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# The Harambee Festival is fulfilling its name of bringing the community together

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The Harambee Festival, a beloved and lasting tradition within Dallas for the past 42 years will return on Saturday, October 28 at the Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Community Center, located at 2922 MLK, Jr. Boulevard in Dallas.

Festival-goers will be able to enjoy food, entertainment, free health screenings, early voting, and other fun activities. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

In Swahili, Harambee means “let’s pull together,” and the concept behind the festival is to not only to offer a safe alternative to trick or treating, but to promote unity and diversity within the community.

“Forty-three years ago a group of people came together to do something on the grounds of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center that would be a safe alternative to trick or treating and offer something bigger than just handing out candy,” explains Willie H. Minor, Jr., accomplished actor and Harambee Steering Committee Chairperson.

Minor, a veteran actor of a long list of major motion pictures and live stage productions as well as a decorated United States Veteran, became actively involved with the Harambee Festival when he was invited to per-



The Harambee Festival is gearing up for its 42nd celebration in Dallas. (Courtesy photo)

form. He also became associated with the festival through his work with the Citizens Committee to Save our Children Inc., a non-profit organization, which he helped to start that serves as one of the Harambee Festival’s main sponsors.

This year’s theme for the festival is “Remember the Past to Secure the Future.” According to Minor, this theme was chosen to honor and reinforce the values that have been the strength and beauty of America.

“This year the theme was chosen because of the lack of unity in our community and Harambee was founded for that. We look around and see all the races and all of the cultures being separated, but we understand

we must become connected as there are so many things we have in common if we can remember those positive things about America. And if we remember to go back to those roots and reinforce those values that is a part of our legacy, then we can step into the future cohesively,” he stated.

There will be a Unity Balloon Release Ceremony, which will take place at the end of the festival, which Minor feels represents the belief the only way to move forward as a community is simply to unite.

The Harambee Steering Committee is putting this to the test by challenging two prominent City officials,

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## Margot Lee Shetterly

Margot Lee Shetterly, the author of "Hidden Figures," addressed an audience on the campus of Texas A&M University earlier this month about her journey as a first-time author. Her presentation was part of the 2017 Common Ground Reading Initiative sponsored by the Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts.

Shetterly's New York Times bestselling book shares the true and untold stories of four African-American female mathematicians who were among



many others working for NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia in the days of the space race, between the 1950s and the 1970s.

The story attracted the at-

tention of Donna Gigliotti, an acclaimed Hollywood producer of movies including "Silver Linings Playbook" and "Shakespeare in Love," which led to the making of the box office hit movie "Hidden Figures" that earned more than \$200 million worldwide last year.

"The only way to make the American story a true story is to make it a complete story," Shetterly said. "The only way to do that is to understand that telling stories doesn't fall only to the politicians, the powerful, the famous and the people at the top, but to each and every one of us."

Shetterly, whose father was a scientist for NASA Langley and whose mother was an English professor at Hampton University, described the six-year process of researching and writing her origin story as the most rewarding work of her career. The University of Virginia graduate was an investment banker and entrepreneur before she began delving into the history of her family and their community.

Growing up in the 1970s and 1980s in the heart of the once-segregated South, Shetterly never found her story in the textbooks chron-

icling American history, and therefore, she avoided taking history courses in college. She could not reconcile the racial violence, disenfranchisement and shame experienced by Black Americans throughout history with her version of the American dream, and more importantly, with her version of her future.

"I grew up in a world where robust families and members of a dynamic community dreamed of a better future, and they found ways great and small to bypass injustice," she said. "They did everything possible to help people do their best work,

whether that work was cleaning other people's houses, as my grandmother did, or calculating orbital trajectories, as did the women I wrote about in 'Hidden Figures.'"

The coverage of African-Americans in Shetterly's middle school history textbooks included cursory glimpses of slavery, Martin Luther King, and little else. The stories of Black Americans, like those she knew personally who were doing their best to pursue life, liberty and happiness as much as any other American, were nonexistent.

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## Joyce Williams

Joyce Williams, associate vice chancellor for workforce and economic development at the Dallas County Community College District, has been elected to serve as chairman of the board of directors for Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas. She has served on the board for several years as an advocate for the organization's mission and its service to the community.

Williams, who is BGCGD's 51st chairman of the board, has focused on



including high-worth, technical workforce readiness programs for the organization; those programs continue to strengthen workforce partnerships between BGCGD and employers

and also helped initiate its Career Ready Program.

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas is to enable all young people, especially those who need the organization the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens, said Williams. A Boys and Girls Club provides a safe place to learn and grow; ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; life-enhancing programs and character development experiences; and hope and opportunity.

"Boys and Girls Club of

Greater Dallas is an organization that stands for traditional values while it provides progressive programs that address the problems which our youth of today face, such as substance abuse, teen pregnancy, gangs and violence," said Williams.

She added, "Being a part of such a historical organization with deep roots in the community for 51 years – one that has served to anchor many young people and which provides them with opportunities that enrich and have an impact on their lives – is what moti-

vated me (and still motivates me) to serve. When I hear 'Club Kids' say it feels like a safe place to be or that the club has given them hope, I know I am in the right place, making a difference."

Williams is the first African-American woman to serve as chair of BGCGD. "I consider it a great privilege and an honor to assume the responsibilities of chairing our organization. Leading the board means partnering with the community, business members and leaders to leverage resources consistently

which enables us to provide ongoing opportunities that help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens," she said.

BGCGD opened in November 1965 at the West Dallas Boys Club; today, clubs are open to all boys and girls ages 6 to 18, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Local clubs in Dallas serve more than 6,000 young people annually at 22 locations throughout Dallas County. For more information, visit [www.bgcdallas.org](http://www.bgcdallas.org).

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Dallas City Bond Election: Follow the Yellow Brick Road

So.....trust the people who can't be trusted? Give them an open check book and let's just see how things go??

I don't think so! The management of Dallas has been inept at taking care of the money that has already been entrusted to them. The all but bankrupted the pension plan for fire fighters and police officers, they spent close to \$1 million SO FAR to remove statues that over 80% of the population said that they didn't want moved, they build parks, rec cen-

ters, give tax breaks to North Dallas, and Downtown/Midtown/Uptown Dallas, but leave the South Dallas area pretty much to fend for themselves.

We have police and fire employees that are leaving in droves because of lack of benefits and adequate salaries, but they want more money to do what???

My vote is NO across the board! If you can't show responsibility with what you already have, then you can't be trusted with responsibility of what's not even on the books yet!

-- Gene

### Rising basketball star Tony Farmer's tragic fall

She made a good decision, because regardless of his rising he made the wrong move. But hopefully God blesses still, this isn't the end it's BEGINNING he just needed a renewed mind by sitting in jail and really pondering on his life. I see ppl like him everyday very talented and suitable for a future NBA career, but their decisions always hold them back sadly. If they want it they can and could have their successes but you have to wise, you have to be strong because the

Devil will snare you up if you don't be vigilant.

-- Adrian C. Sherman

To me the judge is a racist she know and knew he was a rising basketball star and she tried to block it but what God has for you it's for you. A devil in a dress lol

-- Ricky Johnson

Really? He beat a girl and the judge is racist. Idiot.

-- Bill McCormick

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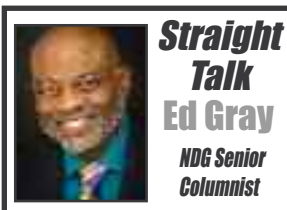
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**Straight Talk**  
**Ed Gray**  
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American society today has said the face of violence and terror is either black or Muslim. The perception when you watch the news and hear stories about Muslim extremists, and black nationalists, is they are ready to undermine these United States. That is the reason God-fearing, reasonably minded Americans with subscriptions to "The American Rifle" magazine buy 33 guns in a year with enough ammunition to assault a city. The face American terror is not what you think it is.

