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Editorial: Experience now, not experience then

NDG View

During every electoral process, national or local, candidates must convince voters of not only their worthiness and qualifications, but also their experience spotlighting their ability to lead. Dallas residents are in the midst of yet another political season and for the candidates of the Civil

District Court, No. 162 the six candidates are presenting the public their best qualifications and their experience as a leader.

Two of the candidates are judges and the other four are practicing attorneys, a frequent question in the race is: should a candidate have experience as a judge to win the judge seat? For Maricela



Maricela Moore

Moore the answer is a resounding no.

Moore, a partner at Farrow-Gillespie & Heath LLP, has a history of dealing with complex business litigations. This area of law makes up a great portion of the issues handled by this 162nd court. Her strongest opponent is Phyllis Lister Brown, a former City

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COVER STORY

John Wiley Price facing three challengers for Dallas County Commissioner Court District 3



Commissioner John Wiley Price

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Predatory practices hurt bottom lines for business and consumers alike

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Back in the day, the music of James Brown prompted many listeners to tap a toe or two. One particular JB song, *There was a time*, is as relevant today as it was before – particularly when it comes to how Amer-



ica's banks changed over the years. There was a time when bank profitability was derived from its investments in communities and neighborhoods. There was also a time when many people believed that banks would treat them fairly.

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Holy Ghost Party

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Texas leads the nation in child heat-related fatalities

You're a good parent. Your family is your top priority. Your children are healthy, cared for, nurtured, and loved. You would never forget to drop your infant at daycare on the way to work. You would never allow your toddler to play in your vehicle in the driveway. A tragedy like the death of a child from being

forgotten or trapped in the car couldn't possibly happen to you. Think again!

An average of 38 children in the USA die every year as a result of Hyperthermia, commonly known as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, after being left unattended in a vehicle. Sadly, Texas consistently reports the highest numbers of

these tragic incidents.

That's why the McKinney Fire Department (MFD) has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke in young children.

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COMMENTARY

An open letter to Governor Rick Perry

BY ROBERT FRANKLIN
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Dear Governor Perry:

I want to apologize to you. According to a statement by your spokesperson regarding the recent legal maneuvers to stop funding Planned Parenthood under the Women's Health Program, "Texas has a long history of protecting life." I was apparently misinformed about this.

I had always believed

that Texas had a long history of not protecting life. My misunderstanding was based on a variety of errors. Since Texas leads the nation in death row inmates, I stupidly assumed that this state devalued the lives of criminals to the status of animals to be put down, rather than just removing them from society. Texas leads the nation in executions, while also leading the nation in murder convictions being overturned. I thought it was state policy to execute them

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Angela Clay

In the eyes of Angela Clay, every young girl and woman has the potential to achieve anything. More importantly, Angela is also aware of the challenges girls and women face from society, the media, and themselves. Now, following her hugely successful self-improvement book, the inspirational visionary announces a workshop which plans to empower, enlighten and educate.

"In short, I am a self-esteem enthusiast," explains Clay, who is hosting her third annual "Loving the Me I See" Girls' Self-Esteem Workshop in Richardson, Texas on July 28.

She continues, "I believe in

promoting self-esteem in the lives of preteen and adolescent girls as an essential bedrock for their spiritual, emotional, physical, and total wellbeing as they transition into womanhood."

The event aims to promote positive changes, self-acceptance, and personal commitment. Those attending will be challenged to understand who they are as a person, the value their self-worth has and what they should do to love and respect it.

Angela, who released a hugely successful book, also titled "Loving the Me I See", developed the concept of her workshop after noticing what

she calls a "cry for help" from women across the globe.

"Young girls are suffering quietly from low self-esteem, which manifests itself in destructive behavior patterns that can so often lead to looking for love, answers, and approval in all the wrong places. July's workshop will allow young girls and women to address issues of self-esteem in a non-discriminatory and non-judgemental setting, calling on inspiration from both myself and those around them," Angela adds.

Jade Richardson, a sixth-grade student at Bermuda Whitney Institute found that her own life dramatically changed after reading Clay's book. She is excited for those who are able to

attend the workshop, understanding the changes they'll be empowered to achieve.

"*Loving The Me I See* is a book that challenges young girls to express themselves and to come from behind the curtain" she says.

Those in attendance will benefit from free parking at the venue, lunch, numerous workshop sessions, a *Loving the Me I See* drawstring bag, wristband, T-shirt, and compact mirror.

Registration costs \$45, with group rates available. More information about the event can



be found at www.lovingthemeisee.com. Those wishing to attend are urged to register early at <http://lovingme2012.eventbrite.com>

Angela Clay is a tenacious,

high-spirited, and full-of-life woman. Born and raised in the natural state of Arkansas (USA), native of Little Rock, makes this all-American girl a true Arkansan.

Clay is a woman on-the-move who stresses the importance of maintaining a healthy balance in life. She believes that studying God's Word keeps her spiritually fit and mentally in shape. She also believes that eating healthy, maintaining a positive attitude, and working out contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

For more information about Angela Clay, visit her Web site at www.angelaclay.com.

Tiffany Dale Hunter

Local business owner and community leader Tiffany Dale Hunter has been selected as a Collin County Business Press "40 Under 40" honoree for 2012. This inaugural class of top innovators and leaders will be honored during a celebratory dinner and awards ceremony taking place Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Hyatt Place in Garland, Texas.

