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Congresswoman Johnson facing two challengers for District 30 re-election

The race for the Democratic nominee for U.S. Congressional District 30 Representative features incumbent Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, attorney Taj Clayton and State Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway. The primary election is May 29, but early voting is still ongoing until May 25.

Rep. Johnson is seeking re-election for a position she has held for 10 terms. Throughout her tenure she has served on numerous committees, including being the first African-American on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technol-



Eddie Bernice Johnson

ogy, which she joined in 2010. Rep. Johnson's political ads spotlight her work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where she has served since her election to Congress in 1992. DFW Airport and

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Is Marc Veasey a closet Republican?

NDG View

All too often political campaigns devolve into finger pointing. This occurs across the political aisles and even within the same political parties. It often confuses registered voters trying to determine who they can trust. In the current political cycle in Dal-



Marc Veasey

las the finger pointing is at it's highest and the primary mudslinger is Marc Veasey, a current state representative vying for the Congressional seat for the newly formed Congressional District 33. The district includes neighborhoods from both Dallas and Tarrant counties.

What does Veasey really

stand for when it comes to the issues impacting the African American community he claims to represent? How can he claim to stand with the community given his ties to the payday lending companies, which are robbing low-income families with no access to credit?

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CityArts Festival returns to Fair Park for Memorial Day Weekend

Returning Memorial Day weekend May 25 - 27, CityArts Festival presented by Big City Crushed Concrete will offer a spectacular spread of activities and entertainment for families and art aficionados alike to enjoy against the backdrop of historic Fair Park, a national landmark featuring

the world's largest collection of 1930s art deco exhibit buildings, art and sculpture. Free and open to the public, CityArts Festival will feature ARTFEST, which returns to its traditional outdoor setting with art by nearly 150 renowned juried artists.

Other holiday-weekend

highlights will include two outdoor films Friday and Saturday night with 60s-themed dance parties; an indoor culinary showcase featuring demos and tastings by some of Dallas' most famed chefs and mixologists; unique children's ac-

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The NDG Staff wishes your family a safe Memorial Holiday! Our next issue is June 7, but tweet us for info @NDGEditor.

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Actress Tae Heckard of BET's The Game participating in "Register To Speak Out!"

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Editorial: Domingo Garcia is the right choice for CD-33

NDG View

Political elections are always interesting. In any election, the good, the bad and even the ugly shows up and the issues often take a backseat to candidate mudslinging and bickering. Integrity loses center stage and residents of embattled districts are lost in the shuffle. In Dallas the winds of change have once again come with the creation of a new district, Congressional District-33, commonly known as CD-33.

CD-33 is the first district of its kind: featuring communities in Tarrant and Dallas County. The district encompasses large African American and integrated neighborhoods in the City of Fort Worth. It then extends east to include part of Arlington and then further east to include part of Grand Prairie, part of Irving and the north Oak Cliff area of Dallas (Lone Star Project, 2012). This includes the Stockyards as well. Typically, the DFW metro area was an expand-

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Michael Walker

“Convert from a listener, to a participant, and become a fan.”

The above-mentioned slogan is the heart of smooth jazz guitarist Michael Walker’s existence as a musician.

For more than 20 years, Walker has played Dallas-area events and venues as part of his band, Chill Factor. These days, he is flying solo with his latest release, *A Smoother You*.

To celebrate the unveiling of his CD, Mike Walker Entertainment will play host to a release party and concert from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. beginning Saturday, May 26. The

event is slated to take place at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Market Center Hotel, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, in Dallas.

During the event, Walker will perform singles from the nine-track release. The opening act for the show is Dallas’ Quentin Moore. The singer, songwriter, and musician produced *A Smoother You*, and co-wrote two of the CD’s tracks with Walker.

Walker’s release is a compilation of smooth jazz tunes intertwined with element of his musical origin of blues. The Newport, Ark., native said *A Smoother You* is

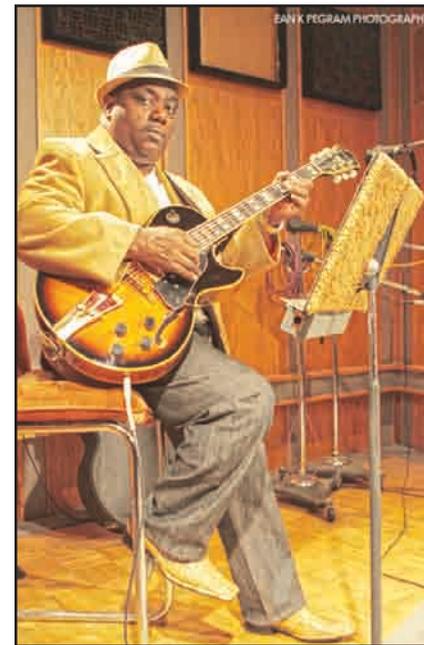
an accolade in his career which has allowed him to expand on his talents. While Walker is a professed fan of jazz guitar genius George Benson and the mellow Norman Brown, listeners of the CD will instantly connect with Walker’s distinct sound. Walker said *A Smoother You* allowed him to mix his lifelong love for blues and his fancy for R&B into a collaboration that is settling on the ears.

“This CD is totally me,” said Walker, who is founder of Mike Walker Entertainment. “*A Smoother You* is a happy-feeling CD. It makes you feel good. It is happy and brings a smile to

your face.”

The first single from the CD, *Let’s Do It*, was released to the public on May 8. In addition, on this day, an interview segment for the CD with Stafon Harris-Jackson was premiered on YouTube.

Admission into the event is \$15. A portion of the proceeds from the CD will benefit Fashions For The Cure (www.fashions-forthecure.org), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization founded by Rowlett resident



and breast cancer survivor Marsha Johnson. In addition, attendees will be treated to a free CD autographed by Walker, a free buffet, and door prizes.

For tickets to the concert, contact Rico Carter at 214-263-6209, Troy Butts at 469-682-9535. Tickets can also be purchased door the night of the event. To purchase *A Smoother You*, visit www.michaelwalkermusic.com or www.cd-baby.com. Become a fan! Connect with Walker via on Facebook and on Twitter @michaelwmusic.

