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Dallas mayoral election swiftly approaching

Who is the best choice for Dallas?

By Nicole James Scott NDG Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: The North Dallas Gazette sent a survey to candidates for the 2015 local political elections. Please visit NorthDallasGazette.com to read their responses.)

The three candidates running for mayor of Dallas couldn't possibly be any more antithetical. If you visit any of incumbent Mark Rawlings' campaign sites you will find the common political themes: economic development, educational initiatives, job growth, crime reduction. These issues, for the most part, are the hot button topics concerning most voters. Understandably so, as these are the areas in which our lives are most affected.

Topping Mayor Rawlings' to do list is the \$1.8 billion Trinity River toll road project, an initiative the mayor has deemed the city's 21st century "transformational project". The project, initiated as a solution to Dallas' transportation system consisting of a 6/4 lane told road, extending 8.5 miles from SH 183/IH 35 in the north, down to US 175 in the south. But with much opposi-



tion and cuts by federal authorities the initial gargantuan plan is looking less like the version that was used to sway voters in 2007. Even still, that has not diminished Rawlings support of the project.

"The Trinity Parkway is one critical piece to creating a city of choices that can serve an increasingly diverse citizenry", expressed Rawlings. The mayor says the project is about connecting the residents of Dallas. But his opponent attorney Marcos Ronquillo said the project is a "solution in search of a problem"

Ronquillo considers the project an attack on the Trinity River and contends what the city needs more of is green space.

Ronquillo, a Lake Hhighlands at-

torney is considered the underdog and long shot to unseat Rawling, however hes is confident in his ability to defeat the mayor. He recognizes the mayor's overwhelming popularity and deep pockets pose a challenge but says he is wrong on the big, important issues.

Ronquillo say voters don't want toll roads and golf courses. What they want is local investment and development and this is the focal point of his campaign, restoring the city's resources to its neighborhoods.

"I basically want to go back to basics. Our middle class is fleeing," said Ronquillo. "We have a crisis in

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Michael Eric Dyson vs. Cornel West

By George E. Curry NNPA Columnist

It's the academic version of the world heavyweight championship boxing matches between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier in Zaire labeled "The Rumble in the Jungle" and the Philippine's "Thriller in Manila." Whatever label you attach to it, the public feud between Professors Cornel West and Michael Eric Dyson, two of our most gifted intellectuals, cannot

be ignored.

Dyson's original opus weighed in at nearly 10,000 words - four to five times the length of a typical magazine feature story - and landed plenty of punches to West's body of work. Dyson charged that Obama's inauguration marked "a pronounced and decades-long scholarly decline" for West.

He explained, "It is not only that West's preoccupations with Obama's per-

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Dr. Pranavi Sreeramoju





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Dr. Pranavi Sreeramoju

The Chief of Infection Prevention at Parkland Health & Hospital System, Pranavi Sreeramoju, MD, has been named one of the "50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety" in the United States by the prestigious healthcare industry publication Becker's Hospital Review.

Individuals selected for the honor are "advocates, professors, researchers, administrators and healthcare providers who have won awards, published articles, spoken out and led initiatives to reduce patient harm



and safety,' ensure Becker's editorial team said. This year marks the third running of the list.

Dr. Sreeramoju chairs the infection prevention and control committee at Parkland and also is Associate Professor in Medicine-Infectious Diseases at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She is responsible for leading system-wide quality, safety and process improvement efforts related to healthcare-associated infections and advancing scholarly activities in healthcare epidemiology.

"I am honored and humbled to be named to this list that includes many esteemed leaders in the field of patient safety," Dr. Sreeramoju said. "It is also a tribute to the efforts and dedication of the entire team at Parkland that is achieving significant quality improve-

tirement Fund (ERF) of the

City of Dallas. She is also

ment results in our efforts to enhance patient safety."

Among Dr. Sreeramoju's key accomplishments during her six-year tenure at Parkland have been enhancement of infection prevention processes including hand hygiene, implementation of mandatory influenza vaccination program for healthcare personnel that placed Parkland in the National Honor Roll for Patient Safety; enhancement of data infrastructures; and establishment of training programs in healthcare epidemiology.

Dr. Sreeramoju is currently leading a major fouryear initiative at Parkland

tion focused on creative learning solutions for at-risk youth and is active in the capital campaign for The Methodist Health System Foundation in Dallas. She was also selected as a German Marshall Fellow in 2009 and was a recipient of the 2011 Rising Star of Public Funds Award from Institutional Investor News.

Her husband Michael J. Sorrell serves as president of Paul Quinn College, they have two young children and reside in North Dallas. During the luncheon.

funded by the state's 1115 Waiver program, known as RITE ('Reduce Infections Together in Everyone'), designed to reduce healthcare associated infections and reduce sepsis mortality.

A graduate of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry, India, Dr. Sreeramoju also trained at Tulane University School of Public Health in epidemiology. She completed internal medicine residency at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Oakland, CA; and infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Illinois at

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overcome difficult obstacles

to remain in school and will

share what the opportunity

to complete their high

school education has meant

The Motherhood: The

Lifetime Achievement

Award Luncheon began in

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ceeds from the annual

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of Dallas Can Academies

while they earn their high

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In other Parkland news, nearly 30 years ago, Parkland Memorial Hospital was the first to complete the verification process to be a Level I Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons. After a recent verification survey, Parkland is once again recognized for optimal care for injured patients.

To be re-verified as a Level I Trauma Center, the hospital had to meet a series of stringent criteria outlined by the American College of Surgeon's Committee on Trauma.

