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District 4 faces tough choice with a wealth of city council candidates

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

With the resignation of District 4 Councilperson Dwaine Caraway and conviction on criminal charges stemming from corruption surrounding the now-defunct Dallas County Schools (DCS); a seat is open on the city council, and a virtual platoon of candidates have answered the call to serve.

All but one of the people seeking the District 4 seat appeared at the Monday Night Politics (MNP) forum held on Sept. 10 at the African American Museum at Fair Park. MNP is hosted by the *Dallas Examiner*, and offers candidates the opportunity to present their case directly to the voters. During election seasons, the forums run from 6-8 p.m. and are open to the public.

With a dozen candidates on stage for the forum, there was very limited time for questions. Audience members shared their concerns on topics ranging from policing shortfalls in the city to making sure the next council member doesn't fall prey to the corruption which took down the last one. In the process, many candidates echoed the shared positions among them, and gaining a clear "break from the crowd" was difficult at best.

However, they did have the chance to allow the audience a better first



Moderator Demetria McCain (standing at right) runs through the protocol with candidates and audience members at the Monday Night Politics forum held on Sept. 10, which saw 12 candidates vying for Dallas City Council District 4. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

glimpse at each individual running, and the group as a whole.

Brandon J. Vance is the Vice President of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas and as experience running for the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Dallas is experiencing an economic boom, across the city," Vance said. "District 4 is missing out on that. We have a birthright, that we are entitled to succeed just like everyone else

in Dallas. We need someone that's going to go in and fight for you; for every nickel, for every dime, and every penny that is owed to District 4. I know people see my smiling face and they think, 'Oh, he's a nice guy. He's a friendly guy.' I have a baracuda on the inside."

Vincent T. Parker is a board member for the Trinity Park Conservancy and pastor of the Golden Gate Mis-

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Nia Franklin

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

The genius, intelligence, beauty and spirit of Black women, which continues to transform the world, shined brightly again Sunday as Nia Franklin became the first Miss America in the post-swimsuit era.

“It took a lot of perseverance to get here,” Franklin, the freshly crowned beauty queen, said after her win. “I want to thank my beautiful family, my mom and my dad, who is a survivor of cancer.”

An opera singer, Franklin is a native of Winston-



Miss America pageant

Salem, North Carolina and earned her master’s degree in music composition from UNC School of the Arts, according to her biography as reported by CNN.

She moved to New York after being accepted at the

Kenan Fellow program at Lincoln Center Education in Manhattan.

During the competition, Franklin described how music helped her find her identity.

“I grew up at a predominately Caucasian school and there was only five percent minority, and I felt out of place so much because of the color of my skin,” Franklin said. “But growing up, I found my love of arts, and through music that helped me to feel positive about myself and about who I was.”

Her win set Twitter and all of social media ablaze.

“Congratulations to our new Miss America,” famed

radio and television personality Donnie Simpson said. “Nia Franklin represented New York and won the crown last night. She’s obviously very smart, very talented and absolutely stunning. I’m so proud.”

Another popular radio show host, Michael Lyle, Jr., also couldn’t contain his joy for Franklin.

“Huge congratulations. Well-deserved and another reason why Black Girls Rock,” Lyle said.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association – the trade organization that represents 220 African American-owned newspapers

across the country – said Franklin’s win is just another statement on the outstanding achievements of Black women today.

“The NNPA Congratulates 2018 Miss America, Nia Franklin. The genius, intelligence, beauty and spirit of Black women impact and transform the world,” Chavis tweeted.

Franklin, who plans to advocate for the arts during her tenure as Miss America, told reporters that she was also happy that the swimsuit competition – which had been part of the overall contest throughout its 92-year history – had been discontinued.

“I’m happy I didn’t have

to wear a swimsuit,” she said. “I’m more than just that.”

Through her social impact initiative, Nia will bring her passion for music and performance to advocate for the inclusion of arts as an important part of education. For the talent portion of the competition, Nia chose a classical vocal performance.

Nia is a graduate of The University of North Carolina School of Arts where she majored in music composition. Along with the coveted title of Miss America 2019, Nia won a \$50,000 scholarship to continue her education.

Dr. Christine Darden

The Frontiers of Flight Museum will celebrate the accomplishments of women in STEM-related fields with the launch of its inaugural Women’s Network brunch featuring retired NASA mathematician and aerospace engineer Christine Darden, Ph.D. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. Dr. Darden is one of the trailblazers featured in the 2016 book by Margo Lee Shetterly, Hidden Figures: The Story of African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race.

The 2016 best-seller inspired the hit 20th Century



Fox movie of the same name, featured the lives of groundbreaking African-American women who overcame segregation and discrimination in the 1960s to play integral roles in the space program

throughout their careers.

Dr. Christine Darden is featured in Shetterly’s book—she was hired at NASA in 1967 as a Computer/Data Analyst, and over the course of her career became the first African-American woman promoted into the Senior Executive Service at the NASA Langley Research Center.

“We are honored to have Dr. Darden as the guest speaker for the Frontiers of Flight Museum’s Women’s Network event,” said Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones, President and CEO, Frontiers of Flight Museum. “The Museum’s Women’s Network is a leadership group that provides mentorship and support of the

Frontiers of Flight Museum’s STEM education mission and advocates community involvement. Dr. Darden’s message inspires other young women to flourish in aviation, space exploration, and all STEM careers.”

Darden will discuss her life and NASA career. She was born in the small town of Monroe, North Carolina, the youngest of five children, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education from Hampton University, a Master of Science in Applied Mathematics from Virginia State University, and a Doctor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from George Washington Univer-

sity.

After joining NASA as a Computer/Data Analyst, Darden served as the Director of the Aero Performing Center Program Management Office, as Senior Program Manager in the High-Speed Research Program Office, as the Langley Assistant Director for Planning, and at her retirement, was the Director of the Office of Strategic Communications and Education Branch. During her career, Darden authored over 57 technical papers and articles and was an internationally recognized expert in high-speed aerodynamics and sonic boom research.

Darden has earned numer-

ous honors, including two NASA Medals—one for her work and leadership of the Sonic Boom Program, and the other for her active involvement in working with and encouraging students to pursue careers in math and science. She has also received the Black Engineer of the Year Outstanding Achievement in Government Award and the Women in Science and Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award.

Individual patron tickets are \$50 and \$500 based on availability. For more information visit www.flightmuseum.com/product/womens-network-darden-brunch-tickets/.

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NNPA Exclusive: Cosby spokesman salutes Geoffrey Owens, slams Hollywood

You know these boycotts of products and items dont hurt those that people boycotting intend to hurt. Cosby isnt hurt, he he swimming in cash from a million other products, head honchos at nike wont go hungry, it's the smaller, lesser known people who suffer for things beyond their control.

