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# **No Fear, All Passion: The** battle to end Carrollton's agreement with ICE

By Nolan Adams NDG Special Contributor

The winds of change are sweeping through the streets of Carrollton, whipping and lashing against the doors of city hall. On the night of July 11, those doors finally gave way to a tsunami of pro-immigrant activists. They filled the seats of city hall for one reason (surprisingly, it was not to demand lower property taxes). They assembled to request Carrollton's mayor and council put an end to the city's agreement with Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE). They were armed with a sense of unity, knowledge, and passion. I was proud to participate; I was even more proud to see the most diverse council meeting in Carrollton's history. This is the story of the 287(g), local politics, the communities living in fear — and attempts to fix it.

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 made 287(g) agreements available to cities, counties, and other local entities. Since 2008, the agreement has been widely criticized. In 2011, the U.S. Justice Department launched an investigation of Maricopa County, Arizona after they no-



The City Council of Carrollton discussed the controversial ICE provisions during its July 11 meeting. (Photo via Facebook / Erik Burgos, North Texas Dream Team)

ticed a surge in racial profiling complaints related to the county's 287(g). That was the beginning of the end for Maricopa County Sheriff, Joe Arpaio.

The agreement reached its peak in 2008, with over 70 participating jurisdictions nationwide. Most of those jurisdictions have since exited agreement, in lieu of more effective programs such as Secure Communities. In 2010, the Office of Audit Services (OIG) and Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a scathing (for an OIG audit) 94-page report, complete with 33 aspects of the program that needed improvement. The program aspects in need of improvement included "Training Does Not Fully Prepare Officers for Immigration Enforcement Duties" and "The Use of Interpreters Is Inconsistent", as well its potential for civil rights violations. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agreed with the OIG and GAO on all but one of the recommendations.

The 287(g) agreement delegates federal immigration authority to a number of jail officials employed with the Carrollton Police Department. Critics, including myself,

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**Alvson Lawson** 



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### **Alyson Lawson**

Winners Alyson Rae Lawson of Dallas, Avalon Young of Castle Rock, Co., and Evelyn Scott of Chesapeake, Va., will each receive a waiver of the franchise fee, valued at up to \$190,000, to franchise any 7-Eleven convenience store available in the continental United States. All have indicated they hope to select locations that are close to their homes.

The three finalists were flown, all expenses paid, to the company's home office in Irving, Texas, to interview with 7-Eleven President and CEO Joe DePinto. The finalists were selected from seven semi-finalists who



went head to head in a competitive online video contest for the chance to make it to the final round.

"To say that each candidate was impressive would be an understatement," said President and CEO Joe De-

### **Darrell Williams**

By Tiana Hunt NNPA/DTU Journalism Fellow

Darrell Williams is a rising senior at Morehouse College, who has big dreams of being a creative director, one day.

Williams, 24, is currently a student scholar with the National Newspaper Publishers Association's "Discover The Unexpected" Journalism Fellowship program.

At Morehouse, Williams majors in drama and minors in cinematography.4raised in Landover, Md., and is the



oldest of his siblings; his younger sister, T'Keyah, is 22 years-old and his younger brother, Rashad, is 12 years-old.

"I was the first in my family to pursue a career in business administration, but three are exactly the type of folks we want as franchisees and as part of the 7-Eleven network." 7-Eleven will donate \$10,000 to the charity selected by each winner. The charities align with Project A-Game®, a 7-Eleven grant program that funds youth my life changed after I received mentoring," said

Pinto of his interviews with

the three finalists. "Each

brings a unique set of

strengths. In addition, all are

extremely community-ori-

ented and have strong busi-

ness, leadership and inter-

personal skills. Those are

qualities successful fran-

chisees need. Any one of

them would make a great in-

dependent business owner at

7-Eleven, and I couldn't see

selecting just one, when all

programs focused on education, fitness, safety and hunger relief. Here are the winners and

their selected charities: Alyson Lawson of Dallas has three business degrees and lots of enthusiasm. Her MBA and accounting background will prepare her well for the financial side of franchising and her wonderful personality for the people part of the business. Lawson follows in the footsteps of her father, who has franchised national chain restaurants. She leads a busy volunteer life as well, one focused on youth. She has served as a First Tee mentor as well as a youth basketball and soccer coach.

Of the competition to win

work of successful men." Williams is now a man of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated and he is more determined to help others and pursue his passion.

"I pledged to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, because I believe in the organization's values. The mission, values and morals that the Kappa's live by are impeccable," said Williams. "Being a part of Kappa Alpha Psi, I learned that man must know thyself and, no matter what, you have to keep moving forward and that you can't make any excuses."

Williams also learned that

## **NDG Readers Sound Off...**

#### **Federal Legislation Allows States to Innovate Education** Policy

The ESSA gives the states much more flexibility in how public schools should be assessed and reduces the role of the Secretary of Education. That said, our legislature has proven to be pretty adamant on keeping an oversized emphasis on standardized testing as the primary factor of assessment. It's not that they all love the test, but the call for accountability is currently louder than the call for proper education practices. Passing the Transparency in Testing bill is key to giving our legislators the public support necessary to significantly reduce and/or eliminate the state assessment. This could easily lead to a dramatic increase in funding to provide for more certified educators and decrease class sizes across the state.

All that said, the ESSA also shifted a significant amount of federal funding into grants for charter schools, of which Secretary DeVos is an ardent advocate. Since our Governor, Lt. Governor, Texas

Education Commissioner, Secretary of Education, and President all support them, I expect to see a significant proliferation of charter schools over the next four years. That's part of what they consider "innovative education policv."

Scott Coleman As someone who has worked closely with a school budget, I can say funds from the federal government are fortunately very strictly controlled, which means that if the funds should be spent on these kids in high needs, there are very strict guidelines

kids.)

a fee free 7-Eleven store, Lawson said, "It has been a long journey, and a rewarding one. I'm glad to come to the finish line and seeing not only was I a winner, but all the women were victorious." Her 7-Eleven favorite: Piña Colada Slurpee and SweeTARTS

Selected charity: Lance A. Lemons Memorial Foundation

Avalon Young of Castle Rock, Co. says she has been in retail all her life, "since I was a paper girl at 13." Young is collaborating with a local high school to create technology internships and mentor students interested in the technology and electronics repair industry.

After 30 years in the U.S.

he has to stand strong in who he is. Networking opportunities are another benefit of becoming a Kappa.

The Maryland native said that two of his biggest accomplishments, so far, have been getting a scholarship to attend Morehouse and joining Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Williams said that he is optimistic about his future and appreciative of all of the opportunities that come his way.

Before the NNPA/DTU Journalism Fellowship. Williams said that he didn't know much about the Black Press, but he looks forward Navy, Evelyn Scott of Chesapeake, Va. knows how to run a tight ship. She will soon retire with the rank of Commander Master Chief. "After months of waiting, I still can't believe it," Scott said.

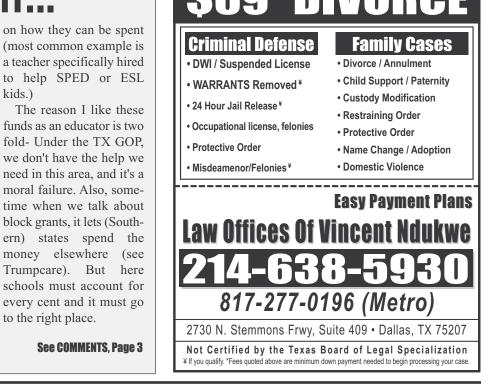
"Who ever wins a store? This is big! It has already been a fantastic experience, and I can't wait to open my store and be part of the 7-Eleven family."