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Natalie Jenkins Sorrell

Dallas Can Academies, nonprofit high schools of choice serving mostly atrisk youth, will present their Lifetime Achievement Award to businesswoman, wife and mother Natalie Jenkins Sorrell at their 22nd annual Motherhood: The Lifetime Achievement Award Luncheon on Friday, May 8 at 11 a.m. at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel.

The luncheon is open to the public and annually recognizes women who exemplify family and community leadership and benefits the students of the five Dallas



Natalie Jenkins Sorrell will be honored for her

Can Academy campuses.

commitment to education, family and community. Sorrell is the investment officer for the Employees' Reactive in the community through the Dallas Chapter of The Links, Inc. where she spearheads efforts to educate young minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M). Natalie holds a master's degree from The Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania where she was a Robert A. Toigo Fellow, and a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Spelman College.

Sorrell serves as chair of the investment committee for Big Thought, a Dallas based nonprofit organiza-

and emerging models in the

world. The timing was ap-

guests will hear from Dallas Can students who will speak about their personal To see how the newest Angels will celebrate Bombshells' Day, follow

Victoria's Secret on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook using #TheNewestAngels.

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Victoria's Secret this week announced they are adding ten models to their roster of Supermodel Angels.

Joining already established Angels Lily Aldridge, Alessandra Ambrosio, Adriana Lima, Behati Prinsloo, and Candice Swanepoel are models Kate Grigorieva (Russia), Taylor Hill (Colorado), Elsa Hosk (Sweden), Martha Hunt (North Carolina), Jac Jagaciak (Poland), Stella Maxwell (United Kingdom), Lais Ribeiro (Brazil), Sara Sampaio (Portugal), Romee Strijd (Holland) and Jasmine Tookes (California).

Jasmine Tookes of California enjoyed gymnastics



for 14 years and played high school vollevball. She is a self-described "foodie" who loves trying new and exotic meals.

The expanded Angel lineup gives Victoria's Secret the largest group of contract models in its history and the most powerful collection of established

propriate. The brand has, over the past few years, put increasing emphasis on both its Swim and Sport lines, while substantially increasing its international distribution. Victoria's Secret continues to dominate the multi-billion dollar lingerie market where it is, by far, the global leader. Victoria's Secret recently

announced their inaugural "International Bombshells" Day," scheduled for May 2. The brand will offer exclusive, limited time specials at stores, and online at VictoriasSecret.com. Women are encouraged to pamper themselves, embrace their "inner Bombshell", spend time with friends and, maybe, do a little shopping.

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In health, income has greater impact than race

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In 2010, Whites "had

twice the income of Blacks

ness," stated the report.

"Poor adults are almost

the report said.

By Freddie Allen NNPA Senior Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Being poor can have a bigger impact on your health than your race, according to a recent report by the Urban Institute.

"Income is a driving force behind the striking health disparities that many minorities experience," stated a recent report by the Urban Institute, a research group originally founded in 1968 to study the programs associated with the War on Poverty.

And even though Blacks have higher rates of disease than Whites, "these differ-

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ceived failures distracted him, though that is true; more accurate would be to say that the last several years revealed West's paucity of serious and fresh intellectual work, a trend far longer in the making. West is still a Man of Ideas, but those ideas today are a vain and unimaginative repackaging of his earlier hits. He hasn't published without aid of a co-writer a single scholarly book since Keeping Faith, which appeared in 1993, the same year as Race Matters.'

Despite other issues addressed by Dyson in his tome, at its core, this heavyweight fight is personal. In the interest of full disclosure, I know both Cornel and Michael and count each of them as a friend.

Except for the length of Dyson's article, the only thing surprising is that he waited this long to reply to West's attacks on him. And readers had to wait almost until the end of the article to learn what West specifically said about Dyson that so enraged him.

"In November 2012, West, friend and mentor, one of the three men whose name is on my Princeton doctoral dissertation, let me have it in the national media. It was during an ap-

and Hispanics, but six times the wealth," the report said. pearance with Tavis Smiley on Democracy Now, shortly after Obama's reelection. 'I love Brother Mike Dyson ' West said. 'But we're living in a society where everybody is up for sale. Everything is up for sale. And he and Brother Sharpton and Sister Melissa and others, they have sold their souls for a mess of Obama pottage. And we invite them back to the black prophetic tradition after Obama leaves. But at the moment, they want insider access, and they want to tell those kinds of lies. They want to turn their back to poor and working people. And it's a sad thing to see them as apologists for the Obama administration in that way, given the kind of critical background that all of them

have had at some point."" As Dyson wrote, "West was just warming up." Dyson continued, "After a fiftieth anniversary celebration of the 1963 March on Washington on the National Mall, a celebration Sharpton led and at which I spoke, West argued that Martin Luther King Jr. 'would've been turning over in his grave' at Sharpton's 'coronation' as the 'bona fide house negro of the Obama plantation,' supported by 'the Michael

"In 2011, almost onequarter (23.3 percent) of adults with family incomes under \$35,000 per year had no usual place of medical care, compared with 6.0 percent of those with incomes of \$100,000 or higher," stated the report. "Similarly, 22.6 percent reported not having seen a dentist in more than five years, compared with 4.3 percent of adults with family incomes over \$100,000."

The effects of poverty on low-income families are often inescapable.

"Public transportation is often inadequate to enable residents to commute to employment, to find a bet-

Dysons and others who've really prostituted themselves intellectually in a very, very ugly and vicious way.' And recently, while promoting Black Prophetic Fire, West argued 'the Sharptons, the Melissa Harris-Perrys, and the Michael Eric Dysons ... end up being these cheerleaders and bootlickers for the President, and I think it's a disgrace when it comes to the black prophetic tradition of Malcolm and Martin.""

