By David Wilfong  
NDG Contributing Writer

Avid election watchers in 2018 noted a surge of female candidates running for office in Dallas County, especially in the judicial races. The trend continues in the 2020 round of voting, and the Monday Night Politics forum held at the African American Museum in Fair Park featured three women vying for statewide judge’s seats (though invitations were extended to the other candidates). The Dallas Examiner hosts the forum to give candidates across all offices the opportunity to make their case directly to the public.

The first segment was dedicated to the race for Justice Supreme Court, Place 7. Staci Williams was the only of the two Democrats running for the bench to appear at the forum. Williams is currently presiding over the 101st District Court, a position she assumed in 2014. Williams says that “experience matters” and says she has a distinct advantage over her opponent in terms of background work leading up to the position.

“Besides 27 years of legal experience and being a two-term district court judge, I’ve been in-house corporate counsel in the telecommunications, retail, and defense industry. I’ve been a municipal court judge for the City of Dallas, and an administrative judge for the EEOC. I tell you all that so you know that I have the depth and breadth of experience to start tackling those issues at the Texas Supreme Court.”

Williams is running against Brandi Voss in the Democratic Primary. The winner of the primary contest will face incumbent Republican Jeffrey S. Boyd and Libertarian William Bryan Strange in the general election.

Boyd has held his position on the Texas Supreme Court since 2012. Williams told the audience that the seat matters, as the U.S. Supreme Court has said it is kicking districting and gerrymandering issues back to the state courts. The debate will come up after they redraw the districts after they complete the 2020 census.

“And if you look at the make-up of the Texas Supreme Court, and if I tell you all that so you know that I have the depth and breadth of experience to start tackling those issues at the Texas Supreme Court.”

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MNP features three women ready to lay down the law

(From left to right) Staci Williams, Elizabeth Davis Frizell and Tina Clinton are all running for statewide benches in the Texas judicial system. They were the only candidates in their races to appear before the Monday Night Politics crowd at the African American Museum in Fair Park. (Images from candidates’ campaign sites)
Jarrett Adams

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

Jarrett Adams spent ten years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Adams was wrongfully convicted of sexual assault at age 17. He was then sentenced to 28 years in prison at a maximum-security prison. After filing numerous appeals Adams was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project.

Adams would end up serving close to 10 years before finally being exonerated in 2007. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin denied Adams’ petition for exoneration, but on June 20, 2006 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit overturned the District Court and vacated Adams’ conviction.

The Wisconsin Innocence Project filed a petition on Adams’s behalf asserting there was insufficient evidence to convict Adams and that Adams’ lawyer had been ineffective for failing to locate and call a relevant witness.

After his ordeal, Adams became active in the movement to assist those who have no resources to have their cases challenged and closely reviewed. After his false conviction and imprisonment, Adams earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in May 2015.

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, thirteen years after being exonerated, Adams was admitted to the Wisconsin State Bar. Adams was joined by Keith Findley, a co-founder of the Wisconsin Innocence Project at a ceremony celebrating his bar admission at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Founded in 1992 by attorney Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld in New York, The Innocence Project was created to assemble legal experts and law students in an effort to examine and investigate questionable cases and overturn wrongful convictions.

As of November 17, 2019, the Innocence Project has worked on 189 successful DNA-based exonerations. The Innocence Project cites various studies estimating that between 2% and 5% of all prisoners in the U.S. are innocent.

An adjunct professor at the Loyola University law school from 2014 to 2015, Jarrett is a recipient of the 2012 Chicago Bar Foundation’s Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Scholarship.

He also won the National Defender Investigator Association Investigator of the Year award for his work with the clemency petition of Reynolds Wintersmith ultimately granted by President Obama.

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Katrina McGhee

Leading nonprofit marketing strategist and executive consultant Katrina McGhee has joined the American Heart Association’s nationwide leadership team as executive vice president of marketing and communications.

McGhee, who worked previously for the Association, the world’s leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health and one of the world’s leading voluntary health organization brands, returns following notable career success in marketing and executive consultation.

“With this hire, the American Heart Association acquired the best of all worlds. Katrina is a transformative brand strategist and innovator. Everywhere she’s gone she has created measurable value by unlocking insights to connect the dots that orchestrate authentic consumer brand experiences,” said Nancy Brown, American Heart Association CEO. “Additionally, Katrina is uniquely qualified as an experienced marketing veteran with a proven track record of understanding the singular complexities and communications challenges of the nonprofit sector. We’re excited by the potential Katrina brings and how it will translate on behalf of the American Heart Association and its lifesaving mission.”