To qualify for the Women's Initiative competition, entrants had to be 21 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have excellent credit and at least three years of leadership, retail or restaurant experience.

to learning more. Williams is excited for his future and about the chance to enrich his journalism skills this summer at The Louisiana Weekly

Learn more about the "NNPA "Discover The Unexpected" Journalism Fellowship program at nnpa.org/dtu.

Tiana Hunt is a 2017 NNPA "Discover The Unexpected" Journalism Fellow and a recent graduate of Clark Atlanta University. This summer, Tiana is writing for The Louisiana Weekly, a member newspaper of the NNPA.



Williams. "I was inspired to pursue my passion in acting, dancing and creative directing." Williams' didn't take a straight and narrow path to

Morehouse. "I went to Towson University in Baltimore for one vear, then I transferred to Prince George's Community College in Largo, Md.; then I transferred to Morehouse College. I wanted to go to Morehouse, because of the brotherhood and to learn how to interact with other men in a positive manner; I wanted to join a net-

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### To fight the HIV Epidemic, we need the Black Church

By Dr. Marjorie Innocent

Black Churches are more than places of worship. They are the vibrant hearts of the African-American community that bring the Gospel into our lives, inspire faith, grace, love and mercy and foster a deep commitment to service. For centuries, Black Churches and faith leaders have been at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, including voting rights and the right to a quality education. And we need the Black Church's leadership for another adversary: HIV.

Make no mistake: Our nation is facing an epidemic that is ravaging our community from coast to coast. Today, HIV affects African Americans more than any other racial or ethnic group in the country. While we represent just 12 percent of the population, we account for 41 percent of people living with HIV in the United States. This is truly unacceptable.

As part of The Black Church & HIV: The Social Justice Imperative initiative, the NAACP is asking churches across the nation to observe Day of Unity on Sunday, July 23 and preach from the pulpit about HIV as a social justice issue. African Americans must fully acknowledge the scope of this epidemic and recognize the hundreds of thousands of brothers and

### **COMMENTS**, continued from Page 2

I have also seen the emphasis on accountability shift from primarily standardized testing to other factors that this article mentions. Definitely a plus and sorely needed.

This article didn't specify what 'innovative' approaches might be, but I think that's sort of the pointthey need to be tried. Our country has ample university-level research and it costs money and time to try those out in a real academic setting. And we should do so. I support federal money going to experimenting in schools the same way I sup-

sisters it has taken from us. In fact, we account for more than half of deaths attributed to HIV/AIDS according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Like many who grew up in the Black Church, I look to my pastor for guidance in my faith and all paths of life. It is vital that faith leaders take the lead in this fight, committing to educate, engage and motivate their congregations to take positive action to end the HIV epidemic, especially in our communities.

Overall, about one in 20 African-American men and one in 48 African-American women will be diagnosed with HIV during their lifetimes; and 44 percent of all new HIV infections are among African Americans. This crisis is not just about public and community health: It's about social justice and institutionalized racism.

The numbers are deeply disturbing but not surprising. Such is the scale of the epidemic that nearly all African Americans have a friend, family member, colleague or acquaintance that is impacted by HIV. I am no exception.

That's why in 2011 the NAACP partnered with Gilead Sciences to create The Black Church & HIV initiative to develop a national network of African-American faith leaders who

continued from Page 2 port it going to experimental cancer research. Of course, it's all the same to me whether it goes to charters or ISDs in Texas because the rules and kids are the same; however, I would have an issue if they went to for-profit charters in other states, since a % of that money would go to investors, not children.

-- Michael Messer via Facebook

I am still gathering data but I did have an interesting conversation with an educator who stated baldly this was sound policy for states will address the disproportionate impact of HIV on Black Americans. The NAACP is committed to helping enlist faith leaders from around the country to break the stigma surrounding this disease, engage in meaningful conversation and education with their congregants, provide compassionate support and spiritual guidance to those living with HIV, and encourage Black Churches to take action through a social justice lens.

In 2013, we took an additional step to further the impact and reach of our efforts by making a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) "Commitment to Action." By 2018, our goal is to conduct 45 faith leader trainings in the 30 cities most highly-impacted by HIV, obtain proactive resolutions from historically Black mainline denominations and integrate HIV as a social justice issue into required curricula in predominantly African-American theological seminaries.

Thus far, we've reached more than 1,500 pastors. But we need hundreds more before we can have the kind of transformative impact necessary to save us from continued, but avoidable, devastation and advance us closer to better health and true justice for our community.

As the NAACP gathers in Baltimore from July 22nd -

that paid to educate their youngest citizens but perhaps less so for the states that fail to fund property. Like Texas.

> -- Elizabeth Mercer via Facebook

#### Ed Gray *NDG* Senior Columnist: Is NAACP still relevant?

EXCELLENT!! Excellent article and excellent call to action! Great job!!! -- Andrea Martin via Facebook

GREAT ARTICLE ! IF WE WANT A ACTIVIST NAACP DALLAS , WE 26th for its 108th National Convention, the importance of joining us in the fight against HIV must be a message that participants will organize around in their own communities and churches.

**Op-Ed** 

As someone whose faith is central to her life, I ask our shepherds-our faith leaders-in the African-American community to grasp this unique opportunity to have a significant, positive impact in the fight against HIV. We must break the silence about the dangers of HIV and the scope of the epidemic, educate our communities about prevention and advocacy and stop the growth of this disease once and for all. With the commitment of our faith leaders, I believe this is a fight we can win.

Dr. Marjorie Innocent serves as the Senior Director of Health Programs at the NAACP and is responsible for the management of the NAACP's policy and programmatic agenda to reduce health disparities and *improve health outcomes* for African Americans and other communities of color. For more information on health workshops and programs at our 108th National Convention, visit NAACPConvention.org Contact: Malik Russell, director of communications, mrussell@naacpnet.org, 410-580-5761 (office)

MUST BECOME AC-TIVIST MEMBERS ! -- Arthur Fleming

via Facebook

### Is Jay-Z's 4:44 racist?

What Jay Z is trying to get our people to see is that until they learn the true value of money and how to create generational wealth in the eyes of some people in this country, you're still nigga. It's a positive message in the song.

-- David Moss via Facebook

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# **Bowling Classic at Main Event Grapevine**

Dallas legend Tony Dorsett is hosting the inaugural ALS Celebrity Bowling Classic at Main Event Entertainment in Grapevine on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Dorsett will be joined at the event by former Dallas teammates Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Randy White, 2004 Olympic Champion Carly Patterson and others to be announced soon.

Main Event has teamed up with the ALS Association Texas Chapter and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America to host a fun night full of bowling, laser tag, games, food and drinks. PBA and PWBA pros Chris and Lynda Barnes will put on a trick-



shot exhibition and help the amateur participants pick up a strike or spare in return for additional donations to the charity.

"My family and I have always enjoyed going to Main Event, so I'm looking forward to being a part of this fun and important fundraiser for a great organization like the ALS Association," said Dorsett.

100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the ALS Association, the only national not-for-profit organization completely dedicated to fighting ALS. The ALS Association and the Texas Chapter operate under a shared mission to discover treatments and a cure for ALS and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

"We are extremely proud to host this ALS fundraiser at the newly remodeled center in Grapevine," said

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### **Registration deadline extended for State** Fair of Texas Creative Arts Contests

Registration for the Creative Arts contests is still available with a new deadline of July 28. Whether you're new to the Creative Arts world or consider yourself a veteran, the State Fair offers a wide variety of categories for ages starting as young as six.

