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# Wells Fargo scandal continues to create fallout

By Dr. John E. Warren

(NNPA) The Wells Fargo scandal is far from over and it continues to provide insight into the "Cherry Picking" culture of providing select help in places where it seeks to get the greatest impact. In New York City, there was an investment of over \$10 billion dollars in affordable housing construction. But that alone appears not to be enough to keep the New York City from following its own rules when considering where to bank. Perhaps other customers of Wells Fargo should take a close look at these facts.

In March of this year, federal regulators, using the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) changed the banks rating from "satisfactory" to "needs improvement", citing an extensive pattern of discriminatory and illegal lending practices. Under New York City rules, in order to get government deposits, a bank must have at least a "satisfactory" rating with the Comptroller of the Currency following the CRA. The City of New York reportedly has hundreds of millions of dollars deposited with Wells Fargo Bank. The City's Banking Commission is meeting on May 31 and could vote to move those funds based on its own rules. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the city says they have recommended a number of steps for the bank to "began restoring investor,



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customer and public confidence."

Clearly if other cities and individuals, customers and investors followed the Community Reinvestment Act policy of the federal regulators, there would be more people taking a closer look at doing business with Wells Fargo Bank.

Earlier this month, lawyers in San Francisco, representing customers who are suing Wells Fargo, stated the bank opened 3.5 million unauthorized accounts over the past 15 years, federal instead of the two million unauthorized accounts previously reported, "based on public information, negotiations, and confirmatory discovery." This information was based in part on the fact federal regulators, when looking at the scandal, only went back as far as 2009. Last month the bank said the problem dates back

to 2002.

Where the bank initially agreed to pay \$110 million dollars in settlements going back to 2009, it has now agreed to add an additional \$32 million dollars to include claims starting in May 2002. These dollars are in addition to the \$185 million fine Wells Fargo agreed to in September 2016. The September fine is to be paid to the Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Los Angeles city attorney. Following this announcement, shares of Wells Fargo fell 1.3 percent. So far in 2017 Wells Fargo shares have dropped 3.8 percent.

It appears Wells Fargo is willing to pay everyone except the African

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## Olympia Auset

26-year old Olympia Auset, a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of Howard University, grew tired of having to travel 2 hours by bus every time she wanted to buy healthy vegan food. She live in Inglewood, and it quickly became clear that if she wanted better health around her, she would have to do something. So, she created and launched her very own organic grocery store.

### Creating something different

There are many organic



and vegan grocery stores, but very, very few of them are affordable to low income families and individuals. So Olympia created SÜPRMARKT - a low-cost, organic grocery that

pops up weekly to provide 100% organic produce in areas with limited access to food.

Her mission is to make great health and healing within reach of communities that need it the most, and her grocery store's motto is aptly named "Save Big. Eat Great."

She comments, "I think the greatest takeaway about this project is it shows there are things every person can do to tackle societal issues that face their community. It isn't always about waiting on corporations or governments to get things done."

**How she is able to do it**  
SÜPRMARKT blends new produce with slightly impaired produce to balance out the food waste question in Los Angeles. This means that Olympia has partnered with major organic suppliers in the Los Angeles area to distribute un-sellable food to communities that can make use of it.

The subscription service offers low-cost weekly packages of produce, and EBT is accepted for all food sales. These factors make SÜPRMARKT a viable solution in tackling the ques-

tions of food insecurity and food waste, while also building a healthier world.

### Providing hundreds of cases of good food

Since starting in June 2016, Olympia's grocery store has sold hundreds of cases of organic fruit, veggies, and seeds affordably to low income communities. She has also received grants from The Pollination Project and Co-opportunity, and leveraged the support of food figures such as Robert Egger of LA Kitchen and organizations like The Underground Museum.

Auset is a LA Native and HU Grad. She was featured by Wanderlust and Huffington Post for "Give Three Gifts," a video about innovative kindness. She initiated the creation of the 100 ft. "Let's Be Good To Each Other" mural at 54th/ Crenshaw in Los Angeles, and is actively engaged in birthing experiences, gatherings, and gifts to LA which make earth a better place to live.

Some projects she's involved in: The Shine Movement

For more details about SÜPRMARKT, visit [www.suprmarkt.la](http://www.suprmarkt.la).

## Kimberly Hadawy

MARIETTA, Ga. -- The Foundation for Ensuring Access and Equity announced that on Sunday, May 28 the Turner Chapel AME Church in Marietta, Georgia will host its 10th Annual High School Graduation Celebration Worship Service. The blessings will be flowing for several students who have been offered full college scholarships. However, for Paulding County High School's Kimberly Hadaway, the blessings are overflowing with full scholarships to six of the country's top col-



leges: Princeton, Duke, Vanderbilt, Washington and Lee, Amherst, and Williams.

For the past ten years, the church's Education Ministry Leaders, Mychal and Nina Wynn, a college planning

couple, who operate the Foundation for Ensuring Access and Equity's nationally recognized 'College Planning Cohort Program' began inspiring elementary school students through the church's biannual academic celebrations to aspire toward big college-bound dreams.

As a third grader, Kimberly approached with a request, "Mr. Wynn, I want to go to college and my mother cannot afford to pay for me to go to college. Since you know all of this college planning stuff, tell me what I need to do."

Since that fateful request

for help, the Wynns have been guiding Kimberly's college trajectory. First, through test prep for Georgia's CRCT testing as an elementary and middle school student. Then, by developing a 7-year middle-through-high school course schedule, heavy in advanced math, science, and Advanced Placement classes. Then, by encouraging Kimberly to make a commitment to leadership and community service. Finally, putting

Kimberly on the radar of selective institutions with need-based, 'no loans,' financial aid policies by ap-

plying to their 'Diversity Weekend' programs.

Kimberly and her mother worked together as a team to follow the plan. The three-way partnership of Kimberly doing the work, her mother providing the support, and the Turner Chapel Education Ministry providing the guidance,

achieved remarkable results. With grit and determination, Kimberly took each class that Mr. Wynn outlined, earned an 'A' in each class, earned a final grade of 100+ over 50 times, earned a passing score on 17 AP exams, and achieved an ACT Score in the 99th

percentile nationally ('33') by Mr. Wynn's deadline-- June of her junior year of high school.

Kimberly's full college scholarship offers could not come at a better time. After suffering through years of long-term unemployment, Kimberly's single-parent mother has lost their home to foreclosure. Kimberly and her mom will be vacating their home within days following Kimberly's graduation, as class salutatorian, at Paulding County High School. As her mom seeks temporary housing, Kim-

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## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Carrollton mayor run-off candidates present their case at forum

Thurman, I wanted to advise the article in the *North Dallas Gazette* was written from a person that has indicated he was endorsing Kevin. Further, the following is not factually correct, as I did not change my position during the election.