In her new role, McGhee will serve as the American Heart Association’s chief brand ambassador, responsible for enhancing brand relevance, promoting the organization’s mission, and communicating its rich, lifesaving content to consumers and stakeholders across the United States and around the world. She will lead the development and execution of integrated program marketing strategies and community outreach, consistent with the Association’s long-term health impact and fundraising goals. She will also help ensure good stewardship through her attention to the most effective and efficient alignment of marketing and communications resources across the charitable enterprise.

McGhee is a global marketing executive with more than two decades of experience in leading brand-building for world-class social purpose organizations. She began her career with the American Heart Association as marketing director, where she created national social marketing programs such as Take Wellness to Heart, Cholesterol Low Down, Covering the Baseline, and Choose to Move – a 13-week physical activity program that more than 100,000 women completed to go from sedentary to active lifestyles. While with the Association, she also launched several multicultural marketing programs and developed public-private partnerships that generated millions of dollars in annual revenue.

McGhee later served as the executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, where she was responsible for global marketing, business development and cause marketing along with oversight of more than 200 corporate partnerships, more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® events estimating that between 2% and 5% of all prisoners in the U.S. are innocent.

She is a recipient of the 2012 Chicago Bar Foundation’s Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Scholarship.

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If Beth Van Duyne doesn’t pay her biz taxes, why should Irving voters trust her?

How did Van Dyne not owe taxes? Is she a Romney Republican? -JD

Amazon pledges to hire 1,000 workers for Irving facility

Thanks North Dallas Gazette Newspaper for sharing this great News. I hope many of the new jobs are won by Citizens of Irving and our neighboring Cities! -Anthony Bond

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- L Ranae B Kenneybrew

‘Loving and Loving’ is an affair worth remembering

Beautifully done. Acted with honesty and passion. Historically and factually framed. 2 thumps up!

- Kenneth Roberts

I agree it is among the best, but disagree that it’s simplistic. It is a multi layered experience full of love, history and wonderful story telling!

- Gina Weber

African American studies course

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The strength of the tree is determined by the strength of the roots!!!— know your history!!!— it’s powerful

- Kim Merrill

Good Times co-star Ja’Net Dubois reportedly found dead at her home

R.I.P.

- Lenell Freeman

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In Search for the Perfect White Candidate

Super Tuesday for the 2020 election is almost here, and Black folk are searching for Superheroes. Every presidential election since General U. S. Grant won the election of 1868, Black voters have literally and figuratively looked for a liberator. We received General Grant, as the liberator because he literally freed millions of African Americans by the force of the bayonet, and later by the authority of the Republican ballot. A lot has changed since General Grant and President Abraham Lincoln were freeing black folk. Namely, the Republican Party has changed.

The act of voting has taken on a spiritual essence in which we, as black folk, look for a white messiah to address our political shortcomings. Perhaps it is because we associate Abraham, Martin, and John, as in Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and John F. Kennedy as a pantheon of god-like liberators for the masses.

African American voters seek out political messiahs to deliver us from [insert your Republican president here]. Let’s call rollcall, Nixon, Reagan, Bush 41, Bush 43, and now Trump 45. In the search for these messiahs, we look for perfect Democratic candidates to lead us to the Promised Land.

Now that is where we must leave spiritual symbolism alone and address today’s political reality. There is no perfect politician. After all, how can anyone be perfect when they don’t follow my grandmothers’ golden rules. First, don’t brag on yourself; second, don’t talk to strangers, and third, don’t beg for money.

In the quest to dethrone King Donald I of Mar-a-Lago, we now search for the next installment of our knight in shining armor. This defense sometimes is at odds with our individual concerns. Whether it is legal prosecution as the district attorney, or stop and frisk as a mayor, hiring practices, making deals with segregationists - they all will come up short in the litmus test to be the perfect candidate.

What is essential is the Democratic Party selects the best candidate to represent us ALL, without selling out its most loyal voters, the Black voter. As it was in the election of our first anointed political savior, President U.S. Grant, it will be Black voters that will make him or her the President for us All. I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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Sheriff’s primary critical for criminal justice reform model