-- Felicia Divina

The woman who filmed

him on her cell phone and trashed him has expressed regret for what she did. So many nasty people in this country.

-- Bev Ann Cortese

Advertising with Black Press is key to victory for Democrats according to Rep. Jim Clyburn

Complete Nonsense The Democratic Priorities are #1 White Women #2 Gays and #3 Illegal Immigrants, The concerns of Black people are not even on their radar.....FK Jimmmy.

-- Marcus Knight

Why should the democrats support the black press when they don't support black businesses themselves? when they have their yearly conventions, where do they have them in. white owned hotels.as if though their is no black owned hotels.

-- realist

On the death of Botham Jean

Y'all are reporting that the female officer entered the wrong apartment and accidentally shot a 26 year old black man and is being charged with manslaughter...

WRONG...they use to DATE.....THAT'S MURDER ALL DAY LONG... INVESTIGATE THAT

-- Sandly

(Editor's note: These are comments received regarding the shooting of Botham Shem Jean, 26, of St. Lucia; reportedly shot by Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger. However, according to the family attorney and police officials the two did not know each other.)

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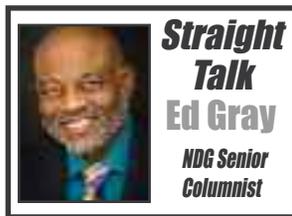
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Botham Jean - Dallas protest and beyond



Today we grieve the death of yet another black man in America. Say his name, it is Botham Shem Jean. We must not simply let it become just another name attached to a hashtag, like so many innocent black men killed in the age of social media.

In our grief, we are also angered by what appears to be a massive foul-up of Titanic proportions. How many black folks will die at the hands of the police state before they are held accountable for their actions?

Dallas Police Officer Amy Guyger is an example of what is wrong with policing in America. The police state exists and operates with impunity in America, both in the streets and even in the living room of Black America. How

can a trained policewoman make such a grave mistake, resulting in the death of one of our finest citizens?

By now we have heard many rumors regarding Botham Jean's death, and the truth is more frightening than the rumors. What we do know is a policewoman killed a black man, and it appears the Dallas Police Department has not operated at its best. The Dallas Police Department in the guise of the Texas Rangers wrote an affidavit, which might make it difficult to gain a manslaughter charge by the Grand Jury.

The affidavit paints a picture of an accident. While reading the affidavit, I thought "did Amy Guyger's lawyers write an opinion piece?" This affidavit looks like the work of a carefully prepared paper which required three days to write. The same amount of time between the shooting and her arrest.

This is Dallas County, no matter how many marches are held by the activist community, grand juries will decide the fate of the myopic nearsighted, policewoman lost in her own apartment building. A jury of her peers probably constituted primarily of Euro-Americans. Will they choose to be sympathetic to a black male immigrant, or a white policewoman? To which side do you think Justice will lean?

Meanwhile, city officials such as Mayor Mike Rawlings, who lectured us the week before on the sins of poverty, took two days to utter a word regarding his police department's actions which took an innocent life. He probably would have answered sooner, but it is not election time.

The silence of the lambs came from our black elected leadership with their delay in responding. They took cues from the Mayor and stood silently while the masses,

created a narrative of their own. The biggest loser in this political charade of opportunism was the Chief of Police, Renee Hall. In a time which demanded leadership, she instead punted to the Texas Rangers.

At the end of the day, it is left up to us to determine whether Dallas County will continue in the light of justice, as it did with the Roy Oliver verdict for the murder of Jordan Edwards. Or will it only go back to the dark side of injustice, and let Amy go free.

We must mobilize and strategize to ensure Botham Shem Jean's death means something. Otherwise, he will become the latest hashtag of American injustice.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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Black Political Excellence

By Julianne Malveaux
NPA Columnist

Senators Corey Booker (D-NJ) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) used their time wisely in their questioning of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the elusive man whose hidden documents would perhaps disqualify him from the court.

Booker went out on a limb to defy Senate protocol and release so-called confidential emails from Kavanaugh.

Harris also pushed Kavanaugh hard, and left him speechless when she asked him if he knew of any laws "that the government has the power to make over the male body?" I whooped when she asked the question, appreciating the point she was making. Kavanaugh could not answer. He simply mumbled and fumbled.

Most of the Democrats brought their "A" game to these hearings, but I'm lifting up Booker and Harris because they are examples of Black political excel-

lence.

They weren't the only recent examples of Black political excellence. In Florida, the underfunded Andrew Gillum, the only non-millionaire in the race for governor, pulled out an unexpected victory as Democratic nominee. While he didn't have the money that his rivals had, he had an army of amazing volunteers who combed the state mobilizing voters.

The Tallahassee mayor who backed Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential race was boosted by a late endorsement from Senator Bernie Sanders and critical campaign dollars from billionaires Tom Steyer and George Soros. His victory was close, but it wasn't a squeaker. And he vanquished former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, daughter of a former governor and part of a political dynasty.

What has been most impressive about Gillum, though, has been his eloquence and self-possession

in the wake of his victory. Congressman Ron DeSantis, the despicable Trump supporter who won the Republican nomination, followed the example of his patron in using racially coded language against Gillum, urging voters not to "monkey up" the state.

In Boston, City Councilor Ayana Pressley defeated 10-term Congressman Michael Capuano. With no Republican opposition, she will be the first African American woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

Ignoring advice that she should "wait her turn" before running for Congress, undeterred by the fact that many members of the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed her opponent, Pressley remained focused on her message and amassed an amazing army of volunteers to earn a stunning victory. Excellence.

Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee for governor in Georgia is also an example of this excellence. She pulverized her oppo-

nent, Stacey Evans, back in June, and is now waging a campaign against another Trump-type opponent.

What is exciting about the Black political excellence is that it also represents a generational changing of the guard. Gillum is 39, Pressley and Abrams, in their early 40s. Booker is 49, and Harris is in her early 50s. This is quite a change from the entrenched political leadership that endorsed Pressley's opponent.

The awful outcome of the 2016 election has emboldened young African Americans to seek public office, against all odds. It's an exciting development in an otherwise gloomy political time, and it ought also be motivation for people to vote in the midterm elections!

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New app allows users to grade their physical fitness level by FBI standards

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

On Sept. 5 there was a small meeting at Germany Park between Dallas-based FBI agents and members of the media. The FBI had challenged members of the local press to take their Physical Fitness Challenge, which is administered to applicants seeking a job with the agency.

Recently the FBI released an app to the public which can be downloaded for free and used to compare a personal score against the agency's requirements. The invitation to the media to



There is a new app available to the public from the FBI which allows potential future applicants, or those simply interested in grading themselves by FBI standards, to prepare for the Physical Fitness Challenge administered as part of the entry process. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

take the test was done to get the word out on its availability.