-- Steve Babick, Carrollton via Facebook

To anyone who reads this article, Falconer is proudly endorsed by the

Tea Party and Empower Texans. One of Falconers closet friends and supporters is the Kenny Marchant family.

This article has an agenda and it does NOT include what is best for minorities, our community or our families.

I have lived in Carrollton for 46 years and I am of Mexican decent. This article is not truthful.

I have zero clue what the *North Dallas Gazette* is thinking but whatever you were thinking, it wasn't with minorities best interest at hand.

-- Liz, Carrollton

If you have any questions about Kevin W. Falconer, I would encourage you to reach out to him directly and he would be more than happy to speak with you. You can find his contact information on Facebook or his website.

Kevin Falconer brings a wealth of city experience as well as retail and restaurant experience that will help Carrollton to continue to become the prime place to live, work, and play. His knowledge and experience is why he is endorsed by

the current Mayor, Matthew Marchant, and several members of the current city council.

-- DeWayne Tallmon

Both former Mayors, former and current council members are supporting Steve Babick for Mayor.

Both my husband and me as Council members have served and known both Kevin and Steve for years. Steve by far exceeds Kevin in his broad business acumen, small business and large business ex-

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# 'For Our Community' is not in the hood



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The recent municipal elections have revealed political action committees are actively involved in acquiring the African-American vote. While outsiders from the black community have targeted black voters for years, this time it is more organized and overt.

Politics and money go together like peanut butter

and jelly, it is simply hard to separate the two. However, this time around we have never seen the North Dallas power structure put their money where their mouth is, in a very open way. I guess they have some skin in the game, the game is politics, and campaign donations is the skin.

To be honest, if you were a politician, and a political action committee (PAC) were devoting time and resources to get you elected, you likely would not turn it down either. It is just good business and political sense.

The present day purveyors of political opinion are much more sophisticated than those of the past. In short, the days of giving love offerings to preachers and expecting a return of investment are over. Southern traditions obviously die hard, even in Dallas.

Political action committees are not illegal, however, they do provide cover for special interests groups who want to influence candidates. These PAC's influence candidates and garner support for their positions. The welfare and position of

the community must always be on building and sustaining our neighborhoods regardless of PAC's.

Clever sloganeering and cute names of PACs, such as "For Our Community" give a false sense of community involvement and interest. Truth be told it is the North Dallas power brokers influencing southern Dallas elections and they are not in our community.

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## The impact of diversity in local elections

By Liz Castaneda  
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Let's get uncomfortable and discuss politics, race and religion. These subjects are sometimes addressed and focused on when a candidate is running for office. Eyes are rolled or these subjects are often labeled as off limits.

I have lived in Carrollton since 1971 and I am of Mexican descent. My children consist of African, Native American, Latin and Anglo heritage. In my household, we also have different religious beliefs. We have Catholics, Baptists, I believe in God and Jesus but not organized religion, and even one child who is considering the teachings of Buddha. In my household, we have Republicans, Democrats and I will vote for the best person for the job. It is needless to say, I have a household full of diversity.

On local elections, we tend to agree more than we disagree. Topics such as accessibility, community involvement, ethnic endorsements, relationship with the school district, police and fire are vital to us.

It is also important we are not treated as accessories to candidates in their race for power. How do we use utilize the power of our diversity? How do we make it



Earlier this month Steve Babick stopped by the garage sale hosted by Carrollton Citizens on Patrol at Newman Smith High School. The raised money is for scholarships for children of police officers and to help families in need during the holidays. Babick's supporters point to his community involvement throughout the city as a reason why they believe he is the right man for the job. (Image: Via Steve Babick For Mayor Facebook page)

clear we are growing in numbers and will no longer accept promises lacking substance? We can begin by not beating around the bush and letting candidates know we see through their lies and façade.

In Carrollton, we have a mayoral election runoff underway and I am amazed how much attention diverse groups are receiving. Let's list our two Carrollton candidates and find out which candidate is worthy of our precious vote and support. Let's mark it all down in black and white and find out who is a true uniting leader versus who is throwing out meaningless words hoping we believe them.

Let's list our mayoral candidate's pros and cons. I

have had the honor of knowing one candidate for years. I have witnessed Steve Babick and his family involved in everything from enriching our parks and trails, to being an advocate for renaming a city street to honor Annie Heads Rainwater (an African American woman who was successful in integrating our school system). I have often run into Steve and his wife eating at locally owned restaurants and excitingly shopping for Christmas gifts at our mom and pop shops.

I only met Kevin Falconer this year, conveniently after announcing he was running for mayor. Only in the past couple of months have I seen Mr. Falconer be involved in a hands-on capac-

ity at all.

Mr. Babick lost endorsements of elected officials when he maintained a friendship and support of a minority candidate running for city council. While Mr. Falconer refused participation for the consideration of the Tejanos Democrats forum. Mr. Babick received the support of the Muslim community. While Mr. Falconer received the endorsement of the Tea Party. Carrollton's Police and Fire associations endorsed Babick, while Falconer was endorsed by the Kenny Marchant family.

Based on facts my family will vote for Steve Babick. He has never labeled us. The Babick family has been here for my community regardless of race, religion or income.

Kevin Falconer has simply been out of touch with our concerns, our community and our lives.

We, as minorities and diverse voters, have an enormous duty. Our duty and obligation involve ensuring our future continues to move forward in a positive direction. Early voting began on Tuesday, May 30 and ends on Tuesday, June 6, I urge you all to make voting your priority.

Liz Castaneda is a lifelong resident of Carrollton and a community activist.



# Minority blood donors especially needed for upcoming drive

Remington College created the 3 Lives campaign to recruit new minority blood donors and raise awareness of blood disorders. Minority donors - particularly African American donors - are in high demand because they

provide blood with unique antigens that are vital for patients with sickle cell disease and other blood disorders.

According to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, more than 2.5 million people carry the sickle

cell trait in the U.S. - mostly African Americans. 80,000 people in the U.S. have sickle cell disease, and 1,000 babies are born with sickle cell each year.

Nationally, Remington College has collected more

than 13,900 pints of blood through its 3 Lives Blood Drives. And since 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives, that's enough blood to save more than 41,000 lives.

While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of

minority blood donors, everyone is encouraged to give blood at the event. Donors must be 17 years of age or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. All the blood collected will go to local hospitals and medical

centers to help people in the Metroplex.

Remington College-Dallas Campus is located at 1800 Eastgate Drive in Garland. For more on the 3 Lives program, visit [www.3Lives.com](http://www.3Lives.com).

# High-priority nursing home quality Texas legislation approved

AUSTIN - In the final hours of the session, Texas lawmakers approved a top priority for AARP Texas - major nursing home quality reforms that seek to hold operators of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities more accountable when they have been found to have done harm to their residents.

This session, Texas lawmakers also approved numerous AARP-backed bills that, among other things, will protect seniors' financial future, improve access to health care, and meaningfully help unpaid family caregivers and their families.