By Ian Saint
Guest Contributor

With the recent selection and election of a new Police Chief and District Attorney, respectively, America’s eyes have turned toward Dallas becoming a model for attaining criminal justice reform in a city plagued with historically stark inequalities along racial and economic lines. In order for that goal to manifest, voters will need to scrutinize the management of the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department. And the only realistically impactful decision for the next 4 years will take place in the upcoming Democratic primary, rather than in November. The incumbent Sheriff has made a number of questionable and/or unnecessary decisions, in the 2 years since they were appointed to the post; and staffing + employee relations issues continue to be a big problem. I do not see the culture of the Sheriff’s Department changing if we don’t have a change in leadership. Fortunately, Roy Williams Jr. is a very compelling challenger. Having been with the Sheriff’s department for a decade, he was also a popular Constable of 7 years - in a precinct whose office was an infamous mess, when he first stepped in. I think that Roy would be a shot in the arm of the Sheriff’s Department, both in terms of employee retention and* morale. In addition, he would be an effective leader for changing the paradigm of the Sheriff’s department, run efficiently - but, also, fairly. It’s worth noting, several Democratic Party clubs in the area have endorsed him - and it’s VERY rare that a primary challenger racks up so many local endorsements against an incumbent Democrat.

This race isn’t getting nearly as much coverage as it deserves, considering how consequential its outcome will be. Our ever-consolidating media obsessions over the presidential outcome in delegate-rich Texas; but, remember, local elections are where your vote has the most leverage (and this is why supporting your small newspapers is crucial).

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Eli Lilly: Affordability of insulin for diabetes has greatly improved

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Eli Lilly and others in the pharmaceutical industry are on the front lines of research and innovation, according to Nathaniel Miles, the vice president for strategic initiatives at Eli Lilly.

Miles led a spirited discussion at the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s (NNPA) Midwinter Training Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He said historically expensive medications for diabetes and other diseases are becoming more affordable because of extensive research and innovation that’s taking place in the industry.

“We constantly have to innovate, and we cannot rest on last year’s medical advances,” stated Miles, who presented the topic, “Lilly Diabetes Solution Center and the NNPA: Virtual Roles in Partnership that Serve African American Communities Around the Nation.”

“With Magic Johnson, people thought when he made the announcement that he had HIV that he would die. It’s 30 years later, and he’s still here because people kept investing, and now you can see the difference,” Miles stated.

A lot of good things are happening in the area of diabetes, a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high.

According to medical experts, African American adults are 60 percent more likely than non-Hispanic white adults to have been diagnosed with diabetes by a physician. In 2016, non-Hispanic blacks were 3.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with end-stage renal disease as compared to non-Hispanic whites.

Patients require a regular dose of insulin to remain healthy. Insulin had always been expensive for most and required refrigeration. “If you left your insulin out of the refrigerator, it was no longer good,” Miles stated.

With innovation, Miles said things have changed.

“We have insulin that now can last for up to four weeks without refrigeration,” he stated. “For instance, in Puerto Rico, even though the power was not on after the hurricane, no one had their insulin go bad.”

Miles told the audience at the conference that Eli Lilly’s Diabetes Solution Center has helped to pave the way for innovative progress.

The center counts as a new patient-focused helpline with representatives who will identify personalized solutions to address insulin affordability. Miles stated that this suite of solutions would provide many options – some being offered for the first time – that can significantly lower and cap high monthly out-of-pocket costs for some people who use Lilly insulins such as Humalog and Humulin. Dedicated representatives will review the personal circumstances and identify options for people who pay near the full list price, such as the uninsured and people in the deductible phase of their high-deductible insurance plans, as well as potential solutions for people with lower incomes.

“We don’t want anyone to have to pay full list price for their insulin, and many people who do will be able to pay significantly less by calling our helpline,” Miles stated. “Our goal is to ensure that people paying high out-of-pocket costs for Lilly insulins are matched with the best solution available to reduce their financial burden and help ensure they receive the treatment they need.”

February is American Heart Month, AHA reminds

The American Heart Association reminds the public that February is American Heart Month.

The occasion is a federally designated event, and an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved.

The first American Heart Month, which took place in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson via Proclamation 3566 on December 30, 1963.

The Congress, by joint resolution on that date, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month.

Every president since that time has done so.

While American Heart Month is a federally designated month in the United States, it’s important to realize that cardiovascular disease knows no borders.

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for the Cure Series events and more than $350 million in annual revenue.

Most recently, she worked as an independent consultant and launched the Loving on Me Career Success Academy, helping empower women to take charge of their health, lives and careers. She has also served as a business adviser to corporate executives in the areas of strategic planning, brand building, fundraising and career development, with an emphasis on transforming underserved communities and impacting the lives of women, children and minorities. McGhee is a noted speaker and the author of two books: “Loving on Me!: Lessons Learned on the Journey from MESS to MESSAGE” and “BE BOLD BE BRILLIANT BE YOU: Lessons from the C-Suite to Accelerate Your Career.”