The face of terror in America is not urban shootings in Chicago ghettos by black people. These shootings in Chicago are part of a culture that has existed in Chicago for over a century since the days of Al Capone. During the days of Prohibition and the gangster era this

# The Face of Terror

culture existed in Chicago, not once was it called white-on-white crime. It was called merely a crime, and today the gangster era is glorified. In practical terms, the gangland killings were the beginning of 20th-century American terror. In our society terror is when the masses are confronted with possibilities of mass murder, or disregard for the safety of all innocent victims.

We have been convinced by the mass media and our politicians that the face of terror in America is a Muslim with guns and bombs. Outside the terroristic attacks committed on 9/11 in New York City, most of the major large-scale violence has been committed by middle-aged white men with unknown grievances. At least that's what we are led to believe. The Charlestown shooter who left a "manifesto" a written document indicating he wanted to kill blacks. This assassin is largely dismissed as misguided, not the terrorist that he is. "What the hell went

wrong?" America says we didn't have a clue that he would do that. This month America remains clueless as it says of the Las Vegas assassin "Why would he do that?"

America has shortsightedness when it comes to distinguishing mass murder committed by white males as a terroristic event. Whether this terror is committed specifically on black citizens as a hate crime or in mass murder that is directed at all of humanity. This myopic vision of the criminalization of America's minorities makes any crime committed by a minority to be heinous, while crimes committed by white people are placed in the category of the unknown or misguided adventures.

The only exception is when mass murders or terroristic acts particularly heinous. American media and politicians will offer a qualified excuse to this violence. The phrase uttered is the phrase "a crazed" or "mentally ill" "figure intent

upon harming society. This term is not justified and is discriminatory towards the mentally ill. The term implies that no right-minded European-American would stoop to the abysmally low level of violence that was committed. What is known, however not said is the mentally ill are largely a danger to themselves. The mentally ill according to the background checks can't obtain guns anyway, alas they become scapegoats.

The scapegoat in America is our common sense. The reality is that American terror is committed by middle-aged white men, with an obsession towards creating violence and mayhem. More than anything else we need to change the culture of violence that embraces our country. Mass murder and terror is colorized in shades other than white, and that's straight talk.

Ed Gray, the host of *The Commish Radio Show* airing Saturdays 3-5 p.m. on FBRN.net, can be reached at egray62@att.net.

## A Quick Guide to the Texas Constitutional Amendment Election

Texas voters will head to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 7 to vote on a variety of bond and constitutional amendment proposals. In addition to the 7 constitutional amendments Dallas voters will have to consider, the City of Dallas has presented a bond package totaling more than \$1.05 billion.

Texas Rep. Eric Johnson championed Proposition 7 because he believes it will help encourage those in a financial bind to consider an alternative to the temptation of payday loan type of programs.

"The Texas Savings Promotion Act will combat predatory payday lending by incentivizing low-income families, who are typical targets for predatory lenders, to keep money in their own savings accounts for use in emergencies. This policy has been successfully implemented across the country, and Texas needs to follow suit. I strongly urge voters to

vote in favor of Proposition 7," Rep. Johnson shared with the North Dallas Gazette. Below is an overview of each of the seven proposed amendments.

**Proposed Amendments**

**Proposition Prop. 1** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

**Proposition Prop. 2** – The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity

loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.

**Proposition Prop. 3** – The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.

**Proposition Prop. 4** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

**Proposition Prop. 5** – The constitutional amendment on

professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.

**Proposition Prop. 6** – The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

**Proposition Prop. 7** – The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.

"If voters decide to approve Proposition 7, banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions will be able to conduct prize-linked savings programs in which individuals can win prizes, including cash, simply by making deposits into their own savings accounts," Rep. Johnson added.



# Older adults more likely to disclose suicidal thoughts

AUSTIN (Univ. of Texas) — Suicide among older adults is a growing public health issue. Conditions associated with aging such as chronic pain, diagnosed or perceived terminal illness, social isolation and the death of friends and family can push older Americans toward ending their lives. A new study by social work researchers at The University of Texas at Austin, published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, shows that 23 percent of individuals age 50 and older who died by suicide had disclosed their suicidal intent.

Using 10 years of data from the National Violent Death Reporting System, researchers were able to identify key trends about older people who committed suicide. They found the older the deceased were, the more likely they were to



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have disclosed their intent to die by suicide. Deceased people who had suffered from depressed mood or health problems were more likely to have disclosed, as well as those who had recently received mental health care or undergone substance abuse treatment.

"Findings that depressed mood, health problems and other stressors were associated with increased odds of

disclosure indicate that suicide may have been prevented by providing the services needed to alleviate these problems," explained Namkee Choi, lead researcher and professor at the university's Steve Hicks School of Social Work. "Health care providers need better preparation to screen and aid those in need to prevent suicide."

The study also looked at

other aspects of older-adult suicide. The data revealed that disclosure was most often to an intimate partner or other family member, with only a small number talking about suicide to a health care professional. In terms of methods of suicide, researchers found that the use of firearms and hanging/suffocation were associated with lower overall disclosure odds. Among firearm users, however, men were more likely to have disclosed than women.

"Because disclosing suicide intent provides an opportunity to prevent suicide and offer assistance in coping with stressors, the study findings have important clinical implications for increasing disclosure and preventing suicide among older adults," said Choi. Investigators pinpoint four important interventions that might help prevent suicide

by elderly people:

Health care providers, especially primary care physicians who work closely with older adults, should routinely assess suicide risk and inquire about access to guns and other means of suicide. Evidence-based prevention training programs such as Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training should be considered.

Public health campaigns aimed at families and other social support systems for elderly patients should discuss suicide warning signs and give information about how to seek help after a disclosure.

Health care and social service systems need to ensure that older adults have access to services that address their mental and physical health needs such as therapy for ongoing emotional turmoil and crisis

counseling, palliative care for chronic pain, and affordable and accessible long-term care services for chronic illness and disabling conditions.

Older adults suffering from depression, mental illness, or substance abuse need tailored treatment services made to suit their specific needs. These services can be integrated into the primary care setting to ease access and reduce the stigma of getting mental health help.

Choi believes that as suicide rates for older Americans continue to climb, it is crucial to take a close look at this issue and find opportunities for intervention. "High late-life suicide rates in a rapidly aging society call for more effective ways to identify older adults at risk and provide prevention and intervention services," Choi concluded.

## Bring unused drugs to the Oct. 28 Take Back Day in Plano

Did you know the most abused prescription drugs come from family and friends?

Remove the temptation by bringing your unused and expired prescription medications to the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Never discard drugs in the trash where they can be retrieved and resold on the street.

Don't flush drugs and contaminate our water supply. Instead, bring your prescription drugs to the Take Back Day for safe disposal.



It's free and anonymous. For your privacy, black out personal information on your prescription bottles or

empty medications directly into the bins provided at the drop-off location. Tablets, capsules and all other solid

forms of unwanted medication are accepted.

Your Plano Police Department coordinates with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to offer this collection event. Take advantage of this opportunity to safely and legally get rid of any unneeded pills,

including prescription pain pills and other controlled-substance medications, as these items can only be accepted for disposal when law enforcement is present.

Drop off medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these sites:

• Clark High School, 523

W. Spring Creek Parkway  
• Plano East Senior High School, 3000 Los Rios Boulevard

• Plano Senior High School, 2200 Independence Parkway

• Plano West Senior High School, 5601 W. Parker Road

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"Since my classroom days, I've stopped viewing history as a forced encounter with the pain of the past, but rather, I see it as the sum total of what each of us does every single day," Shetterly said. "Knowledge of history is a prerequisite for being an informed and responsible citizen, and it's a precursor

to social progress and change...and storytelling, which is the essence of history, determines both the meaning of the past and the trajectory of our future."

