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## Why should I be the next mayor for the City of Dallas?

By Edward Okpa  
Many people are curious as to why I should be elected as mayor of the city of Dallas.

Two words - Servant Leadership. I have been involved and served our citizens through the public sector as well as a successful business owner in the private sector. I imple-



Edward Okpa

mented a \$50M real estate project on Main Street in Dallas which consists of 185 apartment units and 30,000 square feet of retail space. And I am a Community Bridge Builder who knows the tough issues facing Dallas. I serve on several boards, including the Dallas Per-

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## Ron Natinsky: Why I am the right person to lead Dallas

By Ron Natinsky  
I'm asked hundreds of times why am I the right person to lead Dallas.

In a word - experience. I am the only mayoral candidate who has extensively served our city in the public sector and has been a successful businessperson in the private sector. I've fought to keep taxes low because I know the real-



Ron Natinsky

world affect those increases have on homeowners and businesses, especially small businesses. And I know how to sell Dallas.

As Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, I've successfully relocated over 50 domestic and international companies to Dallas, created 6,000 jobs, and attracted significant foreign

trade and investment. This has resulted in our tax base growing by 17 percent over the past four years, despite the economic downturn. I also understand how to make things work at City Hall. I know that the Mayor has only one vote; he must lead by example and build coalitions, clearly defining goals and objectives, and

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## More career choices to consider

This is the second in a two part series

By Toi Pearson  
NDG Contributor

This week I am back with four more amazing opportunities for you to consider as a career choice to get back into the job market and hopefully discovering a job you can

enjoy. Although some of these suggestions are unconventional and you have never considered them before, you may find (like I did) that change can be good. According to usnews.com, if you are looking for a fresh start in a new and promising career you should look at becoming a (n): actuary, firefighter,

school psychologist, or court reporter.

Firefighters do more than rescue people from burning buildings. They also respond and provide help to the victims of car accidents, natural disasters, and hazardous materials in local communities.

A good firefighter is able

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## COMMENTARY Mayor Herbert Gears is still the right choice for Irving

Our View

Irving residents have enjoyed progress even during economically challenging times under the leadership of Herbert Gears as Mayor for the City of Irving. Gears led initiatives that embraced the needs and concerns of the Irving citizens across economic and cultural boundaries.

Gears is facing former City Council members Beth Van Duyne and Tom Spink, and the former mayor Gears defeated in 2005, Joe Putnam. The North Dallas Gazette be-

lieves the re-election of Gears is critical to the availability of opportunities for all citizens in Irving, not simply the elite.

A key project for progress Gears spearheaded was addressing the substandard apartments managed by those he refers to as slumlords. The long-term tolerance and turning a blind-eye to the mistreatment of the less fortunate was unacceptable for a community wishing to be a world class city to which Irving strives.

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## Shelia C. Johnson

The AOL Huffington Post Media Group made key announcements regarding its multicultural strategy: Sheila C. Johnson will serve as Strategic Advisor for Multicultural and African-American Initiatives; and Derek Murphy has been named General Manager, Multicultural.

"I'm really excited to welcome Sheila Johnson as strategic advisor for our multicultural and African-American initiatives," said

Arianna Huffington, President and Editor-in-Chief of the AOL Huffington Post Media Group. "Sheila is a true media pioneer whose passion and perspective on culture and media will be invaluable in helping shape our wide-ranging multicultural coverage. We're also delighted to welcome Derek Murphy as General Manager, Multicultural. Derek is a strategic thinker with the expertise to grow the audiences,



reach and revenue of our multicultural sites, BlackVoices and AOL Latino. And to help meet the tremendous desire for local

news and community coverage among the fast-growing Latino community, we will be launching 'Patch Latino,' starting with sites in Southern California that will go live by the end of the year."

Sheila C. Johnson is an entrepreneur, philanthropist and founding partner of Black Entertainment Television (BET), whose accomplishments span the arenas of TV/film, the arts, education, hospitality, sports, and humanitarian causes. "With its amazing

reach and passionately engaged community, AOL Huffington Post Media Group is perfectly positioned to expand the way multicultural communities are covered," said Sheila C. Johnson. "And I'm delighted to be working with Arianna Huffington, an innovator on so many fronts, to help forge impactful new offerings for multicultural audiences."

As General Manager, Multicultural, Derek Murphy will drive the overall strategy and operational

performance for AOL Latino, BlackVoices and AOL's other multicultural offerings. Murphy had been COO of Global Media Ventures, which he formed with Ms. Johnson. He was previously Senior Vice President, Business Development of The Huffington Post. Prior to that, he was at CNN, where he oversaw integrated media partnerships with a broad range of companies, including Google and Amazon.

## Ben Parris

Blueberry Lane Books announced a book reading of its debut anthology, **DRASTIC MEASURES, VOLUME I**, released in November/ December 2010, in which ten authors explore the places the human mind goes when it's cornered.

The book reading will be on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Dallas Farmers Market, Shed 2, 1010 S. Pearl Expressway, Dallas, TX. Michelle Keyes will read excerpts from the work, and answer questions from visitors. A limited number of autographed copies will be available for purchase during the event.

Author DAVID MACK

(Promises Broken, the conclusion of The 4400) writes the foreword, drawing upon his extensive experience with the Star Trek franchise to highlight George Clayton Johnson's seminal role in the launch of the original series.

Edited by BEN PARRIS (Wade of Aquitaine), and KEN ALTABEF (Fantasy & Science Fiction), **DRASTIC MEASURES** embraces the following tales of suspense and folly:

"The Ring of Truth" by GEORGE CLAYTON JOHNSON (Ocean's Eleven, Logan's Run, Twilight Zone: The Movie, Star Trek). A freelance writer enjoys the camaraderie in the run-up to a Grateful Dead concert. There he meets a serial killer who takes an enduring interest

in him.

"Snow" by MELISSA LYONS. New discovery Melissa Lyons takes suspense to a place it has rarely gone. In the freshest, most compelling voice since Dean Koontz, she tells of Samantha, a young woman in the grip of a lunatic.

"Aging Gracefully" by SUSAN DAVID. Once known as Miss Firecracker and then Miss Sweetheart, middle aged Emily does whatever it takes and surrenders everything she has for the sake of her dog Roy.

"Changing Rooms" by KATE LARKINDALE. Lillian wanted to reinvent herself like a butterfly. Maybe she shouldn't have left her son on the wrong side of the cocoon.



"The Shadow" by GERALD VINCENT. Maddie has an extraordinary fear of shadows. They, however, have no fear of her.

"Rage" by BEN PARRIS. When spoiled high school student Matthew Demint got a high-end sports car he was the envy of all his friends. Which of them will survive his con-

ceit?

"Murder in Songjiang" by BEN PARRIS. All Brian Perell wanted to do was teach English in China. All the U.S. State Department wanted of the CIA was a quiet investigation of how Brian got killed there. Espionage trainee Mike Spoto stood in the middle and cared about his training case too much for his own good.

"Déjà vu" by ROBERT HORSEMAN. There are two kinds of déjà vu: The kind where you remember things that never happened, and the kind Daniel has.

"The Trees" by BRAD POST. Sharon had second thoughts about her new husband Johnny. Her father also didn't like the man, and the trees didn't

like either of them.

"Actually" by CATHY DOUGLAS. Genna refuses to give in to the bureaucratic labeling frenzy that has hold of her son.

"Seeking Redemption" by MICHELLE D KEYES. When an apparently drug-crazed Beatrice Summer shows up on her doorstep, Diana wants to turn her away, but for once she has her sister all wrong.

Said editor Ben Parris, "We inherently understand the power of fate. How do you reckon the force of free will, applied liberally? Drastic Measures pits free will in all its glory against the natural and the supernatural, makes its bed, and then invites everyone to lie in it."

