1971, and Hodari, born in

1975. Hodari passed away in 2000, four years before Arthello died. Mae has three granddaughters, and four great grand children.

After marrying Arthello, Mae resigned from TI and started working at Dallas Water Department on South Ervay Street in the billing department. This was the time when the city of Dallas was hiring Black people due to the Civil Rights Act. Mae was the second Black person to be hired in this department as a clerk. Mae supervisor didn't like sitting next to the two Black women and complained until she was promoted and moved to another

department.

Mae worked for the Federal Government in the Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Child Development as a clerk typist until 1978 to attend Eastfield Junior College to get a certification to open a Child Care Facility. She opened Saner Avenue Children Center in May 1978, and operated the center for 17 years.

Business was profitable and busy so Mae retired in 1995 to help her husband full time in his gallery as manager. She says that Arthello's Gallery is the best job she has

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

'Down for #TheCount brings women's voices to the stage

Standing ovation for my talented cousin Camika (Emotion Brown) Spencer! You did an amazing job directing Down for #TheCount at the Bishop Arts Theater!

-- Cyd Robertson
via Facebook

Irving City Council Elections Set for April 4

Hi Angela,
This is Fatema Biviji from Irving. I just wanted to thank you for a great ar-



ticle on our local Irving races.

It's great to have a paper like the North Dallas Gazette keep us informed without overwhelming us with too much information. Keep up the terrific

work!
Best regards,

-- Fatema

Facebook Question: What is your reaction to what has been

shared so far regarding the Mueller Report?

Highly selective parsing. PUBLISH.

-- Larry Brautigam
via Facebook

That Trump will be re-elected as president and it was very strategic of when the report was released...I think that the report comes out at the right time for Trump to began his campaign for re-election.

-- Manolito J. Norman
via Facebook

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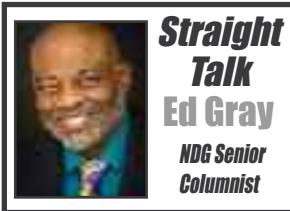


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Open letter to his Honor, Mike Rawlings, Mayor of Dallas, Texas



(Editor’s Note: Ed Gray shared the following message via Facebook on Sunday. Later in the afternoon, while not directly referencing Gray’s Open Letter, City of Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings issued the statement below Ed’s letter. We have also included Mayor Pro Tem’s statement released on Monday.)

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As the moral leader of our great city, it is incumbent on you to speak on the Deep Ellum tragedy.

Mr. Mayor, you have acted as if you were the moral compass of Dallas. You have spoken out on many of the ailments that have afflicted our city.

Among these, you have lectured on the financial malfeasance of city council members in, as you refer to it, as the “southern sector.”

Mr. Mayor, you have lectured black men on abuse of their partners. Mr. Mayor, you rightfully said, “we all have failed” on “domestic violence.”

You rightfully said the system failed Deanna Cook, as our city support system failed her. You have a track record of speaking out.

Today it is different. Austin Shuffield is a white man who assaulted a black woman. L Daijonique Lee was hit five times by this poor excuse of manhood. However, your “silence of the lambs” is the 6th punch.

Mr. Mayor, you owe it to the city of Dallas to speak out on this tragic hate crime. This is a hate crime directed not only against black people, but it is also a crime directed to women.

Mr. Mayor, please find your voice.

Push for upgraded criminal charges today.

Respectfully,
Ed Gray

Mayor Mike Rawlings via Facebook

“The video of the Deep Ellum assault last week horrified me. It is a brutal attack by a man on a woman, which is not acceptable under any circumstances. The role race played in this assault by a white man on a black woman must also be investigated.

I am confident that a thorough investigation is being conducted and that Chief Hall and District Attorney Creuzot will pursue the maximum charges justified under the law.”

Official Statement from the Office of The Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas

“I was appalled and upset

when I saw the video of the brutal attack on a woman by Austin Shuffield, which occurred in Deep Ellum last week. As a man, there is NEVER a justifiable reason to hit a woman. As Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Dallas, this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Since a weapon (in this case a gun) was drawn in a threatening manner, the charges should be increased to a more serious charge. The fact that this male would punch a defenseless woman several times with the intent to injure should be enough to have him re-arrested and charged with a penalty that meets the severity of his actions. I have confidence that Dallas Chief of Police Reneé Hall and District Attorney John Creuzot will charge Mr. Shuffield at a level that fits this criminal behavior. Once again, we will not tolerate these actions in the city of Dallas.”

Troubling questions exist

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

It is highly disturbing to me and to members of the American public that the Mueller report leaves unanswered whether or not the president and /or members of his campaign team committed obstruction of justice during the 2016 presidential campaign, a crime so serious that at least one former president was forced to resign from office when confronted with it.

I believe that Mr. Trump and those who support him are incorrect when they say that the report vindicates the President. That can only be determined by the American people once they have had the opportunity to digest the report in its entirety.

The four page summary of the report written by Attorney General William P. Barr is insufficient and should not be characterized

as an adequate reading of the Mueller investigation. Besides, Mr. Barr long ago relinquished his impartiality when he wrote that a sitting president was beyond the reach of the law.

Mr. Barr has said that he

Democrats in the House of Representatives acted swiftly when its leaders wrote the White House, the Department of Justice and a number of federal agencies requesting that documents used by Mueller and his in-

“Mr. Barr has said that he would provide a summary of the Mueller report to Congress and the American people. That will not be enough.”

- Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

would provide a summary of the Mueller report to Congress and the American people. That will not be enough. The Congress and the people should be entitled to see the full report, excepting those portions that deal with matters of national security.

investigators be turned over to Congress. Those documents will no doubt be invaluable in advance of congressional hearings that various panels in the House will conduct.

The president and his supporters should be highly concerned that while the Mueller investigation has

concluded, ongoing federal inquiries continue in a number of jurisdictions, including New York and Washington, D.C. Investigators are considering whether or not any crimes were committed by members of the president’s family, his campaign team or the president himself.

In the New York investigation, according to sworn testimony by Mr. Trump’s former lawyer, the president directed an unlawful scheme that resulted in two women being paid money to silence them from going public with accusations that he had extramarital affairs with them.

We find ourselves in a sad state of affairs involving the alleged conduct of our president and those who worked with and for him. Our country is restless, and things will not settle until those troubling questions are finally put to rest.

Child sex trafficking victims may not be who you think they are

(UT - Austin) A new study of child sex trafficking in Texas finds that victims are not adequately identified, enter and exit victimization multiple times, and spend much of their lives being exploited.

The research — sponsored by the office of Gov. Greg Abbott and conducted by scientists at The University of Texas at Austin — finds that the paths into and out of child sex trafficking are complex and that there is an enduring need for services among survivors in addition to a need for more effective prevention methods.

“Victims are not who we typically think of when we conjure images of the sex trafficked child or youth — that of a young woman taken by a stranger and locked away,” according to Bruce Kellison, principal investigator and co-director of the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA) in UT Austin’s Steve Hicks School of Social Work.

Instead, said Kellison,



Emiliano Vittoriosi / Unsplash

these children and youths are among the most vulnerable kids in our communities: youths who are homeless or have run away; kids and young adults who have already been abused or neglected; and kids who for one reason or another have been identified by social service providers.

“Traffickers are drawn to vulnerable kids of all genders and exploit them,” added Kellison. “Sometimes it’s someone the child already knows and trusts. Other times, it’s someone who offers them a way to fill basic needs the child lacks like

food, housing and clothing.”

