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Black Homeownership Plummet to 'Crisis' Level, New NAREB President Promises Strategies for Increase

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – The new "commander and chief" of Black Homeownership in America has released a new strategy for raising the numbers that have plummeted to percentages below the time of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. However, accomplishing that feat could prove more than daunting as the 2019 State of Housing in Black America (SHIBA) report – released this week – reveals the situation to be at a crisis level, according to leaders in Black homeownership.

"Someone needs to proclaim and declare a cease and desist on the declining rates of Black homeownership. Someone needs to bring some programs and highlight this epidemic, this crisis in our community. I pray that I am up to the task," says Donnell Williams in a recent interview following his swearing-in as the 31st president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), the 72-year-old organization founded to secure "equal housing opportunities, regardless of race, creed, or color."

A member of NAREB for 16 years, Williams, owner of Destiny Realty and the largest independent Black real estate broker in the state of New Jersey, describes himself as "boots on the ground", a posture from which he is able to see up



Donnell Williams being sworn in as new president of NAREB at the organization's annual convention July 28-Aug. 2, 2019.

close and personal the hindrances and the obstacles to Black homeownership- and how to fix them.

The SHIBA report, researched primarily by the Urban Institute and released annually by NAREB, in order to "shed light on the public policies, private sector practices and other systemic disparities preventing Black Americans from purchasing a home of their choice," reports this week that "all gains in Black homeownership that had been achieved between 1968 and 2004, had been erased by 2018."

The following are just some of the chief findings:

- The homeownership rate for Black households stood at 40.6 per-

cent in the second quarter of 2019 – a full percentage point lower than 2018's second-quarter rate of 41.6 percentage points. The current homeownership rate for Blacks is currently below the 1968 level of 40.9 percent at the time of the passage of the Fair Housing Act.

- Homeownership for non-Hispanic Whites stands at 73.1 percent, down from its high of 76 percent in 2004.

- Blacks have experienced the most substantial loss of homeownership since 2004, declining more than 8.5 percentage points, or 17 percent, as compared to the less

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Rep. Rhett Andrews Bowers

NDG Quote of the Week: "Have a vision. Be demanding."

– Colin Powell

Aicha Davis

AUSTIN – This week the Texas State Board of Education will honor their 2019 Heroes of Children Award recipients at a ceremony in Austin on Sept. 13. State Board of Education Member Aicha Davis has selected Loretta Burns as the honoree for the 13th District.

“The purpose of the award is to acknowledge individuals in our communities that work diligently each day to improve the lives and education outcomes of our children. When I was asked to nominate an individual from my



district that met the spirit of the Heroes of Children Award, I immediately thought of the amazing work that Loretta has been doing to improve student reading levels. Loretta is so passionate about her work

and she is making a direct impact on students each day. We are fortunate to have her working with our children and I am so happy to be able to recognize her this week” said Board of Education Member Davis.

Loretta Burns founded the AB Christian Learning Center, which provides academic enrichment programs in the Fort Worth community. As an outgrowth of this work, Burns started the Freedom School in 2014.

This is a free six-week program that focuses on summer reading and cultural enrichment for disadvantaged students. Instruction

in this program is delivered by trained college interns. Participating students receive a free book each week. Burns is also a member of the executive council for Read Fort Worth, which is a coalition of community and business leaders who partner with Fort Worth ISD as it works towards the goal of having 100 percent of third-grade students reading at or above grade level by 2025.

State Board of Education Member Aicha Davis was elected to her first term on the State Board of Education in November 2018. She represents the 13th District which consists of

about 1.7 million Texans who live in parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Davis serves on the board’s Committee on Instruction, which deals with issues such as curriculum and graduation requirements, instructional materials issues, and gifted and talented education.

Davis is now a doctoral student in education leadership and policy at the University of North Texas. She holds a master’s degree in education administration from that university and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Southern Missis-

sipi.

The award ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in Austin on Friday. Each of the recipients will receive a plaque recognizing their service, a copy of a board resolution honoring their service, a certificate of recognition from the governor, and photographs commemorating the ceremony.

Each hero’s name will also be engraved on a perpetual plaque permanently displayed at the Texas Education Agency.

The public is invited to the event, and it will also be livestreamed at <http://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/tea>.

Rep. Rhetta Andrews Bowers

GARLAND – Last week State Representative Rhetta Andrews Bowers (HD 113) hosted her Official District Office Grand Opening. As the Representative welcomed constituents and communities leaders into their new space she expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming support in her District. The ceremonial ribbon cutting began at 4:00pm, followed by a reception and tours of the new office space.

Among the attendees were several state and local leaders including Representative Victoria Neave,



Representative Carl Sherman Sr., Representative Ana-Maria Ramos, Garland Mayor Scott LeMay and Rowlett Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian.

“Representing the business community of Garland

means a lot, when a legislator’s voting record in Austin reflects how much they support our community. Representative Bowers has demonstrated her commitment to both businesses big and small in her district,” said Paul Mayer CEO of the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

“I am grateful to be here, because Representative Bowers truly cares about the people of her district. As I’ve gotten to know her, I am inspired by how she engages with her constituents and truly desires to make her community a better place for all,” said Representative Carl Sher-

man Sr. HD 109.

Mayor Scott LeMay said, “We are very honored for Representative Bowers to locate her District office here in Garland. She has a lot of places she could have gone, but were grateful that she is here with us.”

“I always want the Texans that I serve to know that I am accessible and that I stand ready to serve. Their concerns are my concerns and today underscores that commitment. I am glad to open our district office in a familiar and convenient location for the constituency and I am pleased to see people here form the Northern to the Southern

boundaries of our district,” said Representative Bowers.

State Representative Rhetta Andrews Bowers was elected to serve House District 113 in the Texas House of Representatives on November 8, 2018.

Growing up, Bowers was drawn to a life of activism at an early age. Following the example of her mother, a prominent community leader, and her father, a nationally recognized surgeon, Bowers volunteered to phone bank for the late Congressman Mickey LeLand as a pre-teen.

Throughout her life, Bowers has continued to

invest her time and energy in her community. She has served as a substitute teacher and a PTA member with the Garland Independent School District.

She was appointed to the Rowlett Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, where she served for eight years. Recently, Rhetta has served as the Chair of the Dallas Woman’s March, a title which she has held for the past three years. All the while, Rhetta has continued to be an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., of which she is a lifetime member.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Mayor Eric Johnson launches Task Force on Safe Communities

Thanks Mr. Thurman Jones didn’t know the major was active. OakCliff is not saying a word. Blacks are losing their business conversation on the streets. WHY. I’m trying. But need more support. Do you know Kristie King? she is friend of mine. Am The late Mr Alonzo King friend. Wakeup Kristie, real support will come. Keep us in formed.

- Flavor Mosley

Dallas Zeta chapter hosting College Prep

101 for future college students

Awesome effort! Much needed for students

- Pamela

Pediatricians Warn Racism is Devastating to Black Children

O course — it does — that’s why we have to take better care of ourselves

- Kim Merrill

An estimated 50% of the homeless population is over the age of 50

...this is so scary ...for those of us who are el-

derly...and for our kids n future generations...

- Lenell Freeman

No one in America should ever be homeless

- Joyce Hamilton

A different look for Serena Williams as she graces cover of Essence

She’s never looked so beautiful on a cover. Natural, regal and royal. I’m blown away. The 2 last covers did her no justice. Why are her feet looking dry in heels? Thank you Essence for doing my girl right!