## Gladys Knight joins Amtrak to Celebrate National Train Day

The Empress of Soul, singer, actress and philanthropist, Gladys Knight will share



her love of trains and join

thousands of rail fans to celebrate the fourth annual National Train Day on May 7, 2011. Knight serves as the national spokesperson and will host the signature event at Washington, D.C.'s acclaimed Union Station where she will open the festivities.

Ever since recording her GRAMMY®-winning single, "Midnight Train to Georgia," which Gladys Knight and the Pips requested the name be changed from the original title "Midnight Plane to Houston," Knight has felt a deep connection to trains

and wanted to partner with Amtrak.

"Trains are tightly woven into the history of our country and have definitely played a leading role in my life and career. I'm thrilled to be a part of the National Train Day celebrations, especially this year as Amtrak commemorates its 40th anniversary," says Knight.

"I'm a big fan of train travel," adds Knight. "I not only love the comfort and convenience of trains, but also like knowing that I'm doing my part to help the environment every time I choose to travel by rail."

"Gladys Knight is a natural fit for Amtrak and National Train Day. Just as her music bridges generations by connecting with young and old alike, Amtrak and trains connect people to one another - both onboard and from coast-to-coast," says David Lim, Chief Marketing Officer, Amtrak. "There is also the shared admiration for the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs and the value they bring to youth in communities across America."

Amtrak teamed up with GRAMMY® Award-winner

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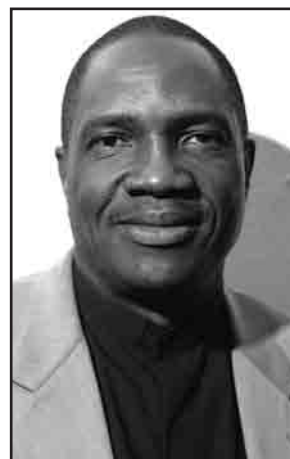
## Webb still has faith in Irving's success

**Our View**

On a Sunday morning in April 2010, the walls of Texas Stadium were imploded and collapsed, ending an era in Irving. But, to the west on State Highway 114 was the sign of what might become for the city of Irving. The Las Colinas Entertainment Center is proposed to bring millions of visitors to Las Colinas and attract main events to the city. The construction of the venue has not had a teddy bear hug to welcome it, and marvel is also a topic of debate for the three men running for Place 3 on the Irving City Council. On May 14, Irving voters will cast their ballots in support for Dennis Webb, Kensley Stewart or David Gutierrez.

Allan Meagher – the current holder of the Place 3 seat – has decided not to seek re-election.

Interestingly enough,

**Dennis Webb**

Dennis Webb, an Irving pastor and one of the leading developers of Bear Creek, knows what it takes to rally a community together and bring economic vitality into play. Webb has not dismissed the notion of the Las Colinas Entertainment Center coming to be, but he knows that with keen oversight is imperative.

"I want to insure the

city has in place a system that provides specific oversight of each project. I will work to develop solutions to the inadequacies discovered in the Entertainment Center Project. Ensuring oversight is provided by project-specific managers and not general city management is the key," Webb told the *North Dallas Gazette* last week.

His determination to lead the charge for change in Irving is why the *North Dallas Gazette* is putting its support behind Dennis Webb for the Place 3 seat on Irving city council. Webb is a longtime Irving resident, and he knows what Irving can become.

Since the city is at odds about the financing of the venue, ensuring oversight as Webb has suggested will alleviate the need for taxpayer dollars to pay for the venue. He is adamant that

funding should come from private donors. It is estimated that \$50 million of the venue's construction will come from investors, with hotel occupancy taxes as a secondary funding source.

Irving has seen a drop in crime recently. Webb, a 28-year firefighter, has a vested interest in public safety, and he has a strong reason to plead the case of public safety as a councilman. The efforts of the city police department have resulted in a continuous drop in major crimes each year beginning in 2006.

The city of Irving is headed in the right direction. With individuals such as Webb on the board, a new day can become a truth in Irving. He is a man of God, and believes that all is possible with patience, prayer and cohesiveness.

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While addressing the issue of immigration during his tenure, Gears did so in a manner that did not lead to large public outcries despite leading the area in deportation of illegal immigrants. Through Irving's Criminal Alien Deportation program over 6,300 have reportedly been deported without it devolving into accusations of racism or added expense to the City.

One of the current hot topics in this campaign is discussions regarding the financial viability of an ambitious \$250 million Las Colinas entertainment center. There have been concerns that the private developers are receiving a "sweetheart deal" however Gears assures voters the center will be paid 100 percent by "the user" of the facility at a recent candidate forum. He believes it is important for Irving to have a facility that will replace the recently demolished Texas Stadium. This project provides opportunities for vendors representing all areas of the City, and as it continues to go forward, much needed jobs.

Also, once completed the facility will not only be a crown jewel venue for concerts, plays and special

events, but will be a source for much needed tax revenues for the City. The new entertainment center will be compete for events cur-

similar venues in the DFW area. In addition, the plan includes restaurants and shopping which will make the area a true destination

### No shows in sharing why they want to be your next Dallas Mayor

Today our front page features editorials written by Edward Okpa and Ron Natinsky regarding their candidacies for mayor of the City of Dallas. The staff at the North Dallas Gazette extended to each candidate the opportunity to share why they believe they should be the next mayor for the City of Dallas.

Okpa believes he's demonstrated his concern for the citizens over the years through a spirit of servant leadership and as mayor he would make sure no neighborhood is left behind as the city moves forward. Okpa also pledges to deal with the budget fairly but with a firm hand; public safety and the education of the city's children will remain a top priority in his administration.

Natinsky believes his experience as a successful businessperson and his efforts on behalf of the citizens during his tenure on the city council demonstrates his qualifications. He points to businesses such as AT&T and Comerica relocating to Dallas during the last four years as an example of his leadership and ability to work with private and public leaders.

These editorials are the second opportunity we have given to each candidate to speak in their own words to the readers of the North Dallas Gazette. In our April 14 issue we published the responses received from each Dallas mayor candidate to our 2011 Candidate Survey.

We are very disappointed David Kunkle and Mike Rawlings chose not to share with our readers why they feel they are best choice to lead the City of Dallas. We hope it is not representative of how they will handle the concerns of our audience.

recently held at the Verizon Theater at Grand Prairie and

attraction and increase the City's tax base.

Gears has led the city's efforts to work with law enforcement and the community to reduce violent crime by 40 percent; overall crime is down 25 percent since his election. The city has opened to great reviews the Irving Convention Center which is drawing visitors and events from around the country.

Also, Gears and the City have partnered with business community leaders such as the Irving Chamber of Commerce and successfully recruited fifty-five companies to Irving in 2010, adding to a business community that already includes an impressive number of Fortune 500 companies. Irving's tax revenues are not collected primarily from homeowners as other communities. An estimated 70 percent of the taxes collected are received from businesses.

The *North Dallas Gazette* believes Gears represents progress, at a critical time when the City cannot afford to return to the old way of doing business. He also represents the best opportunity for full participation and inclusion for minorities.



## May is Get Fit Month in McKinney

McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller is challenging the city to get up and get moving during the month of May. Mayor Loughmiller wants May to be the official "Get Fit Month" in McKinney. Residents can track their activity online at the city's website, [www.mckinney-texas.org](http://www.mckinney-texas.org), starting on Sunday, May 1 and add the total min-

utes of physical activity to a citywide tally throughout the month of May.

"McKinney has the reputation of being a city that highly values quality of life, including overall health. The best way to proactively take steps toward better health is regular exercise and a good diet. I'm personally challenging McKinney to get fit dur-

ing May and prove that we care about our health and the health of our families," said Mayor Loughmiller. "The cost of this program is free, and the benefit is priceless. No tax dollars are needed to be spent to have a healthy month of May."