West responded to Dyson briefly on Facebook, saying: "Character assassination is the refuge of those who hide and conceal these issues in order to rationalize their own allegiance to the status quo."

Dyson responded to West's response and pushback from other quarters with a second, 2,623-word article in The New Republic. Regarding his decision to publicly answer West, Dyson, quoting old folks who administered public spankings to children, said, "Where you did it is where you get it."

Of all the issues facing Black America – police murders, poverty, mass incarceration, drones, unfair trade policies, electronic surveillance, failing schools, unemployment, Wall Street power, and Israeli occupation of Palester job, or to reach a supermarket, a reliable childcare provider, or health care services," stated the report. Poor families also live in neighborhoods plagued by environmental pollution and live near busy highways and industrial factories.

Poor families often lack access to fresh produce and live in communities supersaturated by fast food restaurants, carry-outs and liquor stores. Safe places for children to play can be scarce.

Families with yearly incomes below \$35,000 were "four times more likely to

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tinians, to use part of West's list of pressing issues – a heavyweight fight between two prized Black intellectuals is an unwanted distraction.

Four years ago, I arranged and moderated a conversation between West and Sharpton at a National Newspapers Publishers Association's convention in Chicago. It was a cordial and respectful conversation. However, it wasn't long before West personally attacked Sharpton again. So I have little hope that a sitdown between West and Dyson would yield anything beyond a temporary truce.

In the end, West and Dyson will be judged not by the amount of flowery venom they can direct at each other – we've had more than enough of that already – but whether they can help find solutions for the array of vexing problems that still plague our people.

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31 Health groups push Obama to update e-cigarette rules

WASHINGTON, DC – Thirty-one leading public health and medical organizations today urged President Obama to quickly finalize long-overdue rules covering all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, cigars and hookah.

In a letter to the Presi-

dent, the groups said the continued lack of federal oversight of these products is putting the health of America's kids at risk. Underscoring the urgent need for action, a recent government survey showed that youth e-cigarette use tripled from 2013 to 2014 and now exceeds youth cigarette

smoking for the first time.

"In the absence of regulation, we have seen irresponsible marketing of unregulated products such as cigars and electronic cigarettes, often using tactics and sweet flavors that clearly appeal to youth. It's

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report being nervous and five times more likely to report sadness 'all or most of the time,''' compared to families that made more than \$100,000.

Children who live in lowincome households are at greater risk for childhood obesity and experience higher rates of asthma than middle- and high-income families.

According to a 2010 American Lung Association report, the prevalence of asthma is 35 percent higher among African Americans compared to Whites. In 2012, the Center for American Progress said that asthma costs the country about \$14 billion annually because of lost wages and missed schooldays.

And instead of saving employers money, low-income workers often cost their employers more, the report said, because of higher health care expenses and diminished productivity, as a result of missing more days at work and coming to work sick.

Adults who have suffered adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), which can include oral, physical or sexual abuse or family dysfunction, are twice as likely to have heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes and four times as likely to have chronic lung disease, the report said.

"Policies that reduce adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) or that promote improved educational outcomes can translate into improved economic wellbeing, better health outcomes, and lower health care costs," the report explained. "Similarly, the effects of unemployment on health may be buffered by unemployment assistance and other resources (e.g., savings, family resources, and social or business contacts)."

The report also recommended making stronger investments in early childhood education and expanding community-based programs and improving service provider networks.

Citing a British study, the Urban Institute researchers noted that adults (60 to 64 years-old) who had grown up in the wealthiest house-

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holds often "had 7 to 20 percent better cognitive performance" than adults who had grown up in the poorest households.

"People and interest groups working to solve these problems are doing more than improving income and wealth: they are ultimately benefiting population health for all age groups," said the report. "Improving the economic conditions of Americans at many income levels-from those who are poor to those in the middle class-could improve health and help control the rising costs of health care. Jobs, education, and other drivers of economic prosperity matter to public health."

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Education

GISD hosts regional VASE, showcases state-bound talent

Due to its abundance of creative students, Garland ISD was selected to host the Texas Art Education Association's Region 10 east Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) March 7 at Garland High School. The regional affair proved to be successful, showcasing GISD's hardworking staff and talented students.

"Many collective hours were spent organizing and planning this event," said GHS teacher Jessica Thompson. "All art teachers, from kindergarten through 12th grade, volunteered to work that day. The outstanding team effort and positive attitudes resulted in a very cool, calm and collected atmosphere, which made all other visiting districts, students and teachers feel truly welcomed."

The impressive event featured college and studentled workshops, fun activi-



ties in the waiting area, food trucks, greeters and guest welcome rooms. In addition, certified jurors interviewed all participants and evaluated their work based on a four-level standard rating. Originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for visual art, and the interpretation of the student's stated intent were all considered during judging.

The 2014-15 competition included 1,532 entries, including 652 district-submit-

District jazz bands shine at competition

Showcasing talent and charisma, five Garland ISD jazz bands wowed audiences during the 38th-annual Texas Christian University Jazz Festival March 20-21. Groups from Naaman Forest and Rowlett high schools, as well as Austin Academy for Excellence, won high honors at the music competition for their excellent performances.

"Congratulations to Austin Academy, Rowlett and Naaman Forest for



earning top ratings in addition to trophies in their classifications," said Director of Fine Arts George Jones. "We are proud of these outstanding students and their

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ted pieces. Just 89 submissions were chosen to go to state, with nearly half of those qualifiers hailing from GISD.

