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Griggs and Johnson focus on mayor's race in last MNP forum of the season

By David Wilfong,
NDG Contributing Writer

The final episode of Monday Night Politics for the current election cycle was held on June 3 at the African American Museum in Fair Park. The series, hosted by the Dallas Examiner, gives candidates seeking office the opportunity to face constituents and answer questions directly. The last event featured the two runoff contenders for the Mayor's seat on the Dallas City Council.

Scott Griggs and Eric Johnson are both campaigning veterans, with Griggs serving out his final term on the city council, and Johnson having served nine years in the Texas legislature. The North Dallas Gazette last week shared our endorsement of Eric Johnson. We have also endorsed Carolyn King Arnold in her bid to keep her seat on the City Council representing District 4.

The two candidates describe each other as "friends," though sharp lines have been drawn between their bases of support. That support is the basis for some of the concerns expressed by the audience. In social media, Johnson has often been called the "establishment" candi-



Dallas mayoral candidates Scott Griggs (left) and Eric Johnson (right) met for the last Monday Night Politics forum of the season on June 3. Demetria McCain (center) was the moderator for the event which was held at the African American Museum in Dallas. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

date, and opponents have pointed to a bevy of wealthy donors as a reason for pause. Johnson said he accepts support from all sectors of Dallas, and his donor list is something he's proud of.

"I can't think of a mayoral candidate in modern history, who's run for mayor, who's been successful becoming mayor, who has not gotten money from people throughout the city, Particularly people who have some means," Johnson said. "Because let's be real about this.

Let's talk about this. People who are not of means — don't have money — can't spare. They can barely afford daily necessities. So they certainly can't spare a large amount of money for political contributions."

Griggs noted he was seventh of nine candidates in the general election in terms of fund-raising, and that his contributions came from a wide swath of small donors.

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People In The News...



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Bishop Marvin L. Sapp

NDG Quote of the Week: "A man without a vote is a man without protection."

— Lyndon B. Johnson

Samantha Chatman

City Men Cook announced Samantha Chatman, NBC5 and Demond Fernandez, WFAA will join the City Men Cook roster of celebrity hosts at what is fondly nicknamed- the largest Sunday Dinner in North Texas. City Men Cook (CMC) is scheduled for Father's Day, Sunday, June 16 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. CST, at Gilley's Dallas, at 1135 S. Lamar St. in Dallas.

City Men Cook is an annual culinary event, deemed as one of the largest Father's Day celebrations in the country. It is been aptly nicknamed as the largest Sunday



Dinner in North Texas.

Samantha Chatman is an Emmy Award-winning Consumer Investigative Reporter for NBC 5 Responds. She joined the team in August 2016 after serving the people of Louisville, Kentucky, and

southern Indiana as the Business Reporter at WDRB News. Samantha's time in the Bluegrass state afforded her the opportunity to cover major company acquisitions, business openings and economic opportunities for people in the community. She also covered major breaking news events including the University of Louisville Men's Basketball scandal and the death of Louisville native and boxing great Muhammad Ali. Award-winning investigative reporter. Samantha is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the National Association of Black Journalists.

"Samantha is a naturally

engages individuals and excites a great deal of energy between her and the public. Her iconic and culturally rich background will work well at the event," says Allen

Demond Fernandez joined WFAA-TV, Channel 8 News, in June 2014. Most days, you can catch him covering stories and breaking news across southern Dallas, and occasionally filling in on the weekend anchor desk. Demond's covered a variety of local and national stories from newsrooms in Houston, San Antonio, and Flint, Michigan.

"I am honored of the recognition City Men Cook has given my work and very excited to be a part of the

culinary celebration of the community," says Fernandez.

His broadcasting career began in Lansing, Michigan where Fernandez worked as a general assignment reporter by day and as a student at Thomas Cooley Law School by night. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and the National Association of Black Journalists.

"We are excited to have Demond Fernandez, not only is he, my dedicated fraternity brother, being a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, CMC also recognized Demond as one of the 2018 recipients of the CMC's Baker's Dozen award for his mentoring and leader-

ship with his focus on telling the stories of the southern sector of the city, where a lot of our mentees live," says City Men Cook Founder, Terry Allen.

Other local celebrity guests were announced this week.

"We are also overjoyed to add to our list of celebrity tasters, on-air personality, chef and comedian Nanette Lee as well as on-air personality and chef, KJ Middy," Allen added.

The project is about good food, good time and celebrating local fathers and chefs.

To cook, sponsor or participate in City Men Cook go to www.citymencook.com or call 214-233-6199.

Bishop Marvin L. Sapp

This week Bishop Marvin L. Sapp announced he is moving to Fort Worth to serve as the Senior Pastor of Chosen Vessel Cathedral in Fort Worth. Below is his official statement.

"When MaLinda and I started Lighthouse Full Life Center in 2003, it was with a clear focus on building a strong church that would be a wellspring of spiritual teaching and growth in Grand Rapids – a church firmly rooted in solid bible teaching and firmly focused on serving the Grand Rapids community.

Sixteen years later, I am proud of the presence that Lighthouse has in Grand



Rapids. We have been consistent in our commitment to excellence in ministry and we have been consistent in our service to the community. We also have been good stewards of our resources: the church is debt free, which facilitates the ability to focus on the most

important aspect of its existence – the needs of the people.

As most people know, the personal, professional and spiritual transitions in my life over the past eight years have been tremendous. Through the divine direction of God, I have kept a focus on my family, Lighthouse Full Life Center and my work in the City of Grand Rapids while managing life-altering change. I have been content in doing so, as the Word tells me to be content in all things.

However, in August of 2017, the Lord told me that 2018 was going to be the year for me to begin again. In 2018, I received multiple prophecies about transition-

ing from Grand Rapids. I initially rejected them. However, reminded of what the Lord told me, I began to be more contemplative and prayerful about the many opportunities that I was presented with to possibly assume church leadership roles in other cities.

This year, an opportunity was presented that I know represents the fulfillment of the prophecies I had received. As such, I am announcing my retirement as Senior Pastor of Lighthouse Full Life Center. The first Sunday in September will be my final Sunday at Lighthouse. I will remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Lighthouse, and will provide spiritual oversight of the church.

On September 15th, I will become the Senior Pastor of Chosen Vessel Cathedral in Fort Worth, Texas.

I received the call directly from Bishop Richard Young that he planned to retire this year and wanted me to take over his church. After considerable prayer and counsel, it became clear to me that this request was predestined. Bishop Young was like a brother to my spiritual father, the late Bishop William C. Abney. In fact, Bethel Pentecostal Church, which Bishop Abney led for more than 50 years, was founded by Bishop Young's father. This is why I cherish the opportunity to continue the legacy of the great men of God who have

impacted my life. It is something that I know in my heart is meant for me to do.

I will announce my successor at Lighthouse Full Life Center soon. The beauty of God's timing with this transition is that Lighthouse is not going to miss a beat. The ministry birthed by MaLinda and I is firmly established, the pastoral team is comprised of gifted spiritual leaders who will function with continued excellence and care, and the church itself is unburdened by debt.

I am confident Lighthouse Full Life Center will flourish and its legacy will continue, as I move to Fort Worth, Texas to continue the legacy that is left for me."

NDG Readers Sound Off...

NDG Senior Columnist Ed Gray: Decision time for residents in the Dallas mayoral race

Both mayoral candidates are good and honorable leaders. The difference is who their supporters are. The preponderance of Trinity Toll Road supporters behind Johnson frightens me. I have told him that. He assures me that their support will not change him. If he wins, I hope he is right. Dallas has many needs that were ignored as we built projects like the Trinity Forest Golf Course. We do not need any more

of that until after food deserts, streets, and sidewalks everywhere are fixed!!

It is comforting to see that Griggs has hundreds of more donors such as I, only able to give in that \$100 or less category. Griggs has ten times the donors in that category as Johnson. It is much easier to identify with Griggs. He helped us stop the Trinity Toll Road waste, but not before hundreds of millions had been lost on the watch of those supporting Johnson.

These contrasts make my decision easy. I just hope Dallas agrees with me. If Johnson wins, I hope he

sticks by his statement to me, and one I have often heard him repeat in public, that he will not allow his supporters to control him.