Adriana Blanco

TWU’s new student regent is determined to be a leader who makes a difference both in her university and professional career.

Junior Adriana Blanco is TWU’s first Hispanic and first, first-generation student regent. She is enrolled in the TWU and University of North Texas dual degree program in engineering and math, majoring in math at TWU and electrical engineering at UNT.

Blanco is a student leader at both TWU and UNT. She has served as president of the

TWU Campus Activities Board (CAB), vice president of the TWU Student Government Association, vice president of UNT’s Society of Women’s Engineers and as a TWU student orientation leader. She is a member of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, the TWU National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the UNT chapter of Eta Kappa Nu – the honor society for Electrical Engineers. She also is a recipient of the TWU Presidential Scholarship and the UNT

Siemens Scholarship.

It was in her role as TWU CAB president that she was responsible for bringing poet and author Maya Angelou to the Denton campus in March.

“I wanted to ‘reach for the stars’ to bring a dynamic, nationally known speaker to campus to show our students what CAB could do,” Blanco said. “I learned so much from making the initial contact with Dr. Angelou to coordinating her visit with TWU staff. It is an experience that I will never forget.”

Blanco’s determination to make a difference extends to her future career plans.

She wants to be an electrical engineer and implement “green” electricity in third world countries.

“Having electricity is so important to the development of communities that have nothing,” Blanco said. “I believe that there are many ways we can help people in need get access to electricity using me-



thods that don’t harm the environment.”

It is this drive to succeed that caused Blanco to want to be the TWU student regent.

“I want to continue to make a difference at my university and learn how the system works, so I can be a good advocate for students and do what I can to make TWU even better,” Blanco said.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Blanco to a one-year term as the TWU student regent, which will expire May 31, 2013. She is replacing Christina Wagoner of Carrollton.

Yvette Hollingsworth

Wells Fargo & Company recently named Yvette Hol-



lingsworth chief compliance officer. Hollingsworth, who most recently served as managing director and global

head of Operations Compliance and Financial Crimes Compliance & Risk Management for Barclays Corporate & Investment Bank, will begin her new role on June 1, 2012. She succeeds Tim Marrian, who announced his retirement late last year. Hollingsworth will be based in San Francisco, California and will report to Caryl Athanasu, executive vice president and chief operational risk

officer in the Corporate Risk group.

“We are delighted to welcome Yvette to our Corporate

Risk team at Wells Fargo,” said Mike Loughlin, chief risk officer and head of Corporate Risk. “Given the intensity of the current regulatory environment, it’s absolutely critical that we maintain a strong compliance team, and Yvette has demonstrated that she has the values, depth of knowledge and experience to effectively lead regulatory compliance for our company.”

As chief compliance officer, Hollingsworth will be responsible for ensuring that all areas of the company meet compliance management responsibilities and abide by all applicable laws and regulations. Her team will continue to provide independent oversight of business-based compliance management activities.

Hollingsworth has extensive experience in compliance and risk management, having spent approximately 10 years

as a regulator with the Federal Reserve System with roles at the Federal Reserve Banks of San Francisco and New York as well as the Board of Governors. Her industry experience includes a variety of senior compliance/anti-money laundering (AML) roles for financial institutions including Barclays Corporate & Investment Bank and Citigroup, where she served as managing director and regional head of AML Compliance for the Markets & Banking North American division.

Hollingsworth previously served on the Supervisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Credit Union, as vice president of Administration and Operations and as a member of the Board of the New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, and currently serves as a Board member and Vice Chairman of INROADS New York/New Jersey Region.

She earned an M.B.A. from Syracuse University and a bachelor of science degree

from the State University of New York Institute of Technology.

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ing tale of two metro areas that remained as separate from the other as possible. Now with the creation of CD-33, residents of Tarrant and Dallas County must find common ground in an elected official who understands the needs of each community.

With 11 candidates vying for the spot to represent the combined residents, who stands out to represent the African American voice the best? Unfortunately, it does not appear that Fort Worth State Representative Marc Veasey, an African American, is ideal. Rather, Domingo Garcia, a Dallas resident, attorney and businessman is the answer.

Who is Domingo Garcia?

What do you get when you combine integrity, compassion and a regard for all people? You get a candidate who understands the importance of the community they serve. You get a candidate who cares for the people. You get a candidate who fights for the equality and justice regardless of socio-economic status. You get, what many of the newly formed Congressional District 33 call a great leader, Domingo Garcia.

Garcia is an attorney and businessman who grew up in Dallas. He understands the issues impacting both Hispanics and African Americans throughout the metro areas. Garcia graduated from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston and serves the less fortunate residents of West Dallas.

His political career started in 1988 when he was elected to the Democratic National Committee serving eight years. Garcia has served Dallas residents several times. In 1991, he was elected to the Dallas City Council. During his four years of service, Garcia became the first Latino ever elected to Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Dallas. He has fought for the rights of minorities at a state level. In 1996, he served as a Texas State Representative, where he served on the Criminal Jurisprudence and Judicial Affairs Committees.

Garcia is passionate in his pursuit of justice for not only Hispanics but for African Americans. He was

a part of the legislative team that worked to create single-member districts in Dallas in an effort to increase minority representation. During his tenure Garcia shepherded numerous bills to help students receive a quality col-

American elected officials are losing their edge for being the proverbial freedom fighter for their districts. It seems the African American candidates have let their communities down while not embracing Hispanics either.



Planning during Rev. Jesse Jackson's historic presidential campaign: (L - R) The Late Rev. E. K. Bailey, Rev. Jackson, Armando Gutierrez, and Domingo Garcia

lege education. He is passionate about every child's ability to learn. With his leadership, the Texas legislature passed the Top 10% Rule, which increases African American and Hispanic students' ability to attend Texas public colleges and universities. Garcia has worked tirelessly to improve law enforcement interaction with citizens and the protection of civil rights of minority groups.

The issues Garcia plans to champion in Washington, D.C. include job creation in the Dallas/Fort Worth communities, resource sustainability, helping small businesses, fixing the embattled Fort Worth and Dallas Independent School Districts, availability of affordable college for all students pursuing higher education, protecting Health Care Reform, ensuring equal rights for all citizens, reforming immigration laws, protecting our country and its borders and taking the fight of financial equality for everyone to Wall Street.