Tracking activity is available through a simple online tool at [www.mckinney-](http://www.mckinney-texas.org)

[texas.org](http://www.mckinney-texas.org) that tracks the total of all time entered. Click on the "Get Fit Month" icon and enter the minutes of any fitness activity along with a valid email address to add to the citywide total. The site does not require a login, and the email addresses entered will not be added to any distribution or spam lists. Those who enter their time will re-

ceive an email with the total number of minutes entered for that email address.

The site also includes tips and ideas for activity during the 31 days in May, including links to information about the many city parks. Whoever enters the most minutes of activity for the month of May will be recognized during an upcoming City Council meet-

ing.

"Everyone has a different fitness level, and it doesn't matter if you are just starting a workout regimen or if you are training for a triathlon, working exercise into your regular routine is important. I know McKinney residents will support a healthy lifestyle and really embrace this challenge," said Mayor Loughmiller.

## TRMC-Sunnyvale offers advice for fighting against osteoporosis

*National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates 10 million Americans suffer from the disease*

Osteoporosis is a silent, potentially life-altering disease that weakens bones and puts many women and men at risk for fractures. In fact, National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates 10 million Americans have the disease and another 34 million have low bone density, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis.

In observance of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month in May,

Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale and Dr. Salma Mazhar, an internal medicine specialist offers advice for fighting against osteoporosis:

### • Eat a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D

Oatmeal, nonfat milk, cheese, yogurt and soybeans are good sources of calcium. Egg yolks are good sources of vitamin D.

### • Get some sun

Most people meet at least

some of their vitamin D requirements by spending time in the sun.

"Fifteen minutes in the sun every day with some exposed skin and no sunscreen is enough to meet daily requirements," Mazhar said.

### • Exercise

Strength or resistance training helps maintain bone density.

### • Don't smoke

Women who smoke have

lower levels of estrogen. Estrogen helps maintain bone density.

### • Seek treatment early

There are many medications available to slow osteoporosis' progression or prevent it. However, they have side effects and patients must work closely with their physicians.

All women approaching menopause need baseline dexa scans to determine their nor-

mal bone-density levels, and annual scans are needed every year after menopause.

"Taking action against osteoporosis begins with knowl-

edge," Mazhar said. "Fractures can be avoided, and my goal is to keep patients active and mobile well into their golden years."

## May is Asthma Awareness Month

Asthma is one of the most common lifelong chronic diseases. There are about 25 million Americans living with asthma. The disease affects the lungs, causing repeated episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. Although asthma cannot be cured, it is possible to manage asthma successfully to reduce and prevent asthma attacks, also called episodes. Successful asthma management includes knowing the warning signs of an attack, avoiding things that may trigger an attack, and following the advice of your healthcare provider. Using what you know about managing your asthma can give you control over this chronic disease. When you control your asthma, you will breathe better, be as active as you would like, sleep well, stay out of the hospital, and be free from coughing and wheezing. To learn more about how you can control your asthma, visit CDC's asthma site.

Asthma affects people of all ages and backgrounds. In most cases, we don't know what causes asthma, and we don't know how to cure it. Certain factors may make it more likely for one person to have asthma than another. If someone in your family has asthma,

you are more likely to have it. Regular physical exams that include checking your lung function and checking for allergies can help your healthcare provider make the right diagnosis. With your healthcare provider's help, you can

make your own asthma management plan so that you know what to do based on your own symptoms. Use your asthma medicine as prescribed and be aware of common triggers in the environment known to bring on asthma symptoms, in-

cluding smoke (including second-hand and third-hand cigarette smoke), household pets, dust mites, and pollen. Limit or avoid exposure to these and other triggers whenever possible. The important thing to remember

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May 8 - 1 to 6 p.m.  
May 9-10 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Early Voting Locations**


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Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.  
Valley Ranch Library, 401 Cimarron Trail

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mit and License Appeal Board and Chair for the Business and Economic Development Committee to give a voice to citizens of Dallas who would not have one otherwise to effect change in their communities. I received the Samuel G. Winstead Award for raising more than \$1 million for Park South YMCA. I have led with and without authority to build consensus among my colleagues, working together to bring about transformational, not just transactional, change for the citizens of our city.

My main concern for the citizens of Dallas is simple – No neighborhood left behind.

**First, I want to ensure that we transform Dallas from the inside out.** The morale of the city- police, fire, citizens, and taxpayers is down. You have half a million people living in the Southern Sector without the very simple amenities afforded to other areas - no movie theater, no restaurants, no Fedex Office Kinkos, no Container store. We have to address this issue and organically develop all of our neighborhoods so 'No neighborhood is left behind'. For example, the area surrounding the VA hospital in the Southern Sector requires high density development to attract residents and appeal to employees similar to the development surrounding the Parkland Hospital area and take advantage of the transit line.

Achieving this means a gallant effort on the part of the city council and citizens working together as one. My PhD (Passion, Hardwork, and Determination) along with city council will help Dallas be the best city for its citizens first and then for others and as someone who understands the needs of all citizens, I will create transparency in our local government and an open door policy.

**Secondly, I will implement a budget initiative that seeks to minimize conducts and practices that enhance deficit and bloated budgetary practices.** I will ensure that layoffs are only an absolute last resort and cuts are only done when a service is not needed. Since most in America adjust to changing times and most will not lay off their spouse or children because times are tough, the city must apply such austere [belt tightening] measures in dealing with public resources. I will seek to reduce redundancy in the budget to whereby it is no more than 5% as opposed to 15% that is typical in most municipal budgets and it gets wider as the budget amount increases and initiate deficit cushioning measures that will be used to fund budget shortfalls which will minimize incessant tax hikes and in-

creases.

**Thirdly, I will seek to ensure public safety for everyone.** Police officers living within the city limit will bolster police work and reduce crime in city they live. When officers of the Police Force live within the city, their presence will reduce costs associated with majority of them driving more than 40 miles to work and help Dallas neighborhoods. If we pursue a citizen backed program, so all members of the police rank and file live within the city, the revenue that will accrue from their real estate and sales taxes, will add a tremendous amount to the city. Most major cities in US seek and demand that their officers live in the city they police, because the presence of police officers reduces crime. It will not be a demand but an opportunity to provide an incentive to police officers

willing to live in Dallas. He asks "What do you do when you see a police car on the highway? You slow down and you make a mental check of your vehicles registration date etc". The same applies to having police live (not patrol) in high crime areas. Dallas will experience a tremendous decline in high crime areas if such an incentive based program is adopted by our police department.

**Fourth, I will work with the Dallas Independent School District and the PTA to collaborate on ways to get parents more involved with our children's educational future.** Education is not an equalizer but an enabler. Schools are the ground where new leaders are nurtured. While other candidates feel you can throw money to improve this issue, it is my belief that this is not an issue that can be resolved by money alone. If the parent is not involved, the child will not have an appetite to learn. My goal as mayor is to engage the parent and to create the appetite for the par-

ent to be involved with their child. My leadership is for 'NOW' and the 'future'.

Finally, I will work with small and big businesses to increase Economic Development and Job Creation. There are two factors that weigh in on the discussion about the Economic Development and Job Creation for our city. One is big business-the Fortune 500; the other is small business-the backbone of our country. Eighty-five percent of our tax dollars are generated from small business. Charity begins at home. Before we reach out to try to bring Fortune 500 companies in to assist with our economic development, we need to take care of our own. That means, we patronize our small businesses and provide incentives. As your mayor, my goal is to look into the tax abatement issue which provides incentives for 15% of the businesses who generate over \$1,000,000 in annual income. Once we assist in this area, we look at ways to attract big business. In


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During dinner, diners will be introduced to the science and math behind pizza making with scheduled demonstrations The Physics of Pizza Tossing (6:15 and 7:15 pm)

and Coal-Fired Kitchen Chemistry (6:45 and 7:45 pm). Did you know that how a chef tosses pizza dough reveals insight into the motors used in microactuation technology?