Bills sent to the governor include ones seeking to:

- Strengthen nursing home oversight and accountability to better protect the state's 93,000 nursing home residents;
- Expand rights for Texas'

3.4 million unpaid family caregivers, assuring they'll be able to properly care for their loved ones when they return home from the hospital;

- Help fight elder financial exploitation by making it easier to stop fraudulent bank transactions before it's too late;

- Provide comfort to families by clarifying powers of attorney and guardianships;

- Bolster consumers' power to prevent and challenge surprise medical bills; and

- Improve access to medical providers through "telehealth," allowing patients to meet with physicians via smartphone, tablet or computer.

Some of the AARP-supported measures sent to the governor are:

**SB 1** - The new state budget includes funding for

several important initiatives supported by AARP, including the Lifespan Respite Care Program, which makes available respite services for family members who care for a person of any age with any chronic health condition or disability. Funding for new guardianship oversight programs also is included in the budget.

**HB 2025** - Amended to include the provisions of Senate Bill 932, which revises the state's "Right to Correct" law to make it more difficult for serious violations of nursing home care to be ignored. The bill empowers the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to substantially change how nursing homes are penalized. The bill also provides for training and funding for people who work in facilities that care for those with Alzheimer's

or dementia.

**HB 3921** - Improves the reporting of financial exploitation targeting older Texans and gives new tools to banks and securities firms to place a temporary hold on suspicious transactions.

**SB 507** - Bolsters patient protection against surprise medical billing. Signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott, the new law takes effect Sept 1 and will expand a successful but not widely used state mediation process for victims of surprise bills. Medical providers and insurers will have to clearly explain patients' rights to mediation and how they can seek mediation for bills that

exceed \$500.


**HB 3276** - The bill seeks to protect consumers from surprise medical bills at free-standing emergency rooms. The bill requires those neighborhood emergency clinics to disclose which health benefit plan's provider network it's in or to make clear to patients that it is not a participating provider in any such network.

**HB 2425** - The CARE (Caregiver, Advise, Record, Enable) Act helps Texans when their loved ones go into the hospital and as they transition home. The measure would ensure hospital patients' designated family


caregivers are offered instruction in providing needed care at home.

**SB 1107** - The measure allows patients to meet with physicians via smartphones, tablets and other computers in what's known as telehealth or telemedicine.

**SB 667** - When people are incapable of managing personal decisions and property, the court can authorize a guardian to act on their behalf. This bill expands a pilot project to regulate guardianship programs. Other guardianship bills supported by AARP that were sent to the governor include: SB 39, SB 40, SB 1193, and HB 1043



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# Student Loan Do's and Don'ts



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The season of graduation is upon us and there are very few families out there who can't name someone taking a trip across the stage to receive a diploma. In my day, that was just reserved for high school and college. Nowadays, there are even graduations for pre-kindergarten classes! The topic of graduation is an important one because it means that a chapter in your life is closing and a brand new one is opening up just over the horizon.

My column this time around is going to delve into the topic of student loans. Yes, I'm aware that I don't know too many pre-kindergartners putting themselves through school by borrowing money, but

for a large portion of our folks attending college, student loans are a necessary lifeline. According to last year's statistics, two-thirds of college graduates completed school with some form of student debt. The average amount? \$37,000 per student.

For those who find themselves beholden to loans to finish schooling, I have some words of wisdom for you: You can't put a price on the value of becoming an educated individual, but you can put a price on the failure to adequately pay back your student loans--your future credit score.

I want to provide some instruction on basic do's and don'ts about student loans and recent graduates who utilized financial aid should heed this advice carefully. First and foremost, how familiar are you with your student loans? Did you read the fine print, or did you cash the checks, only interested to see how far the

money would last for room and board, books and tuition? Typically, your student loan payments are expected to come due six months after graduation. That's not much of a grace period.

While there are multiple forms of financial aid available to students who qualify, almost every instance requires some form of repayment. Familiarize yourself with what your loan repayment requires and make a plan. And don't wait until you've landed that first six-figure job to get started. You can meet with your financial aid representative or loan servicer and create a payment plan immediately. Your representative should be skilled in helping you determine what you can afford to allocate as you integrate yourself into the workforce.

If you have multiple student loans, you may be eligible for a consolidation. Keep careful track of your payments. Go out and buy a

simple ledger book if you have to. There are even several mobile apps and websites designed to get you on the right track. A full listing of these can be found on the helpful website, [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) <<http://www.studentaid.gov>>.

Once you've begun paying back your student loans, pay back more than your minimum balance if at all possible. Works the same way as a credit card. You'll cut into the principal amount rather than just covering the interest, allowing you to pay off your student loan quicker.

If at any time you find yourself unable to meet your student loan repayment obligations, don't ignore your debt! Take action. The most important factor is keeping your loan servicer continually aware of your situation. You can request either a deferment or forbearance period, but you must follow specific in-

structions for taking advantage of these options. Each will require you to prove eligibility for them.

If you don't pay a student loan repayment on time, it will be considered delinquent. Failure to make any form of payment to your student loans past 270 days is considered a default. And you don't want that term on your credit report if you hope to drive a nice car some day or buy a house in the future.

If you aren't aware, under certain circumstances, a portion or all of your student debt can be eliminated in a process called student loan forgiveness. To qualify for student loan forgiveness, it usually entails some form of volunteer work, military service, the practice of medicine in certain specific communities, or meeting other justifiable criteria. Under an initiative begun by President Obama, you can read up on the Pub-

lic Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) or visit [www.studentdebtrelief.us](http://www.studentdebtrelief.us) <<http://www.studentdebtrelief.us>> to find out if you qualify for any of the programs. Their toll-free number is 1 (844) 669-4407.

To all of our recent graduates, we congratulate you and wish you the best of luck. If you are leaving school with student loan debt and don't know where to begin, Transformance is always available to answer your questions and assist you via our website, [www.transformanceusa.com](http://www.transformanceusa.com) or by calling 1-800-249-2227.

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American community. and it appears the use of our newspapers to reach a wounded, underserved and omitted customer base with which the bank is seeking to "Restore Customer Confidence" continues to include all newspapers and media out-

lets except the African American community. The bank has decided to serve the Black customer base through "Cherry Picking" those among us they deem important while omitting others who still do business with Wells Fargo Bank. The

Community Reinvestment Act as a matter of public policy requires outreach to all communities. The present conduct of Wells Fargo is exactly what led to the creation of the CRA in the first place.

*Dr. John E. Warren is the Publisher of the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper.*

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*Roslyn Miller Executive Director*



# Dallas city races highlight national problems with campaign finance laws

By David Wilfong  
NDG Special Contributor

Betty Culbreath has spent her entire life in Dallas, and quite a few years of it serving on different boards within the City of Dallas. She knows all the players in city government, and at least the names of the bigger players on the business end as well. She has no particular quarrels with any of them, but is keeping a close eye on the happenings around Fair Park, which she sees as the center point in a battle that is responsible for much of the money flowing into local elections.