For Shetterly, recovering the stories of Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden and pro-

viding them with much-deserved acclaim in their lifetimes are the most satisfying aspects of her success. NASA Langley recently dedicated its new \$30 million, 40,000-square-foot data center to the 99-year-old Johnson, naming it the Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility, and she attended the ceremony.

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## Historic church honors its heritage with 60th anniversary celebration

From a tiny living room to a sprawling campus, Hamilton Park United Methodist Church has come a long way. This month, the congregation of over 400 celebrates 60 years of success. Firmly rooted in the historic Hamilton Park community in North Dallas, the church reaches out to the community through its many programs, tutorials, mentoring and prayers.

Over the 60 years, Hamilton Park UMC has served as an incubator for African-American success in Dallas. There are numerous firsts in the North Dallas congregation. The church is proud to

be home to three medical doctors who paved the way for change to the City of Dallas:

Dr. W. Larry Lundy, Sr., was the first African-American podiatric foot surgeon in Dallas. He set up his practice in the community of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in the heart of sunny South Dallas. He later opened a second practice in Hamilton Park where he practiced for over 40 years. Dr. Lundy has won numerous awards including being named Dallas Podiatrist of the Year.

Dr. Robert Prince, a Dallas native, became part of a

group of three other Obstetricians and Gynecologists who organized and built the only women's clinic for African Americans in Dallas. Dr. Prince was the lone African-American doctor appointed to the Dallas County Health Board in 1965. Later in his career, Dr. Prince was on the staff of Southwestern Medical School—a school that wouldn't even give him an application in 1951.

Dr. Claude R. Williams, Sr., was the first African-American orthodontist in the southwest region of the U.S. A retired naval officer, Dr. Williams founded and

has directed Baylor College of Dentistry's Summer pre-dental Enrichment Program. It is the college's most acclaimed outreach initiatives. He was Baylor's first African-American faculty member where he worked for 40 years.

Another first leads the congregation: Dr. Sheron C. Patterson. She has broken the stained glass ceiling twice as the first African-American woman ordained as a pastor in the North Texas area, and by being appointed as the senior pastor of Hamilton Park UMC, one of the denomination's larger congregations. Dr. Patterson

holds degrees from Spelman College in Atlanta, and Southern Methodist University. Previously, she has served as senior pastor of a number of Dallas-area United Methodist churches, as well as held a cabinet level position with the United Methodist Episcopal leader. Dr. Patterson is also known in the DFW area as a breast cancer survivor and tireless fundraiser for breast cancer awareness causes. She is a prolific writer of books, articles and op-ed pieces. Additionally, Dr. Patterson serves on various boards in the DFW area.

"Hamilton Park UMC re-

mains a vital part of the Hamilton Park community because it has embraced the community in thought, word and deed," said Dr. Patterson. "I am proud to pastor a congregation that rolls up its sleeves and does the work of the Kingdom."

Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Gala is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m. to celebrate their anniversary. The featured artist is Dr. Cynthia Wilson. The event will be hosted at the Hilton Lincoln Centre Hotel at 5410 LBJ Freeway in Dallas. Tickets are \$60, call the church office, 972-235-4633.

## Annual poinsettia sale at Calloway's Nursery to benefit Lena Pope

This holiday season, Calloway's Nursery will again support local nonprofit Lena Pope through its annual poinsettia sale.

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 24, a portion of proceeds from the presales of poinsettias will benefit Lena Pope, which provides counseling and education services to assist more than 20,000 people in need each year.

Last year, Calloway's Nursery raised more than \$30,000 for Lena Pope to support the nonprofit's mission to create hope, happiness and success for children and families.



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This longtime partnership allows Calloway's Nursery to directly and positively impact communities around the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where the company is

based. Calloway's Nursery CEO, Marce Ward, serves on the Board of Directors for Lena Pope.

"Calloway's is proud to have the opportunity to support Lena Pope and help those who utilize their valuable resources," said Ward.

"We are a locally-owned company, so community is one of our core values. Lena Pope is an important organization that has served our community for almost 90 years."

Calloway's Nursery will take early orders for poinsettias from local businesses, organizations and individuals from Nov. 1 to

Nov. 24. For each poinsettia sold, 10 percent will be donated to Lena Pope.

Six-inch red poinsettias are \$9.99 each; 20 or more poinsettias must be ordered to receive free wraps and delivery between Dec. 4-15.

"We greatly appreciate Calloway's ongoing support of Lena Pope's work to empower families in our community through education and counseling services," said Todd Landry, CEO of Lena Pope.

"The holidays are about bringing loved ones together — something that is made possible in part by our generous partners, such as

Calloway's."

The poinsettia flower was first used by the Aztecs for red dye and medicinal purposes. Then in the 16th century, the association with Christmas began in Mexico with the legend of a young girl turning weeds into the flower as a gift for Jesus.

To order, call or visit your local Calloway's Nursery location.

For more information and to find your nearest location, please visit [calloways.com](http://calloways.com). Follow Calloway's Nursery on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest for gardening ideas and inspiration.

## Fort Worth Museum of Science and History joins the Smithsonian Secretary's Youth Advisory Council

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has announced its participation in the Smithsonian Secretary's Youth Advisory Council. Two local teens, Emily Morales, a senior attending Young Women's Leadership Academy in Fort Worth ISD and Derek Munoz, a junior at Trinity Valley School in Fort Worth, are lending their advice to Smithsonian Secretary David J. Skorton as members of the council. They are two of 25 high



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school students from around the country who will advise Skorton during quarterly

meetings on topics such as technology in museums, how museums could ad-

dress societal conflicts and be catalysts for dialogue and how the Smithsonian might accomplish its goal of reaching 1 billion visitors.

Skorton established the Youth Advisory Council in 2016 to gain advice and insight on youth perception of the Smithsonian from students in Washington, D.C. The second group expands on the original work and include students from the Smithsonian Affiliate network, providing a national

perspective to the conversation by attending virtually. The Smithsonian held the first meeting of the 2017 council at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington Sept. 27.

"I'm very pleased to expand the opportunity to include teens nationally through our Smithsonian Affiliations program," Skorton said. "I look forward to connecting with our teens and gaining a wide variety of perspectives."

"We get a glimpse of talented students such as Emily and Derek through various programs and events here at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and know what a valuable resource they represent," said Museum President, Van A. Romans. "I'm thrilled to know they will be able to share their insights with an institution like the Smithsonian and I have no doubt in the long run, we will all benefit."



# El Centro College English teacher lauded for new book

The National Book Foundation offers one of the most prestigious literary honors a writer can claim.

Just ask El Centro College English teacher Samantha Mabry Schulze.

Writing as “Samantha Mabry,” she learned last month that she was among the long list of contenders for a National Book Award for Young People’s Literature. Schulze was nominated for her new novel, “All the Wind in the World,” a love story set in Texas. The book’s release date is Oct. 10. A launch party is set for Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Interabang Books at 10720 Preston Road in Dallas.

Although she didn’t make



Courtesy photo

the list of finalists, the Dallas native was surprised when she learned she had been recognized for her literary work.

“I was here on campus making copies,” said Schulze, who teaches Eng-

lish composition and Latino literature. “I came back to the office, and I had emails and voice mails and Twitter notifications. I was pretty stunned. It was a lot to take in. I wanted to tell someone, but there was no one around who would know what I was talking about!”

Word has gotten around to her family, students and colleagues as well as El Centro College’s president.

“By all accounts, Samantha is a gifted writer and an outstanding teacher who inspires her students to do their best,” said Dr. Jose Adames, El Centro’s president. “She exemplifies the very best of the talented faculty at El Centro College. El Centro is very proud of her

well-deserved recognition.”

Schulze studied literature and taught at Southern Methodist University, where she received her undergraduate degree. She also has a master’s degree from Boston College.

“I’m a teacher moonlighting as a novelist,” she said. “My day job is teaching. Sometimes, something outweighs the other, such as doing promotional stuff for the novel, but I’m a teacher.”