Participants now have the option to register online through the Creative Arts page at BigTex.com.

With more than 1,100 categories in 12 different departments of pre-Fair contests, amateurs and professionals alike have endless opportunities to showcase their creative talents., Contest departments include Art; Ceramics; Designer-Craftsman; Dolls; Foods (canning); Hobby Collections; Holiday Corner; Needlepoint and Cross Stitch; Needlework and Sewing; Afghans, Rugs, Quilts, and Bedspreads; Photography; and Scale Models. You now have an extra

week to submit entry forms and fees online or by mail before the registration closes.

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Contestants can send their entries via mail by July 28, or hand deliver items to the Creative Arts Building on August 11, 12, or 13 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Only one entry per person may be submitted within each category. In the weeks following, contestants will receive notification once the judging results are finalized. Entries that are awarded a ribbon will be on display during the 2017 State Fair of Texas, themed "Celebrating Texans "

Holday parties.

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## Tony Dorsett to headline ALS Celebrity | Beat the heat tips for seniors

The summertime is a time of fun and relaxation for most people. But for seniors, the heat and sun can be dangerous if the proper precautions aren't taken. Here are 5 summer health tips from Stephanie Hammonds of Executive Care that seniors can use to make sure they have a fun, safe summer.

• Drink Plenty of Fluids. Drink 6-8 glasses of water per day to stay hydrated. Try to reduce the amount of alcohol, soda, coffee and tea. They can quickly leave you dehydrated.

• Dress Appropriately. Wear light-colored and loosefitting clothes to help feel cooler and more comfortable. Use wide brimmed hats to keep the sun off of your face and neck, as well as sunglasses to protect your eyes from harmful UV rays and preserve your vision.

• Wear Sunscreen. Look for a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays, and also has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher.

• Air Conditioning. If you don't have central air or a

room air conditioner, spend part or most of your day at public places such as senior centers, movie theaters, libraries or shopping malls. If you are absolutely unable to leave the house, take a cool bath or shower to lower your body temperature.

• Know Who to Call. Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers and place them in an easy to access area. This way, the right people can be called to help quickly.



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### **DPD & DART Officer Memorial Little Free Libraries official opening** reception to be held this weekend at Southside on Lamar

buildingcommunity-WORKSHOP invites the public to the official opening reception of the DPD & DART Officer Memorial Little Free Libraries. The opening reception will be Saturday, July 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at South Side on Lamar.

Over the last few months, five Little Free Libraries have been designed, built and installed across the City of Dallas to commemorate the five officers who lost their lives on July 7, 2016. This project has been an opportunity for a meaningful collaboration between buildingcommunityWORK-SHOP, the Dallas Police Department's Office of Community Affairs, a team of dedicated volunteer design-



ers, and library stewards South Side on Lamar, El Centro College, N W Harllee Early Childhood Center, Our Saviour Episcopal Church, and Vickery Meadow Community Garden. To realize the libraries a group of six core volunteers offered their design services with help from dozens of other volunteer professionals and students. The design of the five libraries is composed of five shapes that were fabricated by hand in a variety of compositions in each location so that each library worked together but exhibited a sense of individuality.

Wisconsin resident Helen Stassen, whose late son Benjamin has been commemorated through a Little Free Library in their hometown, reached out after July 7 to initiate this endeavor and generously funded the design and construction of the five libraries.

"We are offering a small contribution to personal and community healing in the form of Little Free Libraries as memorials to the slain Dallas Officers. Since Benjamin's death our family has embraced the positive experience of being stewards of a Little Free Library, used by many people that is a memorial in Benjamin's name. This offers us an evolving and ever changing way to nurture and care for others in our community and to keep Benjamin's memory alive.

Each library was designed

brary.org.

### May the families, friends and community of Officers receive some of these same benefits. We hope/pray those who see and use these libraries and hear this story be moved toward helping others and sharing in peaceful nonviolent ways." with the officers in mind who are all individual but

work as a unit. The unique geometric qualities of each is meant to represent this bond. Proudly painted blue and yellow all libraries display to fallen officers badge numbers, "Read in Peace" slogan and other memorial items more personal to the Stassen family that unite people affected by gun violence.

More info at littlefreeli-

### Local cops to collect tips for SOTX at Texas Roadhouse July 27

Police officers from around the Dallas-Fort Worth area will trade in their handcuffs for serving aprons at the annual Tip A Cop Night, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas (SOTX), being held at several Texas Roadhouse locations (listed below) on Thursday, July 27.

During the 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.dinner shift, officers will serve tables and collect tips, which will be turned in as donations to SOTX at the end of the dinner shift. All confirmed participating restaurants are subject to cancellation without notice. The public is urged to

dine at one of the several

Texas Roadhouse locations and 'Tip A Cop' for his/her dedicated effort to support SOTX athletes.

All tips will go toward providing SOTX programming for more than 12,600 athletes with intellectual disabilities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

This event operates under

the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), which is SOTX's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. Through efforts like Tip A Cop Night, Texas LETR raised over \$1.4 million in 2016 to support more than 58,300 SOTX athletes across the state.

Contributions can be made via cash, check or credit card.

Participating Locations Include:

• Garland - 5012 N. President George Bush Hwy.

• McKinney - 3101 S. Central Expressway

• Mesquite - 1420 N. Peachtree Road

### Texas lawmakers set to pass medical board extension bills

Two bills to continue the operation of the boards that license doctors, counselors and other healthcare providers are a single vote away from passage, setting the stage for a broad expansion of the special session agenda. Governor Greg Abbott has said that he will add 19 items to the call once the

argue the agreement dam-

ages the relationship be-

tween communities and po-

lice and encourages police

departments to participate in

racial profiling. Many

would agree with this claim.

According to Carrollton Po-

lice spokesperson Jolene

DeVito, police calls for

service dropped to record

lows after the agreement

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Senate passes these necessarv bills, and the Senate is poised to grant final passage just after midnight Thursday morning.

All Texas state agencies are subject to the Sunset process, a periodic review by a commission made up of Senators and State Representatives that look at ways

was publicized — but only

from the precinct known for

having a large immigrant

population. Even Carrollton

Police Department's annual

racial-profiling reports es-

tablish a clear pattern of

The ACLU has urged

Carrollton to end the agree-

ment, noting "Carrollton sits

in a region that has a history

to improve and streamline these organizations.

These recommendations are rolled into what are called Sunset bills, which also contain language to extend the operation of the agency until its next review, typically 12 years later. If an agency's Sunset bill doesn't pass, it automatically be-

of hostility towards the im-

migrant community ... His-

mayor, city council mem-

bers, and state representa-

tive have supported anti-im-

migrant measures locally

and at the state legislature ...

The Hispanic community

continues to be underrepre-

sented in various aspects of

local government, including

in the police force – where

only 10 percent of the police

Carrollton's

torically,

gins the process of dissolving on the first day of September following the session.