"It's two white men fighting over Fair Park," Culbreath said, adding that the Fair Park issue had been long ignored even by the people living close to it. Her loyalty is with the residents in the area, but their impact is limited as Culbreath points out that other than a few pockets within the neighborhoods, most of the



*The future of Fair Park is one of the hot button issues that is dividing the political landscape in Dallas city elections, and many believe, the channels through which PAC money is flowing. (Photo: David Wilson / Flickr)*

residents in the area are renters.

She sees special interest groups like the For Our Community Political Action Committee (PAC) as just a part of that ongoing battle, but a very well-financed part.

"Obviously people are going to support the people who are pushing their agenda," Culbreath said.

She has seen that pattern happening over and over again, but with today's PAC-driven political land-

scape, the money has gotten bigger.

Heading toward the 2014 midterm elections, the Supreme Court ruled in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission* that limits put on the amount that corporations and unions could contribute to political campaigns were unconstitutional.

"The government has a strong interest, no less critical to our democratic system, in combating corruption and its appearance,"

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in support of the court's opinion. "We have, however, held that this interest must be limited to a specific kind of corruption — quid pro quo corruption — in order to ensure that the government's efforts do not have the effect of restricting the First Amendment right of citizens to choose who shall govern them."

That followed the *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission* decision in 2010, which asserted that "freedom of speech" overruled earlier limitations on campaign spending by non-profits, for-profit corporations, labor unions and other associations.

After that decision, President Barack Obama could foresee problems in the future.

"With all due deference to separation of powers, last week the Supreme Court reversed a century of law that

I believe will open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections," Obama said when the issue was still fresh in the headlines.

Culbreath has seen a lot of North Dallas support for candidates running in South Dallas elections in the past, but under today's rules, the numbers just seem to be getting higher and higher.

"It just seems now that there's a way for rich people to give large amounts of money to candidate without any transparency," Culbreath said.

The issue is hot in Dallas these days after the PAC known as "For Our Community" has pumped more than a quarter million dollars into local city council campaigns.

Two of the more heavily financed campaigns the For Our Community PAC has invested in are South Dallas

districts with large African-American populations. South Dallas has been heavy on the radar of the current mayor and council, with growth and several key projects, like the future of Fair Park, on the drawing boards.

Councilmembers Tiffinni A. Young and Erik Wilson are facing stiff competition in the city council race. Both incumbents have emerged from a highly competitive first round of voting with spots in runoff races for their seats. Both were assisted in their efforts by the For Our Community PAC. This has raised concerns throughout the South Dallas black community.

"What is sad is there are Black people who know that it's about the money and Fair Park but they are going along with the Sell Out of their people and district," Culbreath expressed in a frustrated post on Facebook.

## Border city files lawsuit challenging Texas SB 4 anti-sanctuary bill

By David Wilfong  
NDG Special Contributor

One small border city in Texas is standing up to the recently passed Texas SB 4, which seeks to end the practice of "sanctuary cities" in the state and compel local law enforcement agencies and elected officials to fully cooperate with federal im-

migration authorities.

The move was opposed by many community leaders and even law enforcement across the state, suggesting that the lack of trust between immigrants and local-level authorities could lead to a drop in public safety as well as potential violations of civil rights for Hispanics who are legal residents and

citizens.

"As the leader of a diverse community along the South Texas border, I am challenging SB4 because it will undo the decades of work to build trust with the immigrant community and to use our scarce resources to increase public safety," said Raul

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perience with a strong Finance background. Steve's strength is his vision for all the citizens, he will not put burdensome and costly ordinances on its citizens, he will always look out for all businesses and what they need to succeed and will not ordinance them to death unlike his opponent that put in place many of the costly ordinances that have hurt businesses and over governed its citizens. Last Steve has not changed his view in 287g and has al-

ways supported transparency on Council. Please consider voting for him.

-- Lisa Sutter

I would like to address an issue that I am extremely worried about. That is partisan politics and PAC money trying to influence local non partisan elections. The Democrats and the TEA party needs to stay out of local races. Texas local races are non partisan for a reason, you can't have a city divided along political lines

as doing so will lead to corruption and cronyism and the city will become divided and not united. Last of all be careful for what you wish for. The North/South economic divide you are speaking of is disappearing. The next thing you will be complaining about is gentrification and no affordable housing in South Carrollton.

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## Collin College trustees sworn in

Four Collin College Trustees took their oaths of office in a short ceremony during the Board of Trustees' regular meeting, May 23.

Fred Moses, newly elected in Place 1, is a local businessman and founder of Telecom Electric Supply Company. His leadership and board experience includes the Collin College President's Circle, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, the Plano Economic Development Board, the Texas General Services Commission, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulators Commission, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and the Plano ISD Strategic Planning Finance Committee.

Nancy Wurzman, newly elected in Place 2, was first elected to the Collin College Board of Trustees in 2010, serving in Place 1. She is a lawyer and serves as principal consultant for Prime Risk Consulting. During her time on the board, she has served on the Collin College Finance and Audit Committee and the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee,



New members of the Collin College Board of Trustees were sworn in on May 23. (Photo: Collin College)

among others. She most recently served as Treasurer for the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Stacey Donald, newly elected in Place 3, is a lifelong educator who earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in Literary Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Donald serves as the faculty chair of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Faculty Excellence for DeVry University. She began her teaching career at Collin College, teaching part-time and as interim full-time faculty.

Dr. Raj Menon, who was appointed in 2016 to a partial term in Place 5, was

elected to complete that term. Dr. Menon is a business executive who serves as president and CEO of Flat World Design. He holds master's degrees in both technology and chemical engineering, and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from UT Austin. His board experience includes service on the Medical Center of Plano, Plano Symphony Orchestra Board, Atlantic Housing Foundation Board in Dallas, the IIT Alumni Association Board of North Texas and multiple boards and committees in the Plano Independent School District.

coach, Mrs. Kim Sackey, this would not have been possible.

My daughter has always been a good student, but being a good student is not enough. The Wynns exposed Kimberly to Diversity Weekend opportunities, reviewed all of her college essays, assisted her in preparing for interviews, and interacted with college admissions and financial aid officers on our behalf. They have held our hand, step-by-step since Kimberly was in elementary school."

More information: <http://www.accessandequity.org>.

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Reyes, mayor of El Cenizo. "We will not be part of Trump's deportation force. This lawsuit will give a voice to the people and families that live in fear because of SB4."

Reyes may be the first to step up to the legal plate to challenge the new law, but he will not be alone in doing so. On Thursday the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Texas joined into the legal action, and ACLU leaders say they are looking forward to stepping into a courtroom on the matter.