- Jamie K. Richards

Dallas Police Dept. respond to community concerns regarding DPS patrols

I am in South and I am glad they are here! Keep up the good work!

- Kelly Flesher

If the neighborhood feels safer, which I live in and so does my family, let them stay. Dallas needs critical help now.

- Arthur Rodriguez

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Air traffic taxes could double

By: Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

NNPA NEWSWIRE – Working families in the African American community and beyond have a hard-enough time keeping up with daily expenses. Every mortgage payment, car payment, trip to the grocery store, stop at the gas station, or utility bill that shows up in the mail is a reminder of how expensive it is to afford basic needs. Now, lawmakers in the U.S. Congress have introduced legislation that threatens to add one more expense to that list.

On Capitol Hill, some lawmakers are championing what is essentially a regressive tax on airline passengers that would raise the cost of flying – painfully, on working families. If successful, the tax hike would burden African American travelers with significant additional fees on top of what is already required. Lawmakers who support the increase insist that the money will be spent on infrastructure improvement projects at airports. But, if our communities can no longer afford to fly, this becomes a moot point.

The tax, known as the passenger facility charge, is a locally enforced but federally authorized fee

that every passenger must pay at U.S. commercial airports. Nearly every airport in America charges it. The fee is currently set at \$4.50 per person per leg of a trip. Legislation has been introduced that would remove that cap, allowing airports to charge any amount they want.

Some have proposed raising the PFC to \$8.50, nearly doubling the current tax. That would add a significant cost for all American families. Under that proposal, a family of four on a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone – a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking this vacation or staying home.

Fortunately, largely due to the recent surge of low-cost flights from many airlines, air travel has become a more obtainable luxury, remaining largely affordable for working people, whether in rural America, the suburbs or the inner cities. While still a relatively expensive proposition, air travel to get away on a vacation, or to visit far-away family and friends, without the proposed new tax, is still within reach for many individuals on tight family

budgets. The near-doubling of the PFC tax will likely place air travel out of reach for many. And the reason for this hike is absurd.

The argument for the hike is that the additional money will pay for much-needed infrastructure improvement projects at airports nationwide. But here is the problem: America's airports don't need the extra money. Airport revenues are already growing strongly. Since the year 2000, airports have enjoyed revenue increases of 87 percent, without the cost of flights rising meaningfully. This growth drastically outpaces the actual cost of flying, even after factoring for inflation.

In addition, over the last decade, more than \$165 billion in federal aid has been directed to airports for improvement projects at America's largest 30 airports alone. More than that, the so-called Aviation Trust Fund is expected to reach nearly \$8 billion by the end of 2019.

And this summer alone, the Federal Aviation Administration has awarded hundreds of millions in renovation grants to airports across America earmarked for infrastructure improvements. It's also worth keeping in mind that

air travel and tourism are now at or nearing all-time highs, meaning that airports are collecting more in PFC taxes than they know what to do with.

By contrast, the income of working Americans has been stagnant for years. Considering that airports are more profitable now than ever before, it is disappointing that they, with the backing of politicians in Washington, are now coming to average Americans and asking them to shoulder the cost.

America's airports are well-positioned to continue to fund infrastructure improvement projects without needlessly reaching into the pockets of America's working families and robbing them of one of the few affordable luxuries available to them. Congress must stand up for working people and refuse this tax increase.

Economic progress in America should empower African Americans and others. We in the Black Press of America will not be silent on this issue.

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Trump and the weather

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Contributor

The *Washington Post* published a story on September 8th that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration backed Trump over its own scientists when Trump — incorrectly — stated and restated that Hurricane Dorian would hit Alabama. Worse, the NOAA allegedly insisted that its staff stand by the President regardless of the inaccuracies he articulated. This all happened after the National Weather Service contradicted Trump.

The evolution of this story started as near comedy. Trump, not known as a meteorologist, informed the public that Hurricane

Dorian would be hitting the state of Alabama, among other places. Even when it was clear that this would not happen, he and his clique stood firm. Thus, what began as a simple error, became an international embarrassment. But now it is much more.

There have been repeated stories of the repression of science under this administration. Scientists have been informed not to use this word or that word. The suppression of scientific exploration and publication of new research on climate change. This is all being done under the cover of night. But now we have a story where it is quite public that this administration not only wants to dictate

reality, but it wishes to suppress those who contradict them, irrespective of the truth.

The obvious question is where does this end? There is no outcry from Republicans in Congress about this. I found myself thinking about what a scenario might have looked like had then President Obama told the NOAA that it was to support misinformation that he provided. Well, I think that you know what would have happened. But in the current situation, such idiocy is being tolerated by those in Congress.

This is not a situation to take lightly. There is no Grand Canyon between the suppression of science and the suppression of other

ideas. If you happen to live in a district represented by Republicans, you might want to ask them why they don't speak up.

In the meantime, just a reminder of what is at stake in 2020. A president who wishes to suppress reality is a president who will stop at nothing to get their own way. It reminds me of an episode starring Billy Mumy from the original *Twilight Zone* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0734580/>) but we'll save that for another column...

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Flu shots available at Garland Public Health Clinic

The Garland Public Health Clinic, 206 Carver St., has received its first shipment of vaccine for the 2019-20 flu season. Flu shots are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays for adults and children who are insured. Call 972-205-3370 for pricing and to learn what insurance plans are accepted.

The best time to get prepared for the flu season is now. The national Centers for Disease Control and



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Prevention recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a flu vac-

cine as soon as it is available.

An annual vaccination

is the best way to reduce the chances of getting and spreading seasonal flu. When more people get vaccinated, less flu can spread throughout the community. Because it takes about two weeks after vaccination for the antibodies that protect against the flu to develop, it is best to get vaccinated before influenza begins spreading in their community.

Vaccination is particularly important for people

who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza.

Young children, senior adults, pregnant women and people with certain chronic medical conditions are among the high-risk category. They face serious flu complications, possible hospitalization and, sometimes, death.

Employers who want to host an on-site flu vaccination clinic can call 972-205-

3370 for information.

Clinic officials expect a shipment of low-cost flu vaccine for children without insurance in the coming weeks. Cost will be \$14 per dose for ages 18 and younger.

High dose flu vaccines for seniors will also arrive soon. Check the Garland Public Health Department page at GarlandTX.gov to monitor progress on the arrival of the vaccine.



Dallas Zeta Chapter is hosting a food pantry this Saturday to support Viola's House. (Image: Flickr/Salvation Army USA West CC By 2.0)

Dallas Zeta Chapter sponsoring pop up food pantry

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Kappa Zeta Chapter and Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas (SNCFD) is sponsoring a mobile food pantry at Viola's House. Hosted in observance of Hunger Awareness Month, this event will benefit the residents and friends of Viola's House. This event is scheduled for

Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

SNCFD sponsors a Stork's Nest program in Dallas. The program is designed to promote prenatal care participation and encourage healthy behaviors during pregnancy, through incentives and education.

Viola's House holistic approach strives to help

expectant teen mothers make enduring, positive life changes. They take a preventative approach and provides a comprehensive second chance prevention program. They are located at 1819 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. in Dallas.

The mission of the Mobile Food Pantry and Distribution is to help address

and lessen the impact of insecurity of expectant families in communities identified as food deserts.