"It's an honor to be recognized amongst this talented group of distinguished business and community leaders," said Tiffany Dale

Hunter, President & CEO of Tiffany Dale Agency. "This coveted recognition serves as a great platform to continue using our unique leadership skills and talents to positively impact the community."

The Collin County Business Press "40 Under 40" award recognizes a diverse group of talented entrepreneurs, executives and community leaders who are making their mark with professional success and community involvement. Hunter, along with 39 additional "40

Under 40" award recipients, was selected by the partners and readers of the publication and will be honored during a dinner and awards ceremony taking place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Hyatt Place in Garland. Tickets are only \$80 and tables of 10 are \$700. For additional information, please contact Mary Schlegel at mschlegel@bizpress.net or by calling 817-336-8300 ext. 120.

Tiffany Dale Hunter has a lifelong commitment to professional development and community leadership. As the President and CEO of

Tiffan-ey Dale Agency, she leads the TDA team in crafting signature and state-of-the-art public relations and marketing campaigns and signature events that leave long-standing impressions with measurable results. A highly respected communications and business strategist, her continued professionalism, at-



tention to detail and innate ability to forge meaningful and lasting relationships has earned her the respect and credibility of both clients and peers in the industry.

Prior to launching Tiffany Dale Agency, Ms. Hunter honed her business and communications skills at Wyndham International, one of the world's largest hospitality companies. While at Wyndham, she worked in various areas including investor relations, corporate communications, social responsibility, minority and women marketing, diversity

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Hazel Trice Edney

Award-winning journalist Hazel Trice Edney, edi-

been elected president of the historic Capital Press Club.

Edney, a veteran reporter, who is also former editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and BlackPressUSA.com, was elected by the CPC board April 19. She took office May 1.

"I nominated Hazel Trice Edney because she is able to be the proactive advocate for communications professionals of color needed in the DC area," says CPC President Emeritus Derrick Kenny,

owner of Bold American Marketing. "She boasts a stellar track record as a seasoned journalist and has earned numerous awards. In addition, she has the proven ability to manage a non-profit communications organization, educate young communications professionals, motivate volunteers and establish partnerships with valued corporations and newsmakers. She is ideal for this office. She has the vision, strength, integrity and faith that are needed to move CPC forward into the future."

"Newsrooms across America are shrinking. That means the numbers of Black journalists in the newsrooms are diminishing while the numbers of injustices facing African-Americans are increasing," said Edney, who has reported for the Black Press for more than 25 years. "In addition

to the destructive forces of racism in our communities, we also see its economic impact on our media outlets. This climate reveals that this organization of Black media professionals is just as necessary and just as relevant as ever. The Capital Press Club will not shrink from the front lines in the war for justice and equality for others as well as ourselves."

A native of Louisa, Va., she was the first Black woman inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame. She covered Capitol Hill, the White House and national electoral politics for NNPA from Sept. 2000 to Sept. 2010, including as an investigative reporter in NNPA's NorthStar Investigative Reporting Program.

Edney has a Master's Degree from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy

School of Government, where she was awarded the William S. Wasserman Jr.

Fellowship on the Press, Politics and Public Policy

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tor-in-chief of the Trice Edney News Wire and President/CEO of Trice Edney Communications LLC, has

communications professionals of color needed in the DC area," says CPC President Emeritus Derrick Kenny,

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of Dallas Municipal Court No. 4 judge, who was voted out of her seat after she refused to relinquish it when she ran for the 162nd seat.

Lister Brown, 50, has served on several prominent boards within the Dallas community. She also has a solid educational background to bolster her current position as judge in the municipal court. Unfortunately, she stopped practicing law in 1994 when she began her career as a judge. Lister Brown's extensive knowledge of business, civil and other commercial laws and issues do not stack up to Moore's current successful track record.

Moore, 36, has an impeccable education, including being magna cum laude when she earned her Bachelor of

Science degree from Boston College Carroll School of Management and her Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School. She is also either currently affiliated, a board member or a recipient of awards and accolades of more than 10 organizations including being the first Hispanic to ever serve as a Trustee on the Dallas County Schools Board of Trustees.

Diversity is important to Moore as she has been a long-time member of the J. L. Turner Legal Association, the African American Bar Association of Dallas and other minority organizations. Moore believes in staying involved in her field and understands what it takes to be successful as an attorney and as the future

judge for the 162nd civil court.

Moore has expansive knowledge of today's civil law practices. She is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, whereas Lister Brown is not board certified. In her current law practice, Moore continuously demonstrates knowledge and application of the law. Her reputation for high ethics and professionalism has landed her more than 400 endorsements including one from *The Right Wing Leaning Daily* in Dallas and high profile and prominent African Americans in the community.

"Because of my active practice in the courts and understanding of the most complex matters, I am ready to

step into the role of judge from day one," Moore told *The Right Wing Leaning Daily* for their candidate comparison feature.

Moore's experience in civil and business litigations make her more than qualified to transition from practicing attorney to judge. Moore is passionate and understands that listening, understanding the law and doing right by all parties is what justice requires. Individuals who will have to stand in the courtroom of the 162nd want and need a judge who does not use the bench for their personal agenda.

For these reasons, the *North Dallas Gazette* endorses Maricela Moore as judge for the 162nd Civil District Court.

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quickly before they could be exonerated.