"By joining as co-counsel for the City of El Cenizo, Mayor Reyes, and

the other courageous plaintiffs who sued the state, we aim to protect the civil liberties of immigrant communities," said Edgar Saldivar, senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Texas. "The Constitution does not allow the State of Texas to enact laws that threaten immigrants and the local officials entrusted to protect them. Today, we assert our resistance to the state's pervasive attacks on vulnerable people and say to Gov. Abbott, see you in court."

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, one of many Republicans who supported such a measure since before the most recent leg-

islative session began, has repeatedly asserted that he is very pro-immigration, but that immigration must be legal and regulated. Pointing to crimes that have been committed by undocumented immigrants in Texas and elsewhere, clamping down on illegal entry into the country has come to the forefront of issues for many GOP lawmakers.

The El Cenizo lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. The ACLU will also be joined at the bench by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

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berly will be on her way, on a full scholarship and an all-expenses paid 'Summer Science Program' at the top ranked liberal arts college in the United States--Williams College where she will major in mathematics.

Kimberly is one of 183 high school seniors from throughout the State of Georgia to be selected as 2017 Georgia Scholars, will serve on the National Elks Scholar Advisory Board, and was offered admission to the prestigious

Meyerhoff Scholars Program at the University of

Maryland-Baltimore County. Kimberly was also offered admission and scholarships to Swarthmore, Xavier University of Louisiana, Spelman College, and Howard University.

Kimberly's mother, Yvette Ifill, still overwhelmed by the enormity of it all, comments, "I am a native of Guyana who knew nothing about the U.S. public education system. Without the Wynns guidance, the Turner Chapel AME Church's College Planning Cohort, and our small group

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# Martha Burks returns to TBAAL for 'Jazz at the Muse Juneteenth Jazz Jam'

The incomparable singer Martha Burks returns to The Black Academy of Arts and Letters' (TBAAL) "Jazz at the Muse Juneteenth Jazz Jam," on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, at 9 p.m. in the Clarence Muse Café Theatre, in Dallas. NDG readers can win free tickets to the show. Visit our Facebook and Instagram profiles for more details!

Ms. Burks, who has been in the entertainment indus-

try for more than two decades, is a poised performer with a wide range of vocal versatility, class and charm. This will be her 13th consecutive season performing Jazz, Down-home Blues, R&B, Pop and Soul for TBAAL.

She recently performed at TBAAL's Ties and Tux 5th Annual Gala, where she astounded the audience when she sang "Uptown Funk," "Peel Me a Grape," and "I'm Every Woman."

Like most musicians, Ms. Burks began her career in the church in her hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. Along with her late brother, trumpet player Harry Burks, the two would often perform for neighbors and relatives. She can scat with the best of them, invoking images of the greats like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Billie Holiday, Carmen McCrae, Anita Bakers and Diane Reeves. "We are proud to say that

Martha Burks is one of TBAAL's most loved and revered artist. Our audiences love her, which is why we continue to invite her back for repeated encores," said Curtis King, TBAAL Founder and CEO.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through TBAAL Box Office at 214-743-2400, Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com. For more program information, visit [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org).



# Actress Rayven Ferrell lands pivotal career role in new Tupac film

Atlanta - When Rayven Symone Ferrell was born, her mom had a strong vision for her. She knew her daughter was destined for great creativity and named her after Raven-Symoné, her favorite character on "The Cosby Show." Twenty-one years later and a mother's intuition has proved true. The young aspiring actress has already landed a career defining role, playing Sekyiwa Shakur, the baby sister of rap icon Tupac Shakur, in the soon to be released blockbuster film, "All Eyez on Me." Directed by Benny Boom, and starring another newcomer, Demetrius Shipp Jr. as Shakur, the film is slated to hit theaters on June 16, the late rapper's 46th birthday.

The role is the opportunity of a lifetime for the aspiring young actress who performed her first play in the

sixth grade and booked her first on-camera gig at 17 years old. The film's debut follows a string of successful appearances for the budding thespian, including the Oprah Winfrey executive produced series "Greenleaf" on OWN and working with Academy Award nominated director, Lee Daniels, on the popular Fox series, "STAR," starring Queen Latifah. To say that Rayven is on a roll is an understatement. Under the tutelage of Atlanta based talent agents, Christopher Young and Tay Smith at J Pervis Talent Agency, Rayven is quickly building up the kind of screen credits that actors dream of in Hollywood.

A Cincinnati, OH native, residing in Atlanta, Rayven is currently an undergraduate at Kennesaw State University majoring in Communica-

tions, Media Studies. She is humbled by her selection to play the famed actor's sister. In fact, Rayven reveals that the role struck a special chord with her as she shared similar childhood experiences with her character.

"I have never connected to a character in an actual project as much as I connected with this one," reveals Rayven. "Sekyiwa Shakur and I shared similarities in our childhood, so I found myself really relating to her.

My mom was a single parent of six so we didn't have much at all. Some days we would have to go without food, water, and electricity, so I understand that struggle and the pain she experienced in her early years."

"Sekyiwa was the baby of the family so she depended on Tupac. As her big brother, he was the first man in her life and in a sense, the head of their family. They had a very close relationship early on. My mom had to work

multiple jobs at times throughout our childhood so I know the importance of that sibling bond. It is that feeling that your family is all you have so you must be there for each another. As Tupac's baby sister, they shared a very distinct relationship and I am honored to bring that bond to life on the big screen."

"All Eyez on Me" is one of the year's most anticipated films, detailing the life, times and controversy of one of hip

hop's most prolific figures, Tupac Shakur. The movie is named after the artist's last Death Row Records release.

With her appearance in the film, Rayven Ferrell is creating her own legend, just like her mother knew she would. Like her namesake, Raven-Symoné, she brings depth, authenticity and passion to her roles. Follow her on Twitter and Instagram at @RayvenFerrell. Catch her in "All Eyez on Me" on June 16.



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# Just say no!

## NDG's View

Erik Wilson and Tennell Atkins are facing off for District 8 in the June 10 runoff election. There is a concern that too often Wilson is more inclined to go to the highest bidder, leaving the residents he promised to represent behind. But should this come as a surprise? After all the city of Dallas is known for spending money to put political candidates in office to ensure their agendas are a priority.

It seems Wilson is for sale because his representation – or the appearance of his representation – will allow Mayor Mike Rawlings and his deep pocket supporters – to do as they will with District 8. Leaving the true needs of District 8 unaddressed. Businessmen and women who want to partner with the city for better opportunities will ultimately just become a casualty as he helps to fatten the pockets of his billionaire buddies.

The For Our Community Political Action Committee (PAC) provides a single organization the opportunity to fund whatever candidate in whatever district befitting for their overall agendas. The voters are often unaware of whose deep pockets are truly shaping public



policy.