Consider making a monetary DONATION at www.sncfd.org/food-pop-up, Click "Sponsor a Bag of Food" and then click the DONATE button to support.

Hospice patients gets wish: a limo ride and lunch with friends

On Sept. 9th, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care collaborated with the firefighters of the Dallas Fire Department, Four Seasons Limo Service, and the historic El Fenix restaurant to make a special wish come true.

Agnes "Mickey" Santillo is a patient receiving care from Seasons Hospice in Dallas. Mickey has always talked to her hospice care team about wanting a special outing with her and

her friends, complete with chauffeur and limousine, to make a trip to their favorite restaurant, El Fenix.

When Mickey spoke to the staff at Seasons about this wish, they began working immediately to make it happen. Mickey is 99 years old, and has not been able to leave her home for quite some time besides emergency trips to the hospital due to her declining health.

She has been on service with Seasons Hospice &

Palliative Care since late Spring of 2019 with congestive heart failure and requires significant assistance leaving her second floor condo.

That's where the Dallas Fire Department stepped in. Mickey was able to safely leave her condominium and be escorted to her stretch limousine, which took her and her three friends to a lunch outing at the North Dallas El Fenix restaurant, where the staff

pulled out all the stops to host an amazing lunch date for Mickey and her friends.

Mickey stated during the outing that she was so grateful for the opportunity and her companions could tell how truly happy she was- she even ordered a Dr. Pepper!

Santillo shared her stories of past trips to El Fenix, including numerous birthdays and celebrations. After having lunch, the limousine returned Mickey

and her friends back to her home where the Dallas Fire Department was waiting to assist once more.

This gesture of support and service truly made Santillo's day. Mickey will be celebrating her 100th birthday this December and will now have many more stories to share with friends and family.



Dallas firefighters assist Mickey Santillo in getting to her limo for a special day out. (Courtesy photo)

Four steps to achieving a healthier heart

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

Did you know that September is National Cholesterol Education Month? Cholesterol is a fat-like substance that is naturally found in your body and some foods.

However, high levels of cholesterol can lead to build-up in your arteries and put you at risk for heart disease and stroke. While many adults understand high cholesterol can be troublesome to their overall well-being, according



Fresh fruit is an important part of any heart healthy diet. (Photo by Timo Volz on Unsplash)

to the CDC, more than 102 million Americans have "unhealthy" cholesterol levels. During this aware-

ness month, take precaution by following these 4 steps towards a healthier heart and lower cholesterol.

Step 1: Make healthy eating choices. Some foods contain high levels of cholesterol, and when eaten, can raise your cholesterol. The American Heart Association recommends avoiding foods that are high in saturated fat and trans-fat to help reduce spiking your levels. Eating a balanced diet of lean meats, seafood, whole grains, fruits and vegetables can also help limit the intake of excess saturated fat.

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South Oak Cliff High School credits enrollment increase to excellent academics, community support

On the way to her afternoon class, junior Kendell Cole asks South Oak Cliff High School Principal Willie Johnson what she needs to join the swim team.

Cole transferred from Crandall High School to SOC, and she is interested in bringing her significant swimming skills to the Golden Bears. Cole is one of more than 200 additional new students to start at SOC this year, which has seen its enrollment climb from 1,096 last school year to 1,322 this month. The school, which earned three academic distinctions from the Texas Education Agen-



Plenty of smiles at South Oak Cliff High School these days. (Photo: Dallas ISD)

cy, was originally projected to serve 963 students this school year.

After telling Cole about where to get her transcripts and how to meet the swim

coach, Johnson reflects on the reasons for the enrollment increase.

"We are resetting the culture of this school, resetting expectations for academic performance, behavior and accomplishment," Johnson said. "I think our increase in enrollment is a testament to the work we are doing and the belief our community has in our quality of instruction and quality of opportunities we provide. It's a great time to be at South Oak Cliff High School."

South Oak Cliff High School students are currently housed at Village Fair while the 70-year-old

campus located at 3601 S. Marsalis Ave. is thoroughly renovated with funds from the 2015 bond.

Ensuring racial equity and community involvement

On the first day of school, community leaders packed the SOC hallways to enthusiastically welcome students back.

Johnson, a former SOC teacher and head coach, and community liaison Derrick Battie, a SOC graduate and former state champion, said the involvement from the community and alumni hugely benefit the school. Johnson added

the district's focus on racial equity—making education opportunities equitable for all—is also setting SOC up for success.

After walking the halls and greeting several students, Trustee Maxie Johnson smiles while talking about the progress at SOC.

"The community has looked into what's going on here at South Oak Cliff High School and they are bringing their kids back from the suburbs," Johnson said. "They are choosing South Oak Cliff High School because they want their kids to get a top-notch education."

Local bank encourages support for Pleasant Grove's childcare desert

Each year, thousands of Dallas families struggle with access to affordable childcare, a growing problem that often leads to wage loss, career stagnation, and deferred education, particularly in households headed by single women. Recognizing this problem, NexBank invested in making a sizable gift of \$150,000

to the Child Care Access Fund at Texas Women's Foundation (TXWF) to establish the first afterschool care program at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. NexBank's investment will help run the program for three years from 2018 to 2021.

"Our research showed the need for affordable

child care, particularly for low-income families," Roslyn Dawson Thompson, Texas Women's Foundation president and CEO, said. "As a result, we established the Child Care Access Fund to invest in cost-effective, efficient programs that produce meaningful change for families in need, which are often headed by single

women. We are thankful for NexBank and other donors who have contributed and hope others will join them."

TXWF found strong demand and has been able to serve 30 students with high-quality afterschool care from the initial investment. With 80 students on a waitlist, TXWF and NexBank are reaching out

to other companies to help fund the increasing need in this childcare desert.

Thanks to NexBank's donation, TXWF partnered with established providers—Dallas Afterschool—to provide high-quality afterschool care, which focused on improving the reading skills, writing and homework assistance along

with fitness and gym activities. Additionally, students received leadership development training and learned about self-esteem, healthy relationships and the environment.

A highlight was a Parent Appreciation Night in which parents learned

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Collin College kicks off Fall Dignity Initiative Series

Collin College will kick off the fall Dignity Initiative series with the presentation "International Justice Mission: A Global Movement to End Human Slavery" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Plano Campus (Spring Creek) Living Legends Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

Free and open to the public, the event will feature guest speaker Nate King,



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regional mobilization manager for the International Justice Mission. The In-

ternational Justice Mission is the largest anti-slavery organization in the world.

King will share case studies and stories of rescues from around the world.

An international non-profit organization focused on human rights, the International Justice Mission was founded in 1997 by lawyer Gary Haugen. Based in Washington, D.C., with 17 offices in Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, and five partner offices in North America, Europe,

and Australia, the organization works to combat sex trafficking, child sexual assault, cybersex trafficking, forced labor slavery, and police abuse of power.

According to Sherry Rhodes, Collin College professor of communication studies, the International Justice Mission has rescued more than 49,000 people from slavery and other forms of violence and helped local authori-

ties arrest more than 3,800 suspected slave owners and criminals in countries around the world.

The Dignity Initiative works to raise awareness and inspire action on issues of violence against and oppression of women.

For more information about The Dignity Initiative and upcoming events, visit www.collin.edu/community/dignity/.