"We have 42 students advancing to state," Thompson revealed. "The best thing about state VASE is that the kids just get to enjoy it, as there are no

more interviews or paperwork to be completed. VASE is all about seeing what is out there, getting feedback from judges, becoming inspired to work harder and creating more art. VASE gives students an outside, unbiased opinion that can really propel them to a higher level with their

art. It is such a valuable experience."

GISD's state-bound high schoolers will get to enjoy that experience April 24-25 at the Dallas Convention Center.

For more information about VASE, visit the competition's website.

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Dallas to host Cinco de Mayo parade in Oak C

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The Big Parade and Festival in Oak Cliff is a decades-long tradition, 22 years to be exact. The nearly mile-and-a-half-long route runs through historic Oak Cliff and is sponsored by the Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts. Arrive early to get a prime watching spot,

then thrill to the colorful floats, marching bands, rumba performers and music. After the parade, kick back at the main stage for more music and performances.

If you're unsure about the significance of Cinco de Mayo, here are some facts. Cinco de Mayo refers to the Battle of Puebla, a decisive battle fought by the Mexican Army against the French invaders on May 5, 1862.

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well as in the United States. Texans are still celebrating Cinco de Mayo as a true American tradition.

The Dallas Cinco de Mayo 2015 is expected to

be the largest celebration in Dallas showcasing a parade, festival, main stage, tailgating, car show & more. The event is scheduled for May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Irving offers Cinco De Mayo Festival, Health/Education Fair

Join The City of Irving and DCET in celebration of CINCO DE MAYO Multicultural Festival-Health and Educational Fair. This event promotes education, healthy lifestyles and alternative resources for the family; featuring community non-profits, county/state agencies, and retail vendors along with traditional cultural arts/craft/food vendors ---all in an alcohol-Free envi-

ronment. They are expecting around 5,000 people this year.

Irving's 2015 Cinco de Mayo Multicultural Festival & Education/Health Fair on Saturday, May 2 is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is a free event with all day blood pressure screening, glucose, mammogram exams, and cholesterol testing with onsite results and referrals, multicultural entertainment, kid's

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skills, Austin Academy Jazz One and Rowlett Jazz Two snagged first-place in their respective divisions. Rowlett Jazz One and Naaman Forest Jazz Orchestra also performed well, winning second and third place in their categories. And, Austin Academy Jazz Two received high marks for their act, as well.

Individual students were also recognized for their abilities. The following 20

- performers were acknowledged for outstanding musicianship.
- · Aaron Goins, Austin Academy Jazz One • Alexander Lovrine, Naa-
- man Forest Jazz Orchestra
- Annie Hilbun, Austin Academy Jazz Two
- Braden Jones, Austin Academy Jazz One
- Brennan Youngblood, Austin Academy Jazz One • Camden Gonzales, Austin Academy Jazz One

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Dallas in terms of an economic divide. There is a lack of mixed income families attending public schools", he added.

Ronquillo definitely has the resume to become Dallas' next mayor, a George Washington University Law School alumnus, former board member of DART. the Children's Medical Center and Dallas Museum of Art and also served in the Civil Rights Office under former President Jimmy Carter just to name a few.

But even with all of these allocates his naysayers contend if Ronquillo wants to defeat Rawlings the only chance he stands is by getting down in the mud, something he says he's adamantly opposed to.

Unethical behavior may be beneath Ronquillo, but apparently not so much the case for write-in candidate Richard Sheridan who was arrested for allegedly spraypainting anti-gay graffiti two Dallas LGBT landmarks.

Sheridan, a bit unconventional and well known for his anti-gay activist is also a staunch opponent of the Toll Road project claiming it is one of the two greatest

things impeding the city's success.

Sheridan says, is racism. If elected he pledges to "address poverty, appeal to the wealthy's consciences and pocket books that by investing in South Dallas their taxes will go down because the now 15/40 tax population will steadily increase to 20/40, 30/40. By bringing up South Dallas with jobs, jobs, jobs their taxes will go down." Sheridan is a retired engineer.

Election day is May 9,

Forest Jazz Orchestra Story photo courtesy of • Patrick Hill, Rowlett George Jones. Jazz One and Two Dallas' number one issue,

2015. Early voting is underway until Sunday. If there is a runoff it will take place June 13, 2015.

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"I hope I've demonstrated the passion I have for our city. For me, that's what running for re-election is all about – helping our city to shine, continuing a pursuit of excellence and working to help this city that I love realize its full potential. If you agree, then I would be honored to have your support in my campaign for re-election."

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DCT bringing Jackie & Me to stage May 1-17

Many people are looking for ways to have conversations with their children about some of the increasingly frequent and disturbing incidents happening around the country. In its 30-year history, Dallas Children's Theater has worked to create a safe space for tackling these topics. The timing for the upcoming play, JACKIE & ME, is opportune in this regard. Not only does it put the issues of the early Civil Rights movement front and center, but it provides context for those who may not understand the origins of the emotion surrounding some of the incidents going on in today's world. Dallas Children's Theater invites the community to come see this powerful story together. Steven Dietz adapted



JACKIE & ME from the popular book series by Dan Gutman, which uses the context of baseball to make the difficult conversation about discrimination easier to initiate. JACKIE & ME runs May 1-17 at Dallas Children's Theater.