That's what happened to the bills continuing the Texas Medical Board, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Fam-

force is part of a minority

group, in comparison to 56

percent of the total commu-

If Carrollton had respon-

sive leadership, the agree-

ment would be put up to

vote by the mayor and voted

out by the council. Mayor

Kevin Falconer, however,

has refused to follow

through with his campaign

promise and has not put the

287(g) up to a council vote.

nity."

ily Therapists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

"Nearly 200 thousand Texas jobs are directly affected by these licensing agencies," said Plano Sena-

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He has not even placed the agreement on the agenda for discussion. This is a continuation of the city's lengthy history of ignoring its minority constituents concerns. Next week, we will look at the recent Carrollton City Council meeting which featured a spirited debate on the city's 287(g) agreement. Nolan Adams is the Founder of Carrollton Citizens' Movement

### Community Local nonprofits invited to apply for NTCGF grant

The North Texas Community Giving Foundation (NTCGF) and the Tug McGraw Foundation presented the Texas Big Star Half Marathon & 5K at Collin College Preston Ridge Campus, in Frisco earlier in April. Over 2,000 runners participated in this 2nd annual event raising more than \$60,000. Area charitable groups are encouraged to not miss out on a chance to benefit from proceeds gained from Frisco's first and only endurance event. The NTCGF grant application deadline is July 31, 2017.

The 2017 Texas Big Star Half Marathon & 5K was honored to have more than 30 race participants from Powered to Move, an organization promoting physical fitness among persons with disabilities. One of these participants was a young man with cerebral palsy who participated and proudly crossed the finish line. Now the organization believes it is time to help those who help others meet their goals.

"Charities should take the opportunity to apply for these grants because our sponsors, committee members, volunteers and runners gave of their time and money to ensure another successful and profitable race," Texas Big Star Half Marathon & 5K Race Director Paul Simon said. "The countless hours of work, training and miles logged were done to benefit our local charities and strengthen our community."

Specific criteria and the application for a grant is available on the NTCGF website. The deadline to apply is July 31 at 5 p.m.

racial profiling.

### Education

## SMU and Lift team named semifinalists for adult literacy prize

The SMU and Literacy Instruction for Texas (LIFT) team was named one of eight semifinalists advancing in the \$7 million Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPRIZE presented by Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The XPRIZE is a global competition that challenges teams to develop mobile applications designed to increase literacy skills in adult learners.

SMU's Simmons School of Education and Human Development and Guildhall graduate video game development program are working with LIFT to design an engaging, puzzle-solving smartphone game app to help adults develop literacy skills. The SMU and LIFT

team, PeopleForWords, is one of 109 teams who entered the competition in 2016.

Drawing upon the education experts at SMU's Simmons School, game developers at Guildhall and adult literacy experts at LIFT, the team developed "Codex: Lost Words of Atlantis." In the game, players become

The University of North

Texas at Dallas is one of 10

universities in Texas to be

honored with an award

from the Raise Your Hand

Texas Foundation as part of

a \$50 million Raising Texas

Teachers program that is

designed to elevate the

teaching profession. The in-

vestment is part of H-E-B

Chairman and CEO Charles

Butt's continued philan-

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public education in Texas

and includes 20 full schol-

arships of \$8,000, annually,

for students of UNT Dallas'

Emerging Teacher Institute.

just 10 universities in Texas

to be honored by Charles

Butt and Raise Your Hand

Texas is really a historic

milestone for our young

university, as we work to

fulfill our mission to em-

power students, transform

"Being selected as one of

archeologists hunting for relics from the imagined once-great civilization of Atlantis. By deciphering the forgotten language of Atlantis, players develop and strengthen their own reading skills. The game targets English- and Spanish-speaking adults.

Students at LIFT, a North Texas nonprofit adult liter-

UNT Dallas awarded 20 scholarships for teacher training by Raise Your Hand Texas and H-E-B Chairman/CEO Charles Butt

acy provider, have tested and provided key insights for the game during its development. According to LIFT, one in five adults in North Texas cannot read, a key factor in poverty. Dallas has the fourth highest concentration of poverty in the nation, with a 41 percent increase from 2000 to 2014. Testing of the eight semifinalists' literacy software begins in mid-July with 12,000 adults who read English at a third grade level or lower. Selection of up to five finalists will depend on results of post-game testing to evaluate literacy gains among test subjects. Finalists will be named in May of 2018 and the winner will be named in 2019.



# Master P's celebrity game raises money for scholarships

New Orleans, LA (Black-News.com) -- Percy Miller's annual charity basketball game at Xavier University of Louisiana was more than just hoops; It was basketball with a purpose. Ten scholarships were donated to the innercity kids in the New Orleans community.

The stars came out and played for a great cause in the midst of a packed arena. The super girl group, June's Diary, sung the national anthem, and the halftime show was performed by R&B superstar Cymphonique and Southern Band.

The 3-point contest and dunk competition got fans out of their seats as Team NOLA won the championship and Romeo dedicated the MVP trophy to 7-year old Dequante Hobbs Jr. This day was all about peace, helping and preparing the next generation. It was a family fun entertaining event filled with excitement, peace and hope. munities," said UNT Dallas President Bob Mong. "UNT Dallas will be awarded 20 full scholarships over the next four years to support two cycles of transfer students heading into the teacher preparation program of our Emerging Teacher Institute. Thank you to the Butt family and HEB for their support of education in Texas."

lives and strengthen com-

Each teaching fellow from UNT Dallas will receive \$8,000 per year as part of the Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers, as well as ongoing training and development opportunities, mentorship from sitting public school educators, and involvement in a statewide aspiring teachers network facilitated by Raise Your Hand. The program will expand over time to include leadership development opportunities for Texas's top high school students interested in a career in education. Partner universities will also receive technical assistance support to improve the quality of teacher preparation in Texas.

"Research consistently shows that the strength of the teacher makes the biggest difference in influencing a student's success," said Charles Butt. "To improve academic achievement, it is critical that Texas elevate the status of the profession. teaching strengthen the existing pool of aspiring teachers, and inspire our most talented high school graduates to consider a career in teaching."

UNT Dallas' innovative school of education is known as the Emerging Teacher Institute (ETI). ETI is dedicated to preparing and equipping teachers and school leaders with uncommon learning experiences to become change-makers in their communities and transform the lives of young people and their families.

ETI equips its students with the teaching and leadership competencies they need to be effective educators and provides substantial real-world practice opportunities to ensure they are ready to create uncommon achievement for students. In addition, ETI focuses on developing the social and emotional learning skills of its students so they have the capacity to remain resilient in the face of adversity as they work in

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### The friendliest book and music sale in Plano

Feed your book-reading and music-loving fantasies at the 34th annual Friends of the Plano Public Library Book Sale from Friday, Aug. 4 through Sunday, Aug. 6 at Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. A team of volunteers has carefully sorted nearly 100,000 hardbacks, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs and records at prices ranging from 25¢ to \$2.

Friday's sale runs 6 to 10 p.m. with an admission fee of \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. Members of the Friends of the Plano Public Library enjoy free, early admission at 5 p.m. on Friday, as well as a 10 percent discount on all purchases any day of the Book



Sale. Become a member online at friendsofplanolibrary.org or at the sale.

Admission is FREE Saturday and Sunday. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. An extra Sunday incentive includes special pricing for all merchandise at \$10 for a bag of

books (and the Friends supply the bags)!

Net proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Plano Public Library. You get great books and music at a bargain while helping the library provide new technology, resources and programs for everyone to enjoy.

### **Carrollton Fire Rescue encourages pool safety as summer fun continues**

From 2005-2014, there was an annual average of 3,536 fatal unintentional drownings (non-boating related) in the United States – approximately 10 deaths per day. About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 years and younger. For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

Carrollton Fire Rescue encourages parents to watch young children while in the bath and to designate a responsible adult to supervise their kids when swimming or playing in or around water. Water watchers for preschoolers should provide



"touch supervision" – being close enough to reach the child at all times. Because drowning occurs quickly and quietly, adults should not be involved in any other distracting activities such as reading, being on the phone, or mowing the lawn while supervising children, even if lifeguards are present.

Formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning. However, even with lessons, constant, careful supervision when children are in the water, and barriers, such as pool fencing to prevent unsupervised access, are still important. Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to take CPR training, learn how to swim, and visit cityofcarrollton.com/poolsafety for more information.



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### **City Briefs**

### GARLAND Submit requests for service through Garland eAssist

Whether it's a pothole, tall grass or broken trash cart, Garland eAssist is an easy way to submit City service requests. The online platform is accessible from GarlandTX.gov and from a downloadable app. Once a service request is entered or an issue is reported, the user can track the progress on an interactive map or choose to receive a notification. Users also can see nearby requests in progress. Check it out!

### *Hello, Dolly!* Begins July 21

Garland Summer Musicals presents this Tony Award-winning hit bursting with humor, romance, a full orchestra and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history. Performances will take place throughout July at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Purchase tickets at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, by calling 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

### **McKINNEY** Fair Housing meeting

The City of McKinney and the McKinney Housing Authority invite the public to attend a hearing for the North Texas Regional Housing Assessment as community leaders examine challenges related to housing, employment, transportation and accessibility in the city. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. July 25 in the North Gym of Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St., and offer an opportunity for citizens to provide input during the development process of the Fair Housing Assessment.



### RICHARDSON Gospel tour nets \$15k for Ronald McDonald House

The Black McDonald's Owners of Greater North Texas celebrated the longest-running brand owner gospel tour, the Mc-Donald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour coming to Dallas.

This year, the Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour partnered with TD Jakes' MegaFest and featured gospel singer, pastor and choir director Hezekiah Walker, returning music director and songwriter Donald Lawrence, pastor and singer Bishop Paul S. Morton, gospel crooner Brian Courtney Wilson, songbird Anita Wilson, singer Jekalyn Carr, quartet voice Paul Porter. The proceeds go toward supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Roughly 5,500 guests attended the free concert and \$15,316.58 was raised for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas.

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schools and provide the students they serve with similar skills.

According to the 2013 Global Teacher Status Index, the world's highest performing students live in countries where teachers are well-qualified, well-trained and enjoy widespread respect in society. "No education system can be better than its teachers," the report concluded. "Recruiting the brightest and best into teaching is a critical imperative in all nations, whatever their wealth or poverty."

UNT Dallas and other partners were selected through a competitive RFP process based on their capacity and commitment to deliver competency-based clinical preparation and their willingness to establish strong collaborative relationships with districts where graduates teach. For more about the initiative and RFP process, visit: Raising-TexasTeachers.org.

## **Dallas selects first female police chief**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax announced U. Renee Hall will become the first female police chief in the City's history. Hall is Deputy Chief of the Detroit Police Department where she directed the city's Neighborhood Policing Bureau.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead the Dallas Police Department at this critical time in its history," said Chief Hall. "I look forward to building on the successes of the past, preserving community trust and ensuring the safety of our officers and the entire Dallas community."

More than 55 community and business leaders participated in panel interviews of the top seven candidates, a process Broadnax described as diverse, inclusive and participatory.

"Chief Hall is a proven leader with a stellar background and a passion for public service," Broadnax said. "These are qualities I



believe are critical as we tackle crime to make our city safer while addressing organizational and policy issues within the department."

Detroit Police Chief James Craig was very proud to see one of his own become a trailblazer in the police community.

"This is a great day for so many reasons represent the city of Detroit. This makes her the first exectuive, first command officer to leave this department and take on not just police chief job in another city, we are talking about a major city."

"Every resident in the city of Dallas will fill the love and the respect will know that community engagement is paramount. Crime reduction is on the horizon, it's coming. We are going to be a great place to live, work and play," Chief Hall shared during a press conference from Detroit.

Hall has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grambling State University and Master's degrees in Security Administration and Intelligence Analysis from the University of Detroit Mercy. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, she also completed the Police Executive Leadership Institute and is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As Deputy Chief in Detroit, Chief Hall developed and implemented comprehensive community policing and mentor programs, forged partnerships and established trust within minority communities while also building strong relationships between officers of all ranks and community stakeholders. Under her leadership, the City of Detroit experienced a 40year low in homicides and double-digit reductions in violent crime for three consecutive years.

Her responsibilities also included oversight of police services for six precincts and 720 sworn and non-sworn personnel.

Hall is expected to begin her duties as Police Chief on Sept. 5.



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### Entertainment

## **Dallas rapper ready to** take music to next level

Dallas' newest rap star Sacci Racci is set to shine on the music game with his new mixtape "Versacci". The 12-track project features Memphis', Money Bag Yo on "Feelings Hurt" and Miami's Baby Soulja on "Sneaky B\*tch". Other bangers include "Trap Party", "Ballerina","7:30", "Do My Thang" and "Looking for a Plug."

There's more that meets the eye when it comes to Sacci Racci. The young entertainer, born Ronald Walker Jr. is admittedly a product of Dallas's Southside streets. He credits strong influences from his dad who was a known hustler and his mom who urged him to add a formal education to his arsenal of street



"Ehhhthang Sacci" Photo by Jonathan Olivo (Magnitude)

knowledge. In spite of legal He played piano and drums troubles and typical growing pains of many inner-city youth, he earned a degree in electrical engineering from Texas Southern University in only 3 years.

Throughout it all Sacci always held a profound interest in music and was exposed to it at an early age.

and took music writing lessons from his cousin. With natural skill, talent and a knack for entertaining and writing, he developed his craft and initially took on the rap artist name "Ralo Da Don."

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## Beehive – The 60's Musical coming to Jubilee Theatre

A far-out, toe-tapping, head-shakin' musical event! From early 60's hits by Lesley Gore to the late 60's hits by Janis Joplin, and every female rocker in between!

Groove to the music of The Shirelles, The Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner and more - featuring such iconic tunes as My Boyfriend's Back, One Fine Day, Downtown, Proud Mary, Make Your Own Kind Of Music, The Beat Goes On, Society's Child and Piece of My Heart, Beehive – The 60's Musical will have you dancing in your seats. Bargain Priced \$23 Pre-

view Performances run

July 28 - August 3. Open- urday at 8:00 p.m. Matiing Night is Friday, August 4, and performances continue through August 27, 2017 (\$29 - \$33). Evening performances are Thursday, Friday, and Sat-

nee performances are Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 n.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at jubileetheatre.org.





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## New podcast focuses on Black culture

New York, NY (Black-News.com) -- On Monday, July 17 award-winning podcast network Gimlet Media expanded with the debut of its first weekly series focused on Black culture, THE NOD. Hosted by Brittany Luse (For Colored Nerds,

Sampler) and Eric Eddings (For Colored Nerds, Mogul), THE NOD skillfully celebrates Black culture through story-driven content and entertainingly smart analysis. Weekly episodes explore

the stories behind major cultural moments, shine a light

on the unsung heroes of the past and present, and unpack the mundane facets of everyday Black life. Episodes of THE NOD will be available on multiple providers including Apple Podcasts,

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## **NDG Book Review: Making Midcentury Modern**

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You'll never forget the feeling of key in hand.

Imagine – you. A homeowner, finally, after saving, planning, and a ceiling-high pile of paperwork. Starting today, you can go home (home!), shut the door, and know that it's all yours. So how do you reflect your style in this home you love? Begin with "Making Midcentury Modern" by Christopher Kennedy.

When he was a young lad, Kennedy's parents taught him the proper ways to a well-mannered life: his mother made him write thank-you notes, and she taught him how to "make a good first impression," while his father advised him to "live each day to the fullest." Those lessons were learned in "simpler, more gracious times."