The report, which was officially submitted to Abbott’s office this week, provides guidance to policymakers, service providers and law enforcement officials as they seek to strengthen the safety net for at-risk youths and prevent trafficking with recommendations for specific prevention and intervention models. The study empirically supports the experiences of those who have been working directly with minor and youth victims.

The study finds that youths often enter and exit various levels of exploitation and

trafficking numerous times and continually assess the price of leaving versus staying “in the life.”

Other findings include:

- The lack of healthy, trusted relationships along with economic instability create ideal conditions for exploitation.

- Youths who lack support when leaving an institutional system such as foster care or juvenile justice are more vulnerable to exploitation.

- The rate of victimization was higher among cisgender girls and young women and LGBTQ participants of all genders.

- Minor and youth commercial sex trafficking does not vary much by region. What differs among regions are the services available. Some have well-integrated levels of care that range from drop-in centers for homeless youths, to shelters and residential centers for identified victims. Other regions, such as the Rio Grande Valley, need more resources and greater cultural competency

to understand the needs of at-risk youths in the area.

The study explores the life experiences of survivors of child sex trafficking in three regions of Texas: Houston, Lubbock and along the Texas-Mexico border. A total of 466 research participants were interviewed from among at-risk community segments.

From that group, 71 participants indicated they were exploited for commercial sex before the age of 18 — with the average age of first victimization being 15 — and 46 of them agreed to be interviewed in-depth about their experiences entering, exiting and during their exploitation.

A majority of the 46 children and youths had interacted at some point with social service providers and systems tasked with keeping them safe but had not been identified at the time as victims of trafficking and exploitation.

“We recognize that law enforcement, legislators and advocates are all on the right

side of this issue; they are working hard for victims and to hold offenders accountable. We have an opportunity with this study because it sheds light and provides context and nuance on the need to protect children who are at risk of being exploited for commercial sex from those who would take advantage of their vulnerability,” said Noël Busch-Armenariz, director of IDVSA and co-principal investigator. “By applying what we have learned in this study and expanding prevention and intervention models, we can put an end to tragic missed opportunities.”

“This research provides us with additional data about the experiences of child sex trafficking survivors in Texas,” said Andrea Sparks, director of Governor Abbott’s Child Sex Trafficking Team. “Listening to survivors is essential to improving the strategies we use to prevent victimization, recognize exploitation, and intervene to provide services and help bring justice.”

Pfizer, Sickle Cell advocates address disease during Black Press Week

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

National Sickle Cell Advocacy Day 2019 is a great time to focus on key legislative issues that are important to individuals and their families who are living with the blood cell disorder, including promoting stable funding for research, better healthcare access, expanded programs and increased education and awareness for the Sickle Cell Disease community and programs throughout the country.

Lori Luck, the global medical director for Pfizer Rare Disease, joined Beverley Frances-Gibson, the president and CEO of the SCD Association of America; and Angie Snyder, a professor at Georgia State University, to discuss the latest in Sickle Cell Disease advocacy during Black Press Week in Washington, D.C.

The discussion came ahead of National Sickle Cell

Advocacy Day, which is actually held over two days on April 8 and April 9 at the Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University in Washington.

The event features advo-

cacy training and meetings with legislative champions and a collaboration of federal partners, as advocates attempt to raise awareness to

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Dallas Municipal Court scheduled to be closed for training April 1-3

No, it is not an April Fools joke. If you show up for an appearance at the Dallas Municipal Court Monday, April 1 through Wednesday, April 3, the building will be open, but court will not be in session.

The Dallas Municipal Court at 2014 Main Street will be closed because the city prosecutors are attending professional development training.

Therefore, all court appearances and jury duty

scheduled on these days will be rescheduled. Persons with scheduled court or jury appearances will be notified by mail with a new court or jury date. If you do not receive a new court or jury date,

please call 214-670-0109 or visit courts.dallascityhall.com.

Court Clerk staff will be available to assist attorneys and defendants with clerical functions such as filings, answering questions, taking

payments, records, setting up payment plans, etc.

Defendants seeking to resolve their citation(s) without coming downtown can pay online at courts.dallascityhall.com, by mail or by phone by calling 214-670-

0109.

Defendants can also make full citation payments at the Dallas Marshal's Office located at 1600 Chestnut, Dallas, TX 75226, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dallas CASA's Cherish the Children luncheon will feature Steve Pemberton

Author Steve Pemberton will chronicle his inspiring triumph over an abusive childhood in foster care at Dallas CASA's annual Cherish the Children luncheon April 5 at The Omni Dallas. Hosted by Dallas CASA Children's Council, the luncheon will raise critical funds for the abused and neglected children served by Dallas CASA's trained community volunteers.

Pemberton's bestselling memoir, "A Chance in the World," tells his very personal story of perseverance through difficulty, his search for identity as a biracial child and his quest to find meaning by sharing his story. Following executive stints at Walgreen's and Monster.com, Pemberton is now the Chief Human Resources Officer at WorkHuman and a husband and fa-



Steve Pemberton (Courtesy photo)

ther.

"What makes a family is neither the absence of tragedy nor the ability to hide from misfortune, but the courage to overcome it and, from that broken past, write a new beginning," Pemberton says.

Pemberton's memoir was made into a feature film in 2017, bringing his harrowing childhood and ultimate resilience to life. Removed from an alcoholic mother

and absent father and placed in foster care at three years old, Pemberton spent the next 13 years being mentally and physically tortured in his foster home. He sought refuge in school and books, where he found inspiration and motivation for a better life. For Pemberton, the impact of caring adults was life altering. A neighbor brought him a box of books after she noticed him reading the same book over and over,

and he later lived with one of his teachers after leaving his abusive foster home. Knowing that people cared gave him the strength to keep pushing ahead to make a better life for himself.

"It's difficult to describe all these years later what it's like waking up every day as a child in fear for your life," he said. "My biggest goal – the thing I wanted more than anything in the world – was a family."

Dallas CASA will present the Caroline Rose Hunt Cherish the Children Award to Rosewood. The award

recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions helping children who have been removed from home for abuse or severe neglect. In recognition of its commitment to the children of our community, Dallas CASA Children's Council will honor Rosewood with the award. Inspired by the award's namesake Mrs. Hunt and her constant dedication to the most vulnerable in our city, Rosewood Corporation and the Rosewood Foundation have been supporters of Dallas CASA for many years,

making an impact on the lives of Dallas children through consistent and generous support.

On an average day in Dallas, more than five children are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Dallas CASA volunteers are community members who are trained and supervised to advocate for these children as they navigate a complex child welfare system. A Dallas CASA volunteer is often the only consistent, caring adult by a child's side during a frightening and confusing time.

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Rep. Rhetta Andrews Bowers honors Garland ISD trustee and students

Receiving special attention from State Representative Rhetta Andrews Bowers, three Garland ISD students and the district's most tenured Board of Trustees member were recently recognized at the 2019 African American Legislative Summit.

Representative Bowers presented Trustee Linda Griffin with the Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texan Award. Gar-

land NAACP President Ricky McNeal and former Garland City Council member B.J. Williams also received the honor for making significant contributions to the community through their time, actions, talents and dedication.

Additionally, students Mapenzi Leon and Iman Taylor from North Garland High School, as well as D'Yonne West from Garland High School, were pre-

sented scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$4,000.