Both of them have told me they will join with me to make Dallas ISD and our city to be more goal focused and aware of both our future and our roots. Goal focused city populations have less crime and more achievement. The proof is seen every day. Our understaffed police department needs all the help they can get! --- Bill R Betzen

This city cant afford to have the same people navigate city hall It needs a new

leadership and Scott Griggs will do that. No more waste – no more secret meetings. We need a new kind of mayor. --- Chanda

There is no diff between an African American or a Caucasian, or any other race for that matter, doing the establishment's bidding. Dallas needs a new kind of Mayor, a people's Mayor, who will focus on the concerns of the Dallasites, and not on grand schemes for their own legacy, or only work for the 1%. #VoteScottGriggs -- Shayan Elahi

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‘Black’ or ‘African-American?’

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

In a recent televised commentary, Dr. Greg Carr, chair of Howard University’s Department of Afro-American Studies kick-started a stirring conversation that has mostly taken place inside the confines of Black communities around the country.

Carr tackled the sometimes-uncomfortable topic of identifying as Black versus African-American.

“Despite the dictionary definitions, there is no term that truly describes people that were taken from Africa and forced into slavery,” Carr said during commentary on Washington, D.C.’s WUSA.

NNPA Newswire followed up by reaching out to several individuals of color – Blacks, African Americans – in an attempt to gain the pulse of just which way many lean.

“Many Africans who live in North America but were born and raised in Africa do not like to be labeled as Black,” said Dr. Tapo Chimbanga, the founder of Future Black Female, an or-

ganization that helps create opportunities for Black female youth to participate fully and beneficially in academic, economic and social endeavors.

“Growing up in Africa, where almost everyone is Black makes it difficult for people who grow up in that environment to understand, grasp and identify with Black as a signifier the same way that people born and raised in the West do,” Chimbanga said.

“While Africans dealt with colonization and many of the same oppressive practices of white supremacy, they were a majority and once their leaders took over government, for the most part, oppression ceased to be about race and more about tribalism and ethnic rivalry,” Chimbanga said.

Harvard and Yale-trained physician, Dr. Hisla Bates, said race is a social construct and shouldn’t define anyone.

“I don’t like to be called Black or African American because it doesn’t define me and is dismissive of my heritage and ethnic makeup. I am from the Caribbean and prefer Caribbean American rather than African Ameri-

can,” Bates said.

“There are so many ways to be ‘Black’ and so many mixtures and countries that when we define people by a single color, we miss multiple parts of who they are. That is true for Whites as well,” she said.

Dr. Gail L. Thompson, the founder and CEO of Inspirations by Gail LLC, said “Black is a general term that includes anyone of African descent, including indigenous Africans, African Americans, Caribbean Blacks, and immigrants.”

“A Black person can live anywhere in the world,” she said.

Thompson defined African American as a U.S. citizen of African descent whose ancestors lived in America before and during the era of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Further, the term “People of Color” refers to all non-White ethnic/racial groups. It’s a very general term, Thompson said.

Hip Hop Activist and author Sean XLG Mitchell, said there’s a significant difference between the labels of ‘Black,’ ‘African American,’ and ‘People of Color.’

“If we use the term Black, we are doing ourselves a disservice. Black only identifies with the color of our skin but it has no cultural connections to who we are as a people,” said Mitchell, the author of “How Do We Build A Real Wakanda?”

“As a result of our slave experience, we don’t understand the power and purpose of culture and we seem to be naive in how we regard and respect the unifying principles of culture,” Mitchell said.

“Other races of people benefit from employing a language, education, religion, names and customs that are centered around their historical experience and we’re the only people who fail to do so,” he said.

Mitchell said it’s important that all of African descent find time to read books like the “Autobiography of Malcolm X,” “The Mis-Education of the Negro,” “Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization,” and “Chains and Images of Psychological Slavery.”

“We would [then] have a better insight and understanding of culture,” Mitchell said.

Open Letter to Dallas News: ‘Special Election Scrum’

By Ester Davis
Guest Contributor

You printed an editorial recommendation for Blair over Arnold in the City Council District 4 runoff. You also referred to Arnold's victory as emerging from the 'special election scrum'. Scrum! What a horrible choice of words!

The obvious conclusion is further that since both candidates are African American women anything would be accepted. Well, it is not and you placed it in the same sen-

tence with the word 'election'. The message here is quite clear. Dallas News is joining other noted print that carries 'this tone of illegitimacy' when referring to African America women seeking to exercise power and lead. All capable overly qualified African American women are cited as confrontational, uncertain and unprepared. That is not a novice thought.

Let me clearly inform you nothing could be further from the truth. Arnold did have a two year stay in this office, but what elected official gets

anything done in the same period of time. Our political system is not built for any equitable successes in a mere matter of months. Most importantly, Arnold kept her constituency updated during this period of time. The Bottoms Revitalization, the Arthello Beck Park Project and the community's outcry for Code Compliance Services initiatives, to name a few.

Your editorial carried no facts and was insulting. But the other disappointment was that her opponent then mails

out a near word-for-word (verbatim) letter size post card reiterating all the wrongful facts you presented, while failing to recognize that she was also included in the 'special election scrum' lineup. I can assure you the American voter does not want a representative copying messages from any newspaper regardless of their race and gender.

My vote is for Carolyn King Arnold.

Ester Davis, District 4 Citizen/Voter and African American Woman.



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NDG endorses Carolyn King Arnold for the District 4 seat on the Dallas City Council and Eric Johnson in the Mayor’s race. Election Day is June 8, with early voting running from May 28 to June 4.



Dallas City Council
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Carolyn King
Arnold

Seven fitness tips for summer vacation travel

It's vacation season, and for many, that means visiting far away friends, exploring new places and possibly even crossing some things off the old bucket list.

Unfortunately, traveling often also means lots of sitting, interrupted sleep patterns due to time zone changes, unhealthy eating, and workout routines that are sporadic, if not nonexistent.

According to Carrollton physical therapist Nisha Mathews, however, travel does not have to be synonymous with unhealthy habits and a lack of exercise.

"Vacations are a time to reboot mentally while reconnecting with friends and family, but this doesn't have to happen at the expense of your health," said Mathews,



Yannic Läderach / Unsplash

clinic director of Elevate Physical Therapy and Vista Rehat Partners, a partnership of 20 physical therapy clinics in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. "With just a little forethought and

planning, you can stay active and healthy throughout your trip, whether it lasts a few days or a few weeks."

Keeping your fitness route on track while traveling

So, for the purpose of planning, Mathews offers the following tips for staying fit and healthy while traveling:

Plan Around an Activity: Don't just plan your vacation around a place. Consider making one or a series of activities central to your agenda. For instance, plan to go on some hiking tours, try snorkeling for the first time, or make the vacation a family camping trip.

Keep Moving En Route: Whether you're flying or driving, you're going to likely do a lot of sitting and waiting during the front and

back ends of your trip. So, capitalize on breaks in your trip to go for short walks, do some stretching, or warm the body through some dynamic exercises (i.e., lunges, light jogging, arm/leg swings, etc.)

Explore on Foot/Bike: Once you're at your new destination, resolve to explore the area on foot, either by jogging a new route each morning or taking regular walking tours of the area. Or, see the sites from the seat of a rented bike.

Strength Train Using Body Weight: Even though you're likely to be in an unfamiliar place with little to no gym access, don't let that keep you from strength training. Whether in your hotel room or at a local park, your body weight provides ideal resistance while

doing lunges, dips, push-ups, planks, and so on.

Stay Hydrated: When you're out of your element and distracted by new people and places, hydration habits can go awry. Carry a reusable water bottle with you at all times as a reminder to hydrate continually throughout the day, and consume sugary and/or alcoholic drinks in moderation.

Mind Your Diet: A disrupted or inconsistent schedule, coupled with a desire to try the local cuisine, can cause your good eating habits to go out the window. Continue to try new things, but do so with a plan. If you're expecting a big dinner out one night, eat a lighter, healthier meal earlier in the day ... and vice versa.

Don't Skimp on Sleep: While you may be tempted to trade sleep for a few more hours of site-seeing and new experiences, it's not a trade worth making. Getting a good night's sleep while on vacation will keep you more alert and active while improving the overall experience of your trip.

"And as you're planning your trip, if you have any movement, discomfort or pain concerns that you feel may keep you from having a fun, relaxing time, visit a physical therapist before heading out," said Mathews. "After a full assessment of the issue, a physical therapist can provide you with some treatment options and travel and/or exercise tips that can help you maximize your vacation's enjoyment."