Kennedy insists it's not nostalgia that makes him love interior design from that period. Instead, he just likes the trend, and he doesn't see it "slowing



down any time soon." In this book, he shows how you can include Midcentury Modern into your home, even if it was built last month.

You can start in the entrance.

Those first impressions matter when it comes to a home, says Kennedy. Paint your front door in a Midcentury Modern color to welcome guests warmly.

On the topic of colors, Midcentury Modern isn't shy. Orange is the "caffeine of the color wheel," and it really pops. Think pink (Mamie Eisenhower's favorite color), turquoise, white, red, or any shade of blue. Don't just color walls, though; be bold with furniture, rugs, and accessories. Pillows in out-there colors are inexpensive ways to dip your toe into the design.

Know the "secret to a beautiful and easy-to-make bed" – and for guest rooms, consider twin beds. Go ahead and mix metals, bring childhood treasures out for display, and recall Mom's kitchen or bathroom for ideas. Take your indoors, outdoors, weather permitting. Pare down; Midcentury Modern isn't cluttered (so on that note, hide your TV). And finally, have fun.

"Above all," Kennedy says, "never take your home... too seriously."

Sometimes, it's easy to feel indecision or paralysis, when it comes to décor. What if you make a mistake?

What if you have "Making Midcentury Modern"?

With 100 easy-to-use (and surprisingly budget-friendly) tips, author Christopher Kennedy gives readers the inspirational boost they need to make a home dazzle. You'll see how simple color will transform a house's entire look, and where cherished possessions can become unusual displays. Kennedy fully admits that many of his favorite pieces were discovered online or at thrift stores, an idea that's somehow very delicious. And pillows? Pile 'em on!

The one criticism I have with this book isn't with the information – it's with getting that information: the font color against color can be very difficult to read. White print on a yellow background, for example, is nearly hidden.

It's a design flaw in a design book. Go figure.

That's not insurmountable, though: there are photos enough to make this coffeetable book a can't-miss full of fun. If you need your house to feel groovier no matter when it was constructed, "Making Midcentury Modern" may be key.

## Three things to do in Dallas this week

thing to do this weekend

in the Dallas area? Here

are five events to add to

vour entertainment cal-

Africa Day Festival at

the Dallas Arboretum

July 22-23, 10-11 a.m.

and 1-2 p.m. (Pecan

Join the curator of

ZimSculpt and the artists

in residence to hear how

they celebrate Africa

Day, similar in nature to

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Bandan Koro – African

Drum and Dance

Ensemble

July 23 at 11 a.m. (Mar-

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July 22 10 a.m. and

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Saturday & Sunday,

endar for the weekend.

Move to the beat of African drum and dance ensemble, Bandan Koro, performing on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn.

#### Kupira Marimba

Saturday, July 22, 12 p.m. (Martin Rutchik Concert Stage)

Listening to Kupira Marimba, best known for their lively, familyfriendly performances, has been known to cause an uncontrollable urge to dance. They will have guests happily swaying as they stroll the garden or stop by the concert state to sit and relax.

All these events are free with paid general admission.

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## Top spots for Texas glamping

By Carla Meadows NDG Special Contributor

Although I've always been a nature lover with a penchant for roughing it in the Great Outdoors, sometimes my family cringes at the idea of going completely primitive. For them, that means absolutely no sleeping on the ground or eating food that can only be cooked on an open fire. But this summer I finally found a way to temp my family to get back to nature - only with a twist. I turned camping into "glamping." (That's "glamorous camping" for all y'all city folk)

Glamping makes enjoying nature much more accessible



Step up your treehouse game this summer during your next luxury vacation in Texas! (Image: Carla Meadows)

lenge to find just the right location. That's why Glamping Hub is the ultimate source for all things glamping. It opens the door to a new world of luxury outdoor accommodations that's just a mouse click away. This innovative third-party booking website features more than 500 listings and lets you plan a luxury camping trip anywhere across the country or around the world.

#### Pack your bags for Glamping Texas Style!

GlampingHub also opened my eyes to the glamping opportunities right in my own backyard here in the Lone Star State. Texas offers all

but sometimes it's a challenge to find just the right location. That's why Glamping Hub is the ultimate source for all things glamping. It opens the door to a new world of luxury outdoor accommodations that's sorts of glamping accommodations from barns and cabins, to treehouses and caves. While each of them is charming and distinct in its own way, you can count on unique structures and an incomparable access to nature.

> Since Texas has an array of diverse landscapes including forests, canyons and beaches, you'll find many of these glamping styles all across the state that makes perfect destinations for a summer getaway. GlampingHub also provides a Texas gateway portal that will take you it's glamping destinations within the state to help make vacation planning easy.

> Thanks to GlampingHub, my family and I discovered adventurous treehouse glamping at Cypress Valley Canopy Tours in the Texas Hill Country, and tranquil eco-glamping at Living Waters on Lake Travis. Both destinations offered amazing opportunities to reconnect with nature while enjoying luxury accommodations.

To read more about glamping throughout Texas visit Mommy's Minivan Monologues.



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### Verizon unveils plans for the Community of the Future

The live-work-play community of the future is becoming a reality. Verizon proudly unveiled its master plans for a mixed-use development in Irving, Texas, which includes the now under-construction 1.2 million-square-foot headquarters of Pioneer Natural Resources.

The development, which will feature an additional 1.5 million-square-feet for corporate tenants; a 200-room full-service hotel; 1,200 residential units; 80,000-squarefeet for restaurant and retail space; 2-acre public green space and amenities; and a DART rail station, signifies Verizon's unique position as land owner and lead developer. Verizon is close to a deal with a developer for the 110-acre master plan.

"This technology-infused project will serve our mission to develop a rich and dynamic tech community that serves at the forefront of the live-work-play model," said John Vazquez, Verizon's senior vice president of global real estate. "The space we're developing will provide a seamless user experience across all types of space, from public to private and commercial to residential."

In addition to providing more lifestyle options for Irving, the state-of-the art development will greatly contribute to Verizon's and other corporate tenants' ability to attract and retain top talent through its walkable amenities and access to the airport through the rail within a dynamic lifestyle-centered environment. The community utilizes land across the street from a Verizon campus, which currently houses 4,000 employees across various functions and business units.

"We are extremely fortunate in Irving to have socially responsible and committed corporate citizens like Verizon who are devoted to not

### **ALS**, continued from Page 4 Charlie Keegan, CEO of at 407 W. State Hwy 114 in

Main Event Entertainment. "It's going to be a great time for a great cause, and a chance to meet some legendary athletes in a fun, intimate setting."

The ALS Celebrity Bowling Classic begins at 6 p.m. and will take place at the Main Event center located

#### at 407 W. State Hwy 114 in Grapevine, Texas. Ship opportunities, contact Katie at information@alsatexas.org.

"ALS touches the lives of so many people, so BPAA is honored to support the fundraising efforts of the ALS Association along with our partners at Main Event," said Frank DeSocio, BPAA Executive Director. only being a visionary for their future business endeavors, but also a visionary for the Irving community," said Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer. "Hidden Ridge will transform this historic piece of land into a place for our business community and residential community to converge in a mixed-use environment."

Verizon, and its predecessor company, has been one of Irving's largest employers for nearly three decades. The company's investment in the Hidden Ridge development confirms its commitment to ensuring that Irving maintains the great quality of life that the city consistently has been recognized for – benefiting residents, employees and visitors alike.