In other words, the PAC is the purse for the Mayor and his buddies to ensure they get what they want as it relates to building businesses in Districts 7 and 8. In the May general election, the PAC helped Tiffinni Young, who is vying to return to the council for District 7 to the tune of \$24,000. They also invested more than \$24,000 in the reelection efforts of Wilson. It is no coincidence Wilson once even changed his vote after he voted against Rawlings.

### No thank you!

The PAC is ensuring the candidates charged with representing the minorities in Districts 7 and 8 are merely pawns, willing to watch and protect the assets of their owners. Once the key is inserted into your back, you are the property of the person who is willing to wind you up. African Americans have come a long way but remain at the mercy of superficial candidates working on behalf of the PAC's agenda.

The PAC serves as the financial engine for keeping outside policy makers overseeing the African Ameri-

can community. They invested nearly \$50,000 in electing Young and Wilson because the duo is not willing to fight like Eric L. Williams. He is no longer a candidate in District 8 but he stated he was not going to drink the Mayor's Kool-Aid. Unfortunately, the other two candidates may have already taken a sip or two. Wilson has proven to be little more than a rubberstamp for what the power-brokers want.

The PAC's activities are legal, thanks to the 2010 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission. However many are worried an organization with anonymous donors can wreak political havoc. The PAC is telling people who to vote for and how to vote using the services of a former popular radio personality, an agent for this PAC. He has spent handsomely on the radio, a line item you will not see in Young or Wilson's campaign report. However, they benefit from the thousands of dollars spent on radio ads helping to deliver their tainted messages of more jobs, better communities, and no crime. When in actuality the prop-

erty located in Southern Dallas is the hot commodity the wealthy developers are seeking.

Young did not respond to multiple attempts to the *North Dallas Gazette's* Candidate survey. Wilson scheduled two appointments for editorial review and did not bother to show up for either meeting.

### The Right Choice

Atkins is outside of the political machine trying to influence our community. As a former Dallas City Council member, he understands firsthand the full gravity of the forces that are in play in our community trying to manipulate the vote in an effort to serve their own business plans.

The North Dallas Gazette is not opposed to economic development, but the residents of District 7 and 8 should be given the opportunity to participate in the economic progress, in the business endeavors and jobs. The residents should have a say in the growth of the community.

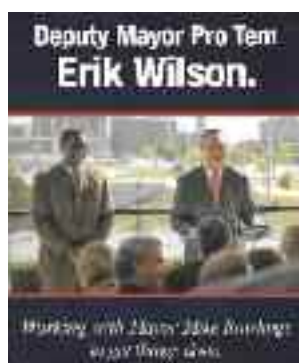
It's time to stop burying our heads in the sand waiting for a political messiah to see the value in our communities. It is time to stop being led to the polls by those whose pockets are lined with money from organizations like For Our Community. It's time to stop waiting until we're far past the end of our ropes to respond to what needs to be

done rather than what they tell us we need to do.

It's time the voters know who is funding these political campaigns, so they can have a full understanding of why South Dallas support has become so important to the agenda of the PAC.



*Tennell Atkins is seeking to return to his former seat on the Dallas City Council.*



*Campaign literature features the cooperation between Wilson and Mayor Rawlings.*

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TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a runoff election is ordered to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 3 members to the city council of the City of Dallas to be designated as: Member of Council, Place 6; Member of Council, Place 7; and Member of Council, Place 8, respectively.

Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary

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The following locations will be used as polling locations for the City of Dallas Runoff election precincts on Election Day, Saturday, June 10, 2017. A voting location may change if the location is not available. The most current list of voting locations is available in the City Secretary's Office, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling the city secretary at (214) 670-3738 or accessing <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/upcoming-election-information/>.

District	Precinct	Location	Address	City	Zip
6	2000	Marcus Recreation Center	3003 Northaven Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	2001	Park Forest Branch Library	3421 Forest Ln.	Dallas	75234
6	2012	Walnut Hill Recreation Center	10011 Midway Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	2074	Richard J. Lee Elementary School	8808 Chaparral Waters Way	Dallas	75019
6	2076	Marcus Recreation Center	3003 Northaven Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	4000	Cailliet Elementary School	3033 Merrell Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	4001	Cailliet Elementary School	3033 Merrell Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	4003	Marcus Recreation Center	3003 Northaven Rd.	Dallas	75229
6	4005	Park Forest Branch Library	3421 Forest Ln.	Dallas	75234
6	4008	David G. Burnet Elementary School	3200 Kinkaid Dr.	Dallas	75220
6	4009	David G. Burnet Elementary School	3200 Kinkaid Dr.	Dallas	75220
6	4010	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3700 Clover Ln.	Dallas	75220
6	4011	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3700 Clover Ln.	Dallas	75220
6	4012	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3700 Clover Ln.	Dallas	75220
6	4013	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3700 Clover Ln.	Dallas	75220
6	4024	L.G. Pinkston High School	2200 Dennison St.	Dallas	75212
6	4025	Amelia Earhart Elementary School	3531 N. Westmoreland	Dallas	75212
6	4026	Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center	4500 Bernal Dr.	Dallas	75212
6	4027	Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center	4500 Bernal Dr.	Dallas	75212
6	4028	Amelia Earhart Elementary School	3531 N. Westmoreland	Dallas	75212
6	4029	L.G. Pinkston High School	2200 Dennison St.	Dallas	75212
6	4030	L.G. Pinkston High School	2200 Dennison St.	Dallas	75212
6	4031	C.F. Carr Elementary School	1952 Bayside	Dallas	75212
6	4033	Dallas Fire Station #1	1901 Irving Blvd.	Dallas	75207