Texas leads the way in gun ownership as well as homicides resulting from gun abuse, yet the policy of Texas is not to try to control or issue common sense regulations for the licensing of firearms, the state had turned its back on protecting the law abiding citizen from harm by increasing the numbers of guns on the street. By promoting the possession of guns on college campuses, I thought the plan was to quickly liquidate those educated college snobs, who are considered the root of all the evils in this state. And by adopting a policy that anyone should be able to shoot to kill to protect their television set, they have clearly elevated property above the value of human life. Thanks to the Governor's spokesperson, however, I now realize my mistake. All these policies are clearly designed to continue the 'long history of promoting life.'

I foolishly thought that by cutting funding for the Women's Health Program in an attempt to put Planned Parenthood out of business, the number of deaths caused by undiagnosed breast cancer, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer and the deaths of infants due to lack of pre-natal care would rise dramatically. Further, the number of unplanned pregnancies due to the lack of access to contraception would

actually increase the number of abortions sought by poor women. Thank you Governor Perry, for clarifying this for me.

Plans to cut Medicaid funding for the poor will put these people in life threatening positions because they cannot afford proper health care. My concern about the mortality rates for these people was obviously wrong

however, because you made it clear that Texas has a 'long history of protecting life.'

I similarly felt that the huge cuts in the educational programs in Texas would result in ever increasing numbers of under-educated workers, doomed to toil in minimum wage jobs. I really feel foolish about this one.

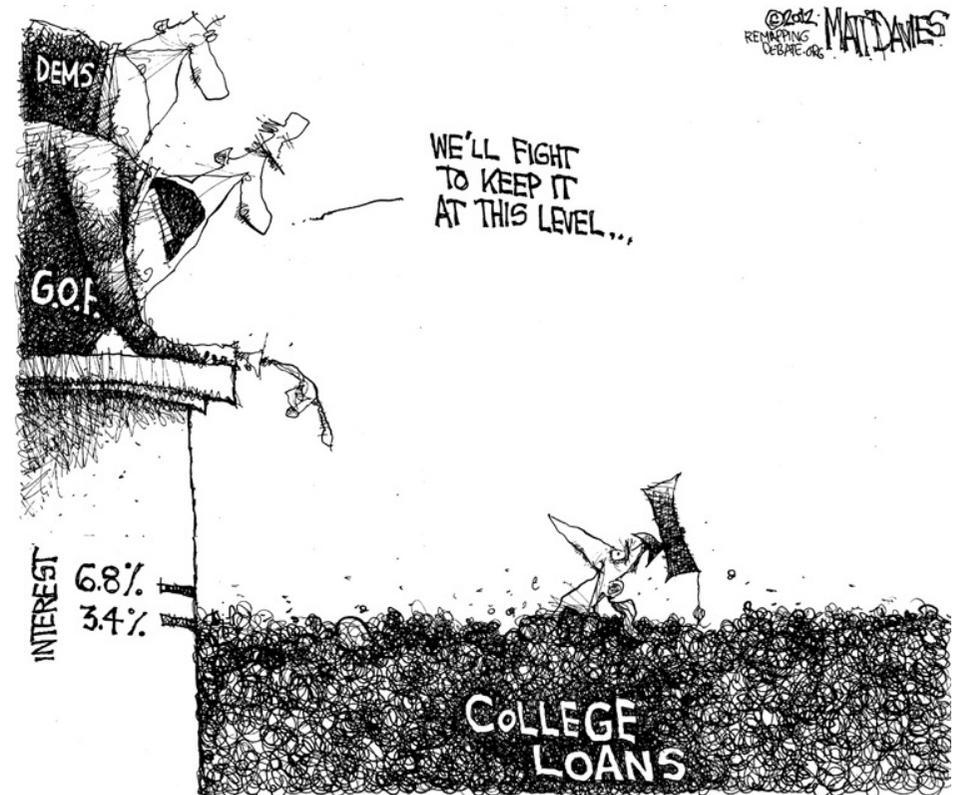
So thank you Governor, for setting me straight. Texas

does have a long history of protecting life. I now believe this because contrary to all the evidence, your single statement of this 'long history of protecting life' has convinced me. Now as to the quality of life, well I guess that is a different question.

Robert Franklin is a member of North Dallas Texas Democratic Women.

Bipartisan rescue plan for college students?

While the immediate news is that the Senate GOP yesterday blocked consideration of a Democratic bill to prevent the doubling of some student loan interest rates, Matt Davies is focused on a more fundamental question: how much is either party prepared to do to help college students burdened by debt?



House Republican Budget Reconciliation Vote a Threat to Seniors' Well-Being

On last Thursday, the House passed H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act, by a vote of 218-199. No Democrats voted for the bill, and 16 Republicans voted against it. For a tally of the vote, go to <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2012/roll247.xml>. Most seriously, the vote eliminated

the \$1.7 billion Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and cut Medicare and Medicaid for seniors.

"Preserving the SSBG would provide Meals on Wheels to seniors unable to prepare their own food; adult day care services, which enable seniors to remain in their own homes; and fund-

ing for programs such as adult foster care and adult protective services, which address the abuse and exploitation of older adults," said Edward F. Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance.

To read his complete statement, go to <http://bit.ly/JFA3yp>.

Senior vaccinations

Things wear down as we get older including our vaccinations. But Dr. Andrew Kroger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says many older people don't realize this:

"Adult immunizations are an excellent way to prevent many diseases that can be deadly. Vaccines aren't just for kids. Some of the protection you got from

childhood vaccines may have worn off."