People living with HIV face premature heart disease and barriers to care

Effective antiretroviral therapy has changed the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from a progressive, fatal disease to a chronic, manageable condition associated with higher rates of heart attacks, strokes, heart failure, sudden cardiac deaths, and other diseases compared to people without HIV, according to a new scientific statement from the American Heart Association published in the Association journal *Circulation*.

People living with HIV are at increased risk of heart and blood vessel diseases because of interactions between traditional risk factors, such as diet, lifestyle and tobacco use, and HIV-specific risk factors, such as a chronically activated immune system and inflammation characteristic of chronic HIV.

Tobacco use, a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases, is common among people living with HIV. In a nationally representative U.S. sample, 42 percent of people living with HIV



Human Chest Cavity illustration: Right lung, left lung, heart (Copyright American Heart Association)

were current smokers. Heavy alcohol use, substance abuse, mood and anxiety disorders, low levels of physical activity and poor cardiorespiratory fitness are also common among people living with HIV and may contribute to elevated risk for diseases of the heart and blood vessels, according to the statement.

"Considerable gaps exist in our knowledge about HIV-associated diseases of the heart and blood vessels, in part because HIV's transition from a fatal disease to a chronic condition is relatively recent, so long-term data on heart disease risks

are limited," said Matthew J. Feinstein, M.D., M.Sc.

In addition, people living with HIV are often stigmatized and face significant barriers to optimal health care, such as education level, where they live, healthcare literacy, disenfranchisement from the healthcare system, cognitive impairment, injection drug use, internalized and anticipated stigma, gait and mobility impairment, frailty, depression and social isolation. There are also disparities in care based on age, race, ethnicity and gender.

Another area of concern

is the aging population of people living with HIV – 75 percent of people living with HIV are over age 45.

"Aging with HIV differs greatly from the aging issues facing the general population," said Jules Levin, M.S., in an accompanying patient perspective.

Levin has been living with HIV for 35 years and is the founder and executive director of the National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project.

"On average, people living with HIV who are over 60 years old have 3-7 medical conditions, including heart attacks, strokes, heart failure, kidney disease, frailty and bone diseases and many take 12-15 medications daily. As they age, people living with HIV are often alone and disabled, emotionally homebound due to depression, and are socially isolated. In addition, they often suffer from lack of mobility and an impaired ability to perform normal daily functions. We urgently need better awareness and more patient-foc-

used research and care efforts for this vulnerable population," said Levin.

Providing scientifically based recommendations on how to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease among people living with HIV is also challenging.

To keep people living with HIV healthy, Feinstein emphasizes the importance of a healthy lifestyle that in-

cludes smoking cessation, adequate physical activity, eliminating or reducing the amount of alcohol consumed and a healthy diet. In addition, medications such as statin drugs, which lower cholesterol, and other medications that make blood less likely to form clots may be helpful, although more clinical trial data are needed.

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Full slate of guests planned for Women's Leadership Summit

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Dr. Courtney Phillips, Rosilyn Houston, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Talent and Culture Executive for BBVA Compass Bank and one of the highest ranking African American women in financial services, and two NASA Astronauts, Joan Higginbotham and Stephanie Wilson lead an influential and impressive list of speakers for The Women's Leadership Summit (WLS), a two-day personal and professional development program sponsored by Toyota and presented by the University of North Texas at Dallas, Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th at the Statler Hilton Hotel downtown.

Navigating the Path to Success is targeted to African American women, with over



Former State Rep. Helen Giddings will host the upcoming Women's Leadership Summit (Courtesy photo)

200 people expected to attend. Other speakers include Royce Brooks, Executive Director of Annie's List, Deavra Daughtry, President and CEO of Excellent Care Man-

agement and Queen Cora Coleman, International Performer and Entrepreneur.

A cross section of women leaders comprise the Host Committee, chaired by re-

tired State Representative Helen Giddings. The committee has developed a series of interactive learning and sharing sessions and speakers to specifically help women address various personal and professional issues.

"The women attending WLS will get thoughts from those who have been there and can share. WLS offers a safe environment to speak our truths and in the process maximize our leadership influence. Sharing thoughts with those who may have similar experiences related to their growth and development is what this Summit is all about," she said. "Our

Host Committee thought of all of the issues that would be important to our attendees and created outstanding interactive sessions," said Giddings. "Recognizing women leaders and their struggle is significant."

A special tribute to Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and 100-year-old Mary Factory, (our own Hidden Figure), who has been cited by NASA for her work, will take place during the Summit.

"A most celebrated part of UNT Dallas' vision is community connectedness, and we could not be more pleased than to co-host this second

annual esteemed Summit with Helen Giddings and her great Host Committee to illustrate the value of serving key members of our community," says Dr. Monica Williams, President of the UNT Dallas Foundation and Vice President for University Advancement at UNT Dallas. "Their respective impact on the African-American community closely aligns with our vision to be a pathway to social and economic mobility."

Registration is limited and currently open at a cost of \$150 per participant. To register, go online to www.wlsummit.org.

Allred votes for bipartisan Dream Act to provide relief to Dreamers and certainty for immigrants seeking asylum

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) has voted in favor of the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019. Allred is an original cosponsor of the measure which passed the House with bipartisan support.

"The Dream and Promise Act is exactly the kind of bipartisan, common-sense legislation we need as part of any effort to fix our broken immigration system," said Allred. "This bill provides young people, many of whom came here through no fault of their own, a pathway to fully contribute to society and live their version of the American dream. Moving forward, we must continue to stand up for our American values and put aside partisan politics so we can work together on comprehensive reform."

In 2017, the Administra-



Courtesy Photo

tion eliminated protections for Dreamers when the DACA program was rescinded. Though federal courts have so far permitted Dreamers to renew their applications, their long-term status remains in limbo. This bill would provide a pathway to citizenship for eligible Dreamers who entered the U.S. under the age of 18 and who were continuously present in the U.S. for four years prior to the date of the bill's enactment. Dreamers would

be provided conditional permanent resident status and would need to fulfill an education, employment, or military track to adjust to permanent resident status.

In addition, the Dream and Promise Act would secure permanent residency for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders. After 5 years, those permanent residents would be eligible to apply to become citizens.



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Career professionals give wardrobe advice to summer interns

At 17, Da'Shayla Foard is an internship veteran.

The incoming senior at Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School is scheduled to start her second internship with the City of Dallas on Monday. She's among dozens of Dallas ISD students who were selected in the Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellow Program.

Foard was among several interns who gathered at VolunteerNow to buy clothes on Tuesday. Representatives from the hiring companies met with the students to advise them on how to build a professional wardrobe.

"Everyone wears gray and black and white," she said, while holding a pair of maroon slacks. Foard wants to be an attorney and says



Da'Shayla Foard, (right) 17, Demarre Johnson, 16 (center), Adam Gaddis, 16 (left), all upcoming seniors at Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, School of Business and Management at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview, Emmett J. Conrad High School (respectively) shop at VolunteerNow for business clothes for their upcoming internships. (Photo: Dallas ISD)

she'll gain valuable experience working at the Dallas City Manager's office this summer.

"I want the color to pop out, not too much but just

enough," she added. "This is a job you want to enjoy. You want to look cute, but at the same time being very respectful to your environment."

Through a collaboration with the Dallas Mayor's office, 400 students have been hired by D-FW businesses to work as interns from June 10 through August 2. This is the 12th year that the mayor's office organizes this program.

"I decided to reapply because I wanted to get more into policy and also dealing with the public because I'm very community oriented," Foard said. "At Irma Rangel, I take mock-trial, I take debate. I'm also taking AP classes that give me college credit, and some of them are aiming towards my future goals".

Like Foard, Adam Gaddis is also an intern who is taking classes that count for college. The 16-year-old is a rising senior at Emmett J.

Conrad High School. He's currently working towards earning an associate degree with a specialization in software programming.

"At Conrad (High School), we get our associate degree when we graduate from high school," Gaddis said.

"I knew about the program last year but I was taking extra college courses in the summer and decided that this year I would definitely do it," he added. "The person who told me about it was my counselor Ms. Gilb. She reminds us every year about a lot of different opportunities and the Mayors Internship is one that they talk about a lot and want us to keep going for."

The high school senior is planning on going to Texas

Tech getting a Bachelor's in computer science after graduating in 2020. He will be working as an accounting intern for Scout Energy Partners this summer.

Gaddis bought a plaid button-up shirt and a light brown pull-over sweater for his first day of work. Foard picked a pair of maroon, a pair of gray slacks and a dress with a flower pattern.