Her name on the prestigious literary list puts her in the company of noted writers like Colson Whitehead, Annie Proulx, Joan Didion and E.L. Doctorow.

She tries to write about two hours each day, usually

in the morning. Her debut novel, “A Fierce and Subtle Poison,” was harder to write, she said. And she already working on a third book.

“I would be lucky to duplicate the reception that ‘All the Wind in the World’ received,” Schulze said. “There are lots of ups and downs in publishing, so I try to take the good times with a grain of salt. But it’s a big deal.”

Her experiences with the publishing world have become tutorials for her students. “They know that I’m a writer. I show them the feedback I get from my editors. I show the edits,” she said.

Schulze added, “I say ‘I

worked on this for an entire year, but I get a letter that says ‘start over.’ I tell them that this person giving feedback is on my team. It comes from a place of encouragement. I’m trying to help them get better.”

Her new status puts her in the category of writers to watch. And her work could be nominated again. “I’m only 36. I made the long list. They can’t take that from me,” she said.

The National Book Award finalists were announced Oct. 4. The winners will be revealed on Nov. 15 in New York.

For more information, visit Schulze’s webpage at <http://www.samanthamabry.com>.

## SMU hosting program examining how minorities, immigrants and millennials are changing America’s urban landscape

The SMU Cox School of Business Folsom Center for Real Estate, the SMU Economic Center and the Houston-based Center for Opportunity Urbanism will co-host “Cities, Suburbs and the New America,” a symposium on trends in urban and suburban migration, with a focus on minorities, immigrants and millennials at SMU on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Henry Cisneros, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, as well as Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings are included in the program, which will run from 7:15 – 11:30 a.m. at SMU’s James M. Collins Executive Education Center.

The United States is rapidly becoming a very different country than a lot of people have known, and changing cities are a big reason why, says SMU Economics Center Director Cullum Clark.

“As metro areas grow more ethnically diverse, they’re drifting to the left, politically, while rural and small town areas become ever more rock-solid red,” Clark says. “Traditionally, people lived in city centers because they were close to work and urban amenities, but as those are replicated on

city outskirts in places like Legacy West in Plano, you start to ask – what is the attraction of the central city?”

Cities will have to continue to reinvent themselves to account for these and other changes, Clark explained, and a preeminent list of guest speakers at “Cities, Suburbs and the New America” will attempt to forecast what those changes will look like and what they will mean.

Featured speakers at the event will include:

- Henry Cisneros became the first Hispanic-American mayor of a major U.S. city, San Antonio, Texas, in 1981. He was subsequently elected to four terms. He served as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1993 to 1997.

- Joel Kotkin, a leading author on American cities as well as on national demographic, social, and political trends, has been described by the *New York Times* as “America’s uber-geographer.” He also serves as Executive Director of the Center for Opportunity Urbanism in Houston.

- Alan Berger is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design and Director of the Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism

at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His forthcoming anthology *Infinite Suburbia*, co-edited with Joel Kotkin and Celina Balderas Guzman, will be released in October 2017.

- Ali Modarres is Director of Urban Studies at the University of Washington Tacoma and a widely cited authority on urban planning and policy.

- Anne Snyder is a fellow at the Center for Opportunity Urbanism in Houston and a writer on issues within the vortex of immigration, social class, and values.

- Luis Torres is an economist at Texas A&M University’s Real Estate Center and a leading authority on real estate trends in the state of Texas.

- Mike Rawlings, Mayor of Dallas, is a special guest.

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# Operation Kindness receives donation of mobile adoption trailer

Adopting a pet is now easier than ever through Operation Kindness. North Texas' original and largest no-kill animal care and adoption center received a new mobile adoption trailer from Pet Supplies Plus. The adoption trailer will make it possible for Operation Kindness to transport furry friends to adoption events across the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"Pet Supplies Plus has partnered with Operation Kindness for many years and now has dedicated adoption rooms in several of our DFW stores," said Caleb Lopez, marketing director of Pet Supplies Plus. "We're thrilled to continue expanding our



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support and partnership by now providing Operation Kindness with a mobile adoption trailer that helps expand their adoptions and place even more animals in their forever homes. Opera-

tion Kindness is fantastic, and we're excited to see how this new program benefits pets and pet lovers throughout DFW."

To pull the new mobile trailer, Operation Kindness

also received funds from Muenster Dog Food Company to purchase a discounted van from Sam Pack Ford-Plano. Operation Kindness will use the van and air-conditioned adoption trailer to transport dogs and cats to adoption events hosted at Pet Supplies Plus locations across the community. At these locations, families looking to adopt a pet can visit with dogs and cats that are searching for their forever home.

"We're a fourth-generation Texas family business, we live and work here, so it's a no-brainer that we would support the organizations that are doing the most good

here," said Mitch Felderhoff, owner at Muenster Pet Foods. "We hope by providing Operation Kindness with a van to transport the adoption trailer, that they are able to reach new communities and find forever homes for pets across the Metroplex."

Operation Kindness does not receive government funding and relies solely on funds from donations and corporate sponsorships to care for homeless animals. Since 1976, Operation Kindness has saved more than 90,000 dogs and cats. Each life saved by Operation Kindness costs an average of \$398 to provide comprehensive care before adoption; in

some cases, the costs are higher for animals that have been injured and require life-saving surgeries.

Last year alone, Operation Kindness was able to save the lives and find forever homes for 4,566 animals. The on-site medical hospital provided care to 4,887 animals; performed 2,875 spay/neuter surgeries, 20,656 exams and 250 medical surgeries; gave more than \$100,000 worth of medicine; and provided more than 292,000 meals.

For more information about Operation Kindness and to find an adoption event near you, please visit <http://operationkindness.org>.

# Irving Police Department receives grant to improve traffic enforcement

The Irving Police Department was recently approved for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Comprehensive Grant for fiscal year 2018.

The grant will help provide the means to deploy additional officers on Irving's highways to enforce speeding, seatbelt and distracted driving laws in addition to conducting DWI operations throughout the city.

This year, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will contribute \$180,000 toward the STEP budget.

The goal of the project is to reduce the number of alcohol and speed related crashes as



Irving PD

well as reducing crash-related injury and fatality rates. In addition to enforcement operations, the funding pro-

vides for various public information and educational efforts such as traffic safety presentations at community

events, schools and other venues.

The grant also makes allowances for training and minor equipment purchases.

During the fiscal year 2017

grant period, Irving officers wrote 7,162 speeding citations, 121 child restraint citations, 640 seatbelt citations and made 125 DWI arrests. The Irving Police Depart-

ment will continue to partner with TxDOT and participate in programs that encourage and support efforts to enhance the safety of our roadways.

# Garland ISD down to one candidate for open superintendent position

Garland ISD Trustees named Dr. Ricardo (Rick) López as the lone finalist for the district's superintendent vacancy at its Oct. 10 work session. Dr. López is the current superintendent for Mission Consolidated ISD in Mission, Texas. He is expected to assume the duties of Garland ISD superintendent sometime after the state-mandated 21-day waiting period.

Dr. López has over 20 years of experience in education, beginning as a classroom teacher and leading up to his current position as superintendent of Mission CISD where he supervises 22 campuses and over

15,800 students in the Rio Grande Valley.

At MCISD, he has focused on developing Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement programs, including a PSAT prep program that begins in third grade. An emphasis on STEAM programs resulted in MCISD robotics teams that advanced to state and national competition. In 2014, Mission CISD participated in "Code the Town" in partnership with the Mission Economic Development Center to teach coding to elementary students beginning in kindergarten. Additionally, in 2015, MCISD hosted the Rio

Grande Valley's first Educational Google Symposium. Google selected MCISD because of its vision and instructional technology initiatives including 1:1 Chromebooks for all secondary students. In 2015, MCISD was nationally highlighted for its innovative "Read to Lead" balanced literacy program. MCISD has also been a focal point for bilingual dual language program integration and universal full-day prekindergarten. Dr. López is widely recognized for his proven success in closing gaps for all learners. He also created the district's first educational foundation.