Like many other boys, Joey Stoshak is crazy about baseball. Unlike his peers, Joey has a knack for time travel. When Joey is assigned to write a report on an African American hero, he uses his special ability to go to 1947 Brooklyn and meet Jackie Robinson. When his trip back in time unexpectedly changes the color of Joey's skin, he is forced to face harsh truths about prejudice and discrimination.

Much sought-after DFW director Rene Moreno directs JACKIE & ME, bringing his expertise for tackling difficult subjects to a new audience. Moreno explains, "Jackie Robinson was an extraordinary human being. Not only a gifted athlete, he was a trailblazer of the Civil Rights movement. His dedication to the achievement of race equality in America's favorite pastime, Major League Baseball, and his courage under the prejudicial fire of the Jim Crow years, have earned him a place in the pantheon of great American heroes."

With Regina Washington from the African American Repertory Theater serving as Artistic Advisor, this important historical story is being sculpted with precision and delicacy. Washington, Executive Managing Director of African Ameri-

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can Repertory Theater has worked at several DFW theater companies as a highly acclaimed actor. Washington says, "It is especially rewarding for me to be a part of such an important story that is so carefully prepared for young people. DCT is a great place to springboard these conversations for families. I was honored to be asked to be a part of it."

Babakayode Ipaye was most recently seen by Dallas audiences in Dallas Theater Center's musical STAGGER LEE, and he is now playing the title role in JACKIE & ME. Ipaye speaks candidly about how playing the role and getting to know Jackie Robinson resonates with him as an actor and an African American man. He says, "As we get further along and I learn

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more, it impacts my feelings towards the show, as it relates to American history. As I look through the eyes of the character of Jackie Robinson, I feel like, though the act of having an African American man in the majors was a large step forward, there was still so much to do. It seems overwhelming and that is with the benefit of knowing what is going to happen. Jackie Robinson walked on the dirt roads that were later paved by the heroes of the Civil Rights movement. We are still fighting to make inroads for our people. We are in a time, again, where the sensitivity is at a heightened state, so having the platform of this fine text and the integrity of DCT behind us,

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Taste Tours for Mother's Day weekend include:

Chocolate Memories for Mom Tour -- Saturday, May 9 -- 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and

Sunday, May 10, 2015 – 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Treat the moms in your life to a lovely afternoon of deliciousness from Village Baking Company, Kate Weiser Chocolate, CocoAndre Chocolatier, Dude Sweet Chocolate and Great One Cookie Company. The cost is \$39 plus tax.

Enchanted Evening Winery, Chocolate, Cheese, Pizza and Jazz Tour -- Saturday, May 9 -- 5:30 - 10 p.m.

Paint the town burgundy by starting off at cozy Two Corks and a Bottle winery with a wine tasting, pizza, and pairing with chocolate and cheeseboard. Then indulge in chocolate at CocoAndre Chocolatier, Kate Weiser Chocolate and Dude, Sweet Chocolate. Finally, it's off to Jazz and more good times at The Free Man in Deep Ellum. Leave the driving to us and have a fun evening adventure in the heart of Dallas! AND HEY, why not treat

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gives us, the artists, a safe and responsible space to share our voice on the journey.'

Special opening night activities will be tailored for older children and their families, including presentations that will help gain insight into the world of baseball as well as the early days of the Civil Rights movement, particularly as it relates to Dallas. Post-show being discussions are planned with individuals who were directly involved in making history in midtwentieth-century Dallas.

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Special thanks to TACA, The Hersh Foundation and Diana & Tom Klein for their generous support of this production. Additional supporters include: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation, Rocky Howard and Texas Commission on the Arts.

Jackie has a limited run at DCT May 1-17. For tickets or more information call the Box Office at 214-740-0051 or visit dct.org. Weekday Student Matinee shows

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More tours are listed at www.dallasbychocolate.com.

also available Tuesdays through Fridays.

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Mike Epps to appear at **Verizon Theater this Friday**

Actor and comedian Mike Epps has been bringing tears of hilarity to peoples' eyes ever since joining the Def Comedy Jam tour in 1995. Known for his hilarious impersonations of stoner life in films like How High and Next Friday, Epps adds pop culture and current events to his list of targets during his side-splitting stand-up act. Fresh off a spate of hat-tipping live concerts shows in 2013, Epps is set for another banner year, embarking on the worldwide After Dark Tour in 2014.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Epps' knack for comedy was encouraged by his parents, leading to stand-up gigs as a teenager and a job at the Comedy



Act Theater in Atlanta. His break came in 1995 when he appeared on the Def Comedy Jam, going on tour and appearing on HBO's broadcasts of the performances.

Beginning with his appearance in Ice Cube's 1999 film Next Friday, Epps landed a series of successful roles, becoming an increasingly familiar face in film and television throughout the '00s, in-

cluding a stint as host of the BET Hip Hop Awards from 2009-2012.

On a stand-up tour in 2014, the ever-upbeat Epps established himself as a role model, taking time out of his busy touring schedule to speak to high school students about the dangers of bullying and the possibility of overcoming obstacles to achieve success





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Supporting our own and circulating the Black Dol

By Rhodesia Muhammad Special to the NNPA from The Final Call

NEW ORLEANS - On a recent Saturday, organizers and over a dozen participants met at the Blackowned Half Shell Restaurant at 9 a.m. for a bus tour to explore Black businesses in the city.

The inspiration for the Black Business Bus Tour originated with Brother Asad El-Malik and Brother Reuben De Tiege. In an effort to continue the spirit of the Kwanzaa principle of Ujamaa (cooperative economics), those men in conjunction with the Man Up March committee and Brothers for Better Business wanted to figure out a way to increase circulation of the Black dollar.