"You are yourself's best advocate, so you should go out and do what makes you happy and that can better impact your environment," Foard said. "It's OK to be nervous on the first day. It's OK to be nervous when you first send that job application in. But as long as you work hard and you believe in yourself, you will go very far."

Chevrolet and NNPA's Discover the Unexpected Fellowship enters its fourth year

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

Since 2016, General Motors Chevrolet brand and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) have partnered to provide deserving HBCU students with the exciting opportunity to "Discover the Unexpected" about themselves and their communities via a journalism fellowship program.

The Discover the Unexpected Journalism Fellowship (DTU), now entering its fourth consecutive year, provides six HBCU students with scholarships (\$10,000

each), stipends (\$5,000 each), an eight-week fellowship with two of the nation's leading Black news publications, and the "road trip of a lifetime" in the all-new 2019 Chevrolet Blazer.

Each year, a selection of four NNPA Publishers provide the fellows with the opportunity to gain real-world journalism experience during the eight-week Fellowship Program.

Recently, host NNPA publishers, along with NNPA president and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., reflected on the success of the program from 2016 to 2018.

"The issues of diversity

and inclusion are of paramount concern for corporate America. The NNPA has a productive relationship with General Motors specifically focused on providing scholarships and opportunities to the emerging generation of African American journalists and publishers," said Chavis. "Discover the Unexpected has been an excellent model for highlighting the importance of freedom of the press and academic excellence."

NNPA Chairman and Chicago and Gary Crusader Publisher Dorothy R. Leavell, whose Crusader Newspaper Group will be

one of the 2019 host publishers, stressed the importance of the partnership and the resulting opportunities provided to the aspiring Black journalists attending the nation's HBCU's.

"This experience, I believe, has given those students a leg up on pursuing a career in journalism and it's my personal hope that they will lend their journalistic talents to the Black Press by returning to one of our member newspapers," Leavell said.

The Washington Informer, The New Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Va., The Carolinian in Raleigh,

N.C., The New York Amsterdam News, the Chicago Defender, The Michigan Chronicle and The Atlanta Voice are among the NNPA member newspapers that have worked with DTU Fellows. They will be joined this year by The Chicago Crusader and Houston Forward Times.

"The staff of The Washington Informer and I are pleased to work with students from participating HBCU's who come readily prepared to share 21st century knowledge and tech skills that enhance the reporting and story-telling experiences we offer with the

Black Press, including vehicles that make it even more possible to Discover the Unexpected," said Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes.

"General Motors believes as we do — as Black newspaper publishers — that the Black Press is important, relevant and significant to telling the story and speaking truth to power on behalf of African Americans. As a member of NNPA, I also believe it is our duty to pass the baton, as it was passed to us, to the next generation of media professionals and owners whose responsibility

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las Citizens Council support," Griggs said. "They did not come to me. I did not have a meeting at their office. Because for too long in the City of Dallas we've had the status quo and the power brokers running this city. And we go see fancy project after fancy project, and what's the expense? We don't take care of our streets. We don't have the Rec centers we deserve. We don't have the hours at the

Rec center we deserve. We don't have the library system we deserve. Our neighborhoods get neglected at the expense of the big, fancy projects and the agenda of the power brokers."

Gentrification is a key issue for residents of South Dallas who have seen the construction cranes moving ever closer over time. While Griggs' district has seen an economic revitalization

which is the envy of many other districts, Johnson points to a distinct demographic shift and rising home values as a reason for concern.

"If anyone who represents North Oak Cliff and tells you they will be the champion against gentrification, you better think twice," Johnson said.

Griggs admitted there were lessons learned in "over-zoning" the Bishop Arts District, and pointed to improvements made in the

Jefferson Ave. area to protect the existing neighborhoods. He also received praise from the audience for his efforts to end the proliferation of cement plants in South Dallas, and "discriminatory zoning" practices which led to issues such as Shingle Mountain.

Griggs also received a large round of applause when he recalled voting against the Special Use Permits for the creation of charter schools, working against what he called, "the

charterization of DISD."

Another question which has made its way through the constituency is whether or not Johnson was seeking the mayor's position as a stepping stone to running for the U.S. Congress. Johnson replied that he had no intention of running for that position, "win or lose."

Griggs said in his response he has no intention of seeking any federal office. Johnson noted the fact Griggs used the word "federal" as a qualifier and said

there are also rumors that Griggs is planning to run for Rep. Rafael Anchia's seat in the Texas House of Representatives.

"So ask him directly, the question whether or not he will run for state representative, because I've already told you ... I'm not running for Congress," Johnson said. "Is he running for state representative?"

Election day is June 8 in the runoff races for city council. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City of Plano hosting 2nd annual Bark in the Park on June 8

The City of Plano's Parks and Recreation, Environmental Health, and Animal Services departments are teaming up again to treat man's best friend (and their owners) to a morning of treats, beats, prizes and more at this year's Bark in the Park event on Saturday, June 8.

Sponsored by Pet Suites and Pizza Hut, this free event is held in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day and will take place from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Dog Park at Jack Carter



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Park.

"The most responsible thing pet owners can do for

the community and environment is to pick up what their pets leave behind,"

Chief Park Planner Renee Jordan said. "While June 8 is a special day for parks and recreation, we encourage all Plano residents to experience the benefits of their local parks year round."

The first 300 visitors will receive a commemorative tote bag, and free donuts will be available compliments of Shipley Donuts. Pizza Hut will be on site offering slices of pizza for sale as well.

This purpose of this fun and educational family

event is also to raise awareness when it comes to keeping Plano's dog parks clean and safe.

With two new dog parks slated to open later this year (one at the new Windhaven Meadows Park and the other at Bob Woodruff Park South), one of Plano Parks and Recreation's top priorities is to encourage park stewardship, especially when it comes to sharing these areas with their four-legged friends.

Before you go, please

take a moment to review the doggie do's and don'ts on the dog park webpage. You can also make a difference in preventing stormwater pollution by taking the North Central Texas Council of Government's DOO the Right Thing pledge and learning the facts about pet waste and proper disposal.

The Dog Park at Jack Carter Park is located at 2215 Pleasant Valley Drive. Overflow parking will be at Jack Carter Pool (follow the signs).

Fluor, Balfour Beatty team up for \$1.7B project along I-635 LBJ East

The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded a joint venture between Fluor Corp. (NYSE: FLR) and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc. the design and construction of the I-635 LBJ East Project in Dallas.

The project is expected to improve capacity, operational efficiency and safety around

north and east Dallas from east of U.S. Highway 75 to I-30 along a portion of the I-635 loop. The key commuter corridor carries more than 200,000 vehicles each day, according to a news release from Irving-based Fluor.

Substantial completion for the project is anticipated in the second half of 2024.

The work for the project includes widening and full reconstruction of about 11 miles of I-635 at the LBJ Freeway, in addition to creating a new general purpose lane in each direction and rebuilding the existing managed lane. Significant reconstruction and improvements to the I-30 interchange and a

section of I-30 from west of Gus Thomasson Road to east of N. Galloway Avenue are also part of the scope of the project.

Continuous frontage roads and intersection improvements for the frontage roads and cross streets to improve efficiency is also within the scope of the project. The joint

venture also plans to design and construct a signature bridge at the intersection of Skillman Street and Audelia Road.

The joint venture between Fluor and Balfour Beatty will provide about 500 jobs for craft workers at the peak of construction.

The contract holds an op-

tion for capital maintenance services following the construction of the project.

The two companies have collaborated in the past. For instance, TxDOT awarded the joint venture the \$625 million roadway reconstruction and improvement project along 35E and U.S. 67 at the southern gateway of Dallas.

City of Plano announces end of red light camera program

The City of Plano operated a traffic safety program that used red light cameras as a method of enforcement and deterrence since 2006. On June 2, 2019, Governor Abbott signed House Bill 1631 which immediately prohibited the use of a traffic signal enforcement system, but allows cities to continue with their current contracts. We respect the decision of our elected officials and immediately started the process to suspend our red light camera program to comply with the law. The Plano Police Department's contract with the vendor provides the ability to terminate the contract based on a change in the law. We are exercising our right to terminate the contract and working out the details with the vendor. As of May 31, 2019, there will be no further notices issued related to the red light camera program.