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Carrollton's Perry Pumpkin Patch will offer families to chance to pick out their own pumpkin and enjoy other activities Saturday, Oct. 21 (Photo Credit: Joel Kramer/Flickr)

### Carrollton

The A.W. Perry Society and the City of Carrollton are hosting the first **Perry Pumpkin Patch** on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1509 N. Perry Rd, Carrollton. Attendees are encouraged to come picnic

in the park and enjoy family friendly games and activities. Food will be available for purchase at the event as well as an opportunity to pick out a pumpkin for this Halloween season. The event will also feature a canned food drop off loca-

tion for those looking to donate. Admission to the event is free and safe for the whole family. More information can be found here.

### Dallas

The **Texas Veggie Fair** is returning to Reverchon Park on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 3505 Maple Ave, Dallas. This free event celebrates plant-based lifestyle options and features food and products from a variety vendors and food trucks available for purchase. The event will also include live music, a beer garden, chef demos, games, activities for children, and much more. Attendees are encouraged to bring the whole family – including pets! For more in-

formation go here.

St. Luke Community United Methodist Church is hosting a **Hope for Healing** concert on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. at 5710 East R.L. Thornton Frwy., Dallas.

The concert will be presented by St. Luke and the Black Methodist for Church Renewal and will feature guests Joseph Toliver, Andrea Wallace, and the State Fair Unity Choir. The concert is organized to benefit the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund. For more information, contact Minister Monya Logan at 214-887-3902 or at mlogan@sicumc.org.

### Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch Manske Library is hosting a **Boo-**

**ville Bash & Pumpkin Patch** just in time for Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 13613 Webb Chapel Rd, Farmers Branch. The event will feature fun activities for children like the Pumpkin Toss and Pin the Tie on the Monster.

Candy will also be available for kids to help get them into the Halloween spirit. The event will be held in the Meeting Room of the Manske Library. More information can be found here.

### Garland

The City of Garland will be hosting **Rockin' the Square: A Historic Block Party** on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at

150 N 6th Street, Garland. The event will celebrate Downtown Garland's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The event will feature live music provided by The Mullet Boyz and Old Southern Moonshine Revival, food, fireworks, and the official unveiling of the National Register plaque. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the evening. Admission to the event is free. More information can be found here.

To submit events and announcements, send an email to [editor@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:editor@northdallasgazette.com) with headline Community Briefs.

## FESTIVAL, continued from Page 1

Dallas County Commissioner, John Wiley Price and Dallas City Council member, Dwaine Caraway of District 4 to take the first step in helping unite the community by extending an invitation to them to make amends over their very public feud that occurred last February.

"This year for the balloon release, for which we are calling 'Hands Across MLK,'" we are asking John Wiley Price and Dwaine Caraway to shake hands and squash the confrontation between them and show leadership by joining hands and showing unity at this festival," exclaims Minor.

According to Minor, Honorable Caraway has agreed to attend the balloon ceremony, but they have not yet heard back from Commissioner Price.

Both local and out-of-state vendors will also be on-site to offer the public various consumer options ranging in retail, food, and art.

Per Minor, there are still spots available for vendors who are interested in renting a booth and payment for the booth is a minimal \$50 Visa and/or Master gift card. The pre-paid gift cards will be donated to the MLK, Jr. Community Center to help families they serve in need of financial assistance.

Minor credits the Center for the creative idea to have

vendors purchase booth space by providing a minimal \$50 Visa and/or Master pre-paid credit card.

"For those asking for assistance through the MLK, Jr. Center, they will be able to walk out of the Center with a Visa/Master card (provided by the vendors) that they can go use to purchase food for their families allowing the Center to provide families immediate assistance," he explains.

Minor advised it has been a grassroot effort in securing the financial support for the festival. Some of the major sponsors include the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, Frost Bank, DART, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District, City of Dallas, Heaven97 and K104FM.

"The Dallas Tourism Bureau gave us \$15,000," he adds. Minor also expressed his gratitude for the constant support of the MLK, Jr. Center's staff and for providing the space to hold the event.

"The Harambee Festival has always been a part of the MLK Center and I believe it's been a part because it falls under the ideas of Dr. King about unity, equality, and justice for everyone. Since Harambee means unity and it's an icon in the community it makes good sense," shares Pamela Jones, Division Manager of Martin

Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Minor also expressed his appreciation for the hard efforts of the 10-member Harambee Steering Committee.

"One of the things that happened this year that I am very proud of is we had people this year who came to volunteer and wanted to be on the Steering Committee who had grown-up going to the Harambee Festivals and wanted to be a part of the planning and implementation process."

There will be a separate area for kids to enjoy free arts and crafts, face painting, bounce houses, and video games catering to all ages.

"There will be a free children's area on site designated by the Arthello Beck, Jr., a famous African American artist and Watoto Village, a Swahili term meaning children," advises Minor.

In addition to having free entertainment for kids, there will be a Halloween Paper Mache Mask contest among the students of Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD). Contest entries are still being accepted as winners of the contest will not be announced until the day of the festival. Minor indicated trophies will be awarded to first through third place winners of every age group.

Past festival attendance

has reached an average of 15,000-20,000 people according to Minor. With the potential for this year's festival to be well-attended, security is a top priority. Minor advised there will be security provided on site by Dallas Police Department (DPD) to ensure the safety of all festival goers. He also confirmed the African Bandits, a motorcycle biker's club, will serve as backup security for DPD.

"In the 42-year history of the festival, there have been no incidents of violence," adds Minor.

More volunteers are still needed and volunteers must be of age 17 or older to volunteer. For those interested in volunteering, please con-

tact Natasha Cooper at the MLK, Jr. Community Center at 214-670-8418. Also vendors interested in renting booth space, please contact Willie Minor at 214-978-7164.

For additional information and details about the upcoming event, please go to the Facebook page and/or contact the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center at 214-670-8418.

"I hope people who attend the festival will leave with a renewed vigor to get involved with their community to ensure we make it safer to raise our kids," sentiments Minor shared regarding the action he hopes the festival will spark going forward.



# Dallas entrepreneur offers parents options for a night out

By Fatesta Bateman

There are 940 Saturdays between the day your child is born, and the time he or she turns 18, and 260 of them are gone by their fifth birthday. Black-Tie Babysitting helps parents reclaim these Saturdays that would otherwise be spent separated, by providing onsite childcare at special occasions and events. Children are no longer left at home but have an event uniquely created for them, and families can attend events together. One of the principals Black-Tie Babysitting is built on is people should never have to choose between being parents and having a social life.

Black-Tie Babysitting started as a solution to a



*Hope Oriabure King launched Black-Tie Babysitting when she recognized a need for quality childcare at special events. (Courtesy photo)*

problem and evolved into a business serving the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex in a niche it carved out by Hope Oriabure-King, the owner & proprietor of Black-Tie Babysitting.

The business started when Hope's sister was getting married and wanted a child-free wedding. Hope was

challenged to find a solution for childcare. She decided to pay her then nanny and a few of her friends to watch the kids in a separate room. At the end of the evening, parents were clamoring to find out the name of the company. Hope confidently claimed the company with no name and said she would email the information later. So, with a need and not much of anything else Black-Tie Babysitting began.

"I fell in love with this problem of what to do with children at special occasions and events and have never looked back," Hope shared. "Everywhere I turned I saw a need for childcare at non-conventional times and places never imagined for

children guest."

How kids are handled at an event makes a big difference is something Black-Tie Babysitting understands. Whether it is a wedding reception, convention, or family reunion, they bring their staff to the location to entertain and supervise the children while the guests relax and enjoy a bit of grown-up time.

Black-Tie Babysitting is actively seeking to provide on-site childcare at co-working spaces to entrepreneurial parents. The company has already expanded to offer "Sunday Sitter" a service to churches who do not have the membership and or volunteers to staff their nurseries.