“The American Heart Association is emphasizing transformational communications and marketing in order to make a difference, and also leveraging the organization’s brand as its most valuable asset,” said McGhee. “Few nonprofits enjoy both the scale and vision to go to market in the most relevant and contemporary ways. It is a privilege for me to be able to return to the American Heart Association and work again – literally – to save lives.”

McGhee will operate from the American Heart Association’s National Center in Dallas.

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McKinney Fire Department honors woman for lifesaving CPR efforts

The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) presented Jennifer Inman with the Civilian Life Saving Award for her quick action in aiding civilians suffering from a heart attack. The heart attack survivor also attended.

On Jan. 1, Jennifer Inman and her husband were in downtown McKinney when they saw a man who was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Jennifer was a nurse but had never performed CPR on a real person. Despite that, she jumped in and immediately started hands-only CPR until McKinney paramedics arrived.

Hands-only CPR is recommended by the American Heart Association and taught in the MFD Ready to React program. Ready to React is a free 60-minute training course taught by McKinney Firefighter Paramedics and focuses on essential, life-saving medical interventions. MFD will provide the training at your location or our fire station.
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded by ten African American male students in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It is the 2nd oldest existing collegiate Greek Letter Organization and 1st fraternity incorporated as a national body with over 800 chapters throughout the United States and international chapters around the world.

Soon after the fraternity founding in 1911, it rapidly expanded to several Undergraduate Chapters followed by the chartering of Alumni Chapters across the country. The Dallas (TX) Alumni Chapter was chartered in 1935 by 11 esteemed members of the organization. For 85 years, the Dallas Alumni (TX) Alumni has adhered to its motto, “To Become The Premier Leader In Service And Community Impact.” Members of the Dallas Alumni (TX) Chapter have included prestigious men such as Master Educator Floyd Willkerson, Physician Dr. Emmitt J. Conrad and Engineer/Corporate Executive James C. Mitchell to name a few of the many.

The Dallas (TX) Alumni Chapter will recognize this significant milestone by serving as host to a series of celebratory events during the week of February 28 – March 8. The chapter, partnering with Friendship-West Baptist Church will co-sponsor one of the fraternity’s signature service projects – The St. Jude Sunday of Hope with Friendship-West Baptist Church on Sunday, March 1. The Dallas (TX) Alumni Chapter is excited as it anticipates receiving and hosting hundreds of brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi, and many other guests from across the country for this week-long celebration.

The Dallas (TX) Alumni Chapter’s Anniversary Celebration The Aloft Hotel – Love Field, 2333 W. Mockingbird Lane is the host hotel for the Dallas (TX) Alumni Anniversary Celebration. The schedule for the week is as follows. *February 28: Community Service Project – Margaret H. Cone Head Start Center – 2919 Troy St., Dallas, TX 75210, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

**March 1:** St. Jude Sunday of Hope Worship Service, Friendship-West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Rd, Dallas, TX 75232 – 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**March 2:** Chapter Bible Study – Members Only, 2515 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75215 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**March 5:** Nupe Jazz Thursday – Sandaga 813 – 813 Exposition Ave., Dallas, TX 75226 – 9 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

March 6 – Community Service Project – Trinity Heights Elem. School, 1515 Lynn Haven, Dallas, TX 75216 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**March 7:** DAC presents “For 26 years I’ve fought for every Texan. I’ll keep working for you in D.C. and stand up to Trump.”

**Community**

_The Dallas Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. announce their 85th Anniversary celebration schedule_

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated – Kappa Zeta Chapter (Dallas, Texas), will continue its 2020 celebration during its Finer Womanhood Centennial Tea. During this Centennial event, the chapter’s “Woman of the Year” and “Zeta of the Year” will be announced. The tea will take place on Feb. 22, at the DeSoto Civic Center – 211 E Pleasant Run Rd, DeSoto Texas 75115, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Unique to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, is the ideal of Finer Womanhood, which is one of Zeta’s principals. The trademark Sorority celebration was first introduced in 1923. However, between 1972-1974, International President Isabel M. Herson sparked the tradition of declaring the last full week of February and the entire month of March as Finer Womanhood Month. Finer Womanhood celebrations around the globe emphasize the standards, morals, customs, and attributes of fine young ladies, community, and Sorority members. Local programming is organized throughout the Finer Womanhood celebration to encourage rededication to Sorority ideals, increase community consciousness, and empower its citizens.

**Local Zeta chapter hosting Finer Womanhood Centennial Tea in DeSoto**

Genghis Grill donates $23,000 to Folds of Honor

After committing to honor America’s service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation through a fundraiser for Folds of Honor, Genghis Grill presented a check of $23,000 to the nonprofit on Thursday, Feb. 13, on behalf of parent company Mongolian Concepts.