"Linda, B.J. and Ricky are three individuals who have given so much to the City of Garland over the years. It was my honor to nominate them to receive this prestigious award, and I am happy to see them get the recognition they deserve," said Representative Bowers. "It was also great to see Mapenzi, Dyonne and Iman get rewarded for their

hard work in school. They are definitely some of the best and brightest youths in our district, and I can't wait to see everything that they accomplish in the future."

As the first African American elected to the GISD Board of Trustees, Griffin has served since 1998. She was recognized just last month as the Texas Association of Black School Educators' School Board Member of the Year.



Texas Rep. Bowers presents Garland ISD Trustee Linda Griffin with the 2019 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texan Award. (Courtesy photo)

Rep. Sherman presents scholarships to deserving local students

AUSTIN – Representative Carl Sherman (D-Dallas) presented two \$1500 scholarships and one \$4000 scholarship on behalf of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC) during Black History Month in February.

"These scholarships are important to local students in District 109 preparing to create positive change through continuing their education," State Representative Sherman said. "A big congratulations goes out to these three young

women who worked hard to receive this recognition."

Three seniors from District 109 received scholarships, Jah-Kai Korrin Veal, Kourtney Marlene Mayes, and Emori Jordan Reece were among the 60 plus winners

that were announced from all over the state on Feb. 24 at the TLBC Gospel Scholarship Brunch during the 2019 African American Legislative Summit in Austin.

The scholarships were available to eligible high

school seniors graduating in the spring of 2019 from a Texas Education Agency accredited high school living in District 109. Applicants were required to meet specific criteria including a minimum 2.5 grade point average, a

cover letter and 500-word essay, must be graduating in the Spring 2019 and enrolled full-time in the Fall 2019 at an accredited college, university, or community college in order to receive scholarship funds.

Senate gives unanimous approval to teacher pension fix

AUSTIN - The state's teacher pension plan would meet statutory requirements for fiscal soundness under a bill approved by the Senate without objection Monday.

The Teacher Retirement System provides monthly annuity payments for more than 420,000 retired Texas teachers and other public school employees, but doesn't meet the legal standard of "actuarial soundness", that is, the ability to meet all of its outstanding obligations

within 31 years. That period currently stands at 87 years representing almost \$47 billion in unfunded liabilities. SB 12 author and Houston Senator Joan Huffman warned that if the Legislature takes no action, the program's unfunded obligations would reach \$124 billion by 2050.

"This is long-term planning showing fiscal responsibility," she said. "This plan is far more cost efficient than simply attempting

to contribute one-time infusions of cash every so often." Under the plan approved by the Senate, the fund would be actuarially sound by the next fiscal year.

The bill would achieve soundness by gradually increasing rates from the three major contributors: the state, local school districts and active public school employees. Districts would see their contribution rate rise from 1.5 percent today to 2

percent by fiscal year 2025. Both the member and state contribution rates would go up to 8.25 percent by fiscal 2024, up from 7.7 percent for employees and 6.8 percent for the state.

Also in the bill are provisions for a bonus check, up to \$500, to be paid to beneficiaries during the next biennium. It's the first such "13th check" that retired teachers have received since 2013.

The money covering the

state portion of the bill, more than \$500 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund, was approved by the Senate as part the supplemental budget bill on March 13th. That measure's author and the chamber's lead budget writer Senate Finance Committee Chair Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound, said that Huffman's proposal demonstrates the state's intention to protect the future income of the state's retired educators.

"What we put in last session was just to keep [TRS] afloat," she said in reference to a one-time infusion to the fund in the 2017 session. "This is a more permanent fix and a commitment on the part of this Legislature that we care about our retired teachers."

The bill now heads to the House for consideration. That body's version of the bill, as filed, would raise only the state's contribution rate, up to 8.8 percent.

Envoy partnership takes Irving ISD Aviation program to new heights

A partnership between Irving ISD and Envoy Air Inc. is expected to take the School of Aviation Science at Irving High School to new heights. The collaboration will connect the demands of a growing industry with the interests and skills of Irving ISD students.

Students enrolled in the School of Aviation Science can pursue one of three career pathways - aviation science, aviation technology or drone engineering. The program provides students with the academic foundation and technical skills they need to succeed in the aviation industry - including certifica-

tions in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), FAA 101, AutoDesk Inventor and Drone Safety. The partnership with Envoy takes their opportunities a step further providing students with relevant, real-world connections to extend their learning.

"This partnership will give these students an opportunity to learn from a leading regional airline company in the aviation industry," says Shawn Blessing, Irving ISD director of Signature Studies. "Through this partnership, Irving ISD aviation students will learn from the best in the industry, a company that is

known for their service, craftsmanship and commitment to excellence - exactly what we aspire to teach our students through our Signature Studies programs in Irving ISD."

Through the partnership, Envoy will provide guest speakers on a quarterly basis, as well as establish a "Day at Envoy" tour to expose the myriad of opportunities available in the airline/aviation industry. The company will also look to develop an apprenticeship program with Irving ISD students and Envoy technicians. In addition, at the official partnership signing today, Envoy

surprised program instructors and students with a professional Sonic tool box, complete with tools valued at \$2,800.

"At Envoy we pride ourselves on hiring the 'best of the best' and opening our doors to young talent that has excelled in their areas of study," says Jay Murray, vice president of maintenance for Envoy Air. "Over the years, we've provided opportunities for countless technical and customer service professionals who have a commitment to excellence and the desire to join a company that has been consistently growing."

Envoy Air Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group, operates more than 170 aircraft on nearly 1,000 daily flights to more than 150 destinations throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas and Caribbean. The company's nearly 17,000 employees provide regional flight service to American Airlines under the American Eagle brand and ground handling services for many American Airlines Group flights. The company was founded in 1998 as American Eagle Airlines Inc., following the merger of several smaller regional carriers to

create one of the largest regional airlines in the world. Envoy is headquartered in Irving, Texas, with hubs in Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, New York and Miami, with a large ground handling operation in Los Angeles. Envoy operates two heavy maintenance bases in Abilene, Texas, and Marquette, Mich., along with maintenance facilities in eight other locations throughout the U.S.

The partnership is expected to benefit more than 350 Irving ISD high school students with hopes of one day entering the lucrative and successful field of aviation.

Plano teens prep for Mayor's Summer Internship Program

Mock interviews, elevator speeches and speed connection sessions made for a busy Saturday as approximately 425 Plano teens gathered at the Capital One Conference Center for a rigorous "training camp" as part of the Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program.

With edibles aplenty, the dedicated students soaked up six hours of seminars, resume building, drills and life skills in preparation for the April 26 Job Fair. It's all in hopes of securing a sought-after, eight-week paid internship at one of



Mayor Harry LaRosiliere greets students.
(Courtesy photo by James Edward)

Plano's most prestigious businesses, nonprofits or government agencies.

At the helm, Capital One – the program's founding

and presenting sponsor for six years – orchestrated the entertaining, yet instructional, curriculum alongside Plano Mayor Harry

LaRosiliere and eight intern alums, who shared sage advice and fun anecdotes from their summer internships.

After welcoming remarks from Capital One's Paul Littlejohn, Mayor LaRosiliere delivered his annual pep talk, noting that "you should be the person today who you plan to be in the future." He shared his formula for success as an algorithm that finds a balance between health, happiness, honesty, love, hard work, learning, desire, and a commitment and willingness to sacrifice. He also noted the four "L's" of leadership –

listen, learn, lead by example, and let go and trust others.