"The Hidden Ridge development represents a new era in urban planning that benefits not only corporations but the community. It's an enlightened, holistic view of

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commercial and residential development," said Beth Bowman, President & CEO of the Irving Economic Development Partnership and the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. "Through strong collaboration and conversation, I want to congratulate Verizon on this exciting and unique project as well as our partners at the City of Irving, Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Las Colinas Association."

Verizon is working closely with architecture firm, Gensler, and leasing broker, CBRE.

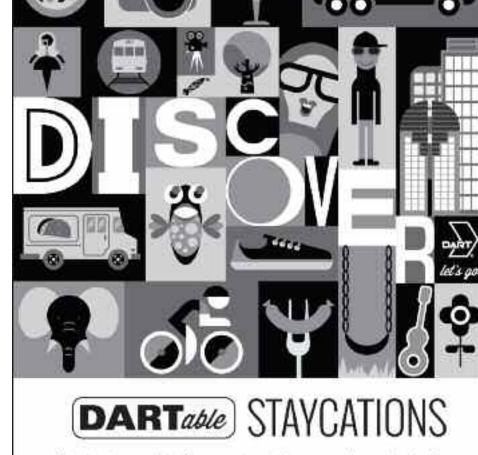
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## **Dallas Bar Association dedicates 27th** Habitat for Humanity house since 1991

On Saturday, July 8, the Dallas Bar Association dedicated its 27th house for Habitat for Humanity. The Dallas Bar Association began building Habitat homes in 1991 and is the longest running wholehouse sponsor in Dallas.

This year's donors include:

• Platinum Hard Hat (\$17,000+): Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

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The Dallas Bar Association Home Project Committee coordinates the build and is led by co-chairs David

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tor Van Taylor. "These jobs serve at the core of the healthcare industry, which represents approximately 12 percent of our state's economy." If the agencies disappear, he warned, it will cause instability in that market sector and could endanger patient and consumer protections contained in the

law. Taylor offered two measures intended to make sure that doesn't happen, Senate Bills 20 and 60. SB 20 would simply extend the authorization for the continued operation of the five agencies for another two years, delaying the Sunset date to September 1, 2019. SB 60 is a technical bill that ensures that these agencies can continue to receive funding over the next two years. Both bills were unanimously passed to third reading.

The Sunset bills that died in the regular session contained a number of reforms, particularly relating to unacceptable response times for complaint resolutions. These reforms weren't part of the bills passed today, as Taylor told his colleagues, because the language of the Governor's proclamation only permits bills limited to extending and not reforming the operations of the agencies.

Taylor said that once the Governor expands the special session agenda, he believes lawmakers will have the leeway to take another look at reforming these

Fisk, of Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, and Michael Bielby, Jr., of Vinson & Elkins LLP.

Volunteer attorneys carry the torch, making the project what it is today: a coordinated effort by hundreds of Dallas attorneys that give their time and money to support the cause of affordable, decent housing. The central theme is that no commitment of time or money is too small; every hour and every dollar make a difference.

For more information about the Dallas Bar Association, visit www.dallasbar.org. To learn more about the DBA Home Project Committee's work with Habitat for Humanity, log on to https://www.facebook.com/DBAHomeProject.

> boards in the next 30 days. If not, the Sunset Commission still has the authority to perform a limited review on the agencies over the next two years.

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The Bath House Cultural

Senate rules require bills undergo two votes on two separate days in order to clear the chamber. The Senate will meet just after midnight Thursday in order to give final passage to the two bills, sending them on to the

**THREE**, continued from Page 10 Sat. July 22- 2 p.m. - The Basement: The Caveman Play / Risk Initiative: Stiff 5 p.m. - Audacity: The Great Dictator / Echo The-

atre: Trace of Arc 8 p.m. - Dustin Curry and Company: Fiddler's Cave / L.I.P. Service:

Tommy Cain 10 p.m. - Live Music (Lake Shore Level)

#### 'til Midnight at the Nasher

The Nasher presents live outdoor concerts featuring the best in regional music talent and film screenings in the Nasher Garden. Guests have the opportunity to engage in social media scavenger hunts, progressive tours, and to view the exhibitions. The evening kicks off at 6 p.m. with Sudie followed at 7 p.m. with a concert by Bryce.

House. Once that's done, Abbott has said he will add 19 more topics to the agenda. These issues will include property tax reform, regulations on public bathrooms, restrictions on municipal authority, regulation of abortions and mail-in ballot voter fraud.

The Senate will begin committee hearings on bills relating to these topics starting Friday.

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SoundCloud and Spotify.

Affectionately titled after the nonverbal cue many Black folks use to indicate acceptance or acknowledgement; THE NOD affirms the Black experience by presenting specific stories that are fun, introspective, and personal to Black listeners.

Co-hosts Brittany and Eric dig into the phenomenon of "purple drink," the merits of Afrocentric schools, the many shades of Black sexuality, the history of the durag, and so much more. To listen to the trailer for

THE NOD, visit: www.gimletmedia.com/the-nod

## **RAPPER**, continued from Page 9

Ralo was known to boast his Texas culture showcasing his accent and Dallas slang. He built a strong local fan base and started growing a formidable social media persona and relationships with other players in the

game. As his ideologies and

life experiences evolved, so did his stage name. He is now known as Sacci Racci.

Sacci Racci hopes to take his music to a level and to push his hometown to the forefront of its unique hip



Eric Eddings and Brittany Luse, hosts of THE NOD (BlackNews)

hop sound. The highly versed rapper is all about self-motivation and pushing his audience to follow their dreams. He understands that the content of his art may touch on the streets, drugs and violence, but it's designed to tell his story in hopes of inspiring others to

take a better path in life. He may be young but has a diverse perspective on life and is dedicated to a mission of establishing a platform and awareness for other artists from Dallas, Texas.

The artist's music can be found on Soundcloud and sacciracci.com.



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### July 21 Plano ISD Support Staff Job Fair

For Bus Drivers, Food Services and PASAR After School Program

Anyone in applying for the PASAR After School Program, Food and Nutritional Services and Transportation departments is invited to the job fair.

9 a.m. to Noon at Vines High School at 1401 Highedge Drive in Plano.

### July 25 Dallas Career Fair

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton Dallas -Love Field

located at 3300 W Mockingbird Land in Dallas. Register at NationalCareer-Fairs.com

### Goodwill Job Connection

Kraft is hosting a job fair at 1661 E. Northwest Highway in Garland from 2 p.m.



to 4 p.m. All attendees should RSVP to aevans@goodwilldallas.org or call 214-227-5549. Please bring:

• Copies of your resume • Social security card and

government issued ID • Dress code is business attire

#### July 26 Manufacturing Job Fair

ResourceMFG is hosting a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their offices located at 2145 North Josey Lane, Suite 118-120 in Carrollton. Info at resourcemfg.com

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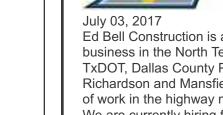
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### **Church Happenings**

### **BETHEL BIBLE** FELLOWSHIP, CARROLLTON (A PLACE TO **BELONG**)

**NOTICE:** Pastor Woodson serves the community by providing "Professional Therapy and Counseling Services" on a "Sliding Fee" scale. To schedule an appointment call the Pastoral Counseling Center at 972-526-4525 or email the church at www.bethelbiblefelloswhip.org

Discover Hope and Help for daily living; and, you don't have to be a member to come. The Connect-2-Reflect (C2R) meetings are held in comfortable and relaxed homes, one in Carrollton and one in Plano, refreshments are served. Call the church for details.