Consider the chickenpox vaccination you got as a kid. Chickenpox and shingles are caused by the same virus, but shingles is more common among people over 60. If you're over 60,

you may need a shingles vaccination.

And you might want the vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis – known as Tdap. The parts about diphtheria and pertussis could keep you from infecting the grandkids.

MDA hosting ALS awareness benefit in Plano

Kickin' ALS- A Lone Star Celebration", part of the month long recognition of May as ALS Awareness Month, will be held Saturday, May 19, at Fairview Farms Corral in Plano. Proceeds will benefit the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research effort of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

National ALS Awareness Month brings attention to the rapidly progressive neuromuscular disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

"Kickin' ALS" will in-

clude a reception, buffet dinner, silent auction, wine pull, games and music provided by Good 'N Gone and Nick Flint. The Lake Highlands Wildcat Wranglers dance team will also perform.

Proceeds are directed to the research grants program of MDA's ALS Division and the research team of Dr. Jeffrey Elliott at the MDA/ALS Center of Dallas located at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Mike Snyder, former

NBC 5 news anchor, will emcee the program. Snyder is currently communications director at the Wolf Group. Pete O'Brien, former Texas Ranger first baseman, will be a special guest. O'Brien was the American League's Most Valuable Player in 1986. His father died of ALS.

Attendees will compete in such country-themed contests as calf roping, lucky horseshoes, whiskey rolls, a Masskrug beer brace (beer stein holding competition) and a Stetson and

saddles coin flip.

Ticket prices for the benefit range from individual tickets at \$75 to partner tables at \$1,000. For more information, phone the Dallas MDA Regional office at 972-480-0070 or visit www.beatalsdallas.com.

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"More than half of all vehicle-related heatstroke deaths in children are caused by a child accidentally being left in the car, and more than 30 percent are from a child getting into a hot car on their own," said Stacie Durham, Public Information Officer for MFD. "In an effort to prevent these needless tragedies, we want to urge all parents and caregivers to do three things: 1) NEVER leave a child in a vehicle unattended; 2) Make it a habit to look in the backseat EVERY time you exit the car; and, 3) ALWAYS lock the car and put the keys out of reach.

And, if you ever see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 right away!"

According to NHTSA, heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle fatalities for children 14 and under. In fact, one child dies from heatstroke nearly every 10 days from being left in a hot vehicle.

Warning signs of heatstroke include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea, confusion or acting strangely. If a child exhibits any of these signs after being in a hot vehicle, cool the child by spraying them with

cool water or with a garden hose. Call 911 immediately.

"Children's body temperatures can rise up to five times faster than that of an adult, and heatstroke can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees," said MFD's Emergency Medical Services Chief, Kyle Easley. "On an 80 degree day, a car can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes."

NHTSA and MFD want to remind everyone of a few key safety tips to prevent deadly accidents and to prevent vehicular heatstroke:

* Never leave an infant or

child unattended in a vehicle, even if the windows are partly open, or the engine is running and the air conditioning is on.

* Don't let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them a vehicle is not a play area.

* Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away. Take steps to remember not to leave a child in a vehicle:

* Write yourself a note and place it where you'll see it when you leave the vehicle.

* Place your purse, briefcase, or something else you're

sure to need in the back seat so you'll be sure to see a child left in the vehicle.

* Keep an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. Once the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she leaves the vehicle.

* Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

* Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child doesn't arrive on time.

* If you see a child alone

in a hot vehicle, call 911. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly by spraying them with cool water or with a garden hose.

The McKinney Fire Department wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer. If you have children, transport, work with or provide care for children, make it a policy to always "Look Before You Lock."

For additional information on summer safety and other important topics, visit www.mckinneyfire.org.

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and inclusion and supplier diversity.

She serves on the board of directors for Southern Methodist University's Business Associate Program and is actively involved with the Leadership Dallas Alumni, Leadership Houston Alumni, Junior League, Dallas Symphony Orchestra League and the Community Partners of Dallas Auxiliary Group. She was also selected by Sterling

Bank as a nominee for the "Inspiring Texas Women" award.

Ms. Hunter is a graduate of the Dallas Regional Chamber's 2007 class of the coveted Leadership Dallas program and the Business Council for the Arts 2007 class of the Leadership Arts program. She served on the board of directors for the Dallas Wind Symphony, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra

League's Élan Circle, the Fort Worth Jubilee Theater and the Dallas Arts District Alliance. She has also participated in the Dallas Regional Chamber's CEO Roundtable, the Junior League of Dallas, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's YP214, and was selected by D Magazine as a top finalist for the "10 Most Beautiful Women in Dallas." Additionally, she served for three

years as a contributing writer for WHERE Magazine, an international publication distributed in over 4,000 hotels worldwide.

In addition, Ms. Hunter is a former president of the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals, for which she served a three-year term, while concurrently serving on the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Dallas & North

Central Texas. She has also been a member of and/or corporate representative for the National Association of Women Business Owners, National Investor Relations Institute, Executive Women's Golf Association, Ladies Professional Golf Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Women's Leadership Exchange.