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Step 2: Exercise regularly. There's no doubt that regular physical activity is a great way to help maintain a healthy weight, but it can also help lower your cholesterol and blood pressure levels. Each week, adults should aim for a cumulative total of at least 150 minutes

of moderate-intensity exercise, like bicycling or brisk walking or swimming. By making exercise a part of your routine, you can easily achieve this goal—and help maintain a healthy cholesterol level.

Step 3: Visit your physician for regular cholesterol

checks. In addition to your everyday practices, regular check-ins with your family practitioner are beneficial for overall health. Whether you want to check your cholesterol or address concerns or track your well-being, plan for a yearly check-up!

Step 4: Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight

or obese can raise your cholesterol to an unhealthy level. Talk to your doctor to determine what a healthy weight looks like for you. During this conversation, consider creating a food or fitness plan to help you stay on track towards your overall health goals.

If you have questions about monitoring your

cholesterol, National Cholesterol Education Month is the perfect time to address them. Although it might seem like a daunting task, maintaining healthy cholesterol levels can help prevent health problems in your future. If you have more questions about keeping your cholesterol at a healthy level, reach out to

your physician for a personalized plan.

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If the characteristics set out above describe you, then you are a member of the class of such persons in this case involving the desegregation of DHA's housing programs. Plaintiffs in the case and DHA have proposed an amendment to the Agreed Final Judgment in this case. If approved by the Court, this settlement will determine the future administration and operation of the Walker Settlement Voucher program that has been a part of the relief for the class since 2001.

The settlement, if approved by the Court, will modify the operation of the Walker Settlement Voucher program by the following changes:

A. DHA will continue to provide financial assistance to eligible Walker Settlement Voucher participants for eligible costs in obtaining housing until the \$2,850,000 in funding set out in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment has been spent. These costs may include all or part of application fees, payments to landlords if necessary to obtain housing, utility deposits, security deposits, and a set moving expense. The specific eligibility requirements for this assistance are set out in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment that can be obtained from the sources listed below. DHA will also use up to \$150,000 per year from these funds to reimburse its own costs for administration of the Walker Settlement Voucher program. DHA will pay up to \$250,000 in a one-time expenditure to develop a mobile application to provide all DHA voucher participants with the ability to identify and locate affordable housing in areas of high opportunity.

B. The total number of Walker Settlement Vouchers either in use or available for use will be 2,646.

C. The Walker Settlement Voucher payment standard will be up to 125% of the Small Area Fair Market Rent for the Zip Code in which the voucher unit is located.

D. Eligible class members living in Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty

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will be given a priority in the issuance of Walker Settlement Vouchers.

E. The definition of the census tracts eligible for the use of Walker Settlement Vouchers will change after the 2020 U.S. Census to include only census tracts with a poverty population percentage less than the poverty population percentage of the City of Dallas and in census tracts that are not minority neighborhoods. A minority neighborhood is a census tract in which the percentage of persons of a particular racial or ethnic minority is more than 20 percentage points higher than the percentage of that minority population in the City of Dallas population. In addition, an Eligible Census Tract must have a poverty rate at or below the average poverty rate for the City of Dallas as based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data.

F. There are other changes in the administration of the Walker Settlement Voucher program that are set out in the Amended Agreed Final Judgment. These changes involve the factors determining the number of Walker Settlement Vouchers that remain available for use, the availability of the assistance of the Inclusive Communities Project for Walker Settlement Voucher program participants, the effect of a change in a census tract from an Eligible Census Tract because of census related changes, and similar matters. The importance of these other changes may depend on your personal circumstances.

The proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment will affect several of the previous Orders in this case and will completely replace the current Agreed Final Judgment entered in 2004 that currently applies to DHA. The extent of the effect on the obligations in those orders is specifically described in the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment.

You are entitled to:

- A. know about the terms of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment;
- B. give the Court your comments;

C. and object to the approval of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment. If the Court approves the settlement, then DHA's duties and your rights in connection with the claims in this lawsuit would be those described in the Amended Agreed Final Judgment.

You may obtain a copy of the proposed Amended Agreed Final Judgment that includes all attachments to the proposal by requesting a copy from Daniel & Beshara, P.C., the attorneys representing the Plaintiffs and the plaintiff class in this case. You may email a request to danbesh@danbesharalawfirm.com or by mail or telephone request to Daniel & Beshara, P.C., 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226; (214) 939-9230.

The Court has set a hearing on the proposed settlement for October 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Eldon B. Mahon Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom, 501 W. 10th Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE ENTIRE SETTLEMENT AND IS NOT AUTHORITY FOR ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY COURT ORDER. You are entitled to see and review the documents associated with the proposed changes.

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These documents are available from the website link set out above.

If you have any objection to the settlement and want to testify or give other evidence at the hearing, you must do the following: put the objection in writing, put "Walker v. HUD, 3:85-CV-1210-R" at the top, and at least 14 days before the hearing, send a copy to these addresses:

Plaintiffs' attorney: Michael M. Daniel or Laura B. Beshara, 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226.

DHA's attorney: Katie Anderson, Clark Hill Strasburger, 901 Main Street, Suite 6000, Dallas, Texas 75202.

The Court: United States District Clerk, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20, Dallas, Texas 75242.

If you have questions, call Plaintiffs' attorney. Do not call the Judge or the Clerk.

SO ORDERED on this 10th day of July, 2019.


Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Snag a seat (before they vanish!) to the fourth-annual **Dirk Nowitzki Pro Celebrity Tennis Classic** on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the SMU Tennis Complex (5669 N. Central Expwy., Dallas).

Joining Dirk for the round-robin competition are past and present Dallas Mavs Luka Dončić, Steve Nash, Devin Harris, J. J. Barea and Dwight Powell along with current and former tennis pros Mark Knowles, Tommy Haas and John Isner, and actor Boris Kodjoe.

Proceeds will benefit the children's charities of the Dirk Nowitzki Foundation. Tickets are \$20 for adults and youth, and free for children 3 and under. Purchase tickets at fevo.com.

Dallas area Girl Scouts with their friends and family have the chance to celebrate the beginning of a new school year at the annual **Launch Party at the Frontiers of Flight Museum**. Open to Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts alike, event guests will have the chance to explore space, rocketry, and beyond dur-



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ing this stellar day. Cost is \$5 per person and includes a special Launch Party Patch. www.gsnetx.org/launchparty.

Garland

Attend the **Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale** at the South Garland Branch Library. Shoppers may find great bargains on a variety of adult and children's books, fiction and nonfiction, pa-

perback and hardcover, and reference books, as well as puzzles, DVDs, audiobooks and computer games at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

The public book sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14. A Friends members-only preview will be available until 8:30 p.m. following the 6 p.m. annual membership meeting Thursday, Sept. 12.

For more information, call 972-205-2543. Admission to the public book sale

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McKinney

Oktoberfest returns to McKinney Sept. 27-29 - Step into your lederhosen and refresh your schuhplattler dance moves for McKinney's Oktoberfest celebration in Historic Downtown McKinney. This three-day event is a family favorite, offering authentic German food and drinks, entertainment, children's activities and fun. Patrons will feel like they are right in the middle of Munich while they enjoy bier, brats, strudel and pretzels along with

Pflugerville

The Texas Association of African American Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual conference Sept. 19-20 at the Courtyard by Marriott Austin Pflugerville and Conference Center in Pflugerville, Texas. The theme this year is Texas Black Business is Power(ful). Dallas' own Hiawatha Williams, CEO of Williams Chicken, will be inducted into the Black Business Hall of Fame. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com.