#### July 22, 5-7 p.m.

You don't want to miss our YAMS' "Unashamed Explosion" of praising and worshiping God through songs and the spoken word at the church. Set your calendars. Light refreshments will be served.

#### July 23, 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to our Sunday "Praver and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this!

#### **July Only**

During the month of July only join us in Wednesday's Prayer with a Pastor of the church via a Phone Conformance call. Either with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Patterson or Pastor Bernadette leading a pray hour. It's Time to have intercessory prayer for others. Call number 641-715-3200, access code 161883#

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

### **FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN** ALLEN **"THE SHIP"**

July 23, 8 a.m.

Join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall; followed by our Sunday Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed.

#### July 26, 7 p.m.

Join us in 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. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

### July 29

You're invited to help us with "Community Give Back" time. Sixty (60) volunteers are needed to help with Children's Hospital, Hope's Door, Soul Church Barn, Equest, The Samaritans Inn and Dominique Cares. Call the church for the time and other details.

### July until August 20

This is a 70 Day Challenge in seven stages of development by praying daily; reading the book of the quarter, "Chase the Lion" by Mark Batterson; preparing a household budget for the summer; exercising at least three days a week; a Spiritual Workout on a Sunday, Wednesday or Saturday; Tithing the Bible Way; and learning how to forgive. Call the church for details.

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through service to each other and to the world. John 12:26.

#### July 23, 8 a.m. And 11 a.m.

Join us for our annual Friends & Family Day; you will enjoy the fellowship, fun and food during the 8 a.m. and in the 11 a.m. Worship Services.

### July 26, 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; it's all for His glory and His honor. We are, "Growing in Christ through the study of His Word."

July 28-29, 7 p.m. Our Youth and Parent Conference will be held for two days and you invited to join us. Friday's Youth Explosion will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday's Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. Set your calendar.

Our church ministries offer opportunities for motivation and growth; join us and see. Be blessed of the Lord.

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." -Proverbs 3:5

This is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible related to gaining wisdom and direction from God.

Yet, I have never heard one teaching on this passage that teaches what I believe the psalmist is really saying.

The first part is pretty easy; we are to trust with all our heart. But the next part is not so clear. We are not to lean on our own understanding.

If we are not to lean on our own understanding, on whose understanding are we to lean? That's easy, Lean on God's understanding by asking Him!

Throughout the Old Testament we find that God set up structures by which those in authority made decisions.

God has always set a principle whereby we are to seek Him in all our decisions, that He might truly make our decisions. In the Old Testament, the

n the Old Testanient, the priest made decisions based on which way the Urim and Thummim (breast plate of Judgment, Exodus 28:30) fell inside his breastplate. The casting of lots was another means of allowing a decision to be left with God. Proverbs says, "The lot is

cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord" (Proverbs 16:33).

Another means of making a decision was through the agreement of two or three. No one could be guilty of any crime without the witness of two or three.

This was a biblical way of confirming a matter. Still another means of making a decision is through a multitude of counselors.

Given all these scenarios, what are we to gain from these examples? We are told in Jeremiah 17:9a, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure."

So what really protects each of us from the deceit of our own heart? I believe it is the combination of all the above.

When we get to a place with God that our decisions are accountable to others, and not just our self; it can be a spouse, a board, or a few close friends who are committed to the same



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godly ideals.

This is when we are protected from the deceit of our own heart. This is one of the hardest things to yield to God is the right to make our own decisions.

Yet, it is the most elementary principle God requires of us to receive His blessing in our lives. This principle takes a long time for some people to appreciate.

However, today this can tell you that some people would never make a major decision without the counsel of others who are close to them

Relational accountability has become lost in our culture due to our hunger for independence.



**Decision making** 

New Associate Pastor at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton, Pastor Bernadette Moore

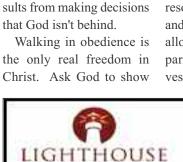


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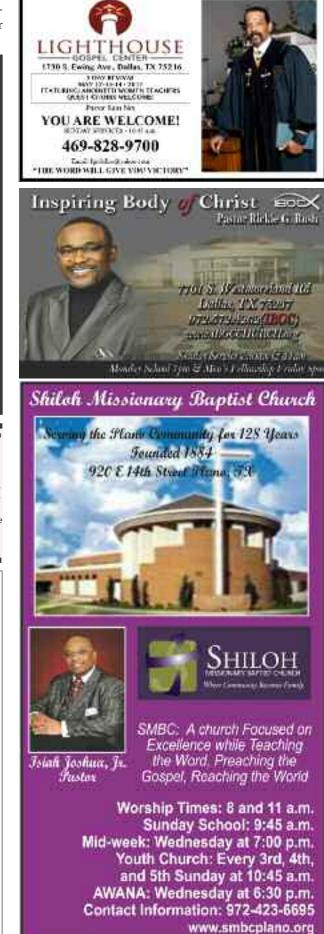


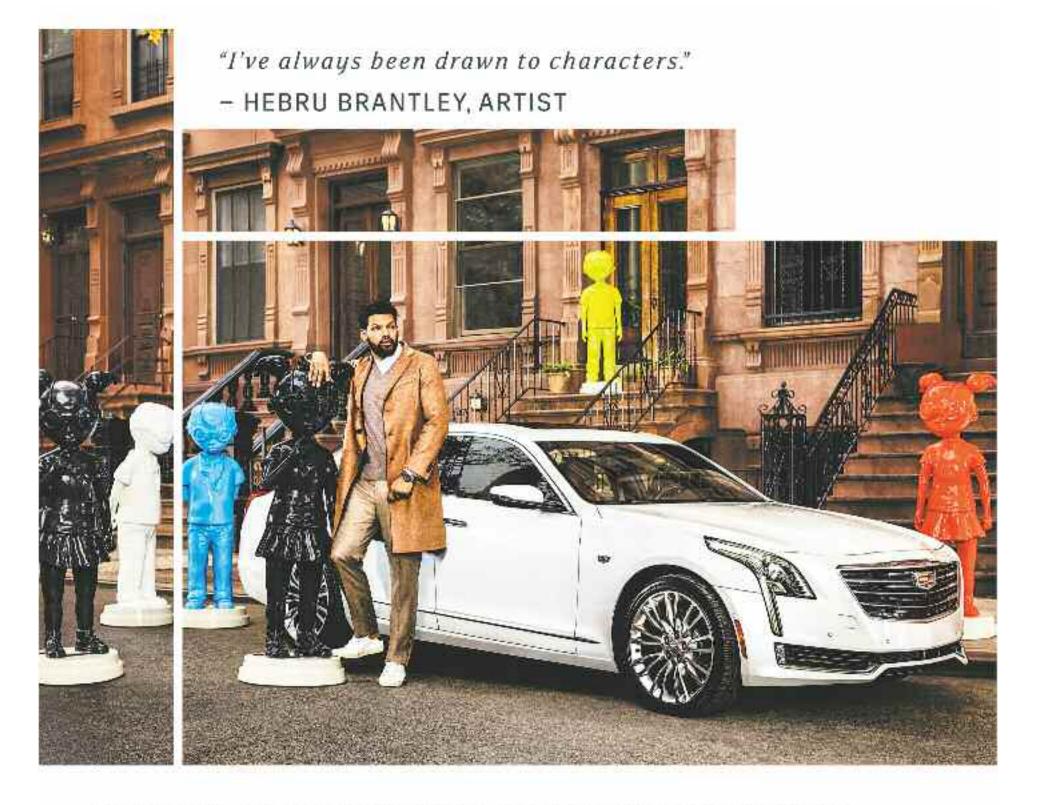


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