A nationwide study of fatal crashes at traffic sig-



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nals in 1999 and 2000 estimated that 20% of the drivers involved failed to obey the signals. In 2005, more than 800 people were killed and an estimated 165,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running. About half of the deaths in red light running crashes are pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who are hit by the red light runners.

In addition, a recent Federal Highway Administration study identified Texas as one of the worst states for red-light running. The financial costs of these accidents in Texas have been estimated at between \$1.4 billion and \$3 billion annually

in medical, insurance, and related expenses. Red-light accidents often are among the worst because they generally involve vehicles crashing directly into the driver or passenger side of another car at high speeds.

Prior to the Red Light Camera Program, the City of Plano averaged nearly 17 traffic crashes per day, more than eight traffic injuries per day, and a traffic fatality about every 23 days. In cities across Texas, statistically, the most probable way to be killed or injured is in a traffic crash. We owe it to our citizens to do everything possible to reduce the frequency of these

tragedies. The purpose of Plano's Automated Red Light Camera Enforcement

Program is to increase traffic safety in the City of Plano by reducing the num-

ber of red light violations, crashes, and resulting injuries and deaths.

Carrollton

The City of Carrollton has expanded four of its five **Neighborhood Empowerment Zones** to include 1,041 additional homes. All construction fees for commercial and residential properties located in these empowerment zones are waived, including building permit fees, impact fees, platting fees, and project permit fees.

Additionally, properties located within these zones are eligible for grants

through the City's Neighborhood IMPROVEMENT in ACTION (IMPACT) initiative, which includes the Single Family Rehabilitation Incentive, Single Family Demolition/Rebuild Incentive, and Minor Home Repair Program.

For more information about the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Zones and grant programs, or to find out if your property is eligible, visit cityofcarrollton.com/IMPACTor call 972-466-4299.

Dallas

The **South Dallas Concert Choir** invites the public to their season finale concert with special guest New Arts Six. The event will feature music, spoken word, and theatrical presentations. The concert is free and open to the public on Sunday, June 9 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church 5710 East R. L. Thornton Freeway Dallas, Texas 75223 Dallas County Health and

Human Services (DCHHS) laboratory confirmed mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquito traps were collected from the 75154 zip code of Glenn Heights.

Garland

Check Out My Garland for City Services - Are you looking for the nearest City park or trying to find your trash or recycling day? Garland has an online tool for that. Click on the My Garland icon, available on the



City's home page. Enter a Garland address in the box to find out about a wide range of City resources, such as:

- Your City Council District
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When you click on the specified locations, a Google map opens to help you get directions. Visit GarlandTX.gov and click

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WiNGS Mentors & Allies Awards Luncheon celebrates contributions to empowering women

WiNGS, a Dallas non-profit that empowers women, fights poverty and impacts generations, hosted more than 500 guests at its Mentors & Allies Awards Luncheon, Thursday, May 16, at the Omni Dallas Hotel. The annual event honors individuals and corporations for their commitment to lifting up women. This year's luncheon also featured a panel of local and national experts who discussed solutions to poverty and ways to make Dallas an opportunity city for all.

A testimonial from WiNGS graduate Hope Oriabure Hunter underscored how investing in women has positive effects, not just for individual women, but for their families and communities. After participating in WiNGS' Finance & Career and Women's Enterprise programs, Hunter achieved financial stability and started her own successful business, Black Tie Babysitting.

Jennifer Ware, CEO of WiNGS, presented the 2019 Mentors & Allies Awards to:

- Corporate Woman of the Year: Cynt Marshall, CEO, Dallas Mavericks
- Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Mahisha Dellinger, CEO/Founder, CURLS & TV Host, The Oprah Winfrey Network, and Sabrina Harrison, Owner & Interior Designer of MINT Dentistry and Founder of Equipped by Faith
- Corporation of the Year:



WiNGS graduate Hope Oriabure Hunter shared with the audience how investing in women impacts their family and community. (Courtesy photo by Kauwuane Burton)

Aimbridge Hospitality • Ebbly Halliday Volunteer of the Year: Dr. Rochelle Webb, CEO, 3W Consulting Group

This year's event raised more than \$233,000 for WiNGS and its Nurse-Family Partnership, Finance & Career and Women's Enterprise programs. NBC 5 Anchor and Reporter Katy Blakey returned as emcee for the third year. Tiffany Dale Hunter served as the Luncheon Chair and Michelle Hudson served as Underwriting Chair. The event's Honorary Chairs were Hilda Galvan, Liz Minyard, and Anne Motzenbocker.

A highlight of the event was a panel discussion on the economic divide in Dallas and strategies to make Dallas an opportunity city for all. KERA's Courtney Collins, a lead reporter in the award-winning "One Crisis Away" series, served as the moderator for the discussion featur-

ing panelists Andrea Levere of Prosperity Now, Alfreda Norman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and Prashanthi Ravanavarapu of PayPal.

Levere stated that the wealth divide between white and minority households in our nation is "unconscionable" and two-thirds of the households in communities of color do not have three months of recommended reserves and could easily slip into poverty in case of a job loss.

Norman noted that despite the strong economy and low unemployment, now is the time for Dallas to address poverty. She said, "We are at a moment in time in our nation when we have to figure out if we are going to share this great prosperity and grow the pie."

Ravanavarapu shared that she guides her team at PayPal to show empathy instead of sympathy with their cus-

tomers, and that "we need to think like an ecosystem."

WiNGS CEO Jennifer Ware summarized the effect of poverty on women saying, "Poverty is defined as 'the state of being extremely poor, but the reality of poverty is much more. It is a

cycle, often generational, that impacts a woman's confidence, optimism, and belief in herself to move beyond the life she leads today."

Guests in attendance included: Michele Bobadilla, Yolanda Brown, Annika Cail, Randall Graham,

Veronica Torres Hazley, Terri Hudson, Danyel Surrency Jones, Jamelia Lehn, Velena McCrae, Lynn McBee, DeDe McGuire, Regina Montoya, Starlette Johnson, Deya Smith Taylor, Emily Touchstone, and Jamie Williams.

Headline performers announced for the State Fair of Texas

The State Fair of Texas has announced its confirmed list of 2019 free headlining concerts on the Chevrolet Main Stage. Featuring a wide variety of musical acts across all genres, the Chevrolet Main Stage hosts the Fair's lineup of nationally recognized headliners, in addition to the many venues throughout the fairgrounds that offer 24 days of free concerts, included with State Fair admission. Just a few of the special guests are spotlighted below.

Taking the stage on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8:30 p.m. is CAMEO, the soul-influenced funk group that has been keeping it "funky" for more than 40 years. Founded and produced by



CAMEO is scheduled to perform at the 2019 State Fair as a part of the free headlining concerts on the Chevrolet Main Stage. [Courtesy Image]

the group's current lead singer Larry Blackmon, CAMEO's 17 albums have made multiple appearances on the charts, including the Billboard Top Ten and Black Music charts, along with a Grammy nomination

for their break-through album "Word Up."

Opening Weekend concludes on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m., with a performance by the chart-topping Latin band, La Maquinaria Norteña. The

group's signature sound mixes modern and contemporary elements rooted in the northern music style of "Chihuahua," which highlights the saxophone and accordion.

Gospel Night on the Chevrolet Main Stage welcomes Grammy award-winning gospel singer Tye Tribbet to close out the second weekend on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 pm. With one of the most relevant voices of this generation, his sound creates a dynamic new caliber of music that can not be classified by as one genre. Tribbet is often heralded as the "Elvis of Gospel," as his work has earned two Grammy awards for "Best Gospel Song" and "Best Gospel Album," along with

one Soul Train award for "Best Gospel/Inspirational Performance."

Saddling up to take the stage after the Red River Showdown game on Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 p.m. are country legends Big & Rich featuring Cowboy Troy. A band, a brand, a bond and a brotherhood: Big Kenny Alphin and John Rich – Big & Rich – have blazed an indelible mark on modern country music, not simply by breaking the rules, but by setting them on fire. Big & Rich have captivated a multi-generational community of listeners with their sterling songcraft and recorded performances.

The final act in the "Flashback Friday" series and the first of Closing

weekend, Shining Star will bring an earth-shattering tribute to Earth, Wind, & Fire on Friday, Oct. 18 at 8:30 p.m. The band consists of eleven highly-talented vocalists and musicians, who harmoniously join together to present their music. This amazing recreation show is based on the 1970's thru 1980's the peak time of Earth, Wind & Fire's magical career. The tribute playlist has also been hailed as the definitive collection of their chart-topping hits. Fans will leave this musical and visual extravaganza feeling as though they have been entertained by one of the most well-known R&B pop bands ever, Earth, Wind, & Fire.