This unique fundraiser is one of many innovative events scheduled during the month of

May, which is designated as Sci-Tech's Mind-Stretching Fund month. "Sci-Tech values innovation and creativity," says Stephanie Crean, Education Director. "There are so many opportunities to provide math and science experiences with pizza. We'll encourage diners to measure the area of

their pizza, calculate the price per slice, determine the diameter and more."

"Russo's is honored that Sci-Tech Discovery Center has asked us to be a part of their Mind Stretching fund month featuring a "Pizza Science" learning experience. Since pizza is a large part of

our business, this is an easy and fun way for us to serve as an educational partner for kids in our community." Says Chris DeMers, General Manager.

Diners are encouraged to make advance reservations by calling 214.909.3448 or emailing gattib@aol.com.

## Irving ISD incumbents will represent all students

### Our View

The Irving ISD (IISD) races are worth a close watch. The challengers of current IISD Place 1 trustee Nancy L. Jones and Place 2 trustee Adrian "A.D." Jenkins both are proponents of English immersion. This process differs from bilingual education in that English Language Learners comprehend English without the aid of their native language. In some cases, the students are distanced from their culture and linguistic background. In order to cut the fat out of their budgets, some school districts have considered

eliminating expensive bilingual education initiatives and opting for cheaper immersion programs. The election of Steven Jones and Marilyn Gail Conder Wells to Place 1 and Place 2 trustee seats, respectively, could be the death sentence for bilingual programs and the board's move toward a body that represents the district's diverse population. Therefore, the *North Dallas Gazette's* endorsement for Irving ISD Places 1 and 2 go to incumbents Nancy Jones and Jenkins.

Steven Jones wants to serve the best interest of those who want to continue

to live in the 1960s and keep district the way it was. Recently, the Place 1 candidate came under attack for questioning a Hispanic Irving ISD staff member because of the way she pro-

nounced her name. Personal attacks as a means to spew ignorance and disrespect is not warranted. Steven Jones is playing too much into the hands of politics, feeding the egos of

those who fear the day when they are not the majority (that day has come),

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and long-time supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Gladys Knight, to headline the National Train Day Rock'n the Rail Way benefit concert at the renowned Beacon Theatre in New York on May 5.

The concert will serve as the kick-off to the National Train Day celebration and include a special "sneak peek" of Knight's new song "The Dream" prior to its national debut. The Randy Jackson-produced song, was recently donated by Knight to raise awareness of the role Boys & Girls Clubs play in fulfilling the dreams of some 4 million youth every day, especially those who need the most, but have the least. Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club (New York) members who provided back-up vocals during the recording of the song will take the stage with Knight to perform "The Dream" live at the concert.

"I wrote 'The Dream' to inspire young people and cannot wait to perform it live with the Kips Bay Boys &

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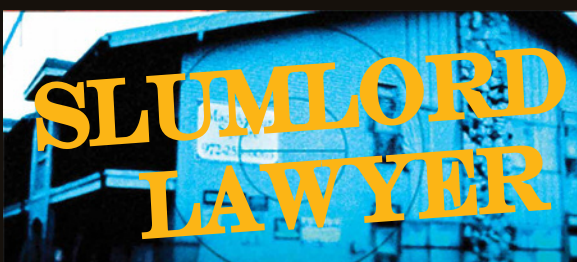
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Photos of Irving Slumlord Apartments - Clients of Slumlord Lawyer Joe Putnam

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**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or [meeetup.com/378](http://meeetup.com/378).

**Group Business Seminars** at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-898-5882.

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series:** 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. [www.nbwenorg.ning.com](http://www.nbwenorg.ning.com).

**North Dallas Texas Democratic Women** Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

**Target Second Saturdays** at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-fri-endly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

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**Oak Cliff Cultural Center**, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. [www.tango-canyen-guedallas.com](http://www.tango-canyen-guedallas.com)

The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will hold auditions for its summer productions. *Seussical* on May 7 and May 14; *Into the Woods* on May 21 and May 28 and 13 on June 11 and June 18. All auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theatre will also host a slew of summer dances for young children. [www.artcentretheatre.com](http://www.artcentretheatre.com)

**May 2-6**

**Delta Sigma Theta Display** at Dallas City Hall, 1st Flr. Lobby All Day

**May 3-8**

**TBAAL presents "What My Husband Doesn't Know"**

**May 5-May 15**

The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will present *The Princess Bride*. Several shows are planned, including matinee performances. To purchase tickets, visit [www.artcentretheatre.com](http://www.artcentretheatre.com)

**May 6-May 7**

The Black Academy of

**Arts and Letters** presents Poets 'n' Jazz #3 at the Clarence Muse Café inside the Dallas Convention Center, located at the corner of Akard and Canton streets. Starting time is 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org)

**May 6**

**First Fridays - Music Under the Dome** 7 p.m. – 12 a.m., hosted by the Dallas African American Museum and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter. The event features Jimmy and the Crew. \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking.

The Dallas African American Museum and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter co-sponsors **First Fridays - Music Under the Dome** featuring "Jimmy and the Crew from 7 p.m. to midnight. The \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking. This event promotes local talent and the arts while helping the African American Museum to become more visible in the community and to increase museum membership.

**May 13-May 14**

**Eddie Griffin** will perform shows at the Arlington Improv. Friday and Saturday shows are scheduled for 8 and 10:30 p.m.

**May 14**

All-day **free asthma screening** in Plano from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6565 Independence Parkway.

**May 15**

Chamber choir **The Texas Voices** concludes its eighth season of public concerts with *My Soul's Been An-*

*chored: A Tribute to Spirituals* at 6:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. This concert features vibrant, uplifting choral arrangements of this beloved art form, including *Walk Together, Children* by Robert DeCormier, Joshua Fit the Battle by Moses Hogan, *Motherless Child* by Adolphus Hailstork, and *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Dallas composer Tom Council. Tickets are \$22 regular, \$15 for seniors (65 and older), and \$10 for students and may be purchased online at [www.thetexasvoices.org](http://www.thetexasvoices.org), at the door, or by calling 214-384-6336 or 214-384-6336.

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**May 17**

**Bruno Mars and Janelle Monae** will perform at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$35.

**May 15 & 22**

Arts District Chorale Season, *Broken Boundaries and Ancient Lands: An American Quilt*, SMU's Perkins Chapel. Info: [arts-districtchorale.org](http://arts-districtchorale.org).

**May 19**

**Garland Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business to Business Expo** Noon - 3:00 p.m.; 520 N. Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX 75040

**2011 Business to Business Expo** will be held from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

**May 20**

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Helping Adolescents Use Electronic Co-munication for Good"** Dr. Marion Underwood.

**May 20-May 21**

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters will host *A Handsome Woman Retreat* starring Kim Wayans as part of its *Dress Performance Theatre Series* on Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre in the Dallas Convention Center at the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Admission is \$15. [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org)

**TBAAL Dress Performance Theatre Series "A Handsome Woman's Retreat"** Starring Kim Wayans 8:15 p.m.

**May 21**

**Dallas Free to Breathe® 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Walk** 6:45 a.m. – Event day registration begins at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve located at 2801 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Fees range from \$15 - \$25, info at <http://freetobreathe.com/>

**May 21-May 22**

**Ultimate Women's Expo** presents a perfect commercial platform for exhibitors to showcase & promote their products and services in front of the potential attendees. It will demonstrate a stunning range of women's products, women's fashion items, outfits, shoes, bags, cosmetics, accessories,

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**May 21 - July 23**

**Market Cooking Demonstrations** at Dallas Farmer's Market 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**May 24**

**Dallas City Wide Health Fair** at Dallas City Hall, 6th Fl Flag Room from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**May 26**

**McKinney ISD** and the **Care Van** will offer free immunizations for infants to 18 year olds from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lawson Early Childhood Center, 500 Dowell St. in McKinney. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian. A copy of child's immunization record necessary for immunizations and no is appointment necessary.