Let's not forget Garcia's endorsement by Senator Royce West. However, does this mean he is the right candidate to capture the African American vote in CD-33?

African American public officials have failed us

With the shift in each district it appears African

The once predominantly African American districts are now becoming a highly Hispanic community. The district is made up of 61 percent Hispanics of voting age. Unfortunately, only 39 percent of those voting age persons are citizens. African Americans are 25 percent of voting age residents.

According to the Texas House of Representatives website, the numbers show African American elected officials are no longer leading predominately African American districts. Representatives Eric Johnson, Stefani Carter, Helen Giddings and Barbara Mallory-Caraway have all lost considerable strength in numbers of African American voters.

In each congressional district in which these representatives won, the numbers are surprising: District 100 - Eric Johnson - African Americans account for 38.9 percent of residents, whereas Hispanics are 46.5 percent. District 102 - Stefani Carter - Hispanics outnumber African Americans by almost 20,000 residents or by at least 15 percent more than African Americans.

District 109 - Helen Giddings - is one of the few districts where African Americans still possess a strong presence with 65.5

percent over the 17.7 percent Hispanics.

District 110 - Barbara Mallory-Caraway, wife of former Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway holds a seat in a district where only 39.4 percent of its residents are African American. The other 47.5 percent is Hispanic.

The economic recovery in the African American community is still slow to get going and African Americans continue to lag behind other minority groups. Unfortunately, African Americans continue to dominate the unemployment rates and African American politicians have seemingly done nothing short of delivering empty promises that gain momentum during the election process. In this current election process for the new CD-33, which ends May 29, African American candidates are campaigning to merely decrease the gaps that continue to plague the African American community. Yet, disparity still lurks in these communities, and now African Americans are the second largest minority group.

Garcia has been successful at working with leaders and residents in both the African American and Hispanic communities to increase prosperity opportunities for both. While his platform mirrors many of the candidates of the CD-33, his desire to include all minorities, especially African Americans and Hispanics shows his ability to see beyond the division simmering between the two races.

The key to any political strategy is the development and implementation of a well thought out campaign, which is executed once elected. For far too long Dallas African American politicians have over promised and under-delivered.

The numbers don't lie. Hispanics are now the majority in once predominantly communities. African American political figures have done little to reach across the color line to include Hispanics and vice versa. For CD-33 candidate Garcia, he plans to bring together just two counties for the greater good, but also both races in his fight in Washington.

Cedar Hill ISD families celebrate success with Methodist Charlton Family Challenge

The celebration to conclude the Methodist Charlton Medical Center Heart of the Community Family Challenge with Cedar Hill ISD was filled with stories of success. Student Casey Martinez shared how she lost weight during the challenge and how much she enjoyed preparing meals with her family. Her mother, Cecelia Martinez, says being involved in the program was a blessing in disguise. Through screening offered during the challenge, her mother was diagnosed with high blood pressure. Martinez said her own cholesterol dropped by 30 points. Desiree Alexander enjoyed the accountability of the program and learned a lot of helpful information.

Guest speaker for the event, Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College, shared his story of surviving sudden cardiac arrest and the importance of heart health. "I survived because my heart was healthy and I led a healthy lifestyle," he says.

Earlier this year, Methodist Charlton teamed up with students, parents, and faculty at Cedar Hill ISD for the family-focused, 12-week Heart of the Community Family Challenge program. The goal of the program was to help families make lifestyle changes that bring them greater health and wellness. Participation in the program included health screenings, interactive quizzes, exercise classes to get them moving, nutrition, and health education.

The program was built around family participation, and participants were rewarded with financial incentives. Students, siblings, parents, and even grandparents took part in the program.

Methodist Charlton President Jonathan S. Davis, FACHE, says the program addresses the top three health risks in the hospital's service area — high blood

pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking — according to the 2010 National Research Corporation Consumer Health Report.

"As a hospital serving the community, our goal is to combat those risks with tools for prevention," he says. "The Heart of the Community program is a broader initiative of Methodist Health System to provide programs and services that focus on taking care of the heart."

"We are excited about being involved in this pilot project with Methodist Charlton Medical Center," said Dr. Chanda McGhee, director of Student Support and Community Services at Cedar Hill ISD. "We are thrilled that Methodist Charlton facilitated this program that will help families develop a healthier lifestyle."

Par For The Course A Tournament that brings Foodies and Golfers Together to End Domestic violence

Garland's Mayor Ronald Jones invites golfers and foodies to the 8th Annual *Par for The Course Golf Tournament* at the Lakes Course at Firewheel Golf Club and to a gourmet dinner featuring live music and three gourmet chefs at the Spring Creek Church in Garland on Friday, June 1, 2012. Funds from these two events will go to support the New Beginning Center's shelter, educational programs, and transitional housing.

"Our shelter has been operating at capacity for more than a year now," said Executive Director Jennifer Morrison. "With the increase capacity come increased expenses. A successful event means we can help more families rebuild their lives."

Mayor Ronald E. Jones, is the Honorary Chair and a founding member of New Beginning Center. He and other elected and city officials will host teams in this 18-hole golf tournament. The entry fee for a four-person teams is \$600 or an individual entry is \$160, which includes, 18-holes, a cart, boxed

lunch and a swag bag. Entry to the dinner is included in the fee.

Golfers and foodies are invited back for more action during our "Evening with Tres Chefs," at The Spring Creek Church 2660 Belt Line, Garland, Texas, where world renowned chefs will create an authentic gourmet meal served with an open bar. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased separately and are \$75 per person.

The evening will feature music, a live and silent auction as well as a question and answer session with the chefs. Golf tournament awards will be presented during the evening event with trophies awarded to the lowest scoring team in each flight as well as several others. Additionally, fun awards will also be presented in the evening to players who sink the most balls in the water, play in the sandbox too often, and even a prize for the individual who knocks one to many in the rough. Raffle prizes will include a variety of items and entertainment packages for families and couples.