"The idea behind the tour came from the Montgomery Bus Boycott," said Asad El-Malik. "I was thinking



Walter Umrani patronizing Ray Brown, Jr. Cleaners in New Orleans (Courtesy of The Final Call)

took for our people to pull off the boycott. Then I began to think how would a boycott look and work today? What we came up with was the opposite of a boycott. Instead of avoiding

about how much effort it a business, we decided to support Black businesses. What we hoped to accomplish was to raise awareness of different Black-owned businesses, support those businesses, and show the importance of investing into

self. I think the tour was great. We introduced a bunch of people to Blackowned businesses in this city, Black businesses made a few more dollars, and gained potential customers."

The bus traveled to several Black business corridors, stopping at each to allow riders to sample and purchase goods and services. The bus visited such businesses as Swilling Plaza, a shopping center owned by former New Orleans Pro-Bowl Linebacker Pat Swilling, 1st Lady Lingerie and Novelties owned by Evelyn Sullen, Beauty on de Bayou owned by Dwana Makeba, The Chair Studio Hair and Nail Salon co-owned by Chelette Smith-Jones and Keysha Dennis, The Aquatic Shop owned by Brother Vincent, the Community Book Center owned by Vera Warren-Williams and newly-opened

9th Ward cleaners, Ray Brown, Jr. owned by La'Shield Butler. The tour ended at Half Shell Restaurant where food was available for sale.

The event was free to all

riders who RSVP'D and they were escorted to the various businesses by Brother Walter Umrani of Mosque No. 46 and The

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AARP Texas volunteers head to Washington to push for better retirement investment advice standard

AARP Texas volunteers and staff this week dropped petitions containing off more than 26,000 signatures at the U.S. Department of Labor in support of a conflict of interest standard, following the release of a proposed rule earlier this month. The petition delivery kicks off several days of action in Washington that includes visits to U.S. Representatives: Brian Babin (R-TX36), Lloyd Doggett (D-TX35), Gene Green (D-TX29), Will Hurd (R-TX23), Michael Burgess (R-TX26), Kay Granger (R-TX12), John Lee Ratcliffe (R-TX4). The conversations focus around issues that include eliminating conflicts of interest in retirement advice, the Older Americans Act, the Safe Streets Act, the bipartisan Assisting Caregivers Today (ACT) Caucus, and Social Security Trust Fund solvency, as well as thanking those who helped to pass a "doc fix" law that allows Medicare beneficiaries to keep seeing their physicians.

"AARP Texas volunteers and staff are engaging with members of Congress and administration officials this week on issues that protect and enhance health and economic security for current and future generations of Texans," said AARP Texas State Director Bob Jackson. "We're delivering petitions to ensure that all financial advisers put their clients' interests and discussing health, safety and economic matters that impact millions of our families."

Among the issues that AARP Texas volunteers and staff will raise with members of the House and Sen-

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Shack of the True Love Movement

"The intent of the organizers was to use the collective buying power of the 'Black dollar' to support Black-owned businesses within our community. Too often small Black-owned businesses suffer because there isn't a determined and concerted effort made on

PeaceKeepers and Brother behalf of the Black community to support those businesses

> The Black Business Bus Tour is an attempt to combat that lack of support in a creative and nuanced fashion," said Bryan Turner.

"My objective for the tour was to expose lesser known businesses to the masses, showing people where they can go to support businesses owned by African Americans. The highlight of the tour was the people that came out.

We are strategizing on how we can improve the bus tour in the future, getting more males involved and getting people more enthusiastic about supporting their own," Brother Reuben De Tiege added.

The Black Business Bus tour was a follow-up event to the Man Up March

with past-month use among

hosted in October 2014. "I think this tour was a good test run

If we decide to do another tour, we will work more with business owners to help them be better prepared to receive the tourists.

Also, we will consider branching out to other parts of New Orleans," said Student Minister Willie Muhammad, one of the organizers of the Man Up March.

on cigarette marketing to newly-regulated products and prohibiting the use of flavorings that appeal to kids.

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no wonder use of e-cigarettes by youth has skyrocketed," the letter states. "This process has already taken far too long. We cannot afford more delays that allow tobacco companies to target our kids with a new generation of tobacco products."

The Food and Drug Administration currently regulates cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and roll-your-own tobacco and can extend its jurisdiction to all other tobacco products under a 2009 law, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Although the agency announced its intention to regulate all tobacco products in April 2011, it did not issue a proposed rule until April 25, 2014, and has yet to issue a final rule or set a firm date to do SO.

The letter expresses concern about recent trends that demonstrate the need for quick action to protect kids. These include:

• E-cigarette use by youth has exploded. From 2013 to 2014, e-cigarette use rose from 4.5 percent to 13.4 percent among high school students and from 1.1 percent to 3.9 percent among middle school students. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated there were 2.4 million youth e-cigarette users in 2014.

• Cigar use among teens remains a concern. While overall youth cigar use declined from 2013 to 2014, high school boys smoke cigars at about the same rate as cigarettes (10.8 percent

for cigars and 10.6 percent for cigarettes). Cigars are the most commonly used tobacco product among African-American high school students, who smoke cigars at nearly twice the rate of cigarettes. Health advocates have called on the FDA to regulate all cigars and reject calls to exempt some cigars.

· Hookah use roughly doubled for both middle and high school students, high school students rising from 5.2 percent in 2013 to 9.4 percent in 2014. Hookah tobacco is available in a variety of fruit and candy flavors that can be attractive to youth. According to the CDC, hookah smoking exposes smokers to many toxic substances and has many of the same health risks as cigarette smoking. Health advocates have

called on the FDA not only to finalize the rule, but also to strengthen it by extending current FDA restrictions



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May 6, 7 p.m.