**May 27**

Comedian **Sinbad** will perform at Centerstage at **Choctaw Casino** in Durant, Okla. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$75. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. [www.choctawcasinos.com](http://www.choctawcasinos.com)

**Devin The Dude** brings his show to Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville Ave. in Dallas at 7 p.m. Individuals 21 and older admitted. Tickets are \$20. 214-824-9933.

**June 3**

**McKinney High Graduation** scheduled for 10 a.m. at Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 West Park Blvd, Plano. Info: 972-820-5000, [prestonwood.org](http://prestonwood.org)

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# Irving mayoral candidates face off on hot-button issues

By: Jackie Hardy, NDG Contributing Writer

The four candidates running in the Irving Mayoral election are not short on opinions when it comes to dealing with the issues facing the City. Incumbent, Herbert Gears (2005–present); Joe Putnam, former Mayor of Irving (1999–2005), and former Place 1 and Place 2 City Council members Tom Spink (2007–2010) and Beth Van Duyne (2004–2010) were given a chance to voice their opinions during a candidate forum hosted by the Irving League of Women Voters



held on April 27 at Irving City Hall.

Supporters of each candidate attended to hear the opponents' response to the important questions voters have been asking during this election. The pressing issue that continues to come up is the controversy over the Irving Entertainment Center. Mayor Gears, along with other City officials, have faced media and public scrutiny over the recent news report by WFAA (Channel 8) on Irving Entertainment Center developers receiving unallowable expenses in excess of \$100,000 based on a recent audit performed by an outside CPA firm hired by the City of Irving.

On November 6, 2007 in a special election voters approved imposing a tax on customers and guests of the Irving Convention Center and Entertainment Venue Project, and taxes on Irving hotel guests as a method to fund the development project. Voters approved the proposition to allow the City to impose a maximum tax of 10 percent on tickets; a parking tax of up to \$3 per vehicle for events held at the Irving Convention Center and Entertainment Venue Project; and a 2 percent (maximum) hotel occupancy tax.

Mayor Gears has gone on defense over the claim that tax-

payer dollars were used to fund the Irving Entertainment Center. Gears opponents have accused him of not being honest about how the project will be funded. Spink, Van Duyne, and Putnam have expressed how the current financial structure of the Entertainment Center Project is set to fail and how it will be left up to the residents to pick up the pieces.

"It is a false statement to say that General Funds and taxpayer monies are paying for the facility. It is 100 percent paid for by the users in ticket, parking and hotel taxes; a tax

implemented and supported by the hotels. We blew up our entertainment venue (speaking about the Cowboy Stadium); there is no reason to come to Irving for your entertainment destination any longer and we are going to recreate that and help our hospitality industry," Gears states when asked the question about his support of the Entertainment Center Project at the candidate forum.

Putnam is pursuing legal actions against the City of Irving over the Entertainment Center Project. He argues the



**Beth Van Duyne**

deal is in violation of the Restaurant with Alcohol Beverages 60/40 Ordinance (R-AB 60/40) requiring food sales to account for at least 60 percent of sales and a maximum sale of 40 percent in alcoholic beverages. In October of 2009, the City Council approved an amendment to allow the sale of

alcoholic beverages in 'any city-owned facility whose construction or operation is funded in whole or in part by hotel occupancy tax revenue.'

According to Putnam, "I think it is important that we protect the R-AB Ordinance in order to keep bars out of our neighborhoods. The risk of having the rest of the City wide-open to alcohol sales is an absolute certainty that we would lose our 60/40 protection and that is too big a price to pay."

"The Entertainment Center project is so shaky financially. The City pledges they will sell construction bonds in order to fund the project which means they would have to take money from the Arts, Museum and Irving Convention and Visitor Bureau (ICVB) and that is too great a price to pay for one big bar. If they were to take away the bars and put the R-AB Ordinance back in place and take away the pledge for using the museum and arts money to build the facility than I would drop the lawsuit and as far as I am concerned they could build what they want," states Putnam.

"If we continue spending and throwing away money the way this Mayor has been we are going to lose our AAA Bond rating; and more importantly lose the integrity and fiber of this community," adds Spink in a phone interview.

"I agree we need this project. We have spent over \$36 million and not turned over a single shovel of dirt and all we have to show for the money spent is some pretty drawings," states Duyne.

According to a December 2010 *Dallas Morning News* report, a two percent hotel occupancy tax has been allocated for the Entertainment Center Project and the City wants to back the entertainment center debt with a 5-percent hotel occupancy tax that currently pays for the operations of the ICVB and City Arts programs, as well as utilizing a federal Build America Bonds subsidy which was set to expire this past December (visit [www.dallasnews.com/news/community-irving/headlines/20101216-texas-challenges-irving-finance-method-for-entertainment-center-complex.ece](http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-irving/headlines/20101216-texas-challenges-irving-finance-method-for-entertainment-center-complex.ece) for the full story on the financing for the Entertainment Center).

Transparency in govern-



ment continues to be the platform shared among Van Duyne, Putnam, and Spink. These three candidates have been critical with the current City Council over the lack of transparency with various City projects.

Van Duyne has shared her objection to cronyism, backdoor dealings, and the good old boy systems. She has pledged to welcome citizen involvement in Council proceedings and business because she feels citizens have the right to know how much of their tax dollars are being spent as well as understand the determining factors involved in making those final decisions.

Gears supporters feel it would be a step backwards if he is not re-elected. (See the NDG Editorial on page 1) Voters who support Gears feel strongly about the accomplishments and the steps he has made in moving the City forward. A strong supporter and Civil Rights Activist, Anthony



**Joe Putnam**

Bond believes Irving would regress under the leadership of the Mayoral candidates opposing Gears.

"We need a leader who will represent all the citizens of Irving and understands the needs in moving this diverse City forward instead of backwards and Herbert Gears is the best Mayor to accomplish this," states Bond.

Gears is hopeful the accomplishments he has made over the past six years is what will be the deciding factors in re-electing him as Mayor on May 14. Gears campaigns on his accomplishments with the successful demolition of over 1,000 substandard apartment

and hotel units; the implementation of Irving's Criminal Alien Deportation Program in which Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been able to deport over 6,300 illegal immigrants from the City's jail; and maintaining record low crime rates for five consecutive years (40 percent drop in violent crime, per a report by the Irving Police Chief in a January 12, 2011 City Council work session).

"We lead the nation in one of the toughest issues which is Illegal Immigration; there have been more criminal alien illegal immigrants imported from our City jail than in other city jail in America and we were featured on the *New York Times* front page as having one of the most successful Immigration programs and this means a lot to the quality of life which seem to matter most to the citizens of Irving," remarks Gears.

The Heritage Crossing Redevelopment Project is another major issue facing the City and an issue neither candidate is reluctant in sharing solutions on what needs to be done to move the project along. McDougal is the company the City hired to oversee the development of the Heritage District located in downtown Irving. There have been various citizen complaints over the stall in the development of this project and the developer's lack of accountability in meeting project deadlines.

Van Duyne comments, "We need to get retail here because we need to be able to sell to somebody because no one is going to be willing to invest in our City if they do not have something to sell to and in order to have any sustainable development you have to be able to have people there. We need to be seriously looking at the McDougal development holding those developers feet to the fire in making sure we are on schedule."

Putnam and Spink feel the problems with the Heritage Crossing project is directly related to the developer. They agree the City should terminate the contract with McDougal

and hire a developer that is more familiar with the Irving market.

The controversy over the Capital Improvement Project Initiatives (i.e. Irving Entertainment Center and Heritage Crossing Redevelopment) seems to overshadow the ever-growing challenge the City faces due to a sluggish economy. The City of Irving is looking to face a \$20 million budget shortfall, according to a recent report presented to the City Council by Bret Starr, Assistant Chief Financial Officer. Both current and incoming City officials will have to work to continue to maintain municipal services without sacrificing the safety of citizens.