Tiffany Dale Hunter holds a Bachelor of Business

Administration in Marketing from the University of North Texas. While obtaining her business degree, she completed marketing training programs with Ernst & Young, Arthur Andersen and Denton Municipal Electric. She is a member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship with Senior Pastor, Dr. Tony Evans. For additional information about Tiffany Dale Hunter, please visit www.tiffanydale.com

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Just as James Brown passed on, so did many of the banking practices of yesterday. Today's bank customers often harbor a deep and broad resentment as to how these institutions operate. Perhaps a new research report on credit cards from the Center for Responsible Lending will enlighten and encourage those now leading our financial institutions to change their ways again. Predatory Credit Card Lending, the latest research from CRL, finds that bank practices that benefited consumers also enhanced financial stability. Conversely, financial institutions focused on maximizing short-term gains through deceptive terms and penalty fees wound up being more financially at-risk.

The report states in part, "Predatory products seemed profitable in the short term and seemed to help fuel eco-

nomonic growth; but led to a disproportionate escalation in losses when housing markets slowed and the economy soured. Our new research shows this has also been true in the credit card arena."

CRL examined prevalent marketing and pricing practices before the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act (CARD Act) took effect. The analysis of the connection between credit card practices and actual company performance during the recent economic downturn was based on data from the top 100 credit card issuers. After tracking credit losses beginning in 2006 and continuing through 2010, CRL found:

- Credit card issuers that engaged in a deceptive or abusive tactic tended to engage in several;

- The larger the financial

institution was that was engaged in these misleading practices, the worse their practices tended to be.

- In general, regional or smaller banks and credit unions tended to have clearer and fairer pricing; and

- Common sense curbs on abusive lending benefit everyone -- customers, investors, shareholders and ultimately taxpayers.

These findings also suggest that despite current efforts

to weaken or dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the public and private sectors would be well-served by more and better policing of credit cards and other forms of predatory lending such as overdraft and payday loans.

High-cost penalty fees and rising interest rates became the risk, instead of mitigating it, according to CRL. As the report concludes, "This study shows that measures to stop

deceptive and unfair lending practices promote market transparency and enhance the health of lenders --and the economy -- in the long term."

There was a time when bankers understood that taking care of its customers was just good business. Here's hoping

that banks will remember that time and change again -- for the better.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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for her journalistic impact while reporting for the Richmond Afro-American and subsequently the Richmond Free Press. She is

also a 2006 graduate of Harvard's KSG Women and Power Executive Leadership program.

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Incoming DISD Superintendent Miles presents action plan to trustees

The Dallas ISD Board of Trustees last week received its first look at a three-year district improvement plan submitted by incoming superintendent Miles.

Trustees will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback before the final plan is approved in June.

In general, for the next three years, Miles' plans for the district will be focused on:

- Effective teachers. We will reach our destination by placing an effective teacher in front of every child.

- Effective principals. We will reach our destina-

tion if we make principals the key to reform.

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- Leadership density. We will reach our destination if we expand leadership density.

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A Personal Message from Dr. David Alameel

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I filed to run for Congress because I believe we all have a responsibility for the world in which we live and work. While there is no question that our country and the citizens are facing some tough times, it is my thought that these tough times require tough individuals to stand up and fight! These times require someone who will fight for the people and their American Dream.

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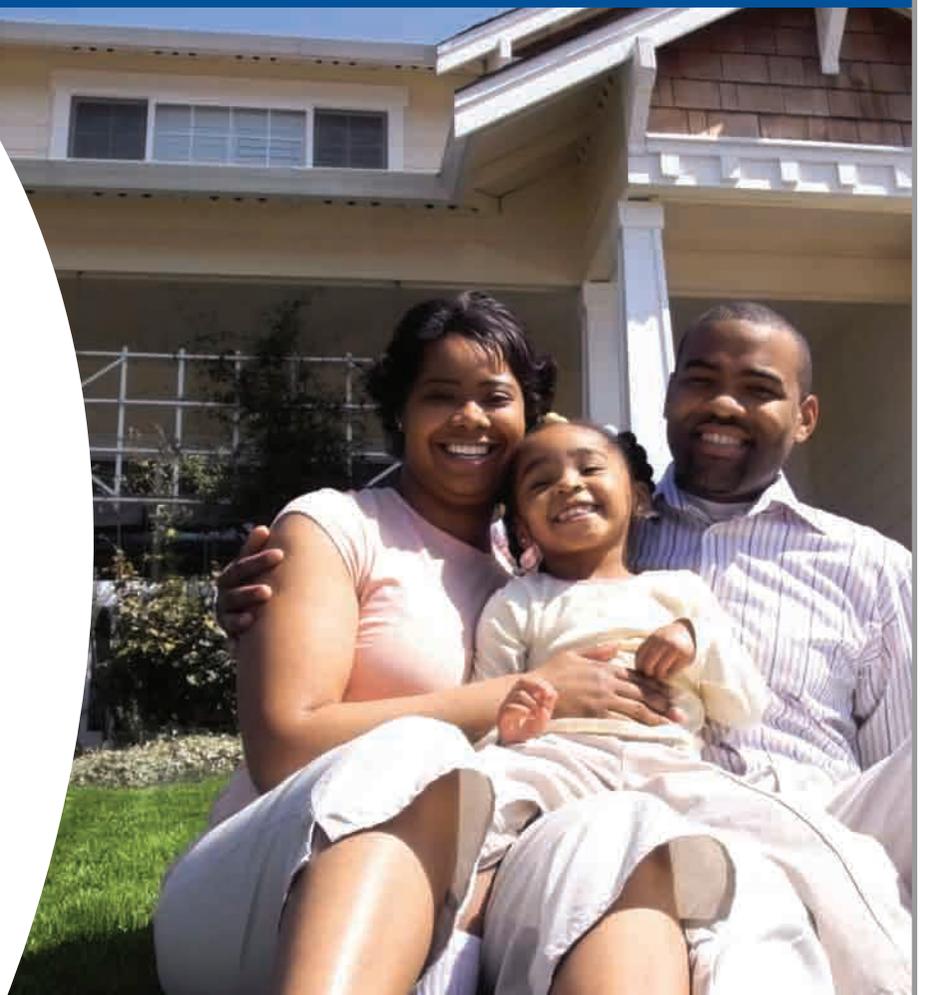
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John Wiley Price facing three challengers for Dallas County Commissioner Court District 3