Then the intern alums took over. In a light and conversational manner, Hunter Helms and Burak Torlak peppered their fellow alums – who worked at Frito-Lay Headquarters, Habitat for Humanity of Colin County, Ericsson and more – with questions about their internships as hopeful students listened, laughed and learned helpful tips.

"We are so grateful that Capital One brings together their experts and their partners who share a wealth of

knowledge with our youth," said Mayor LaRosiliere. "It is gratifying to know whether these students earn a summer internship with us or not, they walk away with invaluable training and insights that will serve them forever going forward as they pursue college and careers."

Once the intern panel wrapped, Capital One executives led a discussion on presenting your personal brand and how to develop a polished 30-second elevator speech.

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Nearly 250 Dallas leaders endorse Eric Johnson for Dallas Mayor

A coalition of neighborhood, business, civic, non-profit, and faith leaders announced their support this week for State Rep. Eric Johnson's campaign to become the next Mayor of Dallas.

"I'm grateful that such a diverse and respected group of Dallas leaders has come together behind our campaign," Johnson said. "It is a profound honor that people who have done so much for Dallas believe that I am the right person to lead our city.

Nearly 250 Dallas leaders have formally endorsed State Rep. Eric Johnson to become Dallas' next Mayor, demonstrating the broad support that his inclusive and consensus-building leadership style has garnered across the nation's ninth largest city. The coalition endorsing Johnson includes local neighborhood leaders, Fortune 500 CEOs, small business owners, current and former Dallas elected and appointed officials, non-profit CEOs, faith leaders, educators, and even

a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Eric will be the type of Mayor our communities need," said Edna Pemberton, who has been one of Dallas' most influential civic leaders for decades. "He is a principled leader who genuinely cares about people. Eric will be a Mayor all of Dallas can be proud of."

Johnson grew up in Dallas and returned to his hometown immediately upon completing his formal education. He received his bachelor's

degree with honors from Harvard University in 1998 as well as a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a master's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, both in 2003.

"Eric Johnson is a Dallas success story," said Rev. Donald R. Parish Sr., the Pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church in South Dallas. "He grew up here, worked hard, got himself a

world-class education, and then returned to Dallas to make it an even better place to live. He is fully committed to helping more of our kids have the same kinds of opportunities he had."

Since 2010, Johnson has represented Dallas-based District 100 in the Texas House of Representatives, where he has been a leading voice for expanding access to early childhood education, fighting public corruption, funding much-needed street repairs, and improving public

safety.

"Eric is a person of great integrity who has the experience and the leadership skills to take Dallas to new heights," said Mary Poss, former Acting Mayor of Dallas who also served eight years on the Dallas City Council. "Eric knows how to lead by bringing different viewpoints and perspectives to the table. He is going to provide the clear and unifying vision our city needs at this crucial time."

City Briefs

Dallas

The **Dallas Comedy Festival 2019** will be held on March 27, at 10 a.m. at Deep Ellum. The 5-day comedy festival is back with more talent than ever — 213 performers, 46 shows/panels/podcasts and five stages. Multi-day badges for March 26-30 are offered for \$160, and individual show (\$10-\$15) times and locations are on the event website. The festival features comedians, improvisation and sketch and comedy teams. Headliners include: Rory Scovel, Daniel Van Kirk, Jaime Moyer and Maribeth Monroe. See full lineup at dallascomedyfestival.com.

The Big Texas Beer Fest

will be held on March 29, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Automobile Building at Fair Park, in Dallas. Dallas' original beer festival will feature beers from more than 100 breweries pouring more than 500 beers. Sample rare brews, one-offs and special firkins. Talk to brewmasters and brewery owners. In addition to beer tastings, there will be plenty of food from food trucks and artisanal food vendors, and live "beer-friendly" music on the outdoor stage. General admission for Friday is \$35, \$39 for Saturday. Ages 21+ only. Tickets include a sampling card for 12 2-ounce samples. Additional sample cards will be available to purchase. Visit <http://www.bigtexasbeer->

[fest.com/](http://www.bigtexasbeer-fest.com/) for tickets.

Vote About It will be held on March 29, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Klyde Warren Park, in Dallas. The Dallas Morning News, in partnership with Klyde Warren Park and League of Women Voters, presents a voter registration event. Dallas has the lowest voter turnout in the country for mayoral and municipal elections. Let's change that. When you register to vote, you'll get a sweet treat on us. For more information visit Facebook.com/events

2019 MTV RE:DEFINE will take place on March 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at The Statler, in Dallas. The MTV Staying Alive



Foundation, in collaboration with The Goss-Michael Foundation, will host the gala event. Chaired by Merrill Lynch Dallas Vice President Sami Abboud, co-hosted by MTV RE:DEFINE co-founders Joyce Goss and Kenny Goss, the gala will honor celebrated artist and longtime MTV RE:DEFINE supporter Marc Quinn. The evening will include a seated dinner in the Grand Ballroom and a curated contemporary art and luxury item auction.

Proceeds benefit HIV prevention and education. For tickets visit accelevents.com/e/MTVReDefine.

Fort Worth

Bubbling Brown Sugar will take place on March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Jubilee Theatre, in Fort Worth. Loften Mitchell's musical has been nominated for three Tony Awards. The play is set during the Harlem Renaissance (1920-1940) in New York City when audiences flocked to the area's popular nightclubs to see the greatest talents entertain. Artists like Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Billie Holiday created a golden age of music with

their exciting sounds and glamorous shows. For tickets visit jubileetheatre.org

Plano

The **365 Women a Year Festival** will be held on March 28, at Rover Dramawerks, in Plano. Rover Dramawerks partners with international playwriting coalition 365 Women a Year to present a festival of plays about women, for everyone. This international playwriting coalition, founded by Jesslynn Eisenberg Chamblee, involves playwrights across the world who have signed on to write one or more plays about extraordinary women in both past and present history. For tickets visit roverdramawerks.com.



This is our commitment to homeownership

NeighborhoodLIFTSM is a program created by Wells Fargo that provides down payment assistance, home buyer education, and community revitalization grants to help communities impacted by the growing housing crisis.

- Since 2012, Wells Fargo LIFT programs have launched in more than 65 communities across the U.S. and have helped over **20,000 families** and individuals purchase nearly \$3 billion in real estate.
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- More than 90% of LIFT down payment assistance grant recipients are first-time home buyers.
- Nearly 70% of home buyers who receive LIFT grants are ethnically diverse, which is 250% higher diversity representation than the general market.
- Participating NeighborWorksSM America network members have prepared more than 60,000 people with home buyer education.

For more information about upcoming LIFT events please visit wellsfargo.com/lift



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Glamorous 50th NAACP Image Awards scheduled to air March 30

LOS ANGELES, CA – The nominees for the 50th NAACP Image Awards were exclusively announced last month at the Television Critics Association's (TCA) TV One's joint press conference with Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP and Alfred Liggins, Chairman and CEO of TV One. The winners will be revealed during the live special airing on TV One on Saturday, March 30.



Kiki Layne and Stephan James star in *If Beale Street Could Talk* (Courtesy photo: Annapurna Pictures)

Netflix leads the nominations in the Television categories with 22 nominations and has 4 film nominations followed by HBO and ABC with 20 and 18 respectively. Marvel leads the motion picture category with 13 nominations followed by Annapurna with 11 nominations. In the recording categories, RCA leads with 11 nominations followed by Interscope with 8 nominations and Atria leads the literary category with 4 nominations.