Earth science meets Hip Hop In DCT's *Diary of a Worm, a Spider & a Fly*

The coolest ever rock-n-roll romp through a bug's world commands center stage in DIARY OF A WORM, A SPIDER & A FLY, a hip-hoppin' musical that promotes eco-consciousness, earth science, and tolerance of others. In this show full of facts about caring for Earth's inhabitants above and below ground, all who attend will leave the theater with a better understanding of why it's important to respect even the smallest individual's contribution. DIARY OF A WORM, A SPIDER & A FLY returns from a whirlwind national tour to run at Dallas Children's Theater from June 14 – July 7.

Worm, Spider, and Fly, the popular characters from Doreen Cronin's bestselling books, are not so unusual. Worm eats his homework and has no legs. Fly has 327 siblings and wants to be a superhero. And Spider can't wait to grow up and molt. When Fly's Aunt Rita needs help getting out of a tight spot, the squad must combine



Karen Almond / Courtesy

their talents and work as a team on the rescue mission of a lifetime. While there's no pop quiz, humans might just learn that a bug's life isn't that different from their own.

"Dallas audiences will love the show for the same reasons that audiences loved it all across the country. It includes everything that kids, parents and teachers love in the three books: Diary Of A Worm, Diary Of A Spider, and Diary Of A Fly. Joan Cushing has perfectly adapted the three stories into a musical celebration of the outside world and the importance of some of its smallest

inhabitants," said Sally Fiorello, National Tour Director. "All of the fun facts about insects, worms and earth science are there. And all of the engaging characters from the books jump off the page and come to life on-stage, sharing their hopes and dreams with the audience. The opening rap number is entitled 'A Lot Like You,' which immediately connects us all to the lives and stories of these unexpectedly lovable creatures. After that, the audience is eager to go along for the ride."

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Addison

WaterTower Theatre (WTT) selected as it's "Pay It Forward with Pay-What-You-Can" partner for the June 9 show of *The Ballad of Little Jo* is Dallas Resource Center's Youth First. Youth First is one of the only LGBTQ-focused programs in North Texas that addresses the challenges LGBTQ teens face at home, school and in the community. Youth First serves LGBTQ and Allied youth, ages 12-18 and equips them with the tools and resources they need to live an authentic life through year-round, free programming that decreases high-risk behaviors, reduces social isolation, and increases self-esteem. The play is on stage at WTT June 7-30, tickets and info at wattowertheatre.org.

Arlington

The Levitt welcomes **Jenny & the Mexicats** at 8

p.m. on June 16. This quartet got their start playing on the streets and in venues throughout Spain, performing an international fusion of sound that mixes jazz rhythms, rockabilly, folk, flamenco, reggae, Veracruz, country and cumbia. Their first album went gold with a combination of songs in English and Spanish. Levitt Pavilion Arlington's Summer Concert Season runs through July 21 with concerts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A complete summer concert and Family Movie Night schedule is on their website, levittpavilionarlington.org, and on their free mobile app, Levitt Arlington.

Dallas

The **Oak Cliff Film Festival** is June 6-9 and will be held at several locations throughout the weekend. One film recommended by Bart Weiss of the Video As-



Knives and Skin is one of the recommended films showing at the Oak Cliff Film Festival. (Courtesy photo)

sociation of Dallas is *Knives and Skin* which is showing at Bishop Arts Theatre on Friday, June 7 at 9:15 p.m. The film is by Jennifer Reeder and according to the website is a tale about an inexperienced local sheriff investigating a young girl's disappearance in the rural Midwest. The ripple of fear and suspicion among the small-town residents destroys some relationships and strengthens others. This mystical teen noir presents coming of age as a life-long process and examines the

profound impact of grief as the teenagers experience an accelerated loss of innocence while their parents are forced to confront adulthood failures. Tickets and info about the festival are at <https://www.prekindle.com/festival/ocff>.

Finding Symbolism in Art - An Emerging Latinx Artist Perspective will dive into the New Generation of Latinx Art with Nicolás González and Joél-Léhi Organista, moderated by Giovanni Valderas on Saturday,

June 8 at 2 p.m. at 369 W Jefferson Blvd. Info at Eventbrite.

Irving

Kick start your weekend with free performances by **Texas Tribute Bands** every Thursday night at Toyota Music Factory. The Totally Tribute Texas Lottery Live! concert series will get the weekend started on Thursday all summer long with free admission and free parking. Thursday events start at 6 p.m. and live bands go on stage at 7 p.m. The first show is this week with The Thin White Duke – a David Bowie cover band.

How the Southwest Was Won is coming to Dos Equis Pavilion on Saturday, Nov. 9 featuring Snoop Dogg and Master P with Goodie Mob, Slim Thug, Z-Ro, Paul Wall, Twista, Crucial Conflict, Mike Jones and Shawanna (of DTP). Tickets go on sale

to the public Friday, June 7th at 10AM. Buy tickets at LiveNation.com.

Multi-instrumentalist and global sensation **Tash Sultana** has announced a performance on Sept. 18 at South Side Ballroom. 2018 was one of the biggest years in Tash's career to date, with the release of her debut album *FLOW STATE*, which debuted at #4 on the Billboard Alternative Albums Chart and also debuted on charts across the globe. *FLOW STATE* was also nominated for the prestigious Triple J Australian Album of the Year award and 6 ARIA's. Other recent accolades include, 400 Million worldwide streams, 'Jungle' certified Platinum, 'Notion' certified Platinum, Notion EP, 'Mystik' and 'Murder To The Mind' certified Gold internationally. Tickets available at <https://tashsultana.com>.

10th annual Southwest Black Art Show returns to African American Museum

The Southwest Black Art Show (SWBAS) is committed to the exclusive presentation of original art produced by artists of African and African-American descent.

This year's show will have over 20 African American artists, featuring guest artists Kevin "WAK" Williams, Dinga McKinnon. They are welcoming back Jonathan Romain, Bucci Upjohn and local sculptor, Samwel Osumba.



Fans in Dallas/Ft. Worth always look forward to the return of Fanta Celah, a world

renowned artist, jazz vocalist, model and jewelry designer.

The 10th Anniversary Southwest Black Art Show artists' reception will be hosted by Tom Joyner, Jr. on Friday, June 24, 7-9 p.m. at the African American

Museum, Dallas. All artists will be present at the reception. "The Southwest Black Art Show is a show that brings some of the brightest

artists throughout the country to the Dallas area. This gives the DFW community a chance to see some renowned artists such as

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Music featured in *DIARY OF A WORM, A SPIDER & A FLY* runs the gamut from rap and hip-hop to traditional ballads, boogie-woogie and classic musical theater fare. With such varied styles speaking to different ages and tastes, the music enhances the experience of learning about earth science and caring for all of Earth's residents.

During the 2018-2019 season, the touring production of *DIARY OF A WORM, A SPIDER & A FLY* made its way through 49 cities in 25

states and raised the curtain on 112 performances. Recognized by *TIME* as one of the top 5 children's theater companies in the US, and the only one of that group to tour nationally, DCT's National Touring Production has traveled coast to coast performing for youth audiences since 1996.

"Doreen Cronin has the rare ability to write stories with characters and situations that are funny, relatable and often very informative to both young children and

adults. This is why her books are so terrific for families. Kids love them, and parents have a great time reading them with their kids," said Fiorello.

Before peeking into the lives of these best bug friends, join DCT for a critter-themed craft that will have everyone bugging out big time. As is tradition, photo ops abound and actors will sign autographs at all performances. And, exclusively after the show on opening night, all are welcome to cool off with a snow cone from Big D Kona Ice.



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Jonathan Romain, Bucci Upjohn as well as have an opportunity to purchase some of their works, said Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr., President/CEO of the African American Museum, Dallas.

"The Southwest Black Art Show" allows us to think about how we can project our community into our art and how we see ourselves, how the world sees us and at the same time it makes a statement about art, and Black America today."

SWBAS debunks some of the divisiveness occurring in the current global consciousness regarding women and people of color.

"I've been a professional artist for over 40 years and I've been in black art shows all over the world. There are a lot of male artists and very few female artists. It's important that we make a change and get more women artists telling their stories" said Frank Frazier, one of SWBAS founders.

The event will also spotlight the achievement of female artists.