BY JACQUINETTE MURPHY
NDG CONTRIBUTING
WRITER

Three African American Democrats are among the five challengers seeking to unseat veteran District 3 Dallas County Commissioner, John Wiley Price, in the upcoming Dallas County Democratic Primary set for May 29. The *North Dallas Gazette* spoke with Commissioner Price and three of challengers in the race. The winner of the May 29 election will face Republican nominee Charles Lingerfelt, who was unopposed in the primary.

Bennie Brown, a former government contract manager; Betty Culbreath, a retired Dallas county employee; and Micah B. Phillips, a community development leader, are all vying to change the nameplate on this district's commissioner court seat. Though they bring their own set of ideas to the table, all of their campaigns are knitted with the common thread of change.

Price, who is facing the largest group of political challengers in his county career for a seat that he has held since 1985, is seeking re-election and questioned the cries for change.

"I have been the lone Democrat most of the time

and have made substantial gains. South of I-30 is 48-percent of the 2.4 million people, but only 15-percent of the tax base. My cities are amongst the poorest in the district." shared Price by phone with the *North Dallas Gazette*.



Micah B. Phillips

He also explained the district includes cities which still buy water through a mud district and some are still pumping sewage. "They have land, but no budget to fund the infrastructure and you can not do economic development without water."

Amid the challenges, Price also shared signs of progress. "For the first time, I now have a majority on the court and a court that embraces the idea of advancing infrastructure in the Southern Sector."

Price spotlighted the expansion of Home Depot into areas like Wilmer and the Whirlpool Distribution center which brought 300 jobs that he equates to about \$60 million dollars to the county's bottom line.

Price equates to about \$60 million dollars to the county's bottom line.

Recounting his tenure, he concluded. "I have survived and thrived." Price asked his challengers, "What would you change?"

Micah Phillips and Bennie Brown point to the need for a fresh start and new vision for the district and the citizens in their campaigns.

"The current commissioner has set the tone that you do not want to deal [with him]. The environment is like the forbidden zone," Phillips told the *North Dallas Gazette*. "I will unify the district, build collaborative networks, create sustainable communities and get rid of the bureaucracy."

He continued, "Fifteen cities should be able to pull together and not be polarized. When you can pull together, you can create a bid-friendly environment, were investors are biting at the bit."

Desoto business owner, Bennie Brown, is tagged as the Accountable Commissioner and highlights integrity and trust as two points of change needed in this district.

According to Brown, "In order to achieve optimal results and unlock growth potential in this County, it is going to require that we establish full accountability and trust of our leaders."

Brown is the founder and CEO of Hope Beyond Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting Dallas area children summer and afterschool programs. He promotes his 25 years of results-driven executive leadership experience along with contract management and management experience.

"I pride myself on my sound judgment, decisive

leadership, high standards, integrity and effective execution of strategic vision and quality improvements." she stated. "It starts with developing an accountability system which rests on internal controls and oversight, and a decision-making process that promotes transparency and integrity."

Phillips and Brown shared thoughts on the restoration of the district's image while Culbreath took a wider perspective. "The whole court has to have the attitude that none of them can work alone and that all departments must be properly funded."

Culbreath has 20 years of county government work and years of organizational leadership experience with six of those years

Phillips is the CEO of Diamonds of Dallas, a non-profit community development corporation that provides social service resources, activities and services that support lower-income residents in displaced neighborhoods. He is also the pastor of Holy Communion Baptist Church and a Dallas firefighter. He is running a grassroots campaign, positioning himself to change the ethical image of the district one handshake or hug



Betty Culbreath

These experiences along with his social service and public service education makes Phillips feel equipped for the opportunity. "With total inclusion, we can expect greatness where the citizens will have their voice back in District 3. It is a new day in Dallas County."

After 27 years, Price may somewhat agree with Phillips, Brown and Culbreath that change is eminent in Dallas County but only for the sake of the latest successes and vision of a more profitable future.

"It is coming to fruition because we now have policymakers in place that un-

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actually working in a county district office. She served as the first African American woman from Dallas to lead the DFW Airport Board. Culbreath was the director of the Dallas Housing Authority and twice chaired the Dallas County Planning Commission.

Culbreath says she is running because she is disturbed about the recent decisions the court have made over the years. "They have not been good for the taxpayers, the staff, or the county," said Culbreath. "I want to restore integrity and fairness to the district. I know how to work the county system. I am a good manager and am conservative with money."

at a time.