You're invited to join us for Bible study as we worship and praise God for His blessings. Prepare to be encouraged by God's plan to grow.

Brother Ramon Hodridge, Minister of Education 1026 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-423-8833 www.avefchurchofchrist.org

BETHEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CARROLLTON

May 2, 1 p.m. Join our Women's Ministry (W.O.R.T.H) starting with 6th grade girls in their annual Spring Luncheon with speaker Yvonne Brumfield. You will be blessed at this potluck luncheon.

May 3, 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to our Sunday Morning "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. See what God is doing through and with us; vou will be blessed. Don't forget to come back at 5 p.m. for the Word of God in Spanish at our Iglesia de Cristo Services.

May 6, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Dr. Woodson and/or Associate Pastor Brenda Patterson teaching on the subject of Spiritual Warfare. These are cool Topics in Spring

months. We will learn what God says about critical issues and topics through the study of His word. Come and be blessed by God.

Dr. Terrance Woodson, Senior Pastor 1944 E. Hebron Parkway Carrollton, TX 75007 972-492-4300 www.bethelbiblefellowship.org

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH IN RICHARDSON

May 3, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

You're invited to our Morning Services as we worship, honor and praise God for His blessings. Our April Month Series is "My Career Path in Babylon." What does your faith look like in your work place?

May 3

Join us at 12 Noon with Rev. Viveca Potter teaching on the Word of God; come back at 6:45 p.m. for Corporate Prayer and stay for Senior Pastor Autry at 7:30 p.m. teaching the Word of God. Our youth will come for Food and Fellowship at 7 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. and Tutoring/Homework Assistance at 8 p.m.

Dr. Terrence Autry, Senior Pastor 701 Centennial 972-991-0200 Richardson, TX 75081 www.Christcommunityrichardson.org

DAYSTAR **DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES**

May 2015

For those in need visit Helen's House on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (exceptions are bad weather and holidays) to receive, to give, to comfort and to fellowship. Call 972-480-0200 for details.

Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing 635 W. Campbell Road Suite 201 Richardson, TX 75080

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "The Ship"

May 3

Join us this Sunday for our praise and worship services at 8 a.m. in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen; followed by Morning Services at 9:30 a.m. at Bolin Elementary School, 5705 Cheyenne Drive in Allen and bring someone with you; you will be blessed.

May 6

You're invited to our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word at the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, 200 West Belmont Drive in Allen. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all, be prepared to grow.

Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed. D. Senior Pastor

5705 Cheyenne Drive at Bolin Elementary School in Allen 75002 for Sunday Morning Worship and the Admin. Building Address is 200 W. Belmont Drive Allen, TX 75013 972-359-9956 www.theship3c.org

BIBLE WAY COMMUNITY **BAPTIST CHURCH**

May 3, 7:35 a.m. Join us this Sunday for our praise and worship services and receive a blessing from God.

May 6, 7 p.m. You're invited to our Wednesday Bible Study to learn more about God's word and how it can lead and guide you.

May 15, 7 p.m. Join our Women's Ministry group for fellowship and fun.

May 16, 9 a.m. Join our Men's Ministry group for fellowship and fun.

Dr. Timothy Wilbert, Pastor 4215 North Greenview Drive Irving, TX 75062 972-257-3766 www.biblewayirving.org

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP)

May 3 Join us in Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.; stay for our Sunday prayer at 9:30 a.m. and our Worship Service at 10 a.m.

May 6, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

Pastor Sam Fenceroy Senior Pastor 300 Chisholm Place Plano, TX 75075 972-633-5511 www.mocop.org

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

May 3

You're invited to join us for Early Morning Services at 7:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

May 6 Join us for Wednesday's Bible Study and learn what God has to say to us.

Dr. Tommy L. Brown Senior Pastor 9550 Shepherd Road Dallas, Texas 75243 Phone: 214-341-6459 www.nmzb.org

SHILOH MBC **IN PLANO**

May 3

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Come and worship with us this Sunday. God will greet us and bless us with words of wisdom as He leads and guide us in all truth and righteousness.

May 6, 7 p.m. You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; and, it's all for His glory.

Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr. Senior Pastor 920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX 75074 972-423-6695 www.smbcplano.org

THE INSPIRING BODY **OF CHRIST CHURCH**

May 3, 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. You're invited this Sunday to our praise and worship

service as we honor and magnify God's Holy name; and receive a blessing from Him.

May 6, 7 p.m.

Join us in Monday School as we learn what God has to say to us.

May 8, 7 p.m.

All men are invited to join us for Men's Fellowship night. What is God saying to us?

Pastor Rickie Rush 7701 S Westmoreland Road Dallas, TX 75237 972-372-4262 www.Ibocchurch.org

IRS Problems?



a friend cries out to you,

you will find the strength to

help. People you care about

most in life are taken from

Finally, brethren, whatso-

ever things are true, what-

soever things are honest,

whatsoever things are just,

whatsoever are pure, what-

soever things are lovely,

whatsoever things are of

good report; if there be any

virtue, and if there be any

praise, think on these

-Philippians 4:8.

you too soon.

things.

to find out a secret; it could

the exact same thing and

see something totally differ-

People who don't even

know you can change your

life in a matter of hours or

minutes. The credentials on

the wall do not make you a

quit trying; so don't be so

quick to throw in the towel.

Why start the race if you

don't plan to finish it.