"The fit test is administered at several points during the process, and we find this

test to be the barrier that creates the most challenge for applicants," said special agent Vicki Marwood, who is also a recruiter for the FBI. "So this is a way to help you be better prepared for this process. We typically see about a 50 percent failure rate when we administer that test."

The test consists of four parts; sit-ups, push-ups, a 300-meter sprint; and a mile-and-a-half run. Each test is graded on a point system, with applicants needing to score 12 points overall, and at least one point in each exercise.

Once in the FBI, agents

must re-qualify by retaking the fit test annually. The number of points an agent must score on the test can be adjusted for age, giving some level of variance. But all applicants must meet the same 12 point standard to be admitted into the training program.

Currently, the FBI is particularly seeking more female agents and people of color, and they are hoping access to the physical regimen can help potential future agents grade themselves before taking the test on the record. The FBI accepts applicants from age 23 to 36. A college degree, as well as at

least three years of professional experience in some field, is also required. There are no specific college degrees the field is limited to, though the agency at times looks for specific needs such as those trained language skills or computer science.

The app is available on the FBI website. Once downloaded, it contains special features such as instructions, video demonstrations for proper form and procedures and sample tests using the official scoring system. Users can utilize the app during training with included timers and rep counters.

Opportunities to support a child's healthy lifestyle

By Dr. Sarah E. Laibstain

Did you know that according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 6 children in the United States are obese? With over

12 million obese children in the U.S., obesity increases the risk of having chronic health conditions, such as type 2 diabetes and asthma. As September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, it

provides a chance to learn ways to prevent obesity and support healthy growth in children. While there is not always a simple solution, there are many opportunities to support a child's healthy

lifestyle.

A healthy lifestyle can begin at home with active family activities and a balanced nutrition plan. Obesity may be influenced by a combination of a lack of sleep,

too much time being inactive, easy access to high calorie foods, and sugary beverages. Making small changes throughout your household can create a positive impact on your child's health and en-

ergy levels. Providing nutritious, lower-calorie foods such as fruits and vegetables in place of sugary foods is a great way to ensure a healthy

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44th Annual Dallas Harambee Festival scheduled for Oct. 27

The 44th Annual Dallas Harambee Festival is one of the longest running community events established in Southern Dallas.

This year's theme "Unity in the Community" will encourage everyone to embrace our differences.

Harambee is an East African Swahili word meaning "Let's Pull Together" or "Unity" originally created as a

safe alternative to Trick-or-Treating where the children are the VIPs.

Over the last 44 years, more than 5,000 kids and attendees have enjoyed the events over the years.

The Dallas Harambee Festival has secured its place as one of the oldest and largest cultural events in North Texas.

Organizers continuously insist on providing a positive

and secure atmosphere for every family, volunteer, entertainer, and sponsor. The Harambee Festival overall mission is to educate and unify all generations, cultures and social groups.

The festival will feature the release of balloons in memoriam of those lost, concerts, food trucks, health screening, and a job fair.

Also, in this critical politi-

cal midterm voting season, registered voters will be able to early vote at the MLK Center.

U.S. citizens must register to vote by Oct. 9 to be eligible to vote in November.

This year the show is scheduled for Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 2922 MLK Blvd. in Dallas.



DVAP and LANWT host wills and directives legal hotline

The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP) and Legal Aid of North West Texas (LANWT) will hold a free Wills and Directives Legal Hotline for Dallas County residents who meet certain financial guidelines on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3

p.m. - 7 p.m. Residents should call 1-888-529-5277. Calls will be answered in Spanish and English by knowledgeable Legal Aid attorneys. The legal hotline is free and can assist low-income persons interested in speaking with

an attorney about wills, advance directives, powers of attorney, and transfer on death deeds.

Why Have a Will?

Most people should have a Will. Wills can distribute your property, name an executor, name guardians for

children, and forgive debts. Having a Will also means that you, rather than state law, decide who gets your property when you die.

Top five reasons to have a will:

- You decide how your property is distributed.

- You decide who you want to take care of your minor children.

- Your loved ones can avoid a lengthy probate process.

- You decide who will be in charge of finalizing your

estate.

- You can choose who does and does not get your property after you pass.

For a full listing of the clinics, log on to <http://dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/get-help/>.

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diet for your children. For school lunches, try switching out a bag of chips for a side of veggies!

Meal prepping on the weekends is an opportunity to save time and money while making grocery shopping much easier. Also, making a list of all the ingredients needed for the week decreases the likeliness that you will stray from your healthy grocery shopping agenda and make unhealthy decisions. There are many quick and healthy meal prep recipes that can help you and your family enjoy a stress-free week.

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Activity level is just as important as a healthy diet. Help

your children get the recommended amount of physical activity by encouraging family outings such as bike riding or walking around the neighborhood or nearby park. North Dallas offers a variety of low-cost physical activities such as community pools, parks and trails. Since children tend to pick up on their parents' habits, staying active and making healthy meal choices can help encourage your children to live the same healthy lifestyle.

As the school year continues and schedules become busier, finding time to stay active with your family can become harder. Fortunately, the community and education system offer great

physical activities to help children stay active. From elementary school to high school, children are offered a variety of ways to stay active with opportunities varying from recess to organized sports team. Also, many North Dallas commu-

nities offer youth sporting organizations for an even wider variation of activities. Researching opportunities to stay active in your community could help your children find new hobbies or interests they may really enjoy.

National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month is a great reminder of the importance of planning healthy meal options and staying active. These efforts can help not just children but the whole family live a healthier lifestyle.

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Here's hope that new safety law can be that 'rising tide'

By Royce West
Texas Senate

It was with much concern and the need to act, that the conversations that would become Senate Bill 30, The Community Safety Education Act (SB30) was born. Summer 2016, was a season of nationwide unrest, following a succession of fatal interactions between law enforcement and unarmed citizens that still causes social discord and uncomfortable discussion.

Two years and a few months later, I can say that I have yet to find those who will publicly say that providing more information to citizens and more training for officers in hopes of avoiding tragic outcomes is a bad idea.

To refresh, Senate Bill 30,



as of September 1, is now law and implementation is at hand. The new law provides information on the behavioral expectations for citizens and law enforcement during a traffic stop and the rights of citizens under the law. Training for law enforcement will reinforce officer's responsibilities to conduct themselves in a professional manner and to communicate effectively with drivers regarding the

process of a traffic stop and their obligation to appear in court. SB30 also mandates instruction and course completion for Texas for high school students, including teaching them their rights, and what they should do to safely navigate something that can begin with a simple traffic stop, but could needlessly result in loss of life.

Since the SB30's passage by the Texas Legislature in 2017, much has taken place. The Texas Education Agency, along with the state's licensing agency, were charged with creating instructional materials for driver education and defensive driving courses, and also for Texas high schools students. The Commission on Law Enforcement Education was tasked with developing training materials

so that officers - current and future - will be equipped with the same instructions taught to drivers on what they should expect and how each party should or may respond during an interaction.