"With TV One as our partner for the 50th Anniversary of the NAACP Image Awards, we are delighted to have a platform to showcase artists and individuals of color and celebrate their talents and contributions," stated President Johnson.

The NAACP Image Awards is the preeminent multicultural awards show celebrating the accomplishments of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature and film, and also honors individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors.

NAACP ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR. The five nominees are: Beyoncé, Chadwick Boseman, Regina King, LeBron James and Ryan Coogler. Voting was open to the general public earlier at

change. Leon W. Russell, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, will present Ms. Waters with the award.

For all information and the latest news, please visit the official NAACP Image Awards website at www.naacpimageawards.net or on Facebook at [naacpimageaward](https://www.facebook.com/naacpimageaward) and Twitter @naacpimageaward (#ImageAwards50).

A few awards include:

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Outstanding Comedy Series

- "Atlanta" (FX Networks)
- "black-ish" (ABC)
- "Dear White People" (Netflix)

- "grown-ish" (Freeform)
- "Insecure" (HBO)

Outstanding Drama Series

- "How To Get Away With Murder" (ABC)
- "Power" (Starz)
- "Queen Sugar" (OWN)
- "The Chi" (Showtime)
- "This Is Us" (NBC)

Outstanding Motion Picture

- "Black Panther" (Marvel Studios)
- "BlacKkKlansman" (Focus Features)
- "Crazy Rich Asians" (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- "If Beale Street Could Talk" (Annapurna Pictures)
- "The Hate U Give" (20th Century Fox)

Outstanding Male Artist

- Bruno Mars (Atlantic Records)
- Childish Gambino (RCA Records)
- John Legend (Columbia Records)
- MAJOR. (BOE/Empire)
- Raheem DeVaughn (BMG)

Outstanding Female Artist

- Andra Day (Warner Bros. Records)
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'Down for #TheCount' brings women's voices to the stage

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

Down for #TheCount is an annual series hosted by the Bishop Arts Theatre Center focusing on female playwrights. It features six one-act performances by six different writers and presented by a recurring slate of actors.

The pieces in this year's selection focus on changes

in people's lives, from the selling of slaves after a plantation owner's death ("Under the Liberty Trees" by Emily Mann) to a woman leaving her husband to live with a son who turned out to be gay ("Uncommon Revelations" by Gabrielle Denise Pina).

The tempo is fast, and the performers move easily between multiple roles in this production; which delivers

both provocative thoughts and hilarious moments. The cast does a wonderful job of bringing diverse stories to life, using a minimalist set and invoking the scenes through pure artistic expression.

Kassy Mannoua Amoi stands out in this production, handling two very difficult characters; a slave father preparing his son to be sold and an overbearing

husband watching his wife walking away. On the more mirthful side, Rhonda L. Green leaves the audience in stitches with her portrayal of the mother in "The Talk."

Ultimately, Down for #TheCount is an important annual event, giving the audience the opportunity to not only discover the Bishop Arts Theatre Center but also to highlight talent which is often overlooked.

Following the performance, Pina and fellow playwright Blue McElroy joined director Camika Spencer for a live Q&A with the audience. They emphasized that events like Down for #TheCount are important as only



Alicia Rodriguez (at left) laments the upheaval of her life at the hands of divorcing parents as the character of Mary in "Cardboard Box." George Donaldson (right) portrays the father, not recognizing the impact of the transition. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

28 percent of American professional productions are pieces penned by women.

One note to remember; this presentation deals with sensitive subjects and con-

tains both strong language and adult content. It is not a performance for younger audiences.

The show continues through April 7.



Blue McElroy (at left) joins director Camika Spencer (center) and fellow playwright Gabrielle Denise Pina in a Q&A session with audience members after the Friday night performance of Down for #TheCount. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

NDG Entertainment: Magic on ice, new tunes and more this week in DFW

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

Experience Disney On Ice presents **Mickey's Search Party** on March 28, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the American Airlines Center, in Dallas. Join Mickey Mouse and his friends at Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party, a brand-new adventure filled with world-class skating, high-flying acrobatics and unexpected stunts! Help them follow Captain Hook's treasure map and look for clues in the search for Tinker Bell in immersive, fantastic worlds. Explore the colorful spirit realm of Coco in Miguel's Disney On Ice debut, sail away with Moana as she bravely saves her island, see Belle in the sky above you as the enchanted chandelier comes



to life, and sing-along with Elsa in the icy world of Frozen. Make memories with your whole family during Aladdin, Toy Story and The Little Mermaid as the search party becomes an all-out magical celebration on the ice, in the air, and all around! For tickets visit 1.ticketmaster.com.

The **CD Release and Listening Series** will take place on April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Clarence Muse Cafe Theater, in Dallas. A new program of original multi-genre music and covered tunes are featured by new

and established artists at TBAAL's Release and Listening. For tickets visit 1.ticketmaster.com.

Sing along at **214 Selena Karaoke Night** on March 29, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Oak Cliff Brewing Company, in Dallas. 214Selena kicks off a weekend of events honoring the legacy of Selena Quintanilla-Perez with karaoke fun at the brewery. The Selena tribute parties mark the anniversary of the Tejano singer's death in 1995.

Dance the night away at **Disco Kids** on March 29, at 6 p.m. at 4332 Elm Street, in Dallas. Disco Kids is a group of kiddos and parents looking for a break from the routine playground & play date circuit to let loose in a room.

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civil rights fighting. But the greatest pain is to see people come to office and start over and reinvent the wheel. They'd rather listen to the gossip about what the Morning News has to say about me or anybody else, instead of getting with us and having a smooth transition ... It's a lot of balancing, and not just with the people who sit on that council. You have to work with the state laws. You have to work with the county. You've got to work with DISD. So it's a lot of laws. This is about laws. So you need to know a little bit about what's happened before, for you to build upon it."

Gbalazeh describes herself as a "full-time activist," and says she is the only person running who has managed to get a law changed. Citing her efforts to gain decriminalize marijuana and bringing a first amendment lawsuit against the City of Dallas. She says it is her time to serve, being without the obligations of children and family, and is in a unique position to put her constituents first. Audience members interrupted Gbal-

azeh repeatedly during her time at the microphone. She dismissed attempts to shut her down. Gbalazeh aimed direct attacks against Felder and Bazaldua in particular and negative comments to make about others running as well, dismissing those who opposed her message.

"It's not dirt," Gbalazeh said. "Dirty politics is when you lie about something and override actual facts. And of course the liars, the people that are guilty of these behaviors; you know, they're going to try to make things up, they're going to try to spin it. But we've learned those tricks from Donald Trump and we're over that. We use facts. We need to study the facts."

Calvin Johnson is a local attorney raised in District 7. He said the district "took care of me," and says he wants to give back. He cited several local officials who are going to endorse him in his run and touted his record of accomplishing the goals he sets out for himself.

"I want to make sure we change what's happening in city hall for us," Calvin Johnson said. "We have been 'Breaking News' too

much. I decided after watching this for years and years and years, that I wanted to put my hat in, and I wanted to make sure we're doing what we're supposed to do. I want to make sure we get those bond dollars moving. If you're going to pass a bond you've got to get those dollars moving, and working in the community. That's what I want to do."