Arboretum kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with Quinceañera fashion show

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden features its second annual Quinceañera Fashion Show on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.

The selected participants walk the stage in Rosine Hall, showcasing their beautiful and colorful quinceañera dresses and share with the guests their favorite traditions and plans of the future. Afterwards, they parade down the paseo allowing even more guests to see their



Dallas Arboretum

stunning colorful dresses. This event is free for all paid garden guests.

Among several Spanish-speaking countries and Hispanic communities around

the world, girls celebrate turning 15 years old with both a religious and social event called a quinceañera. The ritual symbolizes a girl's transformation from childhood into womanhood for the years to come. The party is the second part of

the quinceañera with dancing, food and music, ending with a father replacing his daughter's flat-soled shoe with high heels. Individual rituals can vary between cultures, but the heart of the "Sweet 15" remains as a coming-of-age ceremony.

Alan Walne, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, "The Dallas Arboretum serves as a beautiful backdrop for these lovely young ladies getting their photos taken throughout

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Dak shines as Cowboys debut new offensive scheme

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

ARLINGTON – Dak Prescott sure picked the perfect time to show why he deserves to be one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in the National Football League.

In a sterling performance during the Dallas Cowboys' dominant 35-17 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday at AT&T Stadium, Prescott was nearly picture-perfect as he passed for a whopping 405 yards and a career-high-tying four touchdowns in getting his team's season started off on the right foot. Prescott completed 25-of-32 passes and joined Craig Morton (1968) as the only Cowboys quarterback with a 158.3 perfect passer rating in a season opener.

Afterward, owner Jerry



Dak's performance was a picture of perfection against the New York Giants (Image: Dallas Cowboys Facebook)

Jones said Prescott's large contract extension is imminent, possibly as soon as this week. However, Prescott's mind is elsewhere at the moment.

"I'm turning the page and I'm worried about (next Sunday's game at) the Washington Redskins," Prescott said. "I have people that handle (contract talks).

"My focus is on this team, on the football game. I think as long as I can keep continuing to do that, this team will do things like we did (against the Giants)."

Sunday's game demonstrated why the Cowboys are considered one of the heavy contenders to win this season's Super Bowl. After falling behind 7-0,

the Cowboys proceeded to score five touchdowns on their next five possessions to bolt ahead, 35-10, late in the third quarter.

Kellen Moore, in his first season as the Cowboys' offensive coordinator, had his shiny new offense on full display. And that spelled trouble for the Giants, whose heads were on a swivel all day.

"At the end of the day it was a great start," Moore said. "We played well.

"There's little moments where you want it a little bit better to start faster and end better. But we got to recognize all the good things and continue to build on those."

The Cowboys probably know there's much more building to be done considering running back Ezekiel Elliott was basically an after-thought in this game. Signed to a six-year, \$90

million contract extension last Wednesday after missing training camp and the four preseason games, Elliott admitted he was rusty while rushing for 53 yards on 13 carries and scoring a touchdown.

"Their defense was really keyed into the run and we just had way too many weapons on the outside and we made them hurt," Elliott said. "I'm excited to be back with these guys.

"I think we've got a great group and I'm excited for this season."

Prescott also is excited about the array of talent-laden receivers he has at his disposal. Against the Giants, Michael Gallup collected seven receptions for 158 yards, Amari Cooper caught six passes for 106 yards and a touchdown, and Randall Cobb hauled in four passes for 69 yards and a TD.

Even 16-year veteran tight end Jason Witten, back with the Cowboys after spending last season as a TV analyst, joyfully caught a 4-yard touchdown pass.

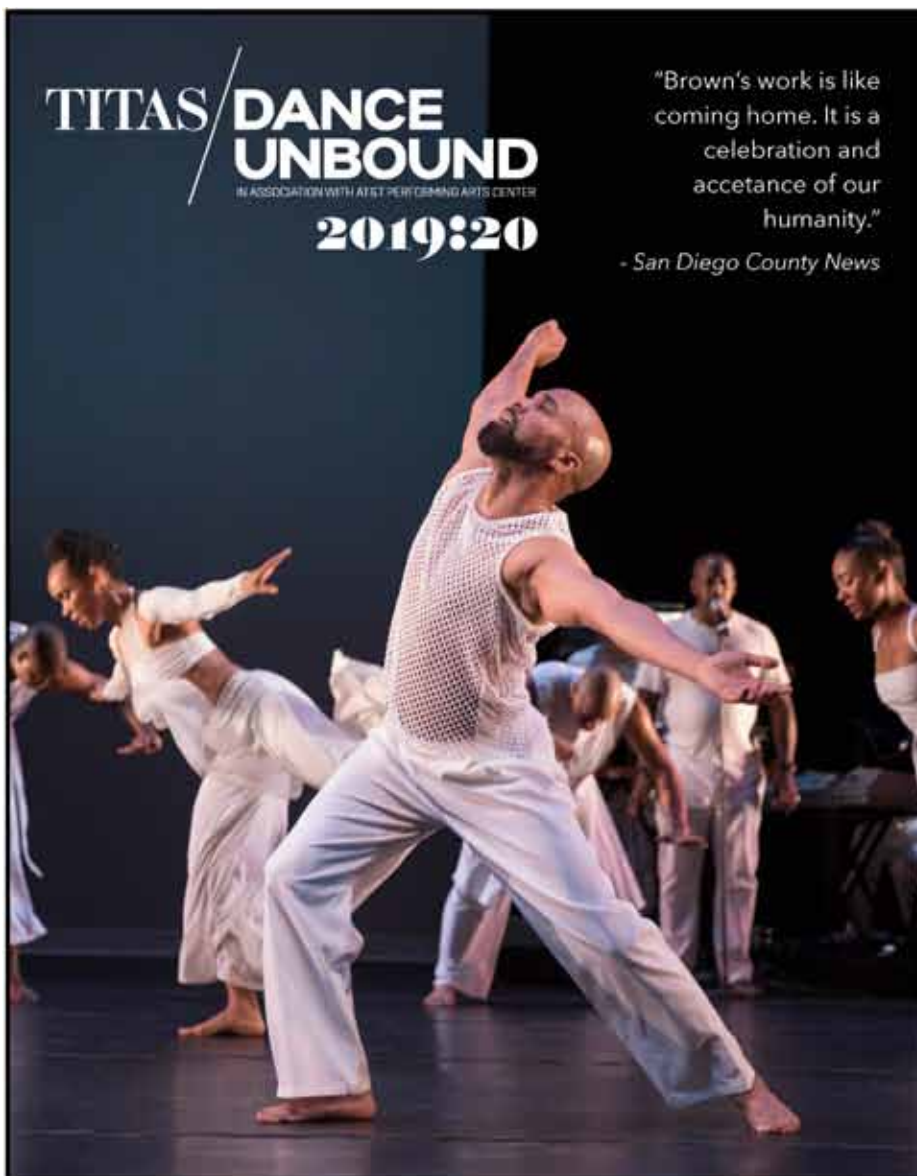
"It felt good just to be back out there," Witten said. "When I made the decision to come back, this was the moment I was thinking about – these games like this."