Through an agreement with the Department of Public Safety, the same information can now be found in the driver training manual; and as of June this year has been incorporated into driver's license testing.

What instructions and information am I talking about? Glad you asked! Something as easy to understand; such as you, as a driver or your passengers, should not shuffle around inside your car as an officer approaches. Your search for your license and insurance might look like you are reaching for a weapon. And

I would tell my own wife and daughter that if they are traveling alone at night on a dark road, that it is permissible to cut on their inside lights, slow down, turn on your flashers and locate a well-lit area where there are people, or even to pull into a parking lot before stopping. It is also legal and permissible to call 9-1-1 and leave your phone visible (but not point it toward an officer) to confirm that the stop is being made by a real officer.

I said earlier that this problem is bigger than Texas, so, over the last year, contacts have been made with state legislatures all across the country in hopes of sharing the merits and thoughts behind SB30. Of the 30 states contacted, three have approved new

laws or rules based on SB30. An action is pending in others.

By increasing the awareness of the driving public and combining those efforts with the same training for officers on what behaviors they may anticipate from motorists, our intent is that this rising tide of knowledge will elevate not only safety but also make for better understanding among diverse communities who all converge on shared roadways. If it changes the actions of just one driver, or spares the anguish of but one family, or eliminates the need for a single officer to second-guess what he or she could have done differently, all the energy poured into the Community Safety Education Act will have been worth the effort.

Bank overdraft fees strip more than \$11 billion from consumers

By Charlene Crowell

When personal checking accounts are involved, transactions without available funds in checking accounts can trigger a series of fees that wind up taking a big bite out of the next paycheck. What's more, many times consumers have no way of knowing the real cost until after a bank statement arrives weeks later.

Banks and other depository institutions market these fees as convenient 'overdraft protection.' What they do to consumers is strip billions of dollars each year from personal checking accounts, while generating a lucrative, no-lose revenue stream for these institutions.

New research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) finds that last year among the nation's largest banks, overdraft fees were a \$11.45 billion bonanza. Unfair Market: The State of High-Cost Overdraft Practices in 2017, analyzes both how overdraft fee revenue is generated, as well as the practices borne on the backs of America's working poor.

Among the report's key findings:

- The 2017 overdraft fees charged by the largest banks

represent an increase above similar revenues recorded for both 2015 and 2016;

- The 20 banks with the highest volume of fees received \$9 billion or approximately 79 percent of the total reported \$11.45 billion for 2017; and

- Although a few banks do not charge fees for point-of-sale (POS) and/or ATM transactions, all 10 of the nation's largest banks charge overdraft fees higher than \$30 per transaction.

These fees also come with unfair or abusive bank practices designed to maximize revenues. For example, some banks allow five or more overdraft fees to be charged per day to customers. If the overdraft fee is \$35, a single day's overcharges could be \$175 – that will be taken by the bank from the next deposit or payroll. Consumers who rely upon debit cards for day-to-day purchases may unknowingly incur hundreds of dollars of charges in just a few days.

Other suspect bank practices add extended or sustained fees beyond the original overdraft fee. Yet another is to manipulate postings to customer accounts to generate the largest possible overdraft revenue.

Last summer, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) also released an independent report on overdraft fees. The Bureau identified the consumers most prone to incur these fees: those who have less than \$350 as an average end-of-day account balance and have median credit scores of 600 or less. About 20 percent of consumers with frequent overdrafts do not have a credit score and are consid-

ered 'credit invisible'.

Under CFPB's first director, this research was to become the factual basis for rulemaking. However, under Acting Director Mick Mulvaney, rulemaking plans have been shelved.

But where there's a will, there's also a way. Two U.S. Senators have co-sponsored legislation that if enacted, would crack down on overdraft fees.

"Overdraft fees are a tax

on paychecks already stretched thin," said Ohio U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, a co-sponsor of the bill along with Cory Booker. "This bill keeps hardworking Americans' money in their pockets and stops big banks from slapping big fees on cus-

tomers for small overdraft amounts."

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Dallas Pride 2018 includes the Music Festival in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 15 and followed by the 35th annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on Sunday, Sept. 16. On Sept. 15 The Music Festival will be held in Reverchon Park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The 2018 Dallas Pride Parade will take place on Sept. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be on Cedar Springs Road starting at Wycliff Ave. The Festival includes community and merchant vendor booths, pet adoptions, entertainment, kids zone, teen zone and a full day of fun! There is a \$10 general admission ticket required per person to enter the Festival. You can purchase them at the gate with cash only or in advance online with credit card. To purchase tickets and to find out more information visit www.dallaspride.org.

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Anderson, M.D. Public Servant Leader Award Dinner will be held on Sept. 15 starting at 7:00 p.m., and the VIP reception for Anderson family, sponsors and guests will begin at 6:15 p.m. at Hotel Intercontinental, in Dallas. This year's award recipient will be Honorable Cheryl Lee Shannon, Presiding Judge, 305th District Court. For more information visit Facebook.com/events.

Irving

College & Career Night will be held on Sept. 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Singley Academy, in Irving. There will be more than 150 tables providing information on colleges, universities, technical schools and military branches as well as financial aid presentations in both English and Spanish at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Overflow parking will be available at nearby MacArthur High School with shuttle service to Sin-

gley starting at 5:30 p.m.

Frisco

Make History - and Experience It - with Ramona Thompson will be held on Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This farm is one of the few that remain in Frisco. The address will be provided to those who RSVP by clicking the ticket link on Facebook. Bring friends, family and comfortable clothing. Enjoy music and snacks, and perhaps an adult beverage. Dogs too! Kids can run around outside and explore. The will enjoy the historic setting as they attempt to make history by putting Ramona Thompson in the House. For more information and to buy tickets visit Facebook.com/events.

Garland

Kym Jefferson's Stand Up For Love: The Play will be held on Sept. 16 starting at 4 p.m. at Plaza Theatre, in Downtown Garland. Ticket prices range

from \$35 to \$45. 3T Productions and Co-Director Tony Grant (from the group As Yet, and Tyler Perry's Love Thy Neighbor), will

present Kym Jefferson's Stand Up For Love. Stand Up For Love is a story told in three parts (Behind The Mask I, SMASHED, & Be-

hind The Mask II). These stories deal with painful issues that most people know about but are in denial of.

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Dak admits he was 'off' but Garrett confident he will bounce back

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO – As they prepare for their home opener Sunday night against the New York Giants, the Dallas Cowboys know their regular season opener was nothing short of a disaster.

In losing 16-8 on the road to the Carolina Panthers this past Sunday, the Cowboy looked very anemic on offense as they collected just 60 yards and didn't even reach the 40-yard line in the first half. And for the game, the Cowboys mustered just 232 total yards – they totaled more yards than this in 15 of their 16 games last season.