During its two-week fundraiser in November, Genghis Grill, along with Mongolian Concepts’ sister brands bd’s Mongolian Grill and Flat Top Grill, encouraged guests to donate $3 or more to Folds of Honor to raise money for educational scholarships for families of America’s fallen and disabled service members. Fundraiser participants showed their support for our country’s heroes by signing a symbolic folded flag and pinning it to the wall at Genghis Grill locations throughout the country, and 100% of the pin-up proceeds were donated to Folds of Honor.

“At Genghis Grill, we want to show our support to our courageous men and women in uniform by taking care of their families,” said Genghis Grill CMO and U.S. Navy Veteran Doug Willmarth. “We are proud that our guests joined us in raising support for such an impactful cause. It is an honor that we were able to donate this money raised to help fund scholarships for family members of wounded or fallen members of the military.”

“We are humbled to receive this donation as we recognize another successful year of partnering with Genghis Grill,” said Chick Linski, senior vice president of the Folds of Honor Foundation. “It is the generous effort of dedicated partners like Genghis Grill that allows Folds of Honor to support the education of families of America’s fallen and disabled service members.”

Since 2007, Folds of Honor has been dedicated to its members. Local programming is organized throughout the Finer Womanhood celebration to encourage rededication to Sorority ideals, increase community consciousness, and empower its citizens.
The AME Church and Paul Quinn College hosting re-opening and dedication of its chapel in time for spring graduation

After more than a decade of hosting graduations outside or in the gym because of an inoperable chapel that wasn’t up to standard, Paul Quinn College and the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church are excited to announce the re-opening and building rededication of the Richard Allen Chapel. The dedication ceremony and unveiling of the newly renovated chapel are Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the chapel on the campus of Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas 75241.

Under the leadership of its’ presiding prelate, Bishop Vashii Murphy McKenzie, the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church invested more than three-quarters of a million dollars to perform in-house sterilization, disinfection, and restoration of the Richard Allen Chapel (RAC). The sterilization and disinfection process included the removal of antiquated flooring, ceiling tiles, lighting fixtures, bathroom upgrades, etc. Extended restoration activities included, but were not limited to the upgrades and replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; a modernized sound system; replacement of cotton broad-cloth seating to purple velour seating; lighting; automated toilet flush and hand faucet systems, along with designated seating areas for persons with disabilities. The historic lighting was able to be preserved.

The newly renovated chapel will serve as a worship center, classroom, lecture hall, and fine arts space for the more than 500 students at Paul Quinn. It also has adequate space for graduation ceremonies and other large community events such as the annual performance of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

The 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church has been working since 2016 to restore and reopen the historic Richard Allen Chapel on the campus of Paul Quinn College in South Dallas. The first phase of renovation began in April 2019, with asbestos and mold remediation, where more than 11 tons of material and waste were removed.

The chapel dedication will take place during the annual Founder’s Day Celebration of the 10th Episcopal District of the AME Church. Services will start on Thursday, Feb. 20 in the Richard Allen Chapel. Dr. Ralph D. West, pastor of the Church Without Walls in Houston and Dr. Freddie Haynes, pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas will be preaching on the opening night. The praise team from Friendship-West, the 10th District choirs and the Paul Quinn College Choir will be providing the music.

Bishop John Richard Bryant, retired Senior Bishop of the AME Church, former Chair of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College and former presiding Bishop of the 10th District, will preach the dedication sermon on Friday, February 21st. The Unity Choir of Dallas, composed of multi-generational, multi-ethnic members will be the featured musical artists, along with the combined choir members of Paul Quinn and 10th District Choir. The Founders Day celebration concludes on Saturday, February 22nd, starting at 10 a.m. at the Anatole Hilton Hotel in Dallas. Bishop Preston W. Williams, retired Commission Chair of Higher Education will bring the closing message.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.10thdistrictame.org.

Plano kicks off Plano Mayor’s Summer Internship Program

With a Jeopardy-style game show and in true Alex Trebek fashion, Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere kicked off and rallied support for the Plano Mayor’s Summer Internship Program this week at Shepton High School. In its seventh year, the program immerses Plano public high school students for eight weeks (June 8-July 31) at top companies and nonprofits, working 20-40 hours per week and earning a minimum of $10 an hour. Calling it an invaluable “learn-and-earn” opportunity and win-win for all, Mayor LaRosiliere put out a call to action to recruit new companies — from small and mid-sized organizations to large corporations — to sign up by April 1. Current public high school sophomores and juniors who attend Plano public schools or reside in Plano have until March 6 to apply.