"A symposium will feature women artists from a current women's exhibition at the African American Museum titled #Us Too: Phenomenal Women" said Frazier.

Qatar Airways Ultramodern A350-1000 Lands at DFW

NEW YORK – Qatar Airways most technologically advanced passenger aircraft, the A350-1000, is now available on flights to and from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), the award-winning airline's second and third U.S. gateways to feature this revolutionary aircraft. The A350-1000, equipped with the airline's luxurious Business Class seat Qsuite, currently operates commercial flights on its New York-Doha route.

Qatar Airways Senior Vice President of the Americas, Eric Odone said: "The A350-1000 has received tremendous acclaim on our



global routes, thus we are excited to be expanding its footprint by bringing this world-class product to more of our U.S. routes. This aircraft launch in Texas is another historic moment in the aviation industry as it is bringing the groundbreaking A350-1000 to the 'Lone Star State' for the first time ever, offering the finest experience available in the skies. We are confident our Texas travelers will enjoy this new flight option for international travel, and we

look forward to bringing the aircraft to more U.S. cities."

One of the latest additions to the Airbus family of twin-aisle, wide-body jetliners, the A350-1000 offers 327 seats across two cabins – 46 Qsuite Business Class seats and 281 extra-wide 18-inch seats in Economy Class. Similar to the A350-900 – for which Qatar Airways was also the global launch customer – the high-performance A350-1000 boasts an advanced airframe with extensive use of composite materials.

Coupled with a fuselage innovatively built with carbon-fiber reinforced plastic, the jetliner burns lesser fuel, reducing harmful effects to the environment. On the in-

side, LED mood lighting mimics a natural sunrise and sunset to help reduce the effects of jet lag. The A350-1000 is seven meters longer than the A350 XWB and offers 28 per cent more capacity in the Premium class cabin.

The aircraft also features the airline's Qsuite seat, which offers passengers a First Class experience in the Business Class cabin. Qsuite offers the industry's first-ever double bed in Business Class, as well as privacy panels that stow away, allowing passengers in adjoining seats to create their own private space, offering an unmatched, customizable experience for international travel.

BBB Warning: Scammers posing as local priests and pastors seeking donations

Reports from Midland, Waco and Fort Worth have revealed a charity scam on the rise.

Scammers are posing as local priests and pastors in order to text and call local consumers asking for gift cards or wire transfers, allegedly for charitable purposes.

Better Business Bureau

has the following tips:

- Ask questions. Ask the caller their name, what church they work for, what charity they're collecting for, and anything else you can think of. Some scammers may hang up, others may give you answers.
- Do your research. Search online to see if the church is actually real, or in

your area. Also be sure to research the charity they claim to be donating to; you can go to give.org and view charity reports through BBB's Wise Giving Alliance.

- Call the church. If the caller gives you the name of a church in the area, look up their phone number and call to ask if they are actively

collecting for charity. If they are not collecting donations, they may want to know that people are using their church's name in a scam so they can warn local

consumers & parishioners to be on the lookout.

Report it. If a scammer contacts you pretending to be a pastor or priest, call your local sheriff's office

and file a report at bbb.org/ScamTracker.

For more on charity scams, visit bbb.org, and check give.org for charities you can trust.

LEGAL NOTICE

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

William B Stavig or Sherry A Stavig	Plaintiff	
and		Case No. 19CV1128
Kansas Department of Revenue, Juan DeAlba, Pedro Narvaez, On Track Car Credit DBA JD Snyder	Defendants	

Pursuant to Chapter 80 of
Kansas Statutes Annotated

NOTICE OF SUIT

To Kansas Department of Revenue, Juan DeAlba, Pedro Narvaez, and On Track Car
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June 8, 2019 Runoff Election

Ballot Order

Place 15 (Mayor)

- 1 Eric Johnson
- 2 Scott Griggs

Place 4

- 1 Carolyn King Arnold
- 2 Dawn M. Blair

Place 9

- 1 Paula Blackmon
- 2 Erin Moore

Place 7

- 1 Adam Bazaldua
- 2 Tiffinni A. Young

Place 14

- 1 David Blewett
 - 2 Philip T. Kingston
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Early Voting Schedule

May 28 - 31 8 AM - 5 PM

(Tuesday - Friday)

June 1 8 AM - 5 PM

(Saturday)

June 2 1 PM - 6 PM

(Sunday)

June 3 - 4 7 AM - 7 PM

(Monday & Tuesday)

Election Day Voting Schedule

June 8, 2019 7 AM - 7 PM

(Saturday)

Early Voting & Election Day Voting Locations

City Secretary's Office 214-670-3738

<http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us/cso/electUpcoming.html>

Dallas County Elections 214-819-6300

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Upcoming DFW area job fairs

Now until July 3 Raising Canes is hiring

With its first Granbury restaurant rapidly nearing completion, the popular Louisiana-based brand is seeking 65 candidates for multiple positions at the restaurant, which will be located at 1041 E. U.S. Hwy. 377.

Interviews will be scheduled through July 3 at the Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites located at 1517 Plaza Drive N. Interested crewmember candidates are encouraged to apply online at RaisingCanesJobs.com (search for Granbury) or stop by the hiring center Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Ongoing Census Bureau

The Census Bureau conducts continuous surveys to supply the nation with important statistics on people, places and our economy. Local field workers know their communities best, and are instrumental in conducting surveys with residents on a variety of topics. Visit census.gov to apply.

Every Monday thru July 22 Pegasus fairs

Pegasus Personnel has so many jobs available they are holding a job fair every Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applicants are invited to visit their office or call 972-252-8808 for more info. Their office is located at 4441 West Airport Freeway Suite 225, Irving, Texas 75062.

June 10 Diversity Job Fair

Frisco, Prosper and McKinney ISD are hosting a job fair together on Monday, June 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at

Collin College, Preston Ridge Campus, Conference Center 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco, Texas 75035



June 10 USPS Material Handler Hiring Event

The USPS Material Handler Hiring Event will be held on June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 920 Minters Chapel Rd, in Grapevine. USPS Material Handler is a part-time position, pay rate is start at \$12.80 and after training (1 week) \$17.07. For this job you must

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To learn more visit Eventbrite.com

June 12 Arlington ISD career event

Arlington ISD is hiring. Applicants are invited to the

Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center on Wednesday, June 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. to learn more about open positions and network with AISD staff.

- Bus Drivers and Attendants

- Custodial
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- Electricians
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- Security
- Teachers and Classroom Assistants
- And more

Visit website for more information on the job fair and the jobs available. www.aisd.net/district/departments/human-resources/job-fairs/ This event is FREE to attend. Register in advance.

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

The *North Dallas Gazette* has an internship position available. The goal is to provide students and aspiring writers an opportunity to gain published clips, experience and professional feedback.



The position is for up to 20 hours a week at \$8.00 per hour. Applicants must have reliable transportation.

Send resume and writing samples to: businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com

NDG seeks Intern Video Producer

The *North Dallas Gazette* is a community-driven newspaper with a digital presence seeking a new Video/Audio Producer Intern for our new video platform and to assist with the growth of our media company through quality video production.

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.

The right candidate will have the following skills:

- Experience using video and audio production and post production techniques and software for live streaming and final YouTube videos.
- Experience using digital content software.
- Basic graphic design experience.
- Create content based upon agreed criteria.
- Understand how to use various social media platforms for live video events.
- Good time and project management skills.
- Attention to detail as it relates to spelling and grammar.
- Provide regular status updates to stakeholders and management.

The work will be completed at our studio located at Regal Row & Stemmons with a schedule of up to 15 hours a week. Pay rate is \$12-15 per hour.

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June 9, 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.

June 12, 7 pm

You are invited to join us for Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette and others as we study a new book by Dr. Henry Cloud, *Never Go Back*, to things that didn't work the first time, with

supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

Dr. Terrance Woodson, Senior Pastor
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www.bethelbiblefellowship.org

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June 9, 9:45 am

You are invited to join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, followed by our Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed. It's for God's glory and honor.

June 12

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study class and/or our Wednesday

Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

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INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH, Let's Go Fishing! MATTHEW 4:19

June 7, 8 p.m.

All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

June 9, 10 a.m.
Please join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

June 10, 7 p.m.

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

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June 9, 10 a.m.