Meanwhile, quarterback Dak Prescott was a mere shadow of the player who had a spectacular rookie year two seasons ago. Prescott was 19-of-29 for 179 yards, was sacked six times, and also blew the Cowboys' final chance of at least trying to forge a tie when he fumbled away the pigskin in the waning moments.

"I thought I was off," Prescott said. "There's stuff you've got to go back, you've got to look on film."

"I've got to figure out why I was off, was I rushing it, did I feel pressured, what were the things that were causing it, or just was it me missing the pass?"

Prescott miraculously completed no passes over 20 yards, however, his receivers hardly gave him targets he could see, and it ended up being a total mess for the Cowboys. But coach Jason Garrett vows things will be better when the Cowboys host the Giants on Sunday night at 7:20 at AT&T Stadium.

"I know this, (Prescott is) going to come in and work hard," Garrett said. "And whatever it is we'll get locked in on it and he'll focus on improving it and hopefully get better this week."

The Cowboys looked very rusty and were searching for answers all day against the Panthers. Running behind new center Joe Looney, running back Ezekiel Elliott found very



Eli Manning is looking to bring the New York Giants, who also is 0-1, back on track against the Dallas Cowboys this week. (Image: Courtesy of Evan Pinkus New York Giants)

little room to roam as he finished the day with just 69 yards on 15 carries while scoring the Cowboys' lone touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"We've got to start faster because that's not Dallas Cowboys football," Elliott said. "That's not how we've ever played."

"If we want to succeed, if we want to go out there and win ballgames we can't come out there and lay an egg in the first half."

Wide receiver Cole Beasley, who caught seven passes for 73 yards, said the Cowboys haven't lost any confidence in their offense, although they found themselves in too many third-and-long situations against Carolina.

"If you had watched the tape, there were plays out there to be made," Beasley said. "Like I said, it was maybe one guy on any given play didn't do their job and it was breaking everything down and making it look worse than it is."

"We couldn't get anything going with third-and-12s and third-and-15s. That's dang near impossible. We still had plenty of opportunities to move the rock. We'll just clean those things up and get better."

Fans are complaining, but players are not listening

As is the case after a loss, the Cowboys are getting hammered on social media and on talk radio. But they know that comes with the territory.

"There's a lot of opinions

out there right now about what we should or shouldn't do, or how bad our group is," Beasley said. "But at the end of the day they don't know, so we can't read it and we can't care about it."

"Even when you play good games you're going to hear all of the good stuff and they're going to fill your head with something completely opposite of what they told you last week. So that's one of the biggest reasons why you can't listen to any of it because it's all full of poop."

Fans were also all riled up because the Cowboys released kicker Dan Bailey last week and his replacement, Brett Maher, missed a 47-yard field goal against the Panthers. In a nutshell, of all the kickers in the NFL who kicked on opening day, Maher was the only one who didn't score at least one point.

"I went out there and every time I'm on the field I try and go one-for-one," Maher said. "I didn't get that done, so we'll get back to get it fixed for next week."

The loss so demoralized the Cowboys that defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence didn't even want to discuss the sack he registered against Panthers quarterback Cam Newton.

"We didn't win the game," Lawrence said. "Plays don't matter if you don't win."

"Sacks don't add up if you don't win. They don't matter. I don't play just to get sacks. I play to win."

While the Cowboys' de-

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8:30 to 10 p.m.
All Funk Radio Show

Saturday, Sept. 22



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NDG Book Review: The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights, and Other Appreciations

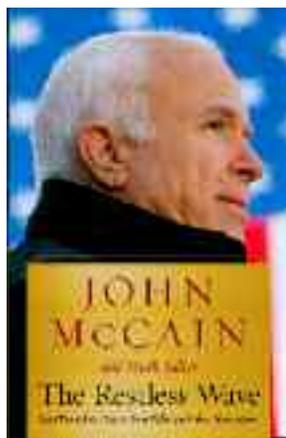
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Sometimes, it's good to take account.

You'll know where you stand when you do. You'll see achievements clearly, and re-hash disappointments. You can settle affairs by taking stock of the past and, in the case of John McCain in his final book "The Restless Wave" (with Mark Salter), you'll know yours was a life well-lived.

In the twilight of his life, the late John McCain had many "accumulated memories."

He began with a list of loss: fellow politicians, adversaries, admired men, family, and some who served with him in Vietnam. On that latter subject as a whole, McCain was relatively mute; his



war years were left for a different book.

Mostly, in fact, the major focuses of "The Restless Wave" are the 2008 campaign, issues of human rights and, in a bit of a whirlwind narrative, McCain's diplomatic visits to the Middle East.

On the campaign, there are

a lot of coulda-shoulda-woulda moments: in his decision to run in the first place, in his campaign's finances, in some of the things said off-the-cuff, and in McCain's stances on issues he knew to be unpopular. He regarded Sarah Palin with warmth, and no regrets but he said that when Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, he saw where things were heading and he tried "to live completely in the moment, not thinking ahead to when [the campaign] will be over."

Readers will understand why McCain held the opinions on torture that he did, and why he was outspoken against the possibility that the U.S. would use torture against captured enemies. He admitted to knowing that his positions were occasionally

controversial and that he sometimes ignored others' political ideologies but "... I don't need any more approval than a quiet conscience."