And games like Sunday's are always what Prescott thinks about. He got into a zone against the Giants and there was practically nothing the Cowboys' NFC East divisional rivals could do about it.

"I will say it felt like a well-oiled machine," Prescott said. "I talked about it (Saturday) night to the offense.

"We've got so many

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Ronald K. Brown/Evidence's is a celebration. (Courtesy image)

Ronald K. Brown/Evidence's celebrates the diversity of the audience and dancers

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Ronald K. Brown has a single aspiration for the audience when they experience Ronald K. Brown/Evidence at the Winspear Opera House on Sept. 20.

"I wished, hoped, and believed, they would see

a reflection of themselves and the human condition. With both Grace and Mercy you will see the community on stage finding grace and mercy.

This is a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Grace, commissioned for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The show

at TITAS/daNCE UNBOUND is available in association with the nonprofit AT&T Performing Arts Center.

"The conversation is heart to heart and spirit to spirit, from the most high and each other," is how

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great players on that offense when whatever 11 is out there when you handle your one job and trust the other 10 guys are going to do that, that's what happens. You are a well-oiled machine."

Prescott and the well-oiled machine fired on all cylinders against the Giants as he aggressively went up top and tossed a 62-yarder to Gallup, a 45-yarder to Cooper, and also pitched a 28-yard TD to backup tight end Blake Jarwin.

"One of the things Kellen talks about with this offense

is in a lot of ways we're doing a lot of the same stuff we do, and aggressively take what they give us," Witten said. "It's one thing to say you want to be aggressive, it's another thing to see it executed the way it did, so great start for Kellen."

With an appreciative nod to Moore, Jones was certainly happy with a high-octane offense that produced 494 total yards and didn't have any turnovers.

"I think (Moore) made that game exciting," Jones said. "I know we all saw

things that we just haven't seen in the past.

"What I like was the way that we stepped out there and took what the Giants gave us, and that's real promising."

What also is really promising is the way Prescott took control of the offense. This was the four-year veteran's second career 400-yard passing game – Prescott passed for 455 yards last Dec. 9 against Philadelphia – and he was razor-sharp all day long.

"I spoke to it about the latter part of the year last year about being able to just

see the defense, seeing the things that I wanted to see so much quicker," Prescott said. "This off-season, this spring, this training camp, it just continues to grow, continue to grow."

That growth by Prescott absolutely stunned the Giants.

"We got different guys involved," coach Jason Garrett said. "(Prescott) was

seeing the defense well and throwing to the right guys. He had real command of the offense."

While the Cowboys' defense allowed 470 yards – mostly between the 30-yard lines – their offense undoubtedly will have defensive coordinators on their schedule encountering some restless nights if Sunday's game is any indication.

"I think you saw a dose of what we can do," Cobb said. "We did some really good things (Sunday), we did some things we could have done better, but overall I think we showed that we can dominate as an offense."

"I think that puts us on notice. I think everybody is definitely going to have an eye for us whenever they play us."

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How small steps can drive big results for your business

In business, it's the major leaps that people notice and remember.

Apple introduced the iPhone and the methods in which we communicate and gather information were changed forever. LEGO took some audacious steps over the last couple of decades and expanded its toy franchise into video games, TV and movies.

Big steps. Big results.

But not every move you make with your business or in your personal life needs to be of earth-shattering significance, says Shawn Burcham (www.shawnburcham.com), founder and CEO of PFSbrands and author of *Keeping Score with GRITT: Straight Talk Strategies for Success*.

Sometimes, it's the small steps that eventually lead to big rewards.

"One example with my own company is that there was a time when I didn't believe in meetings," Burcham says. "I thought they were a waste of time, probably because most of the meetings I had been in had indeed been a waste."

But as his business grew, Burcham realized meetings are a necessity for communicating within a large organization. So, PFSbrands took the "small step" of instituting regularly scheduled meetings, which he says have been critical to accomplishing personal, departmental, and company-wide goals.

Burcham offers a few more examples of small

steps that can pay big dividends for you and your business:

- **Make a habit of setting goals.** "It may seem like a basic thing, but setting goals is crucial to success both personally and professionally," Burcham says. "Everyone in your company should be setting goals, and regularly reviewing those goals and checking their progress." Sounds easy enough, but this is one small step that many people don't take. "That's why just the act of setting goals already gives you a competitive advantage," he says.

- **Write down those goals.** Setting goals is a good first step, but don't just memorize them, Burcham says. Write them down because stud-

ies have shown that people who do that are more likely to achieve what they are after than people without written goals.

- **Build an accountability system.** One of the best ways to make sure you follow through on your goals is to create a network of people who will hold you accountable, Burcham says. If no one knows you set a goal, it's easy to let it slide. But if there are people who know about your goal, and better yet are depending on you to accomplish it, then you are more likely to follow through. In a business, it's good for everyone to know everyone else's goals and every department's goals. That way, Burcham says, you can all hold each other account-

able.

- **Stop trying to do everything.** Burcham suggests asking yourself what duties you can pass on to others because those activities are not a productive use of time and energy for you or for the company. "I've often made the mistake of hanging onto responsibilities far longer than necessary; everything from accounting, to email management, to sales management," he says. As a company grows, Burcham says, that small step of finding things you can stop doing will be crucial to success.

"While each of these individually may be a small step, they are all important for personal growth and your business' success," Burcham says. "If you don't set goals,

write them down, and work to improve, you'll likely be the exact same person 12 months from now. There's nothing necessarily wrong with that. Being who you are is okay, but the question is: Are you content with being the same? Or do you want to be better?"

Shawn Burcham (www.shawnburcham.com), author of *Keeping Score with GRITT: Straight Talk Strategies for Success*, is the founder & CEO of PFSbrands, which he and his wife, Julie, started out of their home in 1998. The company has over 1,500 branded food-service locations across 40 states and is best known for Champs Chicken franchise brand which was started in 1999.

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than 4 percent decline for non-Hispanic Whites. In other words, Blacks have lost more than four times the share of homeownership as non-Hispanic Whites since 2004.

Half of all Blacks born between 1956 and 1965 were homeowners by the age of 50. Blacks born between 1966 and 1975 have a homeownership rate of just above 40 percent and are thus unlikely to achieve a 50 percent homeownership rate by their 50th birthdays. Black millennials, if current trends continue, may fail to reach a homeownership rate of 40 percent by the age of 50.

- The gap in homeownership rates between Blacks and non-Hispanic Whites is more significant now than it was in 1934, the year of the enactment of FHA (Federal Housing Administration) and the start of the modern housing finance system.

SHIBA places the plummeting levels of Black homeownership squarely

at the feet of loan denials, primarily because of debt to income ratio and credit scoring.

"For Black applicants, overall denial rates for home purchase loans were double those of non-Hispanic White applicants—18 percent versus 9 percent, unchanged from 2016," the report states. It adds, "The Black denial rate for conventional loans is down significantly [from] its high of 36 percent (versus 19 percent) at the height of the foreclosure crisis in 2008."

The report continues, "Debt-to-income ratio was the most common reason for denial reported for Black applicants—at 31 percent compared to 20 percent for non-Hispanic White applicants. Credit history was the second most prevalent reason for denials among both Black applicants (25 percent) and non-Hispanic White applicants (20 percent)."