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June 12, 7 pm

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Dr. Sam Fenceroy, PhD Senior Pastor and Pastor Gloria Fenceroy
300 Chisholm Place
Plano, TX 75075
972-633-5511
www.mocop.org

SHILOH MBC IN PLANO (WHERE COMMUNITY BECOMES FAMILY)

June 9, 8 and 11 am

You are invited to our Worship Services as we honor God for His goodness and faithfulness.

June 12, 7 pm

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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Responses to adversity



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"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." **Habakkuk 3:17-18.**

When we experience adversity, we generally respond in one of three ways: (1) we become angry; (2)

we try to gut it out; or (3) we accept it with joy.

Anger - When adversity comes our way, we say, "Why me, Lord?" We become bitter and resentful and blame God and others for our problems. We view ourselves as victims and demand that God answer our accusing questions: "Why don't You love me, Lord? We feel entitled to life, health, wealth, and happiness.

Gutting It Out - Another way we respond to adversity is by adopting a stoic attitude, repressing our emotions. We lie to ourselves and say, "I'm gutting it out. I'm demonstrating endurance." In reality, we are merely isolating ourselves with a shell of false

bravado.

We don't meditate on God's love, we don't pray, we don't believe God really has anything good planned for us. We simply tell our-

selves, "This will soon be over. I'm a survivor." We never receive what God has planned for us if we stay here.

Acceptance with Joy -



Sister Tarpley, getting on the Tour Bus with the Class of 1949 from Booker T. Washington High School as they celebrate their 70th Class Reunion (Sister Tarpley was a 1959 graduate) to see Black Dallas' hot spots

This is the response God seeks from us. When adversity comes, we rest in His love and trust that He knows best. We realize that nothing can happen to us without His permission.

If there is pain in our lives, we know it's because God deems it necessary for our growth or wishes to use our pain to minister to others.

God revealed to the prophet Habakkuk that Israel was soon to be invaded by the Babylonians. Habakkuk knew that Israel was about to suffer intense adversity as part of God's loving discipline of His people. Habakkuk faced the looming national tragedy with an attitude of acceptance with joy.

If Habakkuk could be joyful in the face of a national calamity, then we can rejoice in the Lord no matter what comes our way.

Know that God is great and most worthy of every praise. He is a mighty fortress. Clap your hands and sing praises of joy before Him. He is an awesome God on high. Know that God reigns over the nations and you. God is seated on His holy throne. And, from that throne He speaks words of vengeance or words of protection, and it is done.

May God be exalted! Seek His protect for His people and ask for His help for us to be united for precious name of Jesus.

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it will become to shape the future of the Black Press," said Barnes.

Brenda H. Andrews, Publisher of the New Journal and Guide (NJG) in Norfolk, Virginia, hosted three HBCU students for four weeks as part of 2018's DTU program. In addition to assignments from NJG's publisher and editor, Fellows were given the opportunity to develop their own story ideas with accompanying photos and videos on a range of topics.

"I believe it's important for young people and millennials to learn there is great value and purpose in writing for and/or using social media and new technologies in the Black Press," Andrews said.

"To that end, one of my goals was to expose them to the rich history of the Black Press. Consequently, some of our time together was spent discussing the New Journal and Guide's history since 1900 and the Black Press in general since 1827," she said.

During one session, Andrews said the students spent an afternoon offsite watching and discussing the

award-winning Black Press documentary, "Soldiers Without Swords."

"It was especially heartwarming to hear the DTU team connect the similarity of today's stories of police shootings of black males and the archival stories they had read about in the NJG," Andrews said.

"Overall, it was a great intergenerational learning experience that merits repeating," she said.

Adria Jervay, publisher of North Carolina-based publication, The Carolinian, called the experience phenomenal.

"The interns were bright, eager to learn and driven," Jervay said, noting that one of her Fellows went on to work for the Obama Foundation and each remain active with the newspaper through occasional article submissions.

"Our relationship with the DTU Fellows was mutually beneficial," she said. "They got to meet local and national celebrities, learn about writing for a newspaper as well as [many of] the aspects of running a business, while we got an upgrade on social media and

insight into the next generation."

Jervay added: "The internship was only for one summer but our connection is for a lifetime."

Since the inception of the DTU program, NNPA members have "poured knowledge into the students and have seen their skill sets become more sharpened," said Atlanta Voice Publisher Janis Ware.

"During the first year of the program, a couple of the Fellows were able to attend a rally for then-Presidential candidate Donald Trump. Last summer, the Fellows had an opportunity to inter-

view Georgia Gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, who made history as the first African-American woman to qualify for the candidacy for the Democratic Party," Ware said.

"Year after year, the program exceeds my expectation because of the caliber of the Fellows who have been admitted into the program as well as the amount of support General Motors gives to ensure that the program continues to evolve," she said.

The students in the program have not only displayed an eagerness to learn, but also a willingness to be challenged while continuing

to rise to the occasion regardless of how difficult the assignment might seem, Ware said.

"We are thrilled to follow their careers, as many of the

interns still maintain an active relationship with [the Atlanta Voice]. We are certain the future of this industry is in good hands," she said.

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

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NDG Book Review: Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice for Equality!

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The heroes in comic books arrive in fancy costumes.

Their heads are ringed by bubbles that say things like “POW!” and “ZOOM!” and that’s when bad guys fall like dead twigs from a tree. BAM! All the heroes in comic books are super-powerful and mighty but here’s the thing: as you’ll see in the new book “Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice for Equality!” by James Buckley, Jr. and YouNeek Studios, real heroes sometimes quietly wear suits and ties.

Welcome to this history tour. Your guides are Libby (a.k.a Lady Liberty, the statue) and the boy who will someday be your “Uncle Sam.”

Today, they’ll take you on a tour of the life of a boy named Mike.

Yes, that was his name at birth: Michael King, Jr., but when Mike was a boy, his father changed both their names to honor a religious man. That was also when Martin Luther King, Sr. decided to become a minister. Later, Martin Luther King Jr. did, too.

Back then, young King knew that it was wrong to



deny someone their rights, based on the color of their skin. As a child, he vowed to do something about Jim Crow laws someday but it wasn’t until he was older and visited Connecticut that he learned what it was like not to be segregated. That trip changed his focus: he was still a man of God, but he’d use his talents as speechmaker and leader to gain civil rights for African Americans.

It wasn’t easy.

King’s house was bombed and, although his family was safe, it was scary. His followers and friends were beaten and bloodied in fields, on the streets, and in marches. His life was threatened and that landed him in the hospital once.

And yet, King never gave up; he persevered by reach-

ing out to politicians and other influential people who could help the cause. He planned and marched, even though there were times when he was just plain tired. And he did it until the day he died on a hotel balcony, killed by a man with a gun...

Kids who struggle to read, or who claim they don’t like to read may change their tune with “Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice for Equality!” Parents take note: this isn’t your old-school stuffy history book.

Using the younger versions of two historical icons, author James Buckley, Jr. tells the story of Dr. King through comic-book-like illustration and balloon-text, mediums that are familiar to both readers and reluctant readers. Inherently, that makes this a tale kids can relate to, but Buckley Jr. also uses modern language that children understand, which helps get them involved by subtly including them in the emotions inside the story. Crisp illustrations by YouNeek Studios then keeps them engaged.

That makes this a story that could turn a middle-schooler’s groans into smiles this summer, while

it’ll still appeal to kids who love books. For either kind

of child in your home, “Martin Luther King, Jr.: Voice

for Equality!” is a book they’ll ZOOM! through.

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on My Garland to explore this new feature.

Lewisville

Yoga and Pilates in the Plaza each week - Wayne Ferguson Plaza is the site for free yoga classes with Blue Anjou Yoga Studio every Wednesday at 6 p.m., and free Pilates classes with Audrey every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Both classes will run through December. All skill levels are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own mat.

The **Wayne Ferguson Plaza Facebook page** has the most up-to-date infor-

mation about any weather cancellations or alternate locations.

Richardson

The application process is open for the second annual **Citizens Academy and Resource Education Series** (Richardson CARES). The free, seven-week class series is offered to adults ages 18 and up to help them gain a better understanding and knowledge of the structure and function of the City of Richardson.

Classes will meet Sept. 5-Oct. 17, every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. CARES participants will meet City

staff, learn about the day-to-day operations of Richardson’s government and discover ways to contribute and be an active participant. Each session will focus on a different function of the City and be presented by various departments, at various locations. The program will be interactive and include tours, on-site demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions.

For more information and an application, visit www.cor.net/Richardson-CARES or stop by the City Secretary’s office in City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadline to apply is July 31.

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