The Plano Mayor’s Summer Internship Program gives outstanding teens an opportunity to gain real-world experience through employment in a professional workplace. The program combines Plano’s vibrant business community with a nationally recognized school district, connecting motivated high school students with exceptional local companies and organizations.

Businesses can participate in several ways — by sponsoring an intern at their workplace, underwriting an intern at a nonprofit or government agency or becoming a program sponsor. Learn more and sign up at planomayorsinterns.org.

North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. provides $1 million gift to Texas A&M

North Dallas Bank & Trust Co. (NDBT), a 58-year-old community bank with five banking centers located in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, has committed $1 million in support of the Commercial Banking Program at Texas A&M University’s Mays Business School.

NDBT’s monetary gift has established an endowment to honor NDBT’s founding chairman, Bert Fields, Sr., and his successor and son, Bert Fields, Jr. Distributions from the endowment will be used to:

- Develop undergraduate and graduate-level courses in fields such as commercial credit underwriting, quantitative analysis, and enterprise risk management;
- Assist in funding applied research to directly benefit the commercial banking industry;
- Assist in the development of a five-year combined bachelor master’s degree program; and,
- Support the teaching, research, and professional development activities of the Commercial Banking Program department heads and directors.

In addition, NDBT’s monetary gift is being used to establish the “Bert Fields Excellence in Banking Award,” a monetary award given annually to one undergraduate student and one graduate student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and academic excellence within Texas A&M’s Commercial Banking Program. Each year, the award recipients will be honored by NDBT during the “Bert Fields Excellence in Banking Award Dinner.”

“Among the many benefits resulting from this gift is the sustainability of a high-level, industry-focused educational platform that is attracting top students, not only from across Texas but also throughout the U.S., and preparing them for a career in the commercial banking field,” said Larry Miller, president of North Dallas Bank & Trust. “As a member of both the Commercial Banking Program’s Advisory Board and Executive Committee, I have seen, first-hand, the great impact it has had on the participating students.”

“North Dallas Bank & Trust is a strategic partner and vital stakeholder of the Commercial Banking Program,” said Dwight Garey, director of the Commercial Banking Program at Texas A&M. “Their bold endowment is in support of the mission and vision upon which our program was founded. We are thrilled that this North Dallas Bank & Trust gift honors and memorializes the bank’s owner, Mr. Bert Fields, and showcases more ways they are investing in the training and development of the banking industry’s future leaders.”

Eli Jones, Ph.D., dean of Mays Business School added, “North Dallas Bank & Trust’s partnership with Mays supports our vision to advance the world’s prosperity. On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, I want to thank the Fields estate, Larry Miller, president, Mike Shipman, chairman/CEO, and the entire team at North Dallas Bank & Trust for their tremendous investment in our program. Through opportunities like this, they are developing the next generation of commercial banking leaders.”
History is in the makers

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The three-day event is coordinated by the City and features over 100 local, regional and national acts on six stages. The Festival also includes the AI Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest, WF! Art Guitar Auction, the family-friendly WF! Kids area, food vendors throughout the Festival grounds, a craft beer garden, and strolling entertainers.

Online ticket sales starting at $30 per day are available at www.wildflowerfestival.com, including the Friends of the Festival VIP Package that includes complimentary food, beverages, VIP seating, and VIP parking. Resident tickets at reduced pricing are also on sale for $12 at City Hall, City rec centers, the Gymnastics Center and the Senior Center (until March 16 when it closes for renovation), during regular business hours. Proof of residency is required to purchase limited quantities of residential tickets.

For more information, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.

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It seemed like a good idea at the time. Twenty-odd years ago, back when Tomlinson was a hungry young man, he seized upon what he thought was an easy way to make a buck: he donated to a for-profit sperm bank. Now that youthful decision had come back to haunt him, in the form of several adult children he never knew he had – each one hoping to meet their biological father.

There were, as Tomlinson’s best friend Marion “Doc” Ford pointed out, downsides to genetic testing. The biggest one was that Tomlinson was findable and one of his children, Delia, had come to Sanibel Island, asking questions. She was smart, as Ford could tell, but she was nosing around in the wrong place for answers that she might never get. What’s worse: she practically led her half-siblings to Tomlinson’s door, and to Sanibel, where it was easy to get into trouble if you weren’t careful enough.