In 2010, 136 women in Texas were killed by an intimate partner or ex-partner. There were more than 193,000 reported family violence incidents in Texas alone.

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and that they lacked the intelligence and skill, pilots of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, the 100th and later the 301st and the 332nd Fighter Group became revered, feared and admired by their allies and foes alike, for their flying prowess and unflinching bravery. How many of us know about the sacrifices and the stories the Airmen have chronicling their training and combat experiences? And how many of us would be angered and ashamed to learn that the Airmen were the victims of unreasonable hatred and were hindered in their efforts to enjoy the very freedoms that they so unselfishly defended, simply because they were black.

But endurance is the key to survival and now today, young and old alike, through books, discussions, documentaries. As well as the recent release of George Lucas' movie Red Tails, which enjoyed box office success. Today more are becoming aware and enlightened of the many daring, dangerous and yet heroic exploits of these

black pilots.

Honored by our nation in 2007, by receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, the Tuskegee Airmen are often spotted around town at many civic, community and educational events. Supported by the non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and its local arm, Claude R. Platte DFW Chapter TAI, the local living legends are receiving the recognition and appreciation that they deserve. You are invited to come "fly with us" each and every issue as we spotlight their energetic appearances as our part in keeping alive the Legacy and "touching generations with excellence."

For more information on how you can arrange for appearances of the Tuskegee Airmen at your educational event, civic, social or business function or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the organization to support our mission and goals, please contact Inez Clark, PR Committee at inezclark@sbc-global.net.

The 8-Minute Organizer will help you get your act together

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
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emit a frequency that makes clear thinking virtually im- possible..."

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Straighten Up and Fly Right.

Straighten Up and Stay Right.

Straighten Up and Fly Right, Cool down Poppa. Don't you blow your top. Fly Right!

Straighten Up and Fly Right was written and performed by the Nat King Cole Trio in 1943, during the height of WWII and became the unofficial theme song for a group of young men who were dedicated and determined to become America's 1st black military airmen. Just like the monkey on the buzzard's back as the song goes, the Famed Tuskegee Airmen had to display an attitude of authority and austerity as they faced immeasurable odds to become expert pilots whose contributions contributed to the victory in Europe.

Despite being told that their brains were too small

Somewhere on the top of your desk, you keep a calendar.

The calendar is next to a few important files you need for work. You stash a dedicated pen with the documents, just so it's handy, and you've paper-clipped some notes there, just as a reminder. You've even color-coded the folders.

And if you could ever find those folders, you'd find the calendar - which you haven't actually seen since last Tuesday.

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FLSA Wage Case Work Shows Maricela Moore's Solid Character and Commitment to Helping People

My friend Maricela Moore recently won a ruling in favor of working people under FLSA (the Fair Labor Standards Act). The trial involved six people who were not paid time-and-a-half wages for a significant number of overtime hours worked. The jury awarded them compensation to recover lost overtime wages.

It says a lot about Maricela Moore that she would choose to work such cases. Handling FLSA cases can be difficult, but Maricela Moore has made them a focus of her practice. Please join me in supporting Maricela Moore for Judge of the 162nd Civil District Court.



Dallas Civil Lawyer Steve Bolden

Early Voting
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May 29

Huston-Tillotson University's Class of 2012 Earns A Place in History

The Huston-Tillotson University 2011-2012 academic year culminated with the conferring of degrees during May's Commencement Convocation for the largest graduating class under President Larry L. Earvin's administration.

More than 2,500 family members and friends attended the early morning, outdoor ceremony full of pomp and circumstance for the 130 members of the Class of 2012 that also included two honorary degree recipients. Terry S. Smith and James R. Wilson both received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Philip Berber offered words of encouragement to the graduates as the keynote speaker.

Berber founded a series of start-ups during a 20-year entrepreneurial journey that led to the establishment of his current venture. He sold his Internet brokerage company CyBerCorp to Charles Schwab in 2000 to form, along with his wife Donna, A



Pictured left to right are Dallas residents Jasmine C. Stone (biology), Porshé T. Revely (sociology), Russell L. Bouyer (business administration), Tiffany D. Hood (mathematics), Britney S. Glenn (psychology), Levi L. Chaney (business administration), and Brianna L. Smith (education). Bouyer graduated with cum laude honors.

Glimmer of Hope. The social vendor and non-governmental organization (NGO) helps lift women and children out of extreme poverty in Ethiopia. To date, A Glimmer of Hope has helped to impact more than 2.5 million lives in rural Ethiopia by constructing more than 4,000 water projects, 335 school buildings, 170 health facilities, and distributed more than 17,000 micro-fi-

nance loans.

He recounted his failures and blessings that moved him into his current position that provided the background of his "Future Favors the Bold" message with three key points of encouragement: "Life is full of challenges and set backs...but it's how you respond to them that will make

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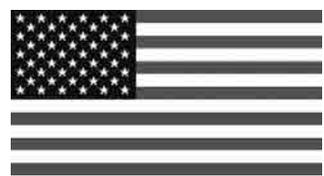
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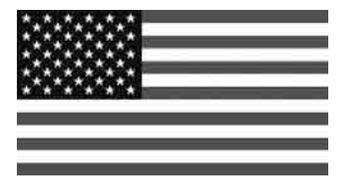
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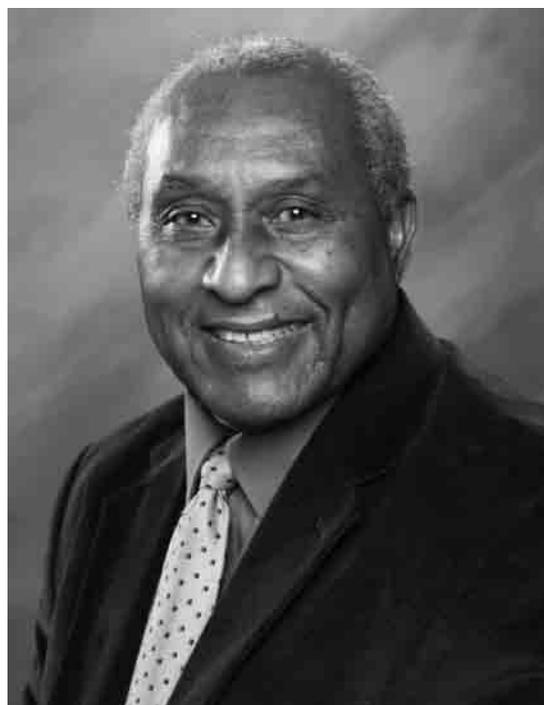
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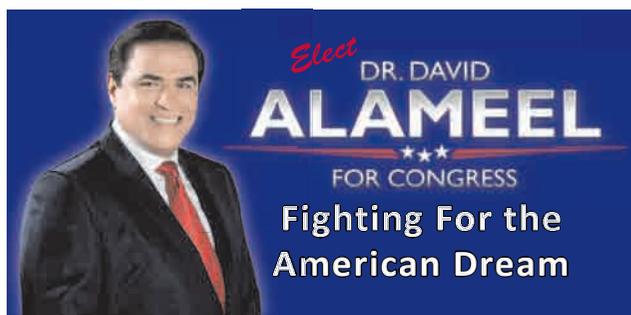
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DeSoto 2012 SolJazz Festival: Entertainment under the sun