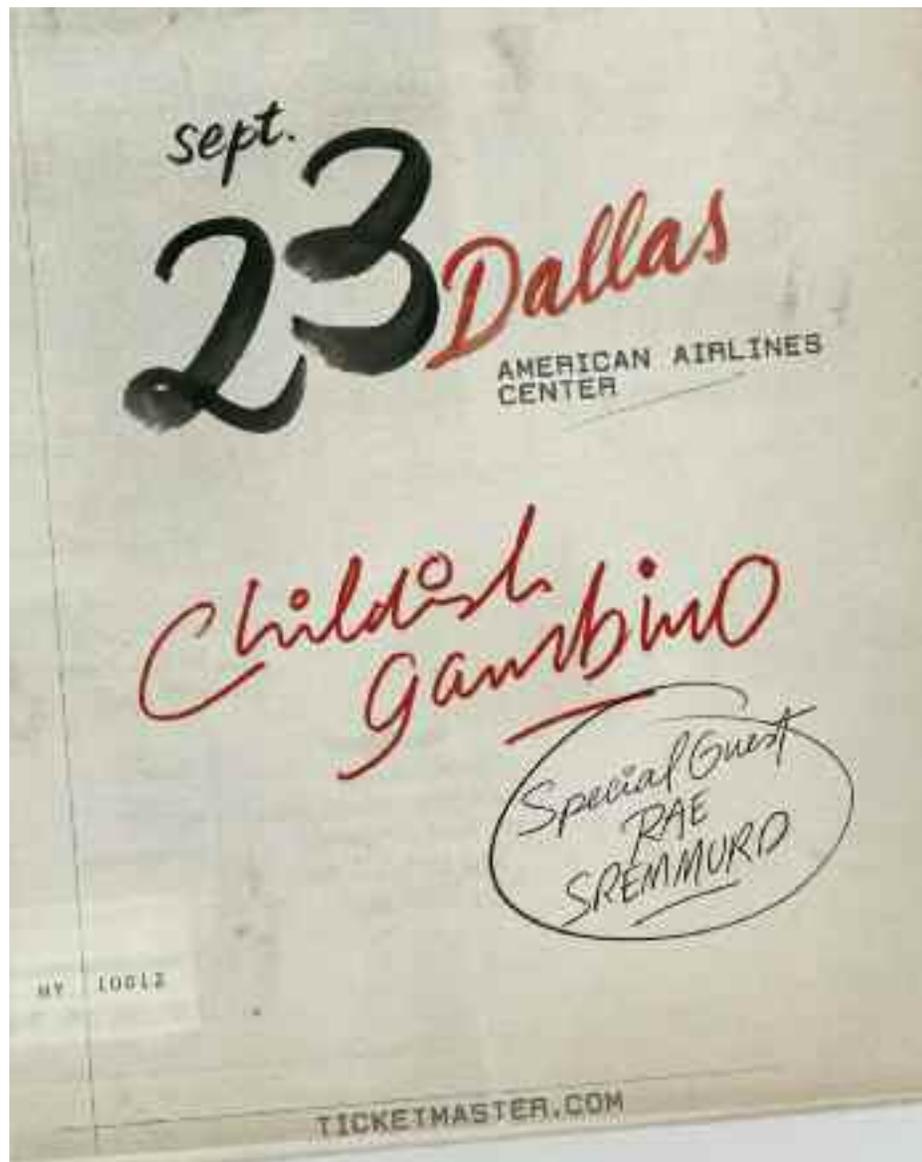
Toward the end of his book, he wrote of "shocking allegations" of Russian interference in the 2016 election, and of his "minor role" in the dossier controversy; to say that McCain was no fan of Putin is an understatement. He wrote of his deep friendship and "fights" with adversary Ted Kennedy; about his role in the healthcare debate; and of his consternation with

President Trump.

Like nearly every political biography ever released, there is a lot of chest-thumping and assertions of correctness inside "The Restless Wave," and astute readers will note more than just a little repetition. Moreover, though, it fairly rings with a sense of leave-taking that, since McCain's death, imparts an oddly-faint feeling of surprised disbelief not unlike losing a distant relative you barely knew. In his final chapter, author McCain (with Mark Salter) summed this

memoir up in the most bitter-sweet of ways, acknowledging that which ultimately took his life, the same as it took that of Kennedy, and he begs readers to "return to regular order" for the America he loved.

There have been many political books released this calendar year but this one is different, in that there's a lot here you haven't heard. Overall, and despite that it's sometimes not the smoothest read on the shelves, "The Restless Wave" is a good account.



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sonary Baptist Church. "I look to build bridges," Parker said. "I believe there are tremendous assets already in our community. I want those to be highlighted so we can take those assets and channel them toward correcting some of the real challenges in our community. And I want to be a collaborator. You've got to be able to talk to folk, listen. My biggest thing is if you really want to learn, you've got to shut your mouth and listen. And so I hope to be a listener, to earn the support of District 4 residents' vote, but also if I'm elected, to also earn their support as a servant for them at City Hall."

Becky L. Lewis has political experience as an aide to U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a degree in Political Science and was born and raised in District 4.

"This is not a popularity contest," Lewis said. "A lot of you know many of us because of the things we have done in the community already. But what you need to do is make a decision on who you want downtown; working with the other council members, working with the other people in the city, working with people who own businesses, someone who can bring back what is needed to D4."

Obi E. Igbokwe is a former Dallas County Schools bus driver, and related his experiences bringing up the questions which ultimately led to the DCS investigations which brought down the sitting council member.

"A lot of time this position is a part-time job," Igbokwe said. "If I am elected it will be my full-time job. Cause I will do the job required, and then I will go into the community and build up a cohesive mind-set, so that we can start to solve some of our problems ourselves instead of looking for outsiders to come in and do some of the work that needs to be done. Cause most of the time, when there are profits involved, those people from the outside, they come in and make a profit and they don't invest in the neighborhood."

Dawn M. Blair touts her experience working for the City of Dallas as a real estate

property manager for the aviation department as a key credential.

"I'm the best candidate, and I'm the most qualified for this reason; I'm passionate about my district," Blair said. "That means I'm passionate about you, and what concerns you. I'm prepared to serve this district. I'm prepared based on 20 years of experience in City Hall; walking the halls, knowing the people, knowing who can get things done. I know who can get things done. I have those relationships already."

Lester Houston is a native of the district, though he spent 40 years away before returning four years ago, and is president of a local neighborhood association.

"As a social worker I've worked in four school districts, defending the rights of special ed and regular ed kids, and families against some of the largest law firms in the State of Texas," Houston said, continuing, "Of all the candidates on stage I have taken the deepest dive into code enforcement. I know why it doesn't work. It doesn't work because it's not designed to work."

Joli A. Robinson works in community engagement for the Dallas Police Department, and sees her role with the city and the public as an advantage.

"Really, our time is now," Robinson said. "We're literally standing at an opportunity to change the trajectory of what District 4 looks like. We also need to think about how inclusive we are being to bring diverse and fresh perspectives to the table. Our Latino brothers and sisters also need to be included in the future development of District 4. Our landscape is changing. We have to have someone that's ready to be inclusive of all the voices that demand and should be heard in District 4."

Corwyn M. Davis is an attorney with his own firm in Dallas, and an adjunct professor for UNT.

"Everybody on this stage is a fighter," Davis said. "Right? We can all go into the horse-shoe and talk about how we're going to take a stand and all that stuff like that. But at the end of the day, do you

want a fighter, an infantryman, or do you want a general? Cause at the end of the day, somebody has to decide whether we fight, whether we stop, whether we negotiate. I'm used to negotiating. That's what I do every day."

Justina Y. Walford is a local filmmaker, and serves on the City of Dallas Animal Advisory Commission. She first became involved in the community through reacting to the district's heavy stray animal problems.

"Every decision is difficult when people are trusting you to help them," Walford said. "That is a very humbling moment for someone. And people saying, 'I'll thank God every day when I become council member,' that's not a lie. I don't think anyone here was making that a campaign thing. That's the truth. This is a difficult position. So I will say this; if I become your councilperson I will be your humble servant."

Donald A. Washington was not present at the MNP forum held on Sept. 10. He is a retired retail manager who is active with homeowners both inside and outside the district.