"I have the uniqueness of being a servant and not a politician. I have been in

For more info about each candidate visit their individual websites

Bennie Brown: <http://www.benniebrownforcounty-commissioner.com/>

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the valley with the people. I have built collaborative networks with developers, and will bring a spirit of unity to the table."

derstand. I have a judge that understands transportation. Growth and development follows transportation dollars." Price concluded.



Bennie Brown

Holy Ghost Party

BY LATRISHA MCDUFFIE
NDG STAFF WRITER

Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party, 'cause a Holy Ghost party don't quit! And Dallas is in for a bonified, hip-hop infused Holy Ghost party when *The Good Life Tour* with Trip Lee, LeCrae, Swoope, Jai, Vrose, KB, and Andy Mineo hit June 1, 2012 at Burton Theatre. Now, let me slow down and start over. Maybe, you have heard the names I just rattled off. Trip Lee, LeCrae, and Swoop are all Christian rappers on the Reach Record label. Please, allow me to rephrase. Reach



Records has the best Christian hip-hop artists in the business hands down. And I am not talking horrible rap that you hear on Disney that pales in comparison to Lil Wayne and Drake. I am referring to brothers who can

make even the most conservative of deacons lose her Sunday hat and two-step. If you don't believe me, I challenge you to go to YouTube and take a look at a few videos.

I wish that this kind of music was available when I was a kid growing up in church. I only had a powerful rendition of *I Love the Lord*; the words of which I did not know until I was grown. For years I thought we were singing "Guide me OVER thou great Jehovah".

The Good Life Tour is a

great concert for youth groups, 'tweens, or the daring in Christ. If you need a Holy Ghost good time, you must go. You will hear lyrics that are scripturally sound and encourage people to follow Christ, be different from the world, and to serve God with reckless abandon.

But if you cannot make it to this concert check out local artists Nerd Boi and Rueben Lael. If you have ever seen them both the resemblance is uncanny. The two artists look to be cut from the same body, but their music is as different as an arm and leg.

Nerd Boi has a skater vibe. Think Lupe Fiasco meets Church Boy from the Five Heart Beats. With his bright colored bow ties, which are very popular at my church Mt. Pisgah, and his big red wooden heart he is defiantly a new school Christian artist. The first two songs you should download are *My New Shoes* and *Unlock Me*. *My New Shoes* is an uplifting song about the new walk of a Christian and *Unlock Me* is a wonderful worship song. www.NerdBoiMusic.com

Rueben Lael is a bridge between the old and new. If

you listen close to his music you will hear the spirit of the hymnal and the hope of tomorrow. He has the gift of connecting history and dreams. Maybe, it is the foundation that his mother laid when she demanded that he learn to play the songs of our grandmothers before he learned to play the new stuff. Maybe, it is the product of the hundreds of sermons he heard his father preach at the small family church in Garland. Take a listen to *Go Tell It* and *Yes, I Can* and discover what it is. You can download Rueben Lael's music on iTunes.

Chihuly exhibit is beautiful at the Dallas Arboretum

BY LATRISHA MCDUFFIE
NDG STAFF WRITER

I grew up with a grandmother with a green thumb. She would spend hours in her flower and vegetable garden. When I grew up I tried my hand at gardening and quickly discovered that a green thumb is not genetic. But I do love a beautiful garden. And when I

need a break from loud cars, smog, and the concrete jungle I retreat to the Dallas Arboretum. My girls and go and take pictures, have tea sandwiches at DeGoyler, and then we all play in the Texas Frontier. Let me tell you that there is nothing like walking through a sea of tulips while drinking sweet tea, or watching children roll

around in the grass.

Well, just when I thought that the gardens of the Dallas Arboretum could not get better, they added the intriguing garden sculptures of legendary glass artist, Dale Chihuly. His dramatic sculptures and installations bring bold colors and imagination, beautifully executed throughout the 66-acre

garden now through Nov. 5. The exhibit is presented by AT&T and made possible by Bank of America.

"Expected to draw record attendance, AT&T is proud to support this world-class exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum," said Holly Reed, regional vice-president, AT&T. "Chihuly at the Dallas Arboretum

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This garden exhibition is being shown for the first time in the five-state region (Texas, Okla., Ark., Louisiana, and New Mexico).

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May 20, 3 p.m.

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May 23, 8-10 a.m.

You're invited to our Bible Class as we study the Word of God and give Him honor and praise.

May 25, 7-9 p.m.

Ladies, join us for our Women's Fellowship night as we worship and praise God for His blessings.

May 26, 9-11 a.m.

Men, you're invited to join us for our Men's Fellowship event. Call the church for details.

Dr. Timothy Wilbert, Sr.
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CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH (Formerly EIRENE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP)

May 19, 11 a.m.

Ladies you are invited to our Women of Wisdom meeting as we study and discuss God's Word. Call the church for details.

May 20, 11 a.m.

Join us for our "Next Steps Class – Grow 101" New Member's Orientation in our library with Racine Adams, call 972-991-0200 for details or email radams@ccrichardson.org.

May 20

Join us for the new rules for Love, Sex and Relationships, call the church for time and details.

Dr. Terrence Autry,
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TheShip3C's Prayer Lines for those that are in need are 972-649-0566 and 972-649-0567 or they may be submitted via email to: prayerline@theship3c.org

May 18, 7 p.m.

Join us for Friday Night Live for single and saved individuals. You will be blessed.