By Jacquinette D. Murphy
NDG Contributing Writer

Peace! Love! and Sol-Jazz 2012!

The City of Desoto and the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce will partner with the Desoto Independent School District (Desoto ISD) to host its inaugural 2012 SolJazz Festival, a 10-day, multi-venue arts and music entertainment festival from June 1 to June 10.

"The goal for the chamber is to host the biggest concert series in the DFW Metroplex that will brand the city of Desoto as the 'entertainment mecca' of the Best Southwest area," said Tesi J. Irving, the communications coordinator for the event.

One of the major events will consist of SolJazzy – themed happy hours scheduled to commence at partnering venues which include



Doug E. Fresh

1. Guests will enjoy drink specials and good music. They can win t-shirts and other special prizes to be announced.

A Walk for Diabetes Prevention and a health fair is scheduled for June 2 at Zieger Park in Desoto with

Walk for Diabetes Prevention will be shared with the American Diabetes Association and DeSoto ISD Scholarship Fund. Participants can register online, a minimum donation of \$10 is requested.

Now for those who think they really missed their call-

pants can sing-a-long and win prizes. The locations hosting the karaoke singing completion include Real Time Sports and Entertainment, the MCM Grandé Hotel and FUNDome, and the recently revamped Buttons Place.

The SolJazz Spotlight Concerts is scheduled for June 4-7 at the DeSoto Amphitheater in the Town Center. The outdoor shows are free and will feature diverse artists performing, including Brannon Barrett and Anthony Lewis. The concerts are scheduled from 12 – 2 p.m. daily.

Also planned is a shotgun celebrity golf scramble on June 8 at the Cedar Crest Golf Course in Dallas along with a Comedy and Casino Night hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn in Duncanville.

For those who enjoy Sunday brunches and jazz, they are invited to attend the closing SolJazz Rejoice Breakfast Brunch at Button's Place on June 10. The tickets are \$20 presale and will include live jazz, gospel and dance performances. Guests will sip on mimosas, delicious food including deserts for those with a sweet tooth.

According to Tesi J. Irving, the main event of the fest is the 2012 SolJazz Saturday. "We will have Grandmaster Dee, Doug E. Fresh, Rachell Ferrell, Cameo, Pieces of a Dream, MC Lyte, Brannon Barnett and the Buster Brown Band at the DeSoto Eagle Stadium. The concert starts at noon and the doors will open at 10 a.m.," shared Irving. The tickets are \$40 and are available at the Williams Chicken location on Pleasant Run, the Dallas Explosion Lou-nge and on the event website. There will be a vendor expo on site as well.

The idea of a multi-day concert and tourism event is the vision of Cami Jackson, the current president of the DeSoto Chamber of Com-

merce. According to Jackson, this event has been in the making for about two years and will yield a three-fold benefit for the area.

"As the chamber, we are also the Desoto Convention and Visitors Bureau. It is our goal to make Desoto a destination city for arts and music lovers. We want to establish Desoto as the place to come for this music and arts festival in this area," began Jackson. "With the caliber of talent that we are having this year, it will put Desoto on the map like the Essence Festival in New Orleans."

Though this is the first year, according to Jackson and Irving, the event is also designed to shape the perspective of Desoto as a tourism district.

"Our target audience for this event is all of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. We anticipate about 10,000 people coming to the area for this festival," said Jackson. "With people coming, we will have new money coming into the area. Businesses and gas stations will be hopefully beaming with customers. It is truly economic development in its purest form."

The patronage of the event throughout the city is also expected to accumulate the funds to eventually build a tourism and convention center. "It is our goal to put 'heads in beds' and to bring new tourists to the area this year and for them to come back over and over for years to come," Jackson stated.

Irving also indicated the event will serve as a scholarship fundraiser for students in DeSoto ISD. "We are still accepting applications from students at this time, so please apply." Students will

be awarded onstage during the Saturday concert.

The current sponsors of the event include: Walgreens, 7-Eleven, Dr Pepper, Bank of Desoto, Mac Haik Ford in Desoto, Southwest Mobile Advertising, Smooth Jazz R & B 105.7, Real Time Sports and Entertainment, Gemstone Management and Consulting LLC, Cedar



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the New Buttons Place, Chili's, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, MCM Grande Hotel Fundome, and Coach's Corners as a kickoff to this 10-day festival on June

Spinderella of the group Salt-n-Pepa. She is a spokesperson for the American Diabetes Association and will be on-site to sign autographs. Proceeds from the

ing in life and should be on stage, the SolJazzy Karaoke contests is the chance to prove it. Scheduled daily from Sunday June 3 – Wednesday June 6, partici-

Crest Golf Course and Chili's.

For a complete list of sponsors, more details on the 2012 SolJazz Festival, to register for the golf scramble, obtain the event schedule, or purchase tickets, please visit <http://desotosoljazzfest.com/> or contact the Desoto Chamber of Commerce at 972-224-3565.