Mack is originally from Los Angeles, but came to Dallas as a child and grew up in Oak Cliff. He has worked as an educator, an entertainment business owner, and has been active in civic organizations and served on the Dallas City Planning Commission. He says he is seeking to "elevate the level of representation" for District 7 on the city council.

"The reason I'm running is to revitalize communities, make sure we have a proactive defense against gentrification, also to build coalitions the same way I have in Buckner Terrace as their homeowners' chair the past four years, and to engage and empower citizens," Mack said. "It starts at the ballot box, but we've got to do much more than vote. We've got to interact with

our elected officials; Dallas ISD all the way up to the federal level. We need to know who they are. They need to know who we are more important, and we need to be engaged."

Thomas is a tech specialist who has worked in education as well as the private sector in the hotel industry. He is a product of District 7 and graduated from Lincoln high school. He points to a history of community service through the church, and says the district is in need of a "public servant." He also says his familiarity with the city system and personnel is one of his key advantages.

"I've been working for the City of Dallas for the last eight years," Thomas said. "My actual job is recording council meetings. So when you say 'inside man,' I'm your inside man. Over 200 council meetings, over 50 city planning commission meetings, parks, and rec, ethics advisory, I've seen all of them. I was also very instrumental in putting together the virtual town hall meeting. I was one of the tech guys that was very instrumental in putting that forward to make sure you can watch it online, listen to it and even vote."

Young is seeking to reclaim her spot on the Dallas City Council. She defeated Felder in 2015 but was then beaten by him in the following 2017 election. Both elections being decided by less than 300 votes, emphasizing how important voter turnout is in city elections. She is an attorney who grew up in District 7 and has been active in political efforts since the age of 14. She says she is running again at the request of many District 7 constituents.

"When I talk about a lifetime of public service, I have been serving the public since high school as a volunteer throughout the community; working to make sure that our future is brighter, working to make sure the young ladies can see good examples in myself just like I saw as a young student when I started out back in high school" Young said.

"I'm asking you to support me because of what we've been able to accomplish together," Young said. "I have the passion to serve you. I serve with sound principles, and we've achieved quite a bit throughout the district and I'll continue to do that."

For all the intensity surrounding the race, Felder is steadfast in his assertion that he should stay on the Dallas City Council. He dismisses the negative barbs thrown at him and says his action on the city council speaks for itself.

"I'm running on my track record," Felder said. "Less than two years we've been in office and we've done quite a bit. The first thing we've done; we created a District office in the MLK Center ... I've heard over and over it's going to close. It's not. We passed a \$50 million bond package for Fair Park. Of that \$50 million, \$2 million came to this museum, to upgrade this museum. I'm very proud of my track record."

"We've created a new standard in District 7. We've had 50 town hall meetings in the last 23 months. That is unprecedented, and I've been at all of them. To the extent that there are many candidates running in this race, none of them can say they have a track record."

The Dallas City Council election will be held on May 4. Early voting begins on April 22, and the last day to register to vote is April 4.

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the disease which affects about 100,000 Americans and occurs among nearly 1 out of every 365 black or African American births.

According to researchers, the illness occurs among about 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic American births and about 1 in 13 black or African American babies are born with sickle cell trait, meaning that the individual has inherited the sickle cell gene from one of his or her parents.

"We're educators and we're not only educating internal clients but external as well," said Luck, who noted that Pfizer has partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as other organizations.

The company also has a partnership with the National Newspaper Publishers Asso-

ciation (NNPA), a trade association of more than 200 African-American-owned community newspapers from around the United States.

The partnership is a collaboration to raise awareness of sickle cell disease, a lifelong and debilitating genetic disorder that affects red blood cells.

People with rare diseases, like sickle cell disease, have unique and complex challenges and the Pfizer partnership provides an opportunity for NNPA to inform and educate readers of Black-owned newspapers in more than 70 markets across the country on sickle cell disease, which NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., said is an often misunderstood disease that has a profound impact on the



Lori Luck, the global medical director for Pfizer Rare Disease, joined Beverley Frances-Gibson, the president and CEO of the SCD Association of America; and Angie Snyder, a professor at Georgia State University, to discuss the latest in Sickle Cell Disease advocacy during Black Press Week in Washington, D.C. (Photo: NNPA)

health and well-being of those affected.

"Together with Pfizer, we look forward to providing sickle cell disease education that can underscore the importance of improving quality of care in the community," Chavis said.

Snyder, whose work at Georgia State University includes researching and advocating for the sickle cell disease community, said it's im-

portant that everyone is educated.

"We have to continue to study on what works and doesn't work for people," she said.

Francis-Gibson said conversations must take place in and outside the home. "Sickle Cell Disease is personal for me because I have a family member who died from sickle cell disease when I was in high school," Fran-

cis-Gibson said.

"We never discussed it and when I was offered my current position I knew it was my calling because if my own family isn't discussing sickle cell disease, I knew that other families weren't discussing it either," she said.

In December, a bi-partisan bill aimed at fighting sickle cell disease was signed into law by President Donald Trump.

The Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2018 was introduced by Sens. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Tim Scott, R-S.C., in February 2018 and passed in the Senate in October.

The bill also reauthorizes a current sickle cell disease prevention and treatment program for nearly \$5 million each year over the next five years.

"Even though sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in our country, research and treatment lags behind that of other chronic illnesses," Booker said in a statement.

"Our legislation will help find new ways to improve the lives of people suffering from sickle cell disease. It's time we start treating sickle cell disease as a serious and debilitating illness and allocate adequate resources to monitoring, researching, and treating it," he said.

Francis-Gibson said advocacy for funding the bill is still needed.

"It's important everyone comes out during National Sickle Cell Advocacy Day and join me on Capitol Hill because when I'm speaking to the legislators, it's much better when they look and see all of the people behind me," she said.

GM rep talks diversity during fireside chat at Black Press Week

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

General Motors continued to show its commitment to diversity and inclusion and a dedication to the partnership it has developed with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) as representatives attended Black Press Week and sat for a fireside chat with NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Chavis relayed questions from a live audience – including a group of students from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts – at a fellowship luncheon held inside the Dupont Circle Hotel in Washington as he chatted with Cherie Wilson, the director of Federal Affairs for General Motors.

The chat was also was live-streamed to viewers across the Black Press of America's social media platforms, including Facebook.

Wilson said she learned from her colleague, Lester Booker, Jr., about the popular Discover the Unexpected (DTU) program where Chevrolet and NNPA teamed up for a journalism fellowship program that provides students attending Histori-



Cherie Wilson is the Director of Federal Affairs for General Motors. Her responsibilities at GM include developing and executing legislative and political engagement in vehicle finance, corporate sustainability and diversity.

cally Black Colleges and Universities the opportunity for an eight-week, immersive training experience with the Black Press.

It's just one of many programs that shows GM's commitment to diversity and inclusion, particularly within the African American community, Wilson said.

"It's really a phenomenal opportunity for young individuals interested in journalism to be exposed to the Black Press in particular and to also have a connection with Chevrolet where we've provided students with a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 stipend and access to a specific Chevy-branded vehicle to take a road trip and engage with community

stakeholders and key leaders to learn about what's happening in the African American community," said Wilson. "And, to develop a narrative around that and share it," she said.

Among Wilson's responsibilities at GM is developing and executing legislative and political engagement in vehicle finance, corporate sustainability and diversity.

Since joining GM in 2015, Wilson, who holds a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania, executed the first executive-level Congressional engage-

ment for GM's captive finance arm.