Becky Stillwell, Children's Pastor at White Rock UMC explained Black-Tie Babysitting was a perfect solution for the challenges they were having staffing their nursery. The church has been around since the 70's and has both an aging membership while attracting young families with young children. Essentially the members had grown too mature to watch the children in the nursery as it grew. So, they hired Black-Tie Babysitting to supplement their existing nursery staff.

"It was a struggle every year especially at Easter to find qualified people to work! We were very well qualified in the nursery this year," said Stillwell said.

To date, Black-Tie

Babysitting has provided care at more than 52 venues between Dallas and Houston while they entertained and cared for over 2,400 young guests. They have been able to be a significant part of conferences and galas, including the Jack and Jill Northeast Chapter annual Mardi Gras Gala for example.

With Black-Tie Babysitting always looking to align its services with what the marketplace requires they have now partnered with VisitDallas to provide childcare to family travelers who come to Dallas for special occasions and events. They are excited to continue to advocate for work-life-balance for families.

## Top 10 Business Law mistakes, and how to avoid them (Part II)

### Part 2: Protecting Your Business

By Chris Parvin

In my last article, we looked at common mistakes business owners make in failing to protect themselves. Many people make these errors early on, failing to recognize how they need to (legally) separate themselves from the work they do. In this second half of the series, we'll address what you should do to best protect your business and its assets.

#### 5. Failing to Protect Key Intellectual

##### Property/Trade Secrets

Intellectual property, or IP, is the "magic sauce" that gives your company a competitive edge. It is the thing that makes you unique. Remember the old McDonald's jingle, "Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese..."? Those ingredients together (i.e., the recipe) are IP, the name is IP, the jingle is IP, and that "special sauce" is IP. (And now you're craving a Big Mac, right?) Your trade secrets are

all those people or vendors who sell you the ingredients you need and the pricing strategy that goes into selling your product or service. No matter whether you're protecting a recipe, a jingle, pricing strategies, or the list of vendors who sell you the ingredients, it's critically imperative that you protect your IP and trade secrets. These are the items that give your business a competitive edge.

But how do you do that? There are number of ways. First, for anyone who sees, touches, uses, or has access to your IP and trade secrets, consider a Non-Disclosure Agreement or another type of contract that limits their rights to use or give that information away or use it in any manner except to benefit your business. Next, mark all documents that details that insider information as "Trade Secret" or "Intellectual Property" so it's clear it's official. Finally, keep those secrets locked in a safe or a safety deposit box and out of reach of just anyone. Only provide them to someone when necessary and when

they're adequately protected.

**Bottom line:** You need to protect your insider information from anyone who might want to take it away.

#### 6. Failing to Budget for Business Legal Expenses

When you're starting your business, you'll stop and consider all the costs associated with making your company successful: startup funds, inventory, location, payroll, and advertising. But what about legal expenses?

No one likes to think about being sued somewhere down the line, but it's a cost of doing business. It should be a budgeted item whether you're just beginning or you've been in business for a decade.

How much you need to budget depends on the size of your company, how much capital you need to raise, and what agreements you need with employees, partners, vendors, etc. My advice?

Call three business lawyers in your area, explain your needs, and get a free estimate. If each say they need between \$5,000 and \$10,000, you've got a good idea of what that expense will look like and can factor that into your budget.

**Bottom line:** Legal expenses are a continuing cost of doing business and it is imperative to have a lawyer

involved with your company.

#### 7. Inaccurate or Inadequate Record Keeping

Turns out, inaccurate or inadequate record keeping is a big problem for most businesses. Outside the normal day-to-day or annual reporting, clean, accurate records are necessary anytime you have to deal with the Internal

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### Paid Internship opportunity for writers, college students in the Dallas Area

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# Dallas Arboretum opens A Tasteful Place, A Year-Round Food Oasis

On October 3, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden supporters and representatives cut a ribbon to officially open A Tasteful Place, an edible display garden complete with a newly developed lagoon and meandering walkways.

Mary Brinegar, Dallas Arboretum president and CEO, said, "It's an honor to have you here as we open A Tasteful Place, a 3.5-acre display garden that is more than just fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. It's a \$12 million project that completes the south-end of our garden with a gorgeous view of White Rock Lake and the downtown Dallas skyline. Plus, we're pleased that we get to open A Tasteful Place during our nationally acclaimed fall festival, Autumn at the Arboretum, featuring more than 90,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash."

Dallas City Councilmember Lee Kleinman read the



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special recognition from Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings proclaiming October 3 as A Tasteful Place Day.

Will McDaniel, Bank of America senior vice president and Dallas Arboretum executive committee member, said, "A Tasteful Place is a perfect fit for supporting programming that helps people learn about fresh food, how to harvest, clean and prepare it, and how to lead a healthy lifestyle." Bank of America is the Oc-

tober programming sponsor. Then he thanked the many donors who helped the garden grow.

Dallas Park and Recreation Board President Robert Abtahi said, "We oversee all of the parks in the City of Dallas, and the Dallas Arboretum has been one of our greatest partners who have operated in the black for more than 22 years. In construction projects, they have raised all necessary construction

funds before they build anything, and the final project is always beautiful."

Director of Parks and Recreation Willis Winters added, "The Dallas Arboretum has brought such acclaim to the City of Dallas, having been named as 'One of the World's 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens' by Architectural Digest and cited by thousands of articles for its beauty. Congratulations for another amazing garden."

Phillip Jones, VisitDallas president and CEO, applauded the Dallas Arboretum for being on Trip Advisor as a #1 choice for entertainment in Dallas for eight straight years and welcomed more than 1 million visitors to the garden last year. "Dallas welcomes more than 25 million visitors a year, and it's an asset to have the Dallas Arboretum to show them."

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum vice president of gardens, said, "There are few other gardens in the country doing what we're doing here and at this level. Our garden has tested and trialed plants for a number of years, but six years ago, the Horticulture staff started trialing and testing vegetables, even before we broke ground." He acknowledged the Horticulture leaders and team.

A Tasteful Place is a collaborative effort of many al-

liances with individuals and groups around the city that support the Dallas Arboretum with programming. Partners include the Dallas County Master Gardeners and Master Wellness of Texas A&M AgriLife; El Centro College; The Department of Clinical Nutrition, UT Southwestern School of Health Professionals and The Center for Human Nutrition, UT Southwestern Medical Center; and Texas Woman's University Nutrition & Food Sciences.

Programming includes a robust year-round calendar of activities with significant help offered by P. Allen Smith, A Tasteful Place program consultant, lifestyle and gardening expert and television host.

For the most up-to-date schedule of events, check [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) or the Arboretum's social media sites.

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# Wonder Woman origin film complicates female empowerment narrative

By Joe Farkus  
NDG Contributing Writer

One might expect a film depicting the origins of the Wonder Woman comic to be rife with explanations of where the iconic superheroine's overt depiction of female empowerment originated.

What *Professor Marston and the Wonder Women* provides instead is a disturbing dive into the allegedly true story of Dr. William Marston (Luke Evans), the creator of the Wonder Woman comic, and his polyamorous relationship with wife Elizabeth (Rebecca Hall) and student



*Professor Marston and the Wonder Women opens in select theaters nationwide Friday, Oct. 13 (Claire Folger / Annapurna Pictures)*

Olive Byrne (Bella Heathcote) who both served as the inspiration for his famed comic book character.

The film examines this relationship in explicitly

graphic detail, both showcasing the truly peculiar and disconcerting interests of its central characters while attempting to cast them in a sympathetic and forgiving

light.

For those inspired by this year's box office smash Wonder Woman, learning of the bizarre circumstances and experiences that led to the creation of its hero will be nothing short of disappointing, perhaps even disconcerting.

Despite the fact that attitudes have seemingly changed toward the sort of lifestyle depicted in the film, one can't help but wonder if audiences will find Elizabeth Marston and Olive Byrne the bold, feminist heroes Dr. Marston clearly believed them to be.