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"Register To Speak Out!" voter registration campaign kickoffs off May 31

Syndicated radio personality Vincent "Heartbreak" Tucker announced the relaunch of the Register To Speak Out! voter registration campaign beginning Thursday, May 31. As a registration partner of the country's largest non-partisan voting organization Rock the Vote, Register To Speak Out! seeks to promote civic engagement and activism am-ong North Te-xas youth as the country approaches the most important 2012 elections in November.

Founded in February 2008, the non-partisan initiative increases voter participation amongst North Texans by using music and entertainment to make voting relevant. Through voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote events, the campaign gives young people the tools to identify, explore and take actions on issues that affect the future of the United States of America. On the campaign's website www.RegisterToSpeakOut.org, the site provides links and resources to read about the issues, where to vote, supporters of the campaign plus provides the ability to register to vote using a secure voter registration widget powered by Rock the Vote.

Previous and current supporters of the Register To Speak Out! includes Comedian/Radio Personality Roy Wood Jr., National R&B Singer Dondria, Radio Personality/ Entertainer Skip Cheatham & Model/ Actress Tae Heckard of BET scripted series "The Game." KBFB -FM 97.9 The Beat (Radio One) and Fishbowl Radio Network join Rock The Vote as partners of the campaign.

"After careful review the past year, it's safe to say that the 2012 elections have zeroed-in on important issues that affect young people like education and jobs," says Vincent "Heartbreak" Tucker, founder of Register To Speak Out! "I created this

initiative in 2008 after noticing I was surrounded by peers that didn't care to vote but complained about the government and the issues that faced the country. With my partners Charles "City" Gbadebo & CJ Johnson, we'll do our part to once again educate north Texans and express the importance of registering to speak out through the voting process."

The relaunch of Register To Speak Out! coincides with the 5th Annual Dallas Greek Picnic We-ekend 2012 taking place May 31 – June 3. The four day affair will bring together over five thousand plus alumni, college members and friends of the "Noble Nine" Greek-letter organizations in the Southwestern region of the United States. The yearly tradition is part of a business initiative to revitalize the southern sector of Dallas and its surrounding communities with high-profile events.

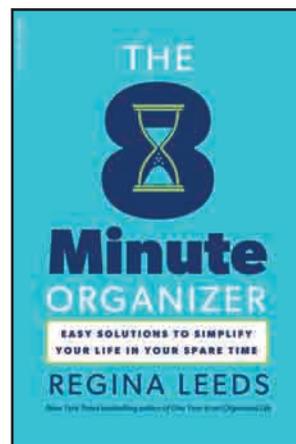
Yeah, you need to organize, but your mess may as well be a mountain. Leeds says that it needn't be overwhelming, though. Clutter can be tackled in three easy steps, and you can do it in mere minutes.

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Before you get started, try to understand how your office got this way in the first place. Was your childhood home in disarray? Were your parents messy or neat? Are you sharing office space with someone who's also disorganized? Knowing these answers will help you break bad habits and determine where you're headed.

Next, take stock and eliminate that which is unneeded, outdated, superfluous, or redundant. Don't be afraid to shred paper, and if there's too much to comfortably do in 8 minutes, then spend 8 minutes looking for a shredding service. Toss old magazines, junk mail, and catalogs.

Next, make a set of "action files" and start sorting.



Categorize paper to create a system that makes sense to you (but don't overdo; keep it simple). Store receipts and important information in a safe place, and if you don't know what's important, ask your accountant. Categorize office supplies, too, so you know what you've got. This step, by the way, can be done in 8-minute increments over several days' time.

Lastly, organize what's left. Archive. Scan to your computer. Rearrange. And once you've found your calendar, set a date to do it all

again next month.

Pick up a copy of *The 8-Minute Organizer*, and you'll see a lot about de-cluttering your home. You may think that isn't going to help your business any, but admit it: messy here, probably messy there.

And neither has to be that way. Author Regina Leeds helps her readers start small by putting a time limit on what's done, by working in baby-steps, and by offering support and a little cheerleading. Leeds makes organization seem easy, and her non-nonsense common-sense takes the stress out of cleaning a mess.

I liked *The 8-Minute Organizer* because I think it's one of those things you can use in the office right now. If your goal is to become a neatnik, grab this book... just as soon as you find that missing calendar.

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DART have been beneficiaries of her efforts in representing the district on this committee.

Recently President Barack Obama issued an endorsement on behalf of Congresswoman Johnson stating she "is a tireless champion for all of the 30th's middle and working-class families."

If re-elected Congresswoman Johnson pledges to continue her focus on strengthening educational opportunities for all students, despite income level. She will defend the current Clean Air Act, despite the State of Texas' on-going battle with EPA. And she will continue to champion healthcare reform and access to all Americans.

For more information visit <http://www.ebj2012.com/index.htm>.

Clayton is a 35-year-old attorney with the Dallas firm Fish and Richardson. His website features a video spotlighting his reasons for running: the future of his family and his nephew, who like him, is "a product of the public school system." The video also spotlights aspirations for the citizens of the South Dallas community, families facing foreclosure and small business owners. He also pledges stronger support for President Barack Obama if elected to serve in Washington. The video closes with his campaign theme, "I'm running for you."

On his website Clay-

ton discusses three key issues: creating jobs in Dis-



Barbara Mallory Caraway

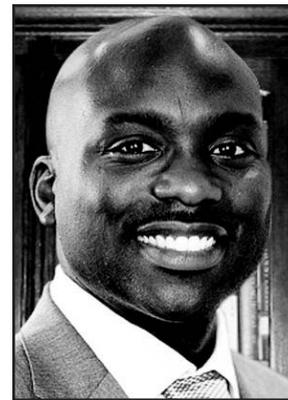
trict 30; providing quality education to all students, despite their parents finances; and utilizing the untapped resources available in the community to stimulate business and economic development.

Married for 11 years to his college sweetheart

Tonika, Clayton is the father of three, including a baby son.

Barbara Mallory Caraway became well known in Dallas as a radio announcer on the popular Gospel radio station, KHVN Heaven 97 before serving on the Dallas City Council. She is currently serving in the Texas House of Representatives, District 110, which includes sections of Southeast Oak Cliff, South Dallas, Pleasant Grove and Seagoville.