Doc Ford knew all about that, too. It hadn’t been long since he’d returned to Sanibel from the Bahamas, where Jimmy Jones, a “shrewd operator,” had hidden millions of dollars in shipwrecked gold that the government, divers, and archaeologists all wanted to find. Ford didn’t know where Jimmy was or whether he was even alive, but he knew where the gold was stashed. Some of it, in fact, was hidden in a buoy beneath Ford’s houseboat – a little secret that he hoped the thieves who’d kill for it would never learn...

So, here’s the thing: “Salt River” is a thriller-not-thriller. It’s clever, times two. Author Randy Wayne White’s Doc Ford spins a double scam in this story and it’s a plot line readers (and fans!) will love because it’s… well, no spoilers here. It’s good because Tomlinson has a large part in this book and he’s a generally likable guy. This book sews up a seam that ripped in past books – don’t worry, you’ll catch up quick enough, if you’re not a regular Ford-novel reader – and it leaves another tear in a different spot that’s made for more Ford.

But thrilling? Not so much. There’s action in “Salt River,” but it’s not a leap-out-of-your-seat kind of thrill; it’s more like a sink-in-your-chair-and-enjoy kind of novel with enough high-tide danger, intrigue, and action to keep you reading. With guns and sharks but little-to-no profanity or sexplicit scenes, you could almost call it Heart-Pounding Lite. For readers who like mile-a-minute novels but want something just a tad gentler for once, this one’s what you need to find. Of course, mystery-thrillers are what you love, and “Salt River” is the spittin’ image.

**NDG Book Review: Salt River: A Doc Ford Novel**

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Honor North Dallas Gazette
While more women are rising to the top of the corporate ladder, a question persists: Why do female CEOs still comprise a small percentage of the highest leadership positions?

The research underscores women’s capabilities as corporate leaders and their positive effects on organizations. An extensive worldwide survey showed that having women at the C-suite level significantly increases profit margins. And a study by the Harvard Business Review reported women scoring higher than men in most leadership skills.

But research also partly sheds light on why women aren’t proportionately represented in corporate leadership roles. Reasons include male-dominated corporate boards and leadership stereotypes. Not to mention that women, in addition to having the bulk of at-home family responsibilities, can be seen as threatening to men when in leadership positions.

How can more women ascend to executive positions? Andreas Wilderer, author of Lean On: The Five Pillars Of Support For Women In Leadership, says it starts at home with a supportive husband willing to take on more of a household role while not worrying about reverse stereotypes – the stay-at-home dad or secondary breadwinner.

“Even though society is getting used to strong women in the workplace, men who take care of the house and kids are still often seen as an oddity,” Wilderer says. “Old attitudes in society fade slowly, as many still believe that each sex should keep its place.”

“In many families, however, that place is changing. Change tends to begin in small places. And change starts within the family unit — long before many corporations and institutions recognize what is happening.”

Now more and more men are proudly accepting the role of staying home to fully support their wives and their career pursuits, and it’s time more companies were supportive of women in well-earned leadership roles.”

Wilderer suggests four ways companies can make leadership opportunities more accessible to women:

- Gender equality training. “With evidence proving that women make excellent leaders,” Wilderer says, “it is clear that not having these qualified individuals in leadership positions is a detriment to your business. Gender equality training within a company is a transformative process that enables women to be assessed on the basis of their skills, not restricted from upward movement by their gender.”

- Gender equality training 2.0. Wilderer says normal bias training needs to go an extra step, emphasizing how companies can show support for male partners and the family of the female leader.

- Recruiting. “A company’s commitment to promoting women’s advancement from within starts in the recruiting process. Recruiting women on the premises of equal opportunity provisions is the first step to help women rise to important positions,” Wilderer says. “Organizations should issue meaningful equality plans to absorb women members in proportion to men.”

- Career-mapping. “Organizations should have an effective career-mapping plan in place for female employees,” Wilderer says. “Being aware of higher-level opportunities within the organization and the path required to achieve them helps women to set out clearer plans for attaining these roles.”

“Ingrained attitudes take years to evolve into acceptance,” Wilderer says. “Acceptance starts with simple gestures like the gifts but has to go much further – flexible hours, provided daycare, a partial home office. As far as women have come in the corporate structure, there are still too many barriers, and too few of them getting to fulfill their potential as leaders.”

Andreas Wilderer (andreaswilderer.com) is the author of Lean On: The Five Pillars Of Support For Women In Leadership.
Mike Bloomberg Makes History with the Black Press of America

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Recognizing the importance of the Black vote and the reach of the Black Press of America, Democratic Presidential Candidate Mike Bloomberg has just delivered the largest single advertising buy to the Black Press in the 80-year history of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The NNPA is the national trade association that represents 230 black-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the nation.