While the film does successfully elicit sympathy to-

ward its protagonists, their determination to pursue explorations into bondage culture (a theme which appears in early Wonder Woman comics) complicates the image many may have of both the feminist icon's creator and his creation.

While the film is well serviced by its historically accurate aesthetic and the central cast's perfectly adequate performance, the seedy characters they portray make for a shocking, subversive, and unsettling experience.

Any audience goer looking for a deeper look into the environment that generated such a well-beloved

and celebrated character will likely leave the theater confused and with a tainted view of the Wonder Woman character herself.

For those looking for a film steeped in sexual liberation and the abandonment of social norms to the extreme, look no further than Professor Marston and the Wonder Women to satisfy your craving; for everyone else, look elsewhere – anywhere.

*Professor Marston and the Wonder Women opens in select theaters nationwide Friday, Oct. 13. The film is rated R for mature audiences only.*

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Revenue Service or a litigation issue.

Let's start with the IRS. They advise keeping records to sales, deductions, credits, and losses for up to seven years. They can go back during that period of time and re-open a tax return or retroactively audit your business. You'll need documentation to justify any claims or tax breaks. I recommend using software like Quickbooks or employing a CPA to make sure those records are sound.

When it comes to litigation, the first thing lawyers do is initiate a phase called "discovery," wherein all books, records, internal memos, emails, letters, etc. are requested. How does it look if something routine – like a monthly sales report – isn't available? Lawyers can cast doubt on your business and accuse you of hiding something. The best course of action is to keep solid records and let your lawyers spar over whether or not to release certain information during discovery.

**Bottom line:** Do you part and keep clean, accurate records on your business and its activity.

### 8 & 9. No Estate or Disability Plan in Place

So, here's a pitch for another aspect of my law prac-

tice: estate plans, disability plans, and guardianship. Time and time again I meet people who have no definitive plan for when tragedy strikes. I realize we get uncomfortable talking about death and disability, but it's a fact of life we shouldn't ignore.

Consider this scenario: You and three other partners build up a business worth \$5 million. Things are going great until the worst happens: one of your partners is killed in a motorcycle accident. He handled all the business finances and now questions arise:

He owned 25 percent of the company stock, so who can vote his shares? His wife?

Do you still need to pay his six-figure salary to his wife?

If his wife wants to be bought out, how do you do that and for how much and how long?

What if his wife shows up, claims ownership, and assumes his role at the company?

The waters can get even murkier if that same partner wasn't killed but suffered a traumatic brain injury during the accident. Now you have to consider who is his guardian, how much control do they have over your busi-

ness, and what obligations do you have to him. Clear estate plans or guardianship plans will spell out what to do in these worst-case scenarios.

**Bottom line:** It's not enough to have an estate plan for yourself and your spouse; you need a plan for your business as well.

### 10. Not Having a Lawyer or Using the Wrong Lawyer

At this point, I hope you see how important having a lawyer on your side is to the health and success of your business. At every stage of your company's birth and growth, you can use an attorney to make sure you're going down the right road and protecting yourself and your business. In this day and age, this isn't a nicety – it's a necessity.

Whoever you choose, make sure they are board-certified and in good standing with your state's bar association. Ask questions about their experience with businesses your size or other companies in your industry. Ask for a free consultation to discuss your needs, how they can help, how they handle billing, etc. Research and interview lawyers the way you do the people who work for you and with you. After all, you're bringing them on to your team; they work for you.

**Bottom line:** Add a proven, vetted business lawyer to your team.

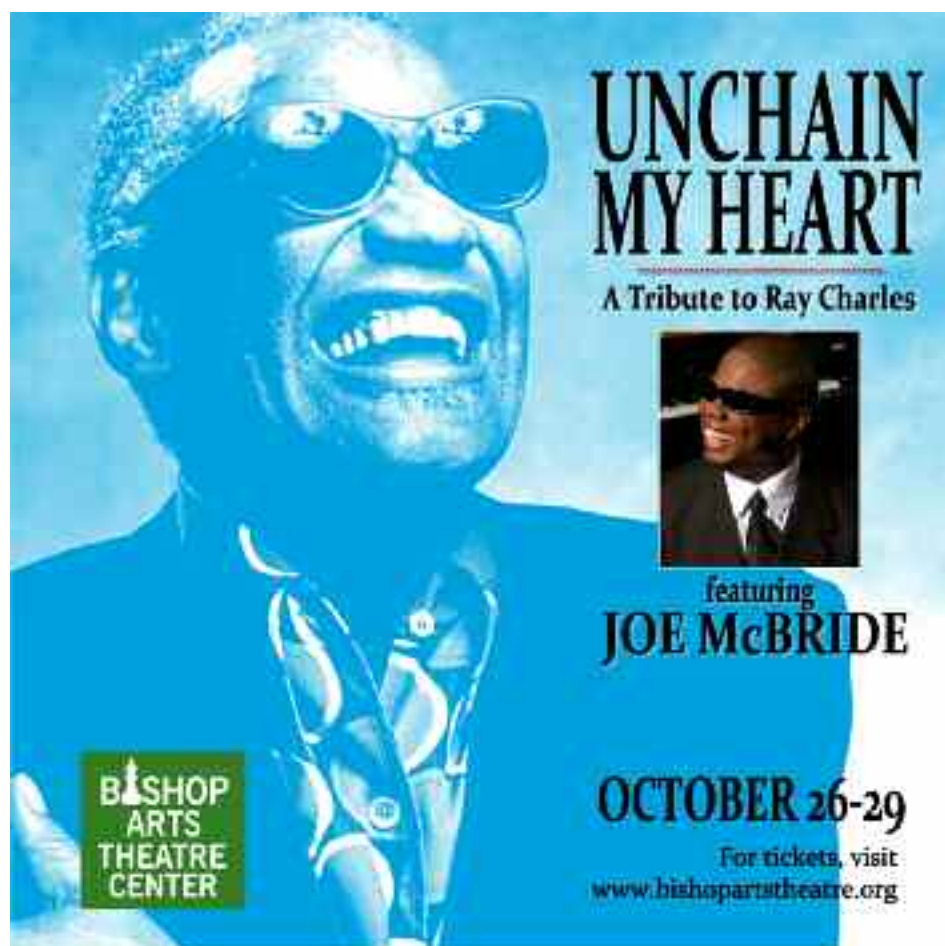
So, there you go: My Top 10 Business Law Mistakes. (Or, as I thought about calling this series, "Where I've Seen My Clients Go Wrong Over the Years.") It's imperative you know how to pro-

tect yourself as well as the business you've worked so hard to create.

As always, I'm available to answer any questions you might have regarding any of the topics I've touched on. Give me a call at (214) 974-8940.

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**October 25, 7 p.m.**  
Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Pastor Brenda Patterson, Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Pastor Bernadette and others conducting a new study on the book of Ephesians with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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**October 22, 10 a.m.**  
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**October 23, 7 p.m.**  
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**October 25, 7 p.m.**  
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**October 22, 8 a.m.  
And 11 a.m.**  
Join us for our morning services; you will enjoy the fellowship during our 8 a.m. and in the 11 a.m. Worship Services.