In the area of continued commitment to the City's public safety and economic stability, Candidate Spink shared how the City Manager and Fire Chief made application to change the City's current Public Protection Classification (PPC) status from a PPC 2 to PPC 1, per his recommendation. According to Spink, this change could help homeowners save \$500 million in homeowner premiums and save \$25 million to the 70 percent commercial base within the City; thus allowing Irving to offer prospective companies the lowest insurance rates and in return this could mean enticing more businesses to the City.

In 2011, the City Council approved to increase property taxes to address the budget



**Tom Spink**

constraints as a result of revenue reductions and in going forward the newly appointed Mayor will inevitable have to deal with the same challenge of how to balance the budget in a tough economy. It will be left up to the voters on May 14 to decide the best candidate who is worthy of their trust in stewarding the City's budget, services, and current/future economic developments.



By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

Stupid mistake or offensive remark? You decide. During the announcement of the death of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, Fox 40 in Sacramento, Calif., ran the headline "Osama bin Laden is dead." Someone should have told the intern or the idiot senior staffer that bin Laden and President Barack Obama are not the same people. This is



*Jada Pinkett-Smith*

not the first time that the network has offended me and others by calling the president out of his name on a headline. The first glimpse was during the 2008 presidential campaign when an affiliate, hopefully not the same once, ran Obama bin Laden in a headline. You may not agree with the color of his skin or upset that the ploy to disprove his U.S. citizenship failed, but you have to give him respect be-

cause he is our leader. SMH.

**Flavor Flav arrested -** Last week, I wrote that rapper Flavor Flav shut down the doors on his restaurant in Iowa for mismanagement and one-month old potato salad being served to customers. His work to open a House of Flavor restaurant in Las Vegas has hit a minor snap. TMZ reported that while Flav was on business preparing the restaurant's

opening, he was pulled over by Las Vegas police and arrested for outstanding warrants. One of the charges was for driving with proof of insurance. Common now, Flav! He knows better. I hope he gets his stuff together.

**Talking about changes -**  
I recently came across a photo of author Sista Soulja (remember her?) and Jada Pickett-Smith at a book-signing event

in Los Angeles. I never pay too much attention to Jada's face, but on this rare occasion I noticed that she is trying to outdo father time. I think she had some work cosmetic surgery done on her cheeks. Her face looks as if she would make a good replacement for Jim Carrey in *The Mask*. Her cheeks are high and tight. The sad part of it is that she is a pretty lady. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Duck on the loose! Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) turns the barnyard upside down and thrills audiences across the country with the hilarious sequel to "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type". The DCT's National Tour makes its final hometown stop with GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK, playing May 6 – May 22 in the Baker Theater at DCT's Rosewood Center for Family Arts.

GIGGLE, GIGGLE,

QUACK picks up where “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type” leaves off. Good ol’ Farmer Brown has had a lot more to deal with than your average farmer. His animals went on strike! He has had enough! He decides to take a vacation and leave his city-slicker brother in charge with specific directions on how to care for the animals. Duck, always the trickster, knows this is an opportunity for fun. Guest director Doug

Miller brings his musical theater expertise to this wildly popular farm sequel. He says, "This show is a true crowd pleaser. Excitement is in store when the animals have 'free range' of the farm!"

Children will recognize themes of cooperation, unexpected surprises, creative expression, and innocent mischief. They will also learn that adults like to have fun too. Grown-ups will definitely “giggle” along!

Lively songs help forward the story, provide an in-depth look at each character and bring the barnyard to life with showbiz pizzazz. In this show, Duck's typewriter is replaced by a pencil, which becomes a metaphor for the endless possibilities of imagination ("Golden Pencil").

A show stopper number ("Pizza Baby"), a sweet cream lullaby ("Nothin's Gonna Hurt You") and a lyrical bubble bath ballet ("Pretty Little Pig") allows each animal to take the stage for a moment to shine.

Farmer Brown needs a

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**Ongoing**  
**Oak Cliff Cultural Center**, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. [tangocanyenguedallas.com](http://tangocanyenguedallas.com)

**Through May 14**  
**The Plano Children's Theatre**, 1301 Custer Road Suite 706, will hold 12 performances of the play, ***The Sound of Music***, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased online by visiting [www.planochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.planochildrenstheatre.org)

atre.org or by calling the theatre office at 972-422-2575.

May 6

The Dallas African American Museum and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter co-sponsors *First Fridays - Music Under the Dome* featuring "Jimmy and the Crew from 7 p.m. to midnight. The \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking. This event promotes local talent and the arts while helping the African American Museum to become more visible in the community and to increase museum membership.

**May 6**

Comedian **Mike Epps** and friends will take over the Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place in Grand Prairie 8 p.m. Doors open at 7. Advanced tickets start at \$39.50. [www.aeglive.com](http://www.aeglive.com).

**May 6 - 7**

The **Black Academy of Arts and Letters** presents Poets 'n' Jazz #3 at the Clarence Muse Café inside the Dallas Convention Center, located at the corner of Akard and Canton streets. Starting time is 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org)

**May 12 - 15**

**Tommy Davidson** brings his act to the Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road #250 in Dallas. Thursday's show begins at 8 p.m., Friday shows 8 and 10:30 p.m., Saturday shows at 6:30, 9 and 11:30 p.m. and Sunday's show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 to \$22.

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to be disciplined under heavy pressure and creative to solve problems in a hurry. This government supported job is recession-resistant and comes with a pension, which makes the competition for even entry level position intense. The average firefighter will earn between \$32,00 to \$59,000 a year and can make an easy transition to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) if interested. The activity level varies depending on the day. One day may be full of excited and rushed responses to local emergencies while other days may not see any action at all. A high school diploma is required, but a college degree is not. However, candidates who have earned an Associate degree and receive EMT training on their own have an advantage. You will need emotional strength, excitement for challenges, and be flexible to survive firefighting.

School psychologists work closely with students and their families to monitor and address issues that affect student performance and success in

school. You set up meetings with parents and students, create plans of action to address any problem areas you may observe, and you encourage parental involvement in implementing a solution. Intensive education is required to be considered for such a prestigious and delicate position. Schools require a specialist degree in school psychology, which is offered at the end of a three year graduate program and one year in an internship.

Over the next ten years 16,800 new jobs are expected to open for school psychologists. This is because schools are now making an increased effort to offer mental health services for their students. Most school psychologists are self-employed to ensure higher pay and receive upwards of \$45,000 a year. While in school it is recommended that you keep a portfolio of all graduate work, and study in the area where you wish to work, or near it. Try to get an internship at the school you wish to work for because it can increase the likelihood of you getting hired at a school where

your skills and face are already familiar.

Court reporters record every single word spoken in the courtroom. Sound intense? These verbatim records are highly valued in our justice system because they help to keep the "record straight". There are other avenues outside of the courtroom for court reporters to explore; 70 percent of all certified court reporters have taken advantage of those avenues. Some options include: broadcast captioners and webcasters.

The number of jobs available for court reporters is expected to experience an 18 percent increase in the next 10 years because of the need to provide translation for the hearing impaired. You can earn an average of \$47,000 a year in an entry level position; official court reporters earn a per page fee for transcripts. Experienced court reporters say that it is important to establish an area of expertise with any of the following certifications: Registered Diplomat Reporter, Certified Legal Video Specialist, or Certified

Broadcast Captioner. There are 150 training programs for court reporting in the United States offered at community colleges, universities, and online; all programs last for a minimum of two years. All court reporters must receive a Registered Professional Reporter Certification. Further licensing requirements for employment vary by state.

Actuaries may seem uptight and stuffy, but their job is anything but. They assess the likelihood and monetary consequences of risks for insurance companies that involve death or serious injury. As an actuary you give insurance companies a heads up on possible expenses that could affect their profitability.