Her campaign has focused on the premise it is time for change. Her website video makes subtle references to ethics concerns Rep. Johnson has faced in recent years and the longevity she has



Taj Clayton

served in Congress. She promises to be accessible and "approachable" if elected to serve the constituents of District 30.

She has called for a new Marshall Plan for America that will focus on bringing jobs and protect from future layoffs police, teachers, firemen while

also helping veterans returning to the private sector.

Rep. Mallory Caraway's husband is Dwaine Caraway, the Dallas Mayor Pro Tem and council member representing District 4. When former Mayor Tom Leppert stepped down in anticipation of his U.S. Senate race, Caraway served as Interim Mayor.

Read more at <http://www.barbaramallorycarawayforcongress.com/>.

The Democratic nominee will square off against Travis Washington, Jr., the Republican nominee in the fall election. Washington does not have an opponent in the Republican primary.

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all of the difference; do what you love and love what you do; and be in service to others, and, so you will be in service to yourself." He compared his challenges and

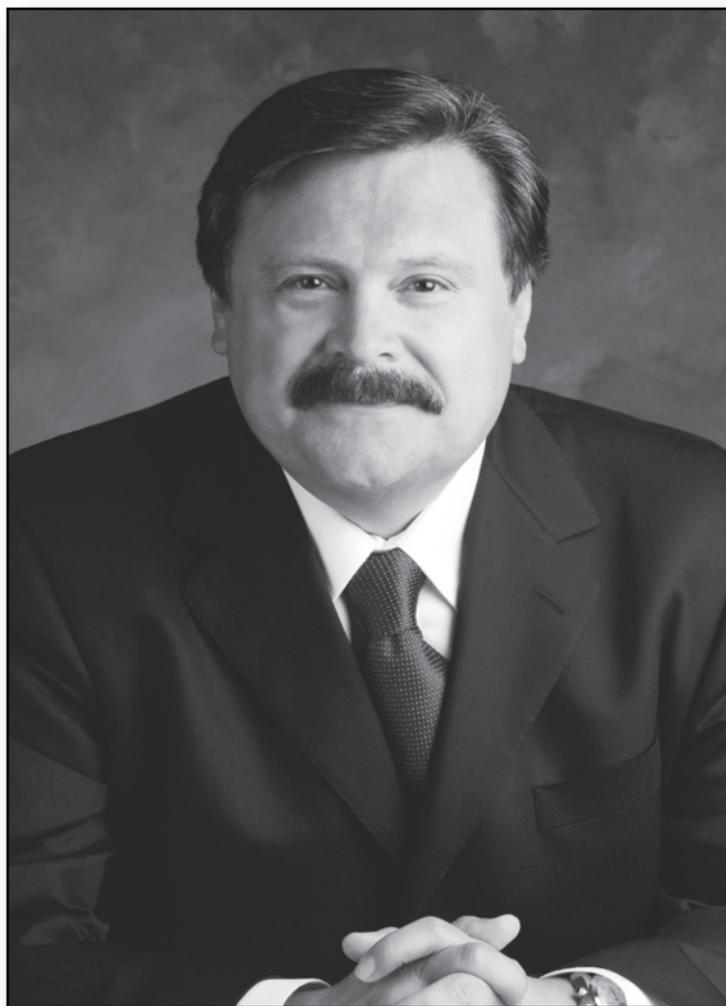
lessons learned to those of several of the graduates. "Keep believing in yourself. Never give up on yourself, and never, never, ever give up on your dreams," he

stated. Berber also recalled the words of the late Steve Jobs, co founder of now Apple Inc., who encouraged graduates to love what they do.

"Being engaged in a purposeful, meaningful way will fill your heart and sometimes, more than you know, will touch, or inspire, or help someone along their path,"

Berber concluded. Huston-Tillotson University, Austin's oldest institution of higher education, is a historically black university, offering Bachelor of

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Through December 8
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May 24
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Hyatt Regency at Reunion, Marsalis Exhibit Hall; 300 Reunion Blvd.; 9 a.m. -7 p.m.; free parking, Info: 1-800-405-8067

May 25
Artfest -Returning Memorial Day weekend CityArts Festival will offer activities and entertainment for families, staycationers, and art aficionados alike to enjoy against the backdrop of historic Fair Park. Fair Park's six museums will offer reduced admission at select times during the festival. For more information go to www.cityartsfestival.com

Garland Seniors Gala showcases talented citizens who are 50+ at the Plaza Theater 7 p.m. FREE

May 26
Dallas International Festival is a free event at the Dallas Arts District along Flora Street from Pearl to Routh from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free Youth Fishing Event is for children 16 and under at the Josey Ranch Park Pond (1440 Keller Springs

Road) from 9 a.m. until noon.

Old School Summer Jam at Gexa Energy Amphitheater with Charlie Wilson, Babyface, Dazz Band, En Vogue, and Don Diego. www.LiveNation.com

May 27
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May 31
Larry Barber will speak on "The Importance of Remembering" at bereavement luncheon hosted by the VNA from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. INFO: 214-689-2633

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Bow Wow at South Side Music Hall. Tickets available at www.axs.com

Bow Wow at The Palladium Ballroom, 1135 South Lamar at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$35 Info: www.axs.com

June 1-3
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June 8
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June 9
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June 11
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June 24
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tivities and family-fun shows; art classes for adults and teens with take-home crafts; Art Cars by "cartists" from Texas and beyond; reduced admission to Fair Park's museums at select times; entertainment on multiple stages; shopping at CityArts Marketplace; "dancing water" shows at the Esplanade Fountain; and more.

"As a Dallas-based company with offices near Fair Park, we have a long-standing fondness for our neighboring historic landmark," said Trey Brown, vice president of Big City Crushed Concrete. "We're thrilled to be back sponsoring CityArts Festival for a second year. It's a huge and diverse event that's fun and affordable, and it brings the community together over a special holiday weekend."