May 25, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed.D.
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1550 Edelweiss Drive
In Allen for Sunday Morning Worship.
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ROCKBRIDGE CHURCH

May 20

Join us in Prayer with Pastor at 8:30 a.m. and stay for Worship Celebration at 10 a.m.

May 23, 7 p.m.

You're invited to be with us in our Bible Study Class as we study the Word of God.

Timothy Jones,
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May 20, 9:30 a.m.

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“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,” “Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked thinketh no evil;” I Corinthians 13:4 & 5” (KJV)

Have you ever tried to forgive someone for something they did to you and found that you simply couldn't do it? You cried about it, prayed about it and asked God to help you, but those old feelings of resentment just would not go away. You just could not let go of it.

You were trying to do it the wrong way, your way, not God's way. Put an end to those kinds of failures in the future by basing your forgiveness on **“faith in God”** rather than **“your own personal feel-**

ings.” True forgiveness doesn't have anything at all to do with how you feel. It's an act of your will. It is based on obedience to God and on faith in Him and His Word.

This means that once you have forgiven a person, you need to consider him or her permanently forgiven. When old feelings rise up within you and Satan tries to convince you that you haven't really forgiven that person, resist the devil; use the Word of God, and say, “No, by faith I have already forgiven that person; and I refuse to dwell on those old feelings.”

Then, according to I John 1:9, (KJV). “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Believe that you receive forgiveness and cleansing from the sin of unforgiveness and from all

Leaving The Pain Behind

unrighteousness associated with it including any remembrance of having been wronged.

Have you ever heard anyone say, “I may forgive but I'll never forget?” That's a second-rate kind of forgiveness that you, as a believer, are never supposed to settle for; you are to forgive supernaturally, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)

You are to forgive as God forgives. He said that he will throw your sins in the sea of forgiveness and remember them no more. You are to release that person from guilt permanently and unconditionally, just as God does, and to operate as if nothing bad ever happened between you. You are to purposely forget as well as forgive.

As you do that, some-



David Edward Lott with a display of his fish artwork selected from several schools in the Lewisville ISD for display in the Theater of the Plaza in the city of Lewisville, Texas.

thing supernatural will happen within you. The pain that once was caused by that incident will disappear. The power of God will wash away the effects of it and you will be able to leave it behind you once

and for all. Don't become an emotional bookkeeper, keeping careful accounts of the wrongs you have suffered. Learn to forgive and forget. It will open a whole new world of bless-

ings for you. Reference Scripture, St. Luke 6:27-36, “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. . . .”

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What do you do when someone tells you that you can't do something you want to do?

Maybe you beg by saying, "Pleeeeeease??" Or maybe you ask again and again and again until your parents get mad. Or you might pout a little and wait to see if the answer is different later on.

Twice As Good tells a great story that needs to be shared

But when young Willie Powell was told that he couldn't do something he wanted to do, it just made him work harder to reach his goal. In the new book *Twice as Good* by Richard Michelson, illustrated by Eric Velasquez, you'll see how Willie made his dream come true.

Even though he was just in third grade, Willie Powell was a very fast runner.

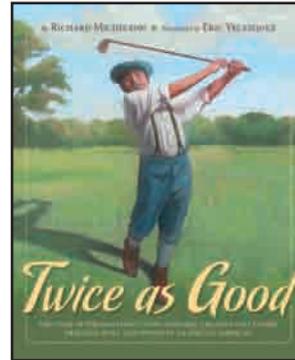
He had to be fast. The Edgewater Golf Course was seven miles away and it was one of the most beautiful places Willie had ever seen. Each day after school, he ran to Edgewater, then he ran back home by nightfall.

Willie wanted to learn to

play golf on the smooth lawns at Edgewater, but the golfers told him that "his kind" wasn't welcome there. He was used to that, though. He was often the only Negro boy wherever he went and that didn't stop Willie. He went to Edgewater anyhow, every chance he got.

Eventually, one of the golfers let Willie be a caddy, which meant carrying a heavy bag filled with golf clubs. That didn't stop Willie, either; in fact, he worked twice as hard because being "good" at his job wasn't good enough. Soon, he was earning money at being a caddy.

Then one day, someone asked Willie to play a round



of golf and Willie loved it! From then on, every chance he got, he practiced. By time he entered high school, he was one of the best golfers around. He even entered competitions.

Still, lots of white golfers didn't want Willie playing on

their course. They wouldn't let him join the club or share their clubhouse. But Willie had dreams, not only for himself but for his baby daughter, too.

He knew that someday, there'd be a place where she could learn to play golf, too, and nobody would turn her away. Willie was sure there'd be a course like that, even if he had to build it himself.

Got a kid who wants to be the next Tiger on the links? Show him (or her!) that someone helped groom the course by reading *Twice as Good*.

Author Richard Michelson took the true story of a boy who refuses to take "no"

for an answer to his dreams, and makes it into a kid-friendly story of perseverance in the face of racism. I liked that Michelson gives his young hero a graceful determination with no room for discouragement (which is very inspirational), and Eric Velasquez's illustrations fit Michelson's story to a tee.

I think that if your 3-to-6-year-old loves a good read-aloud, this is one to put on the roster. For you, *Twice as Good* is a book that's hard to say "no" to.

Twice as Good by Richard Michelson, illustrated by Eric Velasquez (Sleeping Bear Press), \$16.95, 32 pages

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