Kebran W. Alexander, who has a background in IT, is a healthcare chairperson for the Dallas Chapter of the NAACP.

"This isn't for everybody," Alexander said. "This is a job where you are living in a fish-bowl the entirety of your term in office. What are you doing? Who are you accountable to? What have you promised? What are you going to deliver? I don't get anything that we don't get. So if we're successful, we move forward. That's what we all want. But everybody's not built for this."

Keyaira D. Saunders is running for the seat for a second time. She is active in the community and is one of the founding board members of the Next Generation Action Network.

"So, many of you may recognize my face and my name because I ran for city council in 2015," Saunders said. "At that time, I got a lot of backlash, 'Honey, you're too young. You don't know anything. You're not ready for this position.' But I know that I have the passion and the willingness to put in the work

to do what it takes to see the change that I want to see. Again, I love my family, and I'm raising my family in this district. I want the best for my family and I want the best for my neighbors."

Carolyn K. Arnold held the district seat on the council before being defeated by Caraway, after he sat out a

term to meet term limit requirements and ran for reelection.

"The experience that I have received – earned – in the last two years, I can't stress it enough," Arnold said. "We are in a critical time period. We've got to get together, come to a common agreement, then we must get to the

polls and vote for experience ... We've got to work with experience. We've got to go with the person who is ready day one. We've got to work with an individual who knows the community."

The election to replace Caraway will take place on Nov. 6. Early voting runs from Oct. 22 through Nov. 2.

FACING THE PAIN OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE

By Genice Nelson
D.N.P., APRN, ANP-BC

Imagine being taken to the hospital in severe pain, then being dismissed without treatment or care. Now, imagine if you were a physician who was in severe pain, and you were still ignored. How would you feel? Helpless? Angry? Desperate? All of the above? Unfortunately, this isn't a made-up scenario. It's exactly what happened to a physician I know, who happens to live with a debilitating illness that is common, incurable, yet one we know way too little about: sickle cell disease.

Sickle cell disease is a lifelong, genetic blood disorder that causes the body to produce abnormally shaped red blood cells. Normal red blood cells move easily through the blood vessels and carry oxygen to all parts of the body. Sickle cells, however, are hard, sticky and tend to clump together. The cells then get stuck and literally block the flow of blood to the organs and limbs, causing pain, anemia and organ damage.

Among black Americans, one in every 400 babies is born with the disease. And the incidence of the sickle cell trait, the carrier status, occurs in one in 12 live births. In the U.S., sickle cell disease affects more than 100,000 people, while globally SCD affects more than 3.5 million people. SCD is also common in Spanish-speaking countries in South America, Central America and parts of the Caribbean.

Because of the nature of SCD as a chronic illness, the burden of care can be tremendous on families and communities. The most



Genice Nelson

common reason that people with SCD seek medical care and acute care services is that they frequently suffer from sickle cell crisis pain episodes. In fact, patients with SCD utilize more emergency department services than patients with other more common chronic illnesses such as diabetes, asthma and hypertension.

This sudden, severe, acute pain is also the primary cause of distrust between the medical health system and those living with SCD. It is ingrained in trained medical professionals to seek objective reasons related to patient symptoms and disease processes. Unfortunately there are no known tests or procedures that can definitively show whether an actual SCD pain crisis is occurring or not. That is why, when people engage the medical system, they are often given erroneous explanations for delays and subpar care such as "your blood counts look good, you can't be having pain" or "we are waiting for your test results before we can give you any treatment" or "we can't give any opioid medications for sickle pain," which only leads to prolonged suffering of the person in pain.

My friend's experience

was all too common. After being released without treatment the first time she went to the hospital, she returned a few days later. She was fatigued and was struggling to breathe, but she wasn't given any IV fluids, antibiotics or pain medications even though she was in pain with each breath. Fortunately, she had an advocate with her at the hospital who demanded the attention of her physicians — but not before she ended up in the intensive care unit with acute chest syndrome.

Acute chest syndrome is one of several serious life-threatening complications of SCD, and it needs rapid treatment to prevent fatal outcomes. My friend was blessed someone advocated on her behalf to save her life. Unfortunately these episodes occur too frequently with many people succumbing to the complications — not the disease itself. As my friend told me, "I've had two near death experiences, not because of my sickle cell disease but because as a patient I was never acknowledged."

As providers we must do better. We need to remain empathetic and engaged to serve our patients as humanely as possible, recognizing there is very limited ammunition to fight debilitating pain.

Genice Nelson is the adult nurse practitioner for the UT Southwestern Medical Center Comprehensive Sickle Cell Disease Program and serves on the National Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's Board. She wrote this column for The Dallas Morning News.

Irving delays vote on paying more money to developers

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

The long-discussed controversy related to the Toyota Music Factory construction project was the hot topic of the Sept. 6 Irving City Council meeting.

Several members of a taxpayer advocacy group called Irving Concerned Citizens for Fairness at Irving Toyota Music Factory, and representatives of the ARK Group gathered and expressed their concerns over the reimbursement payment from taxpayer funds to the ARK Group, the developer for the project.

The item on the agenda was Item 46: Resolution – Authorizing Reimbursement Payment in the Amount of \$44,000,000 to the ARK Group of Irving, Inc. for Capital Infrastructure Improvements Within the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. One. This topic was added to the agenda at the request of Council Members Dennis Webb, Phil Riddle, and John Danish.

During the meeting, the



Noah Lazes, president of ARK Group, speaks to Irving city council members (NDG / Rachel Hawkins)

attendees discovered the city council members recently received more information on the project's allegations, and therefore pushed the Sept. 20 voting decision to the Oct. 4 council meeting.

"I stood in front of you (the city council) many years ago, and Danish, Mayor Pro Tem asked me, 'Will you and your father make us proud?' Noah Lazes, president of ARK Group said. "And I stand before you tonight to tell you we have done such. We

have done everything we could have possibly done to make the entertainment center the best it can possibly be.

"Though there have been many bumps in the road, I stand here tonight asking you (the Irving City Council members) for your recommitment to our partnership and to the entertainment center," Lazes said. "We can be the best entertainment center in the country. We need your help and support."

Lazes and his team re-

ceived a five-page list of demands or prerequisites of achieving reimbursement of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement. He confirmed they have completed everything on the list and complied with the requests. The only item they asked the city council to eliminate from the list was the Sambuca wall.

While there were several speakers on the reimbursement matter, the city council refused to let speakers disparlay their time to another speaker.

"I have hundreds of petitions calling on the City of Irving calling to investigate our concerns before allocating these monies to the ARK Group," Anthony Bond, a member of the Irving Concerned Citizens for Fairness at Irving Toyota Music Factory, has reported. "My question to Dennis and John, who put this on the agenda, why did you do it? I heard Mr. Rid-

dle's reasoning is that you wanted the public to know. And that's a good reasoning. But I am still questioning why are we here tonight," Bond said. "Getting this on the agenda when there was no way in the world the conditions could've been met so you could all properly vote on this tonight."