She spearheaded GM's first cross-functional Diversity and Inclusion Report and established sustainability as part of the Federal issue portfolio to better align messaging and policy development.

"Given our commitment to the NNPA and ensuring that our stories are getting out to communities of color, people who look like us know what we're doing," Wilson said.

Another initiative is GM's robust partnership with historically black North Carolina A&T State University, one of eight North American universities competing in an AutoDrive challenge – an autonomous vehicle design competition to develop and demonstrate a fully autonomous passenger vehicle, Wilson said.

The goal to navigate an urban driving course in an automated driving mode.

"We've also engaged with Howard University with AMIE, so it really does provide us with the opportunity to tap into diverse talent and to create a pipeline, because if we don't engage with a diverse community of color, we will have the same problem of how do we engage in

diversity," Wilson said.

AMIE is an acronym for Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering, which counts as a coalition of corporations, government agencies and the Engineering Schools at the ABET accredited HBCUs.

The primary purpose is to facilitate partnerships between corporations and/or government agencies and one or more of the HBCU engineering programs.

Wilson said General Motors remains committed in getting its message out through advertising in the Black Press, stating, "I think

this is an example of one way we hope to engage in this particular audience. "You [The Black Press] have an important role of informing people of color and ensuring that the important narrative is told.

"I think we have been able to really engage and partner with NNPA and the Black Press in general because it's very important that the communities in which we live and work are very representative of those we engage so we will continue to have robust conversations with the Black Press to make sure that we get out the message."



Crown Castle is proposing to install antennas at a centerline height of 87 feet with a proposed tower extension to an overall height of 96 feet on an existing monopole and install a new 10-foot by 10-foot lease area within a storage unit at the following site: 1225 West Trinity Mills Road, Carrollton, Dallas County, TX 75006; 32° 58' 52.50" N, 96° 55' 0.10" W. Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Monica Gambino, 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317, Monica.Gambino@CrownCastle.com, 724-416-2516 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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ever had. She loves meeting the people that visit the gallery and is always happy that they appreciate the art enough to purchase and hang in their homes and offices. She wants Arthello's artistic legacy to live.

Arthello died in November 2004 and in 2017 and Mae

became owner and CEO of the gallery. Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold, District 4, recommended to City Council members that a monument on Arthello's contributions as an artist be placed at Twin Falls Park in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas with funds from the City

of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. Mae along with many other citizens hopes to see the project accomplished.

Mae says customers still frequent the gallery to view and purchase Arthello's art. Most customers are those that are familiar with the gallery and word of mouth visitors; her desire is to see

more young adults come to the gallery and experience the legacy of Black art left by Arthello Beck, Jr. He left a large collection of beautiful art for all to enjoy.

Field trips and viewings are available by appointment. Call Mae Beck at 214-941-2276, Arthello's Gallery, 1922 S. Beckley Ave., Dallas, TX 75224.

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"As part of Capital One's Future Edge DFW initiative, we are proud to partner with the Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program to push the boundaries of education beyond the classroom," said Paul Littlejohn, Market Executive, Capital One Bank, NE Texas District. "Capital One will sponsor five interns this summer and continue our

teacher externship program, where teachers will take the skills they learn in the program back to classrooms to better prepare students for the future workforce."

New this year, the students broke into groups as they participated in "speed connection" sessions. Similar to speed dating, the teens were tasked with networking and connecting with the

person across from them in a fast-paced format.

After lunch was generously provided by Kroger, a North Texas Food Bank rep shared insights on behavioral interviewing followed by mock interview sessions guided by executives from Capital One, Dallas HR and the Junior League of Collin County.

The crash course provided the teens with a plethora of practice for the

Job Fair, which takes place Friday, April 26, from 2:30-6 p.m. at the Plano Event Center. The Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program runs June 10-Aug. 2, and students will earn a minimum of \$10 per hour working 20-to-40 hours per week.

Mayor LaRosiliere is still seeking businesses to participate in the program. For more information, go to planomayorsinterns.org.

AT&T Mobility proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a centerline height of 216 feet and 234 feet on an existing 211-foot building at the approx. vicinity of 1914 Commerce Street, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75201. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, John, j.huter@trileaf.com, 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704, 512-519-9388.*

Upcoming DFW area job fairs

March 30 You Bring The Power - Full Stack Developer Hiring Event

You Bring The Power - Full Stack Developer Hiring Event will be held on March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Infosys Richardson Office, in Richardson. Test your coding skills and compete for a place on Infosys' elite full stack developer coding environment. They will be running a 1-day hiring event, where you can put your coding skills to the test and find out if you have what it takes to be a Power Programmer at Infosys. Infosys welcomes all talented programmers in Texas. You choose the languages and technologies you'd like to use to solve the problem. All you need is a valid ID. We'll provide the rest, including refreshments, as well as a laptop. The deadline for applications is March 29. They have a cap of 80 programmers and will notify applicants on a first-come first-served basis.

To register visit Eventbrite.com.

March 30 Teacher Job Fair - Plano ISD

The Teacher Job Fair for the Plano Independent School District will be held on March 30, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Plano.

Candidates must complete an online application to register for the event on the Plano ISD employment website.

All 72 elementary and secondary campuses located in and served by the District will have representatives there with staff to speak to those interested in teaching and other professional opportunities.

To receive an entry ticket to the job fair. Visit www.pisd.edu/page/5495 for all the details.

April 2 Collin College Job Fair

Collin College will host the 2019 Job Fair from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, April 2 in the Plano Campus Living Legends Conference Center,



2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Free and open to the public, the job fair will include full- and part-time opportunities in technology, business, service, marketing, sales, education and other industries. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with recruiters from more than 70 businesses and organizations. Participants are encouraged to dress professionally and bring several copies of their résumés.

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Paid Internship opportunity for writers, college students in the Dallas Area

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The Producer will be responsible for recording, editing and preparing final draft of our video content in our in-house studio. The producer will record and broadcast via Facebook weekly shows. Afterwards using Final Pro Cut and other related tools, the footage will be finalized and uploaded to our YouTube channel.

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- Experience using digital content software.
- Basic graphic design experience.
- Create content based upon agreed criteria.
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- Good time and project management skills.
- Attention to detail as it relates to spelling and grammar.
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Resumes must be sent to ngarcia@northdallasgazette.com to be considered.



April 2 Uplift Education Fort Worth Job Fair

The Uplift Education Fort Worth Job Fair will be held on April 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Uplift Mighty, in Fort Worth. You will have the opportunity to meet members of their Talent Acquisition team and learn more about instructional (teacher, teacher aide, intervention specialist, etc) positions at our schools for the 2019-2020 school year. To apply visit Linkedin.com.

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March 31, 9:45 am

Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

April 3, 7 pm

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April 3

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April 1, 7 p.m.

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April 3, 7 pm

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A nonprofit educational organization founded in 1980 to bring women's stories and contributions to the forefront.

Janet Emerson Bashen. In January 2006, Bashen became the first Black person to hold a patent for a software invention. The patented software, LinkLine, is a web-based application for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). EEOC claims intake and tracking, claims management, document management, and numerous reports for EEOC.

Mamie Phipps Clark. From a young age, Mamie Phipps Clark knew she was black. "I became acutely aware of that in childhood, because you had to have a certain kind of protective armor about you, all the time ... You learned the things not to do...so as to protect yourself," she would say later, when asked in an interview how she first became aware of racial segregation.