Williams says he believes he has a winning

strategy that will take up arms against the key hindrances. He was set to release that strategy this week in a press conference and conversation with national leaders. Among the critical programs and initiatives, according to a NAREB release this week:

- **House Then The Car** – A campaign targeted to the 1.7 million American millennials and generation x populations who make over \$100k per year and who are home buyer ready but are currently renting.

- **Realist Opportunities For Seasoned Individuals (ROSI)** – An initiative that addresses the holistic needs (buying/selling real estate, life insurance, retirement, health insurance) of people over 40 years of age, or parents of any age.

- **Civic Engagement** – Program that identifies and cultivates a host of "Allies" that expand beyond established networks of partners and faith-based communities.

These "Allies" would include Black Chambers

of Commerce, Greek organizations, minority professional organizations and more.

"This is a moment in our history to demand a cease and desist in the denial of

equal access to mortgage credit and homeownership for the nation's Black Americans," Williams concludes in a letter as part of his "Message from the President" in the SHIBA report.

"After you have read our report and are armed with both an understanding of the barriers faced, and solutions required, I encourage you to support NAREB's efforts."



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Richardson church offers job seeking workshop for unemployed, under-employed and nervously employed

The Heights Church is hosting a free Job Search Workshop by the Career Transition Ministry (CTM) team of Dallas at 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at 201 W. Renner Rd. at US-75 in Richardson.

This free event is open

to the community and focused on those who are unemployed, underemployed, nervously employed preparing for their next job transition.

The event will include free lunch and materials. The all-day workshop will

teach proven job search skills, including:

- finding your job focus
- resume critique and development
- using the Internet and Social Media for job search
- effective networking skills

• creating a 30-second elevator presentation

- interviewing techniques
- developing a 2-minute verbal resume and more.

Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Attendees are required to pre-register due to limited

seating. Register online at <https://www.heightsmis-sions.com>.

Over the past 15 years, the CTM team has taught job search skills to thousands and worked one-on-one with hundreds of job seekers. The Heights Job-

Seekers Ministry serves the community by assisting job seekers with tools, resources, networking opportunities, and workshops.

For more information, email jobseekers@the-heights.org or call 214-536-8111.

Mockingbird Station has been renamed SMU/Mockingbird Station

The change comes after the DART Board approved a naming rights agreement with SMU making it easier for visitors to find the campus and cementing the rail station's role as a gateway to the University.

The DART Board authorized the 10-year agreement last November. SMU

was officially added to the station name this month.

Mockingbird Station opened in 1997, quickly becoming an important transportation resource for SMU students, faculty, staff and visitors. A shuttle service, the SMU Express, connects the DART station to the University campus a short

distance away.

"We have so many activities on our campus we want to share with our neighbors, including SMU's home football games," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

"Taking DART to SMU/Mockingbird Station is an easy way to get to a wide variety of SMU events –

from Division I sporting events, to lectures and artistic performances, as well as to the George W. Bush Presidential Center."

Entering its second century, SMU is a nationally ranked global research and teaching university. SMU's alumni, faculty and nearly 12,000 students in seven

degree-granting schools deliver economic impact and intellectual capital to the Dallas area.

Approximately 2,800 riders travel through SMU/Mockingbird Station on an average weekday, and DART's SMU Express (Route 768) provides service to the campus from the

station for approximately 500 riders each weekday.

SMU/Mockingbird Station is located in Dallas on Mockingbird Lane and North Central Expressway (US 75). It is served by the North Central segment of DART's Red, Orange and Blue Rail lines.

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Brown describes the piece.

Twenty years later, he was excited to create a companion piece entitled Mercy.

"We think about mercy as something that someone in power gives you. But we as brothers and sisters can give each other, mercy," Brown shared.

While the show may feel timely given today's political climate, Brown indicat-

ed he was not responding to the craziness and hatred of today. The fact it is a part of our conversations is undeniable.

"But it is not new," Brown points out.

It is also important to him for the audience to see themselves reflected among the dancers. Therefore he features diversity in body types.

"For the community members to respond to the work I am presenting, I want people to look like folk they know," Brown stated. We all know dancers in varying shapes and sizes, but typically they are never given a chance to be a professional dancer. Brown scoffs at the idea of a dancer's body the industry usually glorifies.

"Dancer bodies come in all shapes," he stated.

When asked what he

hopes guests feel when they see the show, he defined it in one word – liberation.

"I am interested in our liberation when people

come to see Evidence when you leave the theater, you feel like your spirit has been lifted up," Brown stated. "Loving each other as the

music will take you on a journey."

Tickets are available at attpac.org or by phone at 214-880-0202.

FASHION, from Page 8

the year in their colorful dresses, yet many of us are not familiar with the customs of a quinceañera. By highlighting them as they prepare to celebrate their quinceañera, we will learn more about this tradition and their personal stories during this special coming of age moment."

Adriana Lopez, host of Telemundo's daily show, Acceso Total, is the emcee for the fashion show. During the event, there will be door prizes including Cool Thursday Concert tickets, Dallas Cowboy game tickets with suite access, courtesy of Waste Manage-

ment and a grand package consisting of hair, makeup, photography and a quinceañera dress for a soon-to-be Quinceañera.

Throughout the main garden and A Tasteful Place, the Dallas Arboretum has planned activities related to Hispanic culture and traditions. Adding to the festive atmosphere are performances by Ballet Folklórico Mexico 2000 and the Latin Boys Cadets. Hispanic vendors include Empanada Cookhouse, Topo Chico, Hive Coffee Co., Cuates Kitchen, Enrique D'Altamirano Fashion Designer, ABC Party

HQ and more. All vendors are located throughout the Entry Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At noon, Mexico Lindo Restaurant performs a "fajita cooking" demonstration at A Tasteful Place's Test Pavilion.

An advisory committee selects those young ladies based on their essay and completed applications. Led by Dallas Arboretum Board Member Amanda Lake, the committee, which has also been planning this year's celebration, includes Ben Leal, Lourdes Spinola, Minerva Rodriguez, Suzette Hinds, John Cuelar, Victor Ornelas, Lesley Lake, Bella Molina, and Jorge Baldor.

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The City of Dallas' HR Dept is currently accepting apps for the Budget and Contract Administrator position. Bachelor's degree in a business/public administration, human resources or healthcare administration field, plus 7 yrs exp.

For more info and to apply, visit: <http://bit.ly/2NcCfVP>.

Ongoing House of Blues

Want a cool job in live music? House of Blues Dallas is hiring! Spruce up your resume and join us on Monday, August 26th for a Job Fair in our Cambridge Room from 1-5PM. All departments are hiring. View

job openings at <http://livenationentertainment.com/careers>.

Sept. 17 Case Managers Hiring Event

Job fair for case managers on Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Job Fair is free to attend. Please come dressed business attire and bring copies of your current resume.

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Sept. 19 UD Job Fair

The University of Dallas Job & Internship Fair hosted by the Office of Personal Career Development is scheduled for Sept. 19. Students and alumni

from the undergraduate and graduate programs will be in attendance.

These candidates will be seeking internship, part-time, and full-time opportunities that will provide professional industry experience.

If you are an employer and would like to be invited to the next job fair held by the University of Dallas, email Christina Nguyen at mnguyen1@udallas.edu.

Sept. 19 Champions of Diversity Job Fair

I Heart Radio Dallas Champions of Diversity Job Fair on Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DoubleTree Market Center at 2015 Market Center Blvd. in Dallas.