There was a letter sent to Chris Hillman stating there was a procedure required to be followed before the disbursement of funds.

"It has to go through the TIF board. The TIF board then has to meet and approve it and then bring it to the council. After I read that letter, on Aug. 30, our city manager office received hundreds of pages of unpaid liens," Bond said.

"We've talked about that," Mayor Rick Stopfer said. He asked if everyone agrees the TIF board should really have any say in this or not? "If you think they

don't have any say and we just go around them, then that's one thing," Stopfer added.

He also addressed the tremendous volume of documents the staff must review.

"The staff has been asking for this paperwork since February. And they just started getting it three weeks ago. It took them three weeks to get through one of the 16 proposals that have been sent through. This past Thursday, before the city council meeting, the staff received 1,600 pages.

Stopfer stated the staff should have the opportunity they need, which is more time to review the papers; and by putting something on the agenda, the attendees will continue to hear the same thing over and over. People voting up or down from people on both sides, which will lead to the same discussion over and over again.

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fense was solid, their offense looked disjointed. That must change in order for them to have a chance to defeat the Giants.

"We get paid every week to come out here and win football games, and produce and execute and play at a high level," Elliott said. "That's what's expected of us, so we've got to do that."

That sentiment was echoed by Garrett, who is aware that the Cowboys also have to find a way to stretch the field and put some pressure on the opposing defense.

"We have to get better in that area, there's no question about it," Garrett said, referring to the long ball. "The one game we have to evaluate is the one we played (Sunday) and it wasn't good enough.

"So we're going to go back to work, and we're

going to look at it with a critical eye ourselves as coaches and try to do our

best to correct any issues that came up with our players and then try to put a good plan together this week."

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Please arrive promptly for the presentation, dress professionally, and bring resumes. Please RSVP before the event. You can RSVP and find more information at [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

Sept. 18 Dallas Job Fair

United Career Fairs is hosting DALLAS JOB FAIR Sales and Management on Sep. 18 starting at 6 p.m. at Renaissance Hotel, in Addison. Available positions range from entry level up to professional & management. To prepare for this event be sure to dress professionally and bring at least 10-20 copies of your updated resume.

Sept. 20 Veterans Job Fair

The Veterans Job Fair will take place on Sept. 20 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at



Cedar Valley College, in Lancaster. This event will be hosted by Greater Southwest Black Chamber of Commerce or Cedar Valley College. They will be bringing together leading experts in recruitment and training spaces to discuss the approaches and processes as well as the challenges and successes of getting veterans back to work. For more information contact 972.217.3451 or contactus@gswbcc.org.

Sept. 27 American Red Cross Diversity Career Fair

The American Red Cross Diversity Career Fair will take place on Sept. 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. online. The virtual career fair will kick

off with a brief webinar at 1 p.m. and the virtual career fair kicking off at 1:30 p.m. EST. Information for the webinar kick off portion will be sent to participants after registering for the virtual career fair. Diverse job seekers are invited to attend to chat with our Talent Advisors about how YOU can join us in putting our mission into action. We will have Talent Advisors available to chat from: biomedical services, disaster services, preparedness health and safety services, services to the armed forces, international services, business services and administration. To sign up and to learn more, visit [Glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com).

Sept. 27 Home Repair Meeting for Contractors

The Home Repair Meeting for Contractors will be held on Sept. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Highland Hills Library, in Dallas. The

Home Repair Program will be looking for home builders, roofing, electrical, plumbing, foundations, sheetrock installers, haulers, HVAC, and more.

This event will be open to independent contractors, corporations, corporate contractors, big or small. For more information contact 214-670-0779 or district8@dallascityhall.com

Oct. 17 Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management

The Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management will be held on October 17 starting at 6 p.m. at SharpHilton Garden Inn, in Irving. The event will focus specifically on sales, business development, marketing, Customer Service, and retail & sales

management jobs, and offer you individual, face-to-face time with hiring managers from a variety of different companies.

For more information visit www.unitedcareer-fairs.com.

Oct. 17 Dallas Career Fair - Sales, Management, Business Development

The Dallas Career Fair-Sales, Management, Business Development will be held on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, in Las Colinas.

You will first be offered a formal executive presentation in which each company will introduce itself and the opportunities they offer. You will then be free to meet with hiring managers

from each company that has attracted your interest. At the same time, you will be able to network not only with various employers but also with other professionals.

Wear business professional attire and be sure to bring plenty of resumes.

Oct. 25 Live Recruiting/Hiring Event

The Live Recruiting/Hiring Event will be held on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities, in Dallas. Be sure to register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Dress professionally and be sure to bring plenty of resumes. For more information contact 877-561-5627.

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September 19, 7 p.m.
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, and others conducting a new book study with "Boundaries" when to say yes or how to say no by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend, with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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When the people of Israel crossed over the Jordan River and set foot upon the land of promise, God told

Joshua to make flint knives and revive a ritual that had fallen into disuse (circumcision.) The rite of circumcision, of course, is the surgical removal of the foreskin (prepuce) of the penis. This rite was established as a sign of God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17, but it had not been practiced during the 40 years that Israel wandered in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land. Joshua obeyed God's command and had all the Israelite men circumcised at a place they called Gibeath Haaraloth (a rather graphic name that means "hill of foreskins".)

The rite of circumcision is painful, bloody and personal, and the Israelite men were incapacitated until the wound had healed. With the removal of the foreskins, the men of Israel became a new and different people. They were no longer slaves of the past; they were free people with a future. It was time to put

aside the old way of life and to put Egypt behind them and enter the Promised Land with confidence and power.

The people of Israel would go on to fight 39 major battles before the Promised Land came under their control. The Israelites couldn't compromise with

the evil and idolatry that was in the land. God told them to destroy it. As believers, we will always be in a battle against evil until the war is won. God has designed a bright future for us - and it's ours if we accept His calling and cling to Him as He reshapes us and re-makes us.

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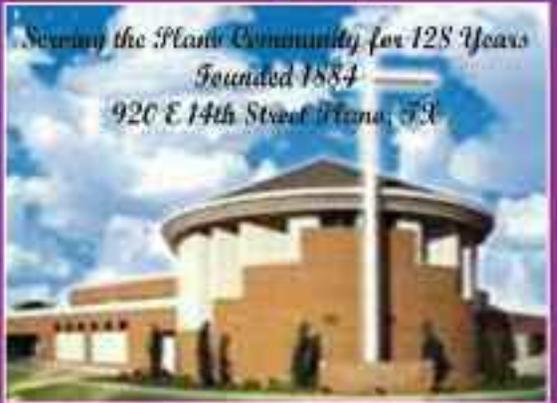
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