Growing up attending an all-Black school in Hot Spring, Arkansas left an indelible impression on Clark; even as a young child, she knew that when she grew up she wanted to help other children. And help children she did.

Clark would go on to study psychology and develop valuable research methodology that combined the study of child development and racial prejudice—helping her field incorporate

the felt experience of childhood racism.

Ultimately, her work in social psychology crossed over into the Civil Rights Movement: Her research and expert testimony became instrumental to ending school segregation across the country in the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case of 1954.

Marie Maynard Daly, Chemist. Daly was born on April 16, 1921, in Queens, New York. She was raised in an education-oriented family, and Daly quickly received her B.S. and M.S. in chemistry at Queens College and New York University. After completing her Ph.D. at Columbia—and becoming the first Black woman to obtain a Ph.D. in chemistry in the United States—Daly taught and conducted research. She died in New York City on October 28, 2003.

Marie Van Brittan Brown, Home Security System Inventor. Brown and her husband, Albert, created an early closed-circuit television system to be used for home monitoring. That security system was the forerunner of all advanced home security technology in use today.

Ruane Sharon Jeter. Jeter was awarded the patent for creating a toaster. And, along with her power sister Shelia Lynn Jeter, the two created multiple products including the stapler, staple remover and sheathed scissors.

Alice Parker was an African American woman who invented and patented the gas heating furnace in 1919.

Her invention was a huge contribution to New Jersey and the Earth. The heating furnace solved a lot of problems in the world, but it also did cause some problems and risks itself. I personally think that Alice Parker has one of the best inventions that nobody talked, knew, or cared about. This is why this former Morristown, New

Jersey resident's idea was so great.

Parker became an inventor simply because she thought of one of the greatest ideas of all time. She brainstormed a concept that would be able to warm up her house and regulate its temperature. The invention was called a heating furnace and its purpose was to provide central heat throughout a building. Parker patented her heating furnace near

Christmas time, on December 23, 1919. The heating furnace was an amazingly large contribution to the world, including New Jersey.

Miriam E. Benjamin (September 16, 1861 – 1947) was an American school teacher and inventor from Washington, D.C. On July 17, 1888 she obtained a patent for her invention, the Gong and Signal Chair for Hotels, later used for States'

Senators and Representatives.

Lyda D. Newman, a Black woman, patented a new and improved hairbrush in 1898 while living in New York, she was granted a patent for her invention in 1898, Newman's brush was the first hairbrush with synthetic bristles (prior to that

brushes were made from animal hair, such as boar's hair).

Marjorie Stewart Joyner (1896-1994) Joyner, inventor of a Permanent Hair-Wave Machine straighten curly hair

Conducted 1940s experiments using dolls to study children's attitudes about



Abby Dione the first Black woman in the U.S. to own an indoor rock climbing gym.

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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: *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

There's another candle on your birthday cake.

Whatever.

Your back hurts, your knees hurt, and it was hard getting up this morning, then you lost your glasses and ten minutes looking for them. One stupid candle won't make you feel enlightened but in "This Chair Rocks" by Ashton Applewhite, you'll see how to grow older without aging.

Ashton Applewhite hates the way we talk about people over fifty. Specifically, she hates "the elderly" and "seniors," as well as "elders" because those terms have generally bad connota-



tions. Instead, she suggests we change our language to "olders," because the word "emphasizes that age is a continuum."

Aging, you see, is what she knows – not just because she's sixty-some-

thing, but because she writes about the subject. She knows there are lots of myths about aging, and that the truth is better than we think.

A mere three percent of Americans over age sixty-five live in nursing homes, for one, and most of them "can think just fine," which means they don't have any problems with dementia. Most olders, in fact, remain active, independent, and enjoy fashion, dating, sex, and travel. To think differently is indulging in ageism.

Once you know how to spot ageism, Applewhite says, you can combat it.

Forgetting that olders are still consumers is ageism.

Howling that near-retirement-age employees take jobs from younger workers is ridiculous – and ageism. Getting shamed for needing a wheelchair is ageism. Being scolded for wearing something you love but that someone has decided is "too young for you"... ageism. Absolutely.

Furthermore, says Applewhite, your brain is probably fine; cognition declines to a certain extent in older years, but aging enhances thought processes and besides, younger people forget things, too. You can keep your brain sharp by working your body.

Remember that "aging is not a disease," and you

shouldn't be ashamed of it because "Sixty isn't the new forty, but it is a new sixty."

Oh, and those aches...? You shovel, you garden, you walk, you dance. Maybe the aches came from living.

Your next birthday is arriving soon, and you're not sure whether to dread it, admit to it, or lie about it. You're not sure what to think, but after reading "This Chair Rocks," you'll know exactly.

Author Ashton Applewhite is, as you can imagine, a proponent of embracing your years, an action that she shows is beneficial in many ways for both quality of life and longevity.

Those are happy words for the person who seizes their existence and wrings every ounce from it. They're a shout-out to anyone who uses a hearing aid or wheelchair without embarrassment, and a comfort to those who struggle to ignore the "shouldas" that other people fling. They're advising words of the MYOB sort: enjoy your years because whose business is it what you do?

That's counsel that could turn your thinking around, or it could make a great 50th Birthday gift to someone with dread on their mind. "This Chair Rocks" proves that getting older is icing on the cake.

Frisco's automated vehicle pilot program to end on March 29

The Drive.ai autonomous vehicle pilot program operating in the City of Frisco is ending after eight months of service. The last day of service for the pilot program is Friday, March 29. The pilot program was available to HALL Park tenants and guests of the Frisco TMA with the goal to enhance mobility and connectivity for employers and employees. Current riders are encouraged to explore and utilize

other modes of transportation after the conclusion of the pilot program.

"We want to thank drive.ai for partnering with us during this innovative pilot program – the first of its kind in Texas for on-demand, driverless car service on public roads," said Mayor Jeff Cheney. "Frisco is committed to continue exploring the latest trends in 'smart' transportation to expand connectivity in our city, recognized

among the fastest growing in the country. We look forward to working with our partners in the Frisco Transportation Management Association to find both emerging technologies and practical solutions for our community."

The Frisco Transportation Management Association (TMA), a collaborative partnership between the City of Frisco, Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), Frisco Station Part-

ners, Blue Star/The Star and HALL Group/HALL Park, launched a partnership with drive.ai in summer 2018 which included stops at HALL Park, The Star and

the recently added route to connect Frisco Station (Office One and Station House).

Although the pilot program has come to a close, the Frisco TMA will con-

tinue to tackle mobility challenges and improve connectivity between The Star, HALL Park, Frisco Station and other surrounding destinations.

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that educates and mentors businesswomen from Kabul, Afghanistan and Rwanda, Africa through its Peace Through Business Program. She is currently working with Afghan and Rwandan Women Business Leaders to create high impact, sustainable Alumnae Associations in both countries. Royalyn is

pleased to use her professional experience and skills in people and process improvement, and community engagement to support critical initiatives that impact the world. Her many awards and accomplishments are listed along with those of the company on the CMI website.

Royalyn earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Master of Science in Human Development. She also attended Executive Business Programs at the Harvard Business School, Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Dartmouth University Tuck Business School. She is married and has two children.

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faithful who sing from the bottom of their hearts, "Hallelujah to the King of kings and Lord of lords- He Lives!"

March 30, 9:30 am
Join Shiloh's Sister 2 Sister's Ministry as the host a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 30th from 9:30-

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March 31, 8 and 11 am
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