Sept. 20 Veterans Job Fair

Employer Conference | Veteran's Career Fair Sept. 20 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mountain View College located at 4849 W. Illinois Ave., in Dallas.

Sept. 30 Diversity Job Fair

Meet face to face with Dallas' best companies on at the Dallas Diversity Job Fair by Jobertising.com Monday, Sept. 30, from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Market Center located at

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Irving-based Michaels kicks off holiday season hiring spree

The Michaels Companies, Inc., a certified 2019 Great Place to Work recently announced it will hire approximately 15,000 seasonal positions across its U.S. and Canada stores and distribution centers in preparation for the 2019 holiday season.

"We are proud to be designated a Great Place to Work for the second year in a row as we look to hire additional staff for the upcoming holiday season," said Holly Shaskey-Platek, Senior Vice President of Human Resources. "The holidays are an important time of the year for customers and team members



alike. Whether you are gift-making or gift-giving our talented team members are ready to help with inspiration, project ideas and make sure your holiday shopping experience is meaningful and fun."

Michaels seasonal team members are offered flexible hours and a 30 percent

discount, and being on the Michaels store team is an experience craft-loving creative and team members enjoy.

For makers, there is no better place to tap into the holiday magic than Michaels. With exclusive seasonal décor and ornaments, beautiful floral picks and

greenery, and the best tree lot in town, holiday decorating and entertaining is made easy. Michaels works to bring magic to its stores during the holiday season, and new employees play a large role in that mission.

Last year, Michaels hired more than 40 percent of seasonal in-store positions into regular roles following the holidays, including over 30 percent of their distribution center seasonal team members and over 40 percent of Artistree's seasonal staff. Candidates interested in seasonal positions can learn more and apply online at Michaels.com/storejobs.

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September 15, 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.

September 18, 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.

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September 18
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September 16, 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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Tragedy into Triumph



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"So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you" (2 Corinthians 4:12).

The story is told that on September 11, 2001, New York City firefighter Stephen Siller had just completed his shift when he heard on his truck's scanner that a plane had hit one of the World Trade Center Towers.

Siller quickly turned his truck around and attempted to drive back to Manhattan via the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel but found the entrance blocked by abandoned vehicles.

Desperate to join his elite Squad One brothers, Siller donned 75 pounds of fire gear and ran a mile-and-a-half through the tunnel,

before an emergency vehicle picked him up and dropped him off at Tower Two.

Siller had been orphaned at the age of 10 and raised by his older brothers and sisters. Siller died that day trying to save others. He left behind a wife and five children.

His story proved so inspirational that it became a legend in the newsrooms and firehouses of New York City. His six siblings - who in many ways viewed Siller as a son, as well as a brother - found themselves grappling with a dilemma:

Should they allow the tragic circumstances of their brother's death to paralyze and embitter them or use it as a catalyst to help others and preserve his memory?

The Siller family chose the latter.

Once they made that decision and armed with no



The program, What to do when dealing with an active shooter, Bethel was joined by Redeemer Covenant Church of Carrollton. Left to Right: Carrollton's Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Young Sung; Senior Pastor, Terrance Woodson; Executive Pastor Bernadette Moore; Pastor Larry Gardner; all from Bethel's Church; Carrollton's Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rex Redden and Commander V. Humphrey

extraordinary wealth or political clout, the siblings combined forces to convince New York officials to close down the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel the last Sunday morning of each September and stage the "Tunnel to Towers Run" to commemorate their brother's heroic last run.

Each year since 9/11 tens of thousands of runners have retraced the steps of a hero. As part of the event 343 New York City firefighters, each representing a fallen comrade and holding an American flag, stand throughout the length of the

tunnel.

They are joined by firefighters from across the United States, each holding a poster-size picture of a firefighter who perished on 9/11.

The Siller family has raised more than \$1 million and donated the money to charities that benefit families of those affected by the September 11th attacks.

This is a tribute to one heartbroken family who opted to channel its energy into triumph out of tragedy.

As we remember the horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001. This terrorist act shocked a nation; in fact, it shocked much of the world.

It was God who provided the comfort that no one else

could. He is our hope and our refuge and the One in whom we trust. May God be glorified, may our nation and all Christians everywhere, be humbled as we seek God's face and His forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings.

Ask God to comfort those who mourn, to heal our land, to protect His people, and guide us in these turbulent days of unrest and disaster, of unbelief and hypocrisy and of Biblical prophecy come to pass.

It is like no time we have yet experienced. We need God's grace. We cannot face the day alone. Thank our heavenly Father for His love, presence and power in our lives.

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about their students' successes and introduced them to other community resources. Close to 95 per-

cent of families attended, and parents were appreciative of this high caliber affordable childcare.



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Monica Bocanegra, a parent, and Parent Teacher Organization vice president remarked, "This is a first for us to have an after school program offered at our school...we need more programs like this for our children and the parents."

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NDG Book Review: *This Tender Land* is a love story told well

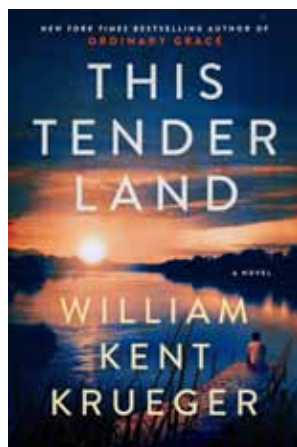
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

"Tell me a story!"

It was never enough when someone read a story to you when you were a child: a tale from the heart was always better. Every time the story was told, it was a little bit different, a little braver and a lot more exciting, and with "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger, you're in for a good one.

Every child at the Lincoln Indian Training School feared what Odie O'Banion called "the quiet room." They feared it, because it was rarely quiet: usually, someone was sobbing from the beatings, or worse, that they endured in that dirt-floor cell, or because of the rats there, or because of the dark.

The first time he was tossed into the room, Odie was eight years old and his



then-twelve-year-old brother, Albert, was inexplicably tossed in with him. It was 1932, and they'd been told that they were the only white boys at the Indian school in northern Minnesota because the county had nowhere else to put them after their parents died. Odie had only known a mother's love for a few short years of his life; Mrs. Brickman, the owner of the school, didn't love him, or any of the chil-

dren there.

Odie doubted that the "Black Witch" was capable of love.

She was surely capable of cruelty, though, and part of that was in loaning children to work for nearby farmers. If the Black Witch meant to punish a boy, he was sent to the Bledsoe farm; if it was a good day, Odie, Albert, and their friend, Mose, would go to Mrs. Cora Frost's farm, to help out there.

As far as Odie was concerned, Cora Frost was an "angel." A widow with a five-year-old daughter, Cora made the boys feel like family and for story-loving Odie, that was heaven. But when a tornado came through and took that family away, he knew that only one thing could happen next: it was time to escape...

Which is exactly what

you want in a novel: to be transported to another time and place, to escape. Happily, you'll find plenty of that inside "This Tender Land."

Placing this all solidly on a factual base, author William Kent Krueger then plops his readers down in a period when the Depression caused families to disintegrate and roving bands of kids were not uncommon. And we wander here, too, through a timeline filled with murder, crime, faith, heart-pounding chase scenes, and just a little magic.

That could feel overdone and may be a little overwhelming for some readers, so give yourself room with this book. You'll want that anyway – some room to enjoy, if you love stories. For you, "This Tender Land" is a good one told.

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