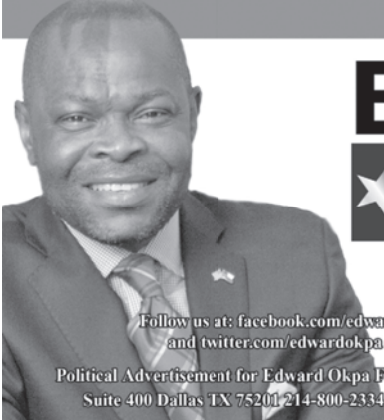
The job requires the use of statistics and mathematics; therefore, majoring in either field will give you an advantage when searching for employment. Statistics and Economics are also desired majors by actuary employers. Taking courses in accounting, probability, calculus and finance while in school will prepare a solid foundation for you to

build upon when you begin to learn actuary techniques later. A Bachelor Degree is needed to get an entry level position as an actuary, which typically pays \$56,000 a year. Employers suggest that aspiring actuaries consider studying actuar-

ial science offered at 100 universities in America. This field can anticipate a 21 percent job increase in the next decade as more and more insurance companies recognize the value of having an actuary on staff.

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crafting solutions that appeal to the entire council.

My priorities are straight forward and measurable.

**First, I want to make sure that we continue to improve our economy by creating new jobs in Dallas.** Dallas has regained its reputation as an excellent location for business development. I will apply my extensive experience in international business to bring more jobs, more tax revenue and more economic development to neighborhoods all across Dallas. I am ready to hit the ground running and have already been instrumental in the relocation of AT&T, TENET and Comerica and the negotiation of the historic Statler.

Additionally, I'll aggressively expand our toolbox to attract and retain small-to-midsize firms, especially those in Downtown, Southern Dallas and those owned by minority entrepreneurs. Small-to-midsize firms are the economic engine for our region.

As a lifelong small-business entrepreneur, this is very close to my heart.

**Secondly, I will be a watchdog over your money and make sure that we cut waste and abuse in City government.** With a challenging budget before us, I'll work with citizens and the Council to make sure we prevent a tax increase this year. Further, because I was adamantly opposed and voted against raising taxes, as Mayor I will work aggressively to roll back last year's tax increase.

**Thirdly, I'll be a champion for Dallas schools and will work hard to improve our education system by working with Dr. Hinojosa to develop innovative partnerships and to seek funding from the philanthropic community.** There has been a great deal of progress in recent years, and we must credit the District for that success. While exemplary and recognized

schools are way up, we must keep working till ALL Dallas schools offer top-quality education, ensuring our children graduate from high school and are college- and workforce-ready.

**Fourth, I will work to fight crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.** Since I joined the City Council in 2005, we've increased our police force by almost 30 percent and driven crime down per capita to what it was here in the 1960s. As mayor, I vow to do whatever it takes to help our police maintain this pressure on crime and to equip them with the most effective crime-fighting tools available.

**Finally, I'll focus upon quality of life, including arts and culture** – including walk-able neighborhoods, sports teams and recreational opportunities, lots of entertainment options, strong libraries and beautiful, well-kept parks.

To wrap up, I'm proud to have the support of my

Council colleagues, who know what it takes to lead a multi-billion-dollar city budget with 13,000 employees. Thirteen current and former Dallas City Councilmembers (including Mayor Dwaine Caraway) who know me as a problem-

solver and coalition builder have endorsed me as well the MetroTex Association of REALTORS®, Dallas Firefighters Association, Dallas Police Association PAC, Dallas Retired Fire Fighters Association and the TI PAC.

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**Eddie Griffin** will perform shows at the Arlington Improv. Friday and Saturday shows are scheduled for 8 and 10:30 p.m.

May 17

**Bruno Mars** and **Janelle Monae** will perform at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$35.

May 20-May 21

The **Black Academy of Arts and Letters** will host *A Handsome Woman Retreat* starring **Kim Wayans** as part of its *Dress Performance Theatre Series* on Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre in the Dallas Convention Center at the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Admission is \$15. [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org)

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## THE UN-COMFORT ZONE: *Leadership vs. Power*

By Robert Wilson

King George III asked Benjamin West, his American painter, what George Washington would do if he prevailed in the Revolutionary War. West replied, "He will return to his farm." The British monarch incredulously said, "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world." On December 23, 1783 Washington did just that and retired to Mount Vernon – despite the encouragement of many to stay in power. Despite the willingness of Americans to crown him king. Thirteen years later, he would do it once again.

In 1787, Washington was coaxed back to Philadelphia to attend the Constitutional Convention. While there he provided the leadership necessary to get the fractious delegates to settle down and complete the work of designing a new constitution. Afterwards, in 1789, he was elected the first President of the United States. He reluctantly ran for a second term in 1792. He refused to run for a third term, setting a precedent that lasted 150 years, and retired once again to his farm.

Abraham Lincoln said,

"If you want to test a man's character – give him power." George Washington passed that test. Twice in his life he walked away from power and proved that he was indeed the greatest man in the world. He demonstrated that leadership is something that you give – not take – and that power should be used responsibly.

Washington died in 1799, the year that Napoleon Bonaparte became the ruler of France. In contrast to Washington, Napoleon could not acquire enough power. His legendary lust for command drove him to take over much of Europe. "Power is my mistress," he once claimed, "I have worked too hard at her conquest to allow anyone to take her away from me."

Years later, having lost all power and living in exile, he lamented "They wanted me to be another Washington."

History is rife with stories of people who abused their power. Abuse of power, however, is not just reserved for politicians and tyrants. It can be abused by managers, spouses, parents, peers and the list goes on. It is the lure of dominance over

others, when it motivates people toward leadership roles, that is revealing. It reveals uncertainty, lack of confidence and fear.

It is said that power corrupts, but more often than not, it is a corrupted individual who is attracted to power. It is a feeling of inferiority, sometimes called a Napoleon Complex, that drives someone to control other people and to micro-manage their surroundings. Today we call such a person a Control Freak. Science fiction author, Robert Heinlein noted, "Anyone who wants to be a politician shouldn't be allowed to be one."

When we look at Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of Human Motivation (Survival, Safety, Social, Esteem, Fulfilment), we see that someone who hungers for power is stuck in the second to bottom level which is Safety. A true leader has self-esteem and self-confidence and does not seek power to bolster his or her feeling of self worth. Thomas Jeffer-

son observed that, "An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens."

A true leader is motivated by a goal. A goal common to his group whether that group is a company or a country. If you find yourself attracted to leadership, stop and check your motivation. Are you driven to share your gift of understanding in the endeavor of achieving a goal, or are you motivated by perquisites of position and the power you have over others? As John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

*Robert Evans Wilson, Jr. is a motivational speaker and humorist. He works with companies that want to be more competitive and with people who want to think like innovators. For more information on Robert's programs please visit [jumpstartyourmeeting.com](http://jumpstartyourmeeting.com).*

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break from literate Cows and a practical joker Duck so he decides to take a vacation in Tahiti for a week. He asks his brother, Bob, an accountant from the city, to take care of the farm. Farmer Brown gives Bob hand-written instructions about how to care for the animals, but as he is leaving, a pencil falls out of his back pocket. Hen, Cow and Pig eye it curiously, but Duck knows exactly what to do! Bob arrives and the mayhem begins! Duck changes the instructions demanding pizza with anchovies for the hen, beauty day with a bubble bath for the pig, and the DVD of "The Sound of MOO-sic" for the Cow. Audiences will wonder if Brother Bob suspects something is awry....

Rising from the page to the stage is set designer Randel Wright's picture

perfect country setting with barn and farmhouse kitchen in dueling opposition accentuating the merry chaos of the show. Linda Blase's lighting design illuminates bright sun-shiny days on green pastoral rolling hills. Frivolous and stylish costumes by Laurie Land highlight hints of country chic and charm.

GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK is madcap musical mutiny, so join in the fun May 6 – 22. Performance times: Fridays, May 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, May 7 and 14 at 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Often when we are together reminiscing, as my siblings and I will do from time to time, I thought about some of the "fun" things that my mother did and said to her children when we were younger; I started laughing. Our mother, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus was funny, very smart, full of God's wisdom, trustworthy, loveable, and the greatest mom, according to her eight children, her family and her close friends. My siblings and I all agree that if you would line-up mothers from one end of the world to the next and asked us to pick the perfect mother for us, without a doubt, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus is our choice. God made her special for us and to us.

Some years ago, I received the following from a friend of mine; I am sharing this with you today in honor of my deceased mother and my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, who is the mother of three of my four

grandchildren, Tyanna, David and Philip. I pray that it will cause you to pause and think of some of the fun things that your mom said as you were growing up and perhaps you will email me a list of them.

**My Mother Taught Me...**

**...CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS:** "Be nice and respectful because if I die, someone will not be afraid to help take of you." **...TO HAVE A CLEAN BODY AND CLEAN UNDER GARMENTS:** "Make certain you have taken a bath and have on clean under garments, you might have an accident." **...LOGIC:** "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

**...MEDICINE:** "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way." **...TO THINK AHEAD:** "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!" **...ESP:** "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?" **...TO MEET A CHALLENGE:** "What were you thinking?" "Answer me

when I talk to you!" "Don't you talk back to me!" **...HUMOR:** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

**...HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT:** "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up." **...GENETICS:** "You are just like your father!" **...MY ROOTS:** "Close that door, do you think you were born in a barn?" **...THE WISDOM OF AGE:** "Just keep living; I don't have to say a word, you will understand."

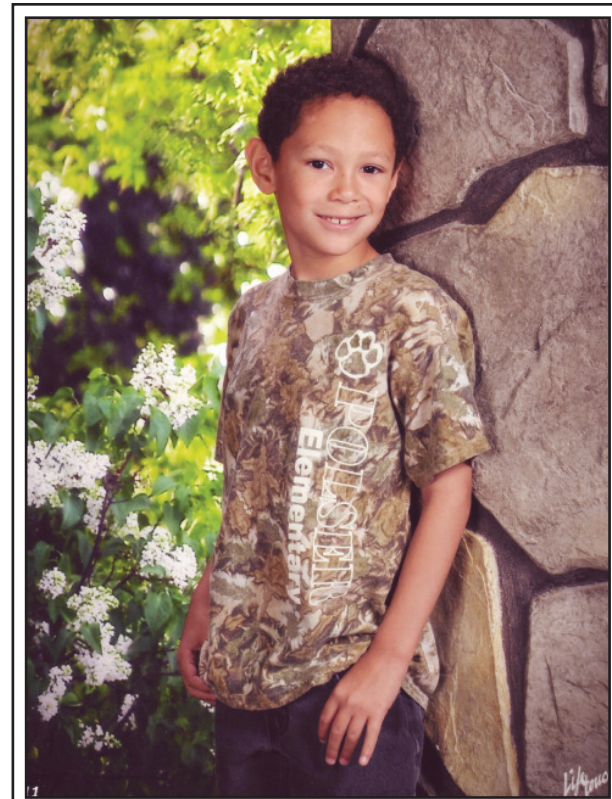
**...ANTICIPATION:** "Just wait until your father gets home."

**...RECEIVING:** "You are going to get it when we get home." **...JUSTICE:** "One day you will have kids; I hope they turn out just like YOU, then you'll see what it's like!" (This one really is called the Mother's Curse.)

Special gifts to give mothers: A Heartfelt Thank-You for all of the things you do or have done for me. My Assurance that I really do remember the things that you

taught me; and I always will. **Plenty of Reasons** for you to feel proud of me, which I will achieve by always striving to be, and to do my best. **A Sincere Apology** for any and all headaches that I caused you when I was growing up. **A Gift Certificate of Love** to be redeemed anytime, and as many times as you want for anything that I can ever do for you. **My Promise** that no matter how far away from home that I may travel, you are never far from my heart. **My Continued Commitment** to our family and the values that you have taught me. **My Recognition** for all the great things that you have done in your life (not the least of which was me!) **An Invitation** to always be a part of my life, and to never feel that you have to ask. **A Bunch of Wishes** that you have the peace, joy, and happiness in your life, which you are so deserving of. **My Love forever and always.** —Anna Marie Edwards.

Regardless of the path I walk, I will always respect your judgment, though I may



Philip Lott, the best Mother's Day present I have received from my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott on May 9, 2004. Happy Birthday Philip, I love you.

not always accept it as my own. I love you, Mother, and I only hope that I can give to others as much of myself as you have given of yourself to me. —Teresa L. Cornett.

## Protecting Texas Seniors From Counterfeit Check Scams

By Texas Attorney  
General Greg Abbott

Fraud against seniors is more widespread than most Texans realize. Well-informed seniors and their family members can help prevent the greatest generation from falling victim to fraudulent schemes — including a familiar counterfeit check scam that has re-emerged in recent weeks.

Law enforcement officials recently notified the Attorney General's Office that the so-called "Reader's Digest Sweepstakes" scam has reappeared around the state. Some Texans — usually senior citizens — may have received letters claiming the recipient won \$1 million in a sweepstakes. The letter claims its "Prize Award Department" drew the recipient's "ticket number" from a pool of thousands.

To appear legitimate, the letter fraudulently uses

the Reader's Digest business logo and the Better Business Bureau's accredited business seal — which falsely implies BBB accreditation.

Enclosed with the letter is a counterfeit check for several thousand dollars. Letter recipients are told to call a toll-free (800) number for further instructions. As is common in these types of scams, recipients who call the number are instructed to wire an up-front payment to cover taxes or other administrative fees before the remainder of their "winings" can be issued.

The scammers know that the up-front payment amount sounds trifling compared to the \$1 million in prize money the victim thinks he or she has won. The victim often thinks it is worth paying the up-front fee because the prize money far exceeds the al-

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and lacks the competence to make the right decision to help children.

Steven Jones wrote in his candidate profile to *The Dallas Morning News* that he would “do everything ... to make English the language of the IISD and ensure we give every student the number one tool to succeed in the United States of America – a mastery of the English language.” His comments beg to question Steven Jones’ ideology on a student’s right to a public school education. There is not a problem with teaching Spanish speakers English, but there is no justifi-



Nancy Jones

cation in ordering a certain population to abandon their heritage, an attribute of English immersion programs. The endorsement of

these programs is assimilation at its worst.

Second, the election of two more Caucasian school board members defies the importance of diversity on the board of a school district that is 70 percent Hispanic (IISD Superintendent Dana Beeden is an African American). In early 2010, a federal judge struck down a lawsuit filed by Manuel Benavidez that challenged the school board’s at-large election system. It is not hard to

imagine that should the board revert to all Caucasian once again, another lawsuit will follow.

Incumbents Nancy Jones and Jenkins understand it is not representing a chosen few that helps the children of Irving ISD. Steven Jones and Wells have yet to comprehend division achieves very little. The board of trustees needs individuals who will embrace diversity, not sweep it under the rug. It also requires leaders who never forget doing what is best for all students is the desired end result.

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leged taxes and administrative costs.

But the prize money will never appear. Victims will simply lose whatever money they wire to the scammers, which can have a devastating effect. In many cases, victims bor-

row or deplete their savings to come up with the money they are supposed to send in advance. It is a cruel blow when they realize they have lost that money to a con artist.

Counterfeit check schemes like the “Reader’s Di-

gest Sweepstakes” scam typically manifest themselves as an unsolicited offer for a prize or a job that seems too good to be true. In this case, Texas seniors should remember that the BBB has nothing to do with the Reader’s Di-

gest sweepstakes – and the publication itself does not require winners to wire money anywhere.

All Texans should be skeptical about unsolicited financial offers or risk losing their life savings to a thief.

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