The Prudential Children's Area will be chock-full of arts and crafts, interactive activities and family-fun entertainment. With the help of Dallas nonprofit Big Thought and Dallas artist Jennifer Kindert, kids can make a wallet or small purse from leather generously donated by Fossil. Other unique activities will include butterfly crafts with the Dallas Holocaust Museum, jellyfish crafts and origami dolphins and whales with Sea Shepard Conservation Society, plus Dallas Summer Musicals, the Crow Collec-

tion of Asian Art and other prominent organizations will be on site with a variety of hands-on fun to keep young ones content and creative. In addition, the CityArts Craft Area within the Prudential Children's Area will feature different crafts every two hours such as unique pony-beaded American flag key chains, paper bag box kites, jewelry making, and painting from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Free and open to the public, CityArts Festival will run Friday, May 25, from 6 -10 p.m.; Saturday, May 26, from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 27, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Activities will take place outdoors along the Lagoon, Cotton Bowl Plaza and the Promenade at Fair Park (1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd, Dallas 75210). Parking will be available at gates 2, 5 and 6. The City of Dallas charges \$10 to park within the gates of Fair Park. Food for thought: Alcohol-consuming guests should ride DART's Green Line Rail to the Fair Park or MLK, Jr. stations.

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend at historic Fair Park! For more information and the latest schedules, go to cityartsfestival.com. Also, like CityArts Festival on Facebook and follow @CityArtsDallas on Twitter.



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Sister Tarpley

As I was growing up in high school, there was a favorite saying that we use to say and write in our year-books. "True friends are like diamonds, precious, rich and rare. False friends are like autumn leaves, they're found everywhere."

Have you ever found a true friend who makes your heart glow? Someone that is wonderful and you're honored and proud to know. A friend that you laugh with and even at times you cry with. A friend who loves you when you don't know why?

A friend that just seems to understand you and who loves you no matter what you do. A friend who you think of day and night, that shows up when the time is just right.

A friend that shares all of your ups and downs and that you smile with, replac-

ing your frowns with a smile. A friend that appears whenever there is a need; surely you must know that God planted that seed.

These seeds God has planted here on earth cannot be measured by earthly worth. They were planted deeply in your friend's heart by God's love placed here from the start.

Value those friendships and the love. Honor your friend decisions and never try to make their dreams your revisions. Respect their feelings and never make demands. Hold their love tightly in your heart and your hands.

Never be angry if you don't talk to them each day. For a heart can love you even from far away. Trust in friendship, give a piece of your heart; this is how friendship was intended from the very start.

Hold their memory in your heart and your mind; continue to love them all the

time. See them for what they really are—true friends are Angels sent by God!

--Author Unknown

Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a mother, father, sister or a brother. He said that if we are children of God, then we can hear God's voice, read His word and obey Him.

"He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." -- John 8:47

One of the great mysteries of the universe to most logical mind is how God can communicate with six billion people on the earth at the same time.

It is one of those mysteries people must let go of because our "hard drive" would crash if we had to explain and understand this mystery before we believed and trusted in God. It is as though He places a computer chip in each human and when we place our faith and

trust in Him, it becomes activated. We begin to communicate with Him. He further explains this relationship in the following parable:

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief

and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.



Sister Tarpley and others at the flag pole in front of Carrollton's City Hall on May 3, 2012; the group meets the first Thursday of each month to pray for world leaders and God's guidance.

But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." -- John 10:1-5.

The Shepherd is always representative of Christ. Sheep are representative of God's children. Knowing the Shepherd and His voice allows us to have the assurance

that we will not be fooled by another shepherd's voice.

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Normally, a candidate's family is off limits, but it would be impossible to share the complete picture of Veasey's candidacy and leave out his wife's lobbyist activities. During his career Veasey has been questioned if his wife's lobbying agenda with various major corporations' cause a conflict of interest. He simply replies she is not registered. However, she has accepted monetary consideration from the companies she represents. These are the same companies, which he happens to support via his voting record. We invite Veasey to explain his wife's activities as a lobbyist and if his vote is indeed autonomous of her ac-

tions. Veasey seemingly does not care for the poor, children of immigrants or anyone who cannot afford private schools, luxury cars and other perks of being wealthy. He has voted for several Republican-backed legislations including taking funds away from the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF); he also voted against new programs and services for low-income families; and against a professional out-of-state athletes tax that would pay for at-risk youth programs. It would appear he does not believe job training programs or health care are necessary or should be accessible for illegal immi-

grants and their children.

Did we mention Veasey has the support of his political opponents? Yes. Since 1996 he has received almost \$40,000 in funding from Republicans. While Veasey is a strong voting Democrat on primary focused issues, he is a true Republican at heart and has voted more than a few times to support Republican-back legislations.

We often wonder how anyone with children could vote against educational advancements or anything that improves the quality of education for all children. Apparently it does not bother Veasey, a father of one son, to vote against other children's education es-

pecially when his child receives the perks of a lobbyist wife.

Veasey voted against a \$3,000 pay raise for teachers and against compensation for retired school employees. The people that teach his child are not deemed worthy to earn a living fit to feed their families. He voted to cut the top 10 percent rule at the University of Texas, which will severely impact low-income students.

We could go on and on about Veasey's inability to decide if he is a banker, Republican or a true politician who cares about the community he claims to represent. We cannot tell if Veasey will take his pay

for play attitude if he is elected to Congress. But what we can tell is that it's time to say no to politicians and political candidates who push false agendas to win the votes of minority voters. It's time to take a stand against elected officials and incumbents who say one thing and do another time after time.

Yes, Veasey has received his desired coveted endorsement from the right wing leaning major daily papers in Dallas and Ft. Worth but at what price to the community? Whose interests will he protect, the minority community or those who they often favor – the Republicans?

The Lone Star Project

questioned our endorsement of Marc Veasey's opponent, Domingo Garcia. Their reasoning was because we did not cast a light on why we think Veasey's candidacy was not a good fit for Congressional District 33. Hopefully, we have educated the community on Veasey's record, which contains elements he would rather not be made public.

It's time to expose the double take and undercover voting practices of people who claim they represent minority districts and their residents. It's time to vote NO at the polls for business as usual and no to Marc Veasey for District 33.

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