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6	4060	Nancy Jane Cochran Elementary School	6000 Keeneland Pkwy.	Dallas	75211
6	4065	Arcadia Park Elementary School	1300 N. Justin Ave.	Dallas	75211
6	4076	Stevens Park Elementary School	2615 W. Colorado Blvd.	Dallas	75211
6	4081	Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center	4500 Bernal Dr.	Dallas	75212
6	4082	Sidney Lanier Elementary School	1400 Walmsley Ave.	Dallas	75208
6	4083	Sidney Lanier Elementary School	1400 Walmsley Ave.	Dallas	75208
6	4084	Anita Martinez Recreation Center	3212 N. Winnetka Ave.	Dallas	75212
6	4085	Anita Martinez Recreation Center	3212 N. Winnetka Ave.	Dallas	75212
6	4086	Grauwyler Park Recreation Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd.	Dallas	75235
6	4087	Bachman Therapeutic Recreation Center	2750 Bachman Dr.	Dallas	75220
6	4094	Park Forest Branch Library	3421 Forest Ln.	Dallas	75234
6	4097	David G. Burnet Elementary School	3200 Kinkaid Dr.	Dallas	75220
6	4098	Stephen Foster Elementary School	3700 Clover Ln.	Dallas	75220
6	4101	L.G. Pinkston High School	2200 Dennison St.	Dallas	75212
6	4116	Anita Martinez Recreation Center	3212 N. Winnetka Ave.	Dallas	75212
6	4117	Grauwyler Park Recreation Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd.	Dallas	75235
6	4120	Bachman Therapeutic Recreation Center	2750 Bachman Dr.	Dallas	75220
7	1063	George W. Truett Elementary School	1811 Gross Rd.	Dallas	75228
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7	1065	George W. Truett Elementary School	1811 Gross Rd.	Dallas	75228
7	1067	George W. Truett Elementary School	1811 Gross Rd.	Dallas	75228
7	1078	Bayles Elementary School	2444 Telegraph	Dallas	75228
7	1079	S.S. Conner Elementary School	3037 Greenmeadow	Dallas	75228
7	1080	S.S. Conner Elementary School	3037 Greenmeadow	Dallas	75228
7	1081	S.S. Conner Elementary School	3037 Greenmeadow	Dallas	75228
7	1082	Colonial Baptist Church	6459 Scyene Rd.	Dallas	75227
7	1083	Colonial Baptist Church	6459 Scyene Rd.	Dallas	75227
7	1084	Edna Rowe Elementary School	4918 Hovenkamp	Dallas	75227
7	1085	Colonial Baptist Church	6459 Scyene Rd.	Dallas	75227
7	1086	S.S. Conner Elementary School	3037 Greenmeadow	Dallas	75228
7	1087	Skyline High School	7777 Forney Rd.	Dallas	75227
7	1088	Forester Field House	8233 Military Pkwy.	Dallas	75227
7	1089	Forester Field House	8233 Military Pkwy.	Dallas	75227
7	1091	Edward Titche Elementary School	9560 Highfield Dr.	Dallas	75227
7	1092	Edward Titche Elementary School	9560 Highfield Dr.	Dallas	75227
7	1093	Nueva Vida Life Assembly	10747 Bruton Rd.	Dallas	75217
7	1100	E.B. Comstock Middle School	7044 Hodde St.	Dallas	75217
7	1114	S.S. Conner Elementary School	3037 Greenmeadow	Dallas	75228
7	1119	St. Luke Community United Methodist Church	5710 E. R.L. Thornton	Dallas	75223
7	1134	Forester Field House	8233 Military Pkwy.	Dallas	75227
7	1303	George W. Truett Elementary School	1811 Gross Rd.	Dallas	75228
7	3012	Evangelist Temple Church	2627 Dorris St.	Dallas	75215
7	3016	Bill J. Priest Institute	1402 Corinth St.	Dallas	75215
7	3017	Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center	1817 Warren Ave.	Dallas	75215
7	3018	Park South YMCA	2500 Romine	Dallas	75215
7	3019	James Madison High School	3000 MLK Blvd.	Dallas	75215
7	3020	Irma Rangel-Young Women's Leadership School	1718 Robert B. Cullum Blvd.	Dallas	75210
7	3021	Irma Rangel-Young Women's Leadership School	1718 Robert B. Cullum Blvd.	Dallas	75210
7	3022	Irma Rangel-Young Women's Leadership School	1718 Robert B. Cullum Blvd.	Dallas	75210
7	3023	James Madison High School	3000 MLK Blvd.	Dallas	75215
7	3024	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	3306 Carpenter Ave.	Dallas	75215
7	3025	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church	3306 Carpenter Ave.	Dallas	75215
7	3026	St. Paul Baptist Church	1600 Pear St.	Dallas	75215
7	3027	Lincoln High School – CHM	2826 Elsie Faye Heggins St.	Dallas	75215
7	3028	Evangelist Temple Church	2627 Dorris St.	Dallas	75215
7	3029	Evangelist Temple Church	2627 Dorris St.	Dallas	75215
7	3045	Gethsemane Baptist Church	4600 Solar Ln.	Dallas	75216
7	3090	James Madison High School	3000 MLK Blvd.	Dallas	75215



District	Precinct	Location	Address	City	Zip
8	1100	E.B. Comstock Middle School	7044 Hodde St.	Dallas	75217
8	1108	Fireside Drive Baptist Church	8805 Fireside Dr.	Dallas	75217
8	1109	Fireside Drive Baptist Church	8805 Fireside Dr.	Dallas	75217
8	1111	Fireside Drive Baptist Church	8805 Fireside Dr.	Dallas	75217
8	1124	Fireside Drive Baptist Church	8805 Fireside Dr.	Dallas	75217
8	1136	Fireside Drive Baptist Church	8805 Fireside Dr.	Dallas	75217
8	3013	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3014	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3015	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3031	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3053	Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center	5150 Mark Trail Way	Dallas	75232
8	3061	New Tech High School @ A. Maceo Smith	3030 Stag Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3062	J. N. Ervin Elementary School	3722 Black Oak Dr.	Dallas	75241
8	3063	Ronald E. McNair Elementary School	3150 Bainbridge Ave.	Dallas	75237
8	3064	Friendship West Baptist Church	2020 W. Wheatland Rd.	Dallas	75232
8	3065	Umpfrey Lee Elementary School	7808 Racine Dr.	Dallas	75232
8	3066	Martin Weiss Elementary School	8601 Willoughby Blvd.	Dallas	75232
8	3067	Friendship West Baptist Church	2020 W. Wheatland Rd.	Dallas	75232
8	3068	Singing Hills Recreation Center	1909 Crouch Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3069	Cornerstone Community Church	2817 Cherry Valley	Dallas	75241
8	3070	Tommie Allen Recreation Center	7071 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3071	Highland Hills United Methodist Church	3800 Simpson Stuart Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3072	Tommie Allen Recreation Center	7071 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3073	Tommie Allen Recreation Center	7071 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
8	3074	Friendship West Baptist Church	2020 W. Wheatland Rd.	Dallas	75232
8	3075	Cornerstone Community Church	2817 Cherry Valley	Dallas	75241
8	3079	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3080	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3082	W.A. Blair Elementary School	7720 Gayglen	Dallas	75217
8	3083	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3083	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	1515 Edd Rd.	Dallas	75253
8	3089	Cornerstone Community Church	2817 Cherry Valley	Dallas	75241

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## DALLAS COUNTY

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<b>June 05 – June 06 (Monday and Tuesday)</b>	<b>7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</b>