When you think that you

have no more to give, when

Inspiring Body 💋

You only lose when you

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Two people can look at

change your life forever.

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With the recent death of my best friend, Phemia Tinner, my mind went to things that I have heard and some things that I have printed in my column.

You should always leave someone with loving words; it may be the last time you see them.

We don't have to change family and friends; if we understand that family and friends sometimes will change. No matter how good a person they are, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

You can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life. Generally it takes a person a long time to become the person that they should be. You can keep going long after you can't. We are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

Either you control your attitude or it will control you; because "Attitude" is

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more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, and what other people think, say or do.

Attitude is more important than appearance, gifts, or skills. It will make or break a church, a home, or a business.

Regardless of how good a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place. Heroes are the people who do what has to be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

You and a friend should be able to do anything or nothing and still have the best time.

Sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down; will sometimes be the ones to help you get back up. At times when you are angry, you have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give you the right to be cruel.

The Word of God says to be angry and sin not. Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean that they don't love you with all that they have.

Maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them; it has less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated. It isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

It doesn't matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief. Our background and

circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

Just because two people argue, it doesn't mean that they don't love each other, and just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean that they do care about each other.

You shouldn't be so eager



Things to ponder...

Mr. Young Sung, Candidate for Carrollton City Council, Place 5 makes a vow to work for economic development and fiscal responsibility: and the following citizens endorse him: Carrollton's Police Officers and Fire Fighters Associations; Ron Branson and Becky Miller two former Mayors; Shirley Tarpley and Pat Malone, two former Mayor Pro Tems; Horace Blake; James Bull; Jaron bull; Gregory & Robbie Douglas; Carl & Sharon Goff; H-Mart Super Market; David Hwang; Galileo Jumaoas; Ginghis Kang; Korea Central Daily Newspaper; Bill & Sheila Lott; Rudy & Odessa McDonald; Xavier & Elizabeth Mottley; North Dallas Gazette; Rev. R. Michael & Phyllis Stromile; Rowena Watters; Pastor Lee Chul; Korean Society of Dallas; Ko-

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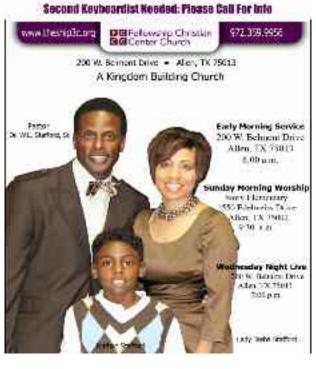
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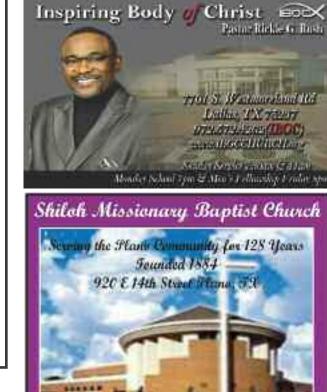
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NDG Book Review: One Night is worth two looks

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Would you look at that. Actually, probably, you already have. You're one of the most observant people you know, never missing a thing, always noticing. You make a great witness because you see everything. And in the new book "One Night" by Eric Jerome Dickey, you see two people about to make a mistake.

It was pouring rain that evening and it perfectly matched her mood.

Once she'd been a comedian and an actress. She'd been someone's mother but now she was dressed in a pilfered shirt from an electronics store, driving a stolen truck and trying to con somebody into paying for a box of rocks because the rent was due and she didn't have it. The man putting gas in his expensive car looked like an easy mark.

He had a bruise over his eye, which was fine: she had a bruised heart. She offered the box for sale and he handed her the money, knowing full well that it was a con. He also handed her a business card with an Orange County number before he drove off. She knew he wouldn't get far; L.A.

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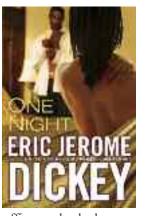
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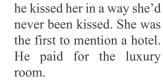
: If Congress does not address the shortfall in the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) trust fund, children, veterans, older workers, families and others who receive disability insurance benefits may face a 20 percent cut in their benefits. AARP seeks a reallocation of the trust funds with improved program integrity measures.



traffic was backed up, police were everywhere, sirens blasting. Her boyfriend wasn't answering his phone, so she dialed the man's number to explain that conning really wasn't what she was all about.

He was skeptical. She challenged him to meet her at a diner.

Dinner was strained but pleasant, a get-to-know-you where very little information was exchanged. She didn't want to be alone; he didn't want to go home to a wife he no longer loved, so



they went to a movie before

She thought she'd been in love before: with the father of her daughter, certainly with her daughter but she'd never been with a man who did to her what the man from Orange County did. He made her moan and call out things that she didn't know she had a voice for calling.

It was only supposed to be a one-night stand. But she wasn't being entirely truthful with him. And he definitely wasn't telling her everything, either...

Let's start here: "One Night" is steamy. Like, burn-your-mind, hott-withtwo-Ts steamy.

But it's not just that. Author Eric Jerome Dickey ekes this novel out slowly, minute-by-minute, like a



slow dance between two people who aren't forthcoming with facts to one another – or to readers. That can be snail-like, but it's also fascinating: we know there's something we're not quite seeing, but we're too

distracted by the tryst to figure it out – that is, until Dickey repeatedly interrupts the action with smartly-timed shocks that reset everything. There are a few moments

of silliness in this book but

overall, I couldn't let it go and if you can handle the lengthy bedroom scenes, you won't be able to, either. For readers who crave a boatload of spice with their novels, "One Night" is worth two looks.

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