The $3.5 million ad buy became official on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, during Black History Month. It enables Bloomberg to continue his aggressive campaign for president with ads appearing in Black Press of America publications throughout the upcoming Super Tuesday states, as well as other key states where the Black vote will be the determinative factor in the Democratic Party primaries.

Columbia, South Carolina Mayor Steve Benjamin, who co-chairs Bloomberg’s campaign, said the deal is reflective of the former New York City mayor’s commitment toward building an inclusive economy.

“The Bloomberg campaign’s initiative is ground-breaking, and it goes to significantly increasing the economic health of African Americans by tripling their net worth,” said Mayor Benjamin. “The Bloomberg model is intentionally focused on creating a million new African American homeowners, 100,000 new African American-owned businesses, and $70 billion in federal capital to go in the 100 most challenged neighborhoods across the country.”

Benjamin added that the ad agreement counts as a recognition that, while some people only talk about accomplishing important initiatives, Bloomberg follows through. “Mike has a history and a record as mayor, CEO, and philanthropist, of getting things done,” Benjamin stated.

“The ad buy not only is a show of respect to the incredible impact and importance of African American journalism but also it is Mike walking the walk when it comes to his investing in African American-owned businesses.”

Steven N. Larkin, the NNPA advertising sales manager who helped in negotiations with Bloomberg’s campaign, called the ad buy a “Historic partnership between Mike Bloomberg and the Black Press.”
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It has been said that Black History is a persist strength in our society.

I totally agree; it makes society aware of the great contributions made by Black Americans in our country and world.

Some distinguished Black Americans:

James Armistead an American spy; he was born a slave and was a valuable intelligence agent during the Revolution by gathering information concerning British forces at Portsmouth, VA.

George Bonga a Black American trader of considerable wealth, served as interpreter at the signing of the Chippewa Treaty of 1837.

Ambrose Caliver was a senior specialist in the education of African Americans in the U.S. Office of Education from 1930 to 1946. He initiated and directed the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) and Works Progress Administration (WPA), the U.S. emergency education programs under the New Deal;

James Armistead, a Physicist, one of the two naval research laboratory persons responsible for the Apollo 16 lunar surface camera/spectrograph which was placed on the lunar surface in 1972.

Elmer Simms Campbell, a master cartoonist of sophisticated humor for Esquire and Playboy magazines. His art also appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines as a syndicated feature.

Albert Cassell, an Architect, he worked on the construction of five buildings at Tuskegee Institute; as a draftsman, he was responsible for designing an industrial plan for the manufacture of silk.

Captain B. Collins patented the portable electric light in 1938.

Prince Hall petitioned the City of Boston to establish schools for Black children equal in quality to those for white students in 1787.

Black Inventions: Walter S. McAfee is the first Black mathematician and physicist who first calculated the speed of the moon in 1946; the calculation allowed a team to send a radar pulse towards the moon, receiving a faint return signal, proving that transmissions from earth could cross the vast distances of outer space.

Frederick McKinley Jones, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1893 and orphaned at the age of nine, is best remembered for devising a method to refrigerate trucks carrying perishable food, an idea expanded to include air coolers for ships, planes, and trains.

As a result of this method called pre-fabricated refrigerated construction, meat, fruit, vegetable, and butter could be transported long distances.

Peter Hill, born a slave was a highly skilled clock maker; only the most skilled craftspeople could create one. Two of the clocks Hill made still exist. One is in the Westtown School in Westtown, Pennsylvania. The other is in the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Jackson Beard lost his leg by crushing it between two railroads cars, while linking them together. Beard then created a device to hook cars together automatically; it became the model for a national standardized linking mechanism.

Paul Boli in 1955 invented the first heart pacemaker. However, Otis Boykin created an electrical mechanism as a regulating unit for it. Raised in Dallas, Texas, Boykin device uses electrical impulses to maintain a steady heart beat.

Black History Month continues

Sister Tarpley
NDG
Religion Editor

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Dear Reader,

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As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true. But I also know that because of the artificial barriers of discrimination, my story likely would have turned out very differently if I had been Black, and that more Black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

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I understand that undoing generations of systematic discrimination won’t happen overnight, but we can make progress with a clear vision and a comprehensive plan. I’ve included a pamphlet along with this letter that lays out my plan. When I’m President, implementing The Greenwood Initiative will be a top priority.

**Join me in ending the systemic inequality that has held Black Americans back for too long!**

Sincerely,

Mike Bloomberg

For more information visit MikeForBlackAmerica.com