Location	Address	City	Zip
*Carrollton Library @ Hebron & Josey	4220 N. Josey Ln.	Carrollton	75010
<b>*There will be two tables set up at this location: One table to vote for City of Dallas Runoff election (City Council Places 6, 7 &amp; 8) and one table to cast a ballot for Denton County-administered election issues.</b>			
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Location	Address	City	Zip
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George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building	600 Commerce St.	Dallas	75202
Grauwlyer Park Recreation Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd.	Dallas	75235
Highland Hills Library	6200 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
*J. Erik Jonsson Central Library	1515 Young St.	Dallas	75201
<b>* SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS LOCATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PARKING</b> – During the entire early voting period, free above-ground and underground parking is available to citizens visiting the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ("Library") <b>to vote</b>. Free metered parking is available on the west and north side of the Library (corner of Young and Ervay Street). Underground parking can be accessed on the north side of the Library (Wood Street, traveling east). A parking attendant will be available at the entryway to the underground parking area. The parking stub will be validated by Dallas County election staff which will enable exit from the underground parking area at no cost. The underground parking area will be closed at the end of each early voting period. Any vehicles not moved by the end of the voting period for a specific day will be locked in, with access to the vehicle delayed to the next working day.</li> <li>• <b>DISABLED (CURBSIDE) VOTING</b> – Although free meter parking is available, it is recommended that those citizens desiring to utilize curbside voting use the underground parking method. Notify the parking attendant or security officer of the intent to vote "via curbside." The parking attendant will notify the election judge and a voting device will be brought to your vehicle.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3738 if you have any questions or require assistance during the early voting time periods.</p>			
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Lakewood Library	6121 Worth St.	Dallas	75214
Martin Luther King Jr. Core Building	2922 MLK Blvd.	Dallas	75215
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# Saluting the 2017 graduates



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This week I am highlighting the 2017 Graduates from College and High School. Hopefully, I am going to give them something to ponder while they pause after they graduate and before they take the next step on their life's pathway.

**To the 2017 Graduates on Your Life's Journey:** To be successful in whatever you do, you must first have a vision of yourself as being successful.

From day to day, you must keep that vision alive, even when you feel that you have acted in ways that's antithetical (adverse) to your vision.

And, on the way to developing your own style in life, it can be very useful to study those that you admire in your field of study.

Learning all that you can about a positive role model's career path that can give you an insight into what you may need to do to accomplish your goals.

Decide what life skills

and techniques that you can adapt from successful people in your field and use them to help you gain greater strengths and abilities.

**Do not** strive to become a carbon copy of anyone (God made you unique) because when you do, you will lose the best part of yourself. You are an original, made by God in His image.

It's also good to remember that Jesus Christ is the only one that is perfect. However, it will profit you to acknowledge that you can learn and benefit by the example of others.

Realize that all of us have limited time and energy. There may be times that it will be tempting to look for short cuts on your life's journey, or to give up when things get too hard.

But going halfway doesn't do you any good nor give you much satisfaction—in the long run, it will probably make you angry that you wasted your time, and it whittles away at your self confidence when you fail.

You must learn that things seldom go the way that they are planned. You will have setbacks and stalls. Not everything is within your control.

Remember this saying, "God, help me to accept the

things that I cannot change, to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

What can you do when things don't go the way you planned? You must assess the situation and ask God to help you figure out what changes in strategy that you will need to make in order for things to go the way you planned.

Don't allow yourself to become demoralized. Read about millionaires, many of

them have had several business failures before their success.

Be flexible as well as determined. Have a plan B and a C plan, just in case plan A doesn't work.

In all of us there is the aptitude for courage. You will be courageous when you dare to grow, when you dare to change, to accomplish, to fulfill your dreams.

You will be gutsy when you risk failing, when you try new things, when you

squeeze your way into places to see what it is that you need to learn and do.

You will be brave when you are persistent and undeterred by your setbacks. Courage will allow you to

be yourself and to accept yourself.

And finally, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (your life's journey.) Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)



Three smiling ladies, Sister Tarpley, grandmother, Tyanna Lott (in her Viking makeup and hair style for her dance at her Cosmetology Graduation, 05-22-2017, and Sheila Tarpley Lott, mother

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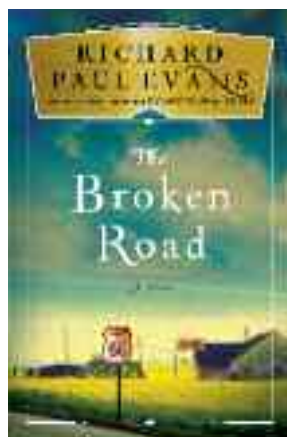
# NDG Book Review: *The Broken Road* is a pretty smooth read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The road is a long one. Like most, it's rarely smooth and straight. Signs warn of curves and detours ahead, rough terrain, and rest stops for the weary; there are potholes, and jagged asphalt. And in "The Broken Road" by Richard Paul Evans, there are many side roads to be explored.

The man in the diner looked familiar.

On his journey along Route 66, Evans never expected to see someone he recognized. Still, he knew that guy, had seen him on TV, so Evans approached him, indulged in a bit of



small-talk, and learned that his instincts were right: there, in a diner on the edge of the Mojave Desert, sat a dead man.

Grizzled and sunburned, but recognizable as the con man he'd once been,

Charles James was unashamed. He even agreed to talk, to tell the truth... and so he began.

Growing up, he said, it was a rare day when someone in the family wasn't beaten. That someone was usually him, and it happened until James stood up to his father, turned the tables, and then left Utah on an L.A.-bound Greyhound. On the way to California, he met a girl who showed him what life could be like, and she helped him find a job.

That job allowed him to gain self-confidence and experience, and a reputation for being a hard worker. He also had an eye for opportu-

nity, so when someone invited him to a get-rich seminar, James knew he'd found his dream job. He started by volunteering with the organization, and worked his way up as a valuable salesman, then a motivational speaker for a product he knew to be a scam. He became incredibly wealthy, then betrayed his mentor for even more riches.

Soon, he'd gained the thing he wanted but lost what he loved. He couldn't rest. He couldn't sleep without nightmares, and had been seeing a therapist. She helped him understand

where his life was heading.

She helped him see where his next step should be....

When I got "The Broken Road," I had to check the calendar, and it's not December. Author Richard Paul Evans even admits in this novel that he usually writes Christmassy stories, but this isn't one of those.

It's better.

Readers who may find Evans' other books too sappy will be happy to know that in this modified rags-to-riches story, there's not a lot of romance and no snow; in fact, this book begins on the edge of a desert, and it

mostly features a complicated man who's chased by the demons of his past. Yes, there's a woman involved, but she's only a catalyst in the tale; a supporting actress, if you will. The man himself and his immediate circle comprise the meat of this novel, and rightfully so: they are some of Evans' best characters.

This book will appeal to his fans, but it should also attract new ones, too, because it's really quite different. Novel readers of almost any genre will find "The Broken Road" to be pretty smooth.

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tractors including concessionaires, ride operators, and vendors. Applications for seasonal positions can be found online, with opportunities available in the following areas: Cleanup, Commercial Vendor Booths, Cotton Bowl, Coupon Sales, Creative Arts, Food and Beverage, Games, Gates, Greenhouse, Guest Services, Livestock, Maintenance, Plumbing, Public Relations, Rides, and Security.

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