**October 25, 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."

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

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NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

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      COLLIN AND DENTON       §  
CITY OF DALLAS               §

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special election will be held within the City of Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., as provided in Ordinance No. 30554 calling the election, passed by the city council of the City of Dallas, Texas, set forth below and made a part hereof for all purposes. The special election is an ordinance ordering a bond election to be held in the city of Dallas on November 7, 2017, for the purpose of authorizing general obligation bonds.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the City of Dallas, Texas, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

Biliera Johnson, Interim City Secretary  
For more information call 214-670-3738

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**ORDINANCE NO. 30554**

An ordinance ordering a bond election to be held in the city of Dallas on November 7, 2017, for the purpose of authorizing general obligation bonds; prescribing the form of the ballot; designating polling places; providing for the use of an electronic voting system for early voting by personal appearance, a computerized voting system for early voting by mail, and electronic and computerized voting systems for voting on election day; permitting only resident qualified voters to vote; providing for early voting; providing for an early voting ballot board to process early voting; providing for notice of the election; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city council of the city of Dallas has determined that it is advisable that an election be called to submit propositions for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the city for the purposes stated in the listed propositions; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds and declares that the meeting at which this ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That a bond election is ordered to be held in the city of Dallas on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., which date is not less than 78 days nor more than 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance, and which election is for the purpose of authorizing general obligation bonds. At the election, the following propositions will be submitted to the qualified voters of the city:



**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION A**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$533,981,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements, to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, reconstructing, improving, extending, reconfiguring, and expanding streets, off-street parking, circulation elements, thoroughfares, freeways, intersections, alleys, medians, sidewalks, bridges, and pedestrian and bike ways, including related storm drainage facilities and improvements, signalization, pedestrian warning devices, signage, markings, video roadside cameras, and other traffic and signal controls, street lighting, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, streetscape and median improvements, railroad crossing quiet zones and the related acquisition of land; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$724,650,750 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION B**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$261,807,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, replacing, expanding and equipping park and recreation facilities and the acquisition of land therefor; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$355,610,250 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION C**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$50,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements, to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, replacing, improving, expanding, and equipping facilities at Fair Park, including open space and recreation facilities, and; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$67,781,500 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION D**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$48,750,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, replacing, and expanding flood protection and storm drainage facilities and improvements, erosion control, including necessary and appropriate relocation of utilities and the acquisition of land related thereto; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$66,088,750 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION E**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,589,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, replacing, improving, expanding and equipping library facilities and the acquisition of land therefor; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$21,124,500 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION F**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,235,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, replacing, improving, expanding and equipping cultural and performing arts facilities and the acquisition of land therefor; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$19,294,500 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?



**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION G**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$32,081,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, replacing, improving, expanding and equipping public safety facilities, including police substations, fire stations, police and fire training and related facilities and the acquisition of land therefor; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$43,491,250 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION H**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,157,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: renovating, repairing, improving, expanding and equipping City Hall and City service and administrative facilities, including repair, replacement, and improvement of roofs, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, heating and ventilation equipment and systems, and improvements required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable laws; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$24,608,750 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION I**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$55,400,000 for the purpose of providing funds for promoting economic development throughout the city, through planning, designing, constructing, improving, extending and expanding public street, utility, and other infrastructure facilities, including the acquisition of land therefor, and through the city's programs for economic development and housing including the acquisition of improved and unimproved properties, the demolition of existing structures, making grants of bond proceeds and otherwise providing assistance for private commercial, industrial, retail, residential and mixed-use development, neighborhood revitalization projects, and mixed income development; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$75,109,500 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION J**

Shall the city council of the city of Dallas, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the city in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for permanent public improvements; to-wit: planning, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, replacing, improving, expanding, and equipping facilities to serve the homeless population in the city, including permanent, supportive and transitional housing; said bonds to mature serially over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, to be issued in such installments and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the city council under laws in effect at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due; where \$27,115,750 is the estimated amount of repayment, including principal and interest, based on current market conditions?

SECTION 2. That, pursuant to Section 3.009 of the Texas Election Code, as amended, the following information is provided: the aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the city's tax-supported debt obligations as of the beginning of the city's fiscal year, which is October 1, 2017, is \$1,632,595,997; that the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax supported debt obligations of the city as of the beginning of the city's fiscal year is \$1,007,772,469; and that city's ad valorem tax rate for the current fiscal year is 78.25¢ per \$100 valuation with 56.01¢ per \$100 valuation used for operating and maintenance costs incurred in the city's general fund and 22.24¢ per \$100 valuation used to pay principal and interest on the city's outstanding general obligation debt.

SECTION 3. The city covenants and agrees with the voters that with respect to Propositions A and B no bonds will be issued for the below-listed projects unless, until, and to the extent, the city has received private grants or donations for the projects listed below, which private grants or donations must be received by the city before the city orders the next bond election immediately subsequent to the November 7, 2017 bond election:



Proposition A:

Project	Bond authority	Private grants or donations
UT Southwestern Medical District Urban Streetscape Initiative Phase I	\$7.5 million	\$7.5 million

Proposition B:

Project	Bond authority	Private grants or donations
Downtown Parks	\$35 million	\$35 million
Circuit Trail (the Loop)	\$10 million	\$10 million
Midtown Park	\$6 million	\$6 million
White Rock Stone Tables	\$ .028 million	\$ .028 million
Dallas Zoo	\$3.5 million	\$3.5 million
Dallas Arboretum	\$1 million	\$1 million
Flag Pole Hill Playground	\$ .165 million	\$ .165 million
Dallas Water Gardens	\$7.5 million	\$7.5 million
Klyde Warren Park	\$10 million	\$10 million

SECTION 4. That the city intends to issue the bonds authorized by the propositions, if approved, over a period of years in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the city council based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then-current needs of the city, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations in the city, the use of variable rate debt, and management of the city's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics, and assessed valuations vary based upon a number of factors beyond the city's control, and the use of variable rate debt involves periodic adjustments in interest rates that vary based on market conditions and contractual obligations. Market conditions are calculated as they existed on or about the date of this ordinance's passage. Therefore, the city cannot, and does not, guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the propositions. As such, the information contained in this ordinance is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The city currently estimates that, if the propositions are approved and the bonds proposed herein are authorized and issued in accordance with the city's current project plan of finance, the maximum interest rate of the bonds is not expected to exceed 5.00%.

SECTION 5. That electronic and computerized voting systems must be used for voting on the bond election date in compliance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, and the vote must be upon an official ballot submitting the propositions in substantially the following form, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the propositions:

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION A**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$533,981,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR STREET AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$724,650,750.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION B**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$261,807,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$355,610,250.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION C**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FAIR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$67,781,500.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION D**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$48,750,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FLOOD PROTECTION AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$66,088,750.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION E**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$15,589,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$21,124,500.



**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION F**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,235,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR CULTURAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$19,294,500.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION G**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$32,081,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$43,491,250.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION H**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$18,157,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL AND TO VARIOUS CITY SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$24,608,750.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION I**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FUNDING THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$75,109,500.

**CITY OF DALLAS - PROPOSITION J**

THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES FOR THE HOMELESS, THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BASED ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS BEING \$27,115,750.

SECTION 6. That the manner of conducting the bond election must be in accordance with the ordinances and charter of the city of Dallas and the laws of the State of Texas applicable to bond elections. The official ballots, together with other election materials required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, must be printed in both English and Spanish and contain all provisions, markings, and language, as may be required by law.

SECTION 7. That the boundaries of the election precincts in which the election is to be held are defined by Ordinance No. 20231, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 20741, 21350, 21579, 22343, 22693, 23348, 24800, 25696, 27484, 28147, 28937, and 29375. Locations of the polling places in the respective election precincts are as designated in **Exhibit A**, attached to this ordinance, but which may be changed by the counties listed below, and which changes, if any, are hereby made part of this ordinance by reference and can be found by contacting the following counties or by visiting the following webpages:

Collin County Elections Department  
2010 Redbud Boulevard, McKinney, Texas 75069  
Tel: (972) 424-1460 ext.1990 (Metro)  
Webpage: [http://collincountytx.gov/elections/election\\_information/Pages/default.aspx](http://collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/Pages/default.aspx)

Dallas County Elections Department  
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas 75207  
Tel: (214) 819-6389  
Webpage: <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/upcoming-election-information/>

Denton County Elections Department  
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101, Denton, Texas 76208  
Tel: (940) 349-3200  
Webpage: <http://www.votedenton.com/upcoming-election-information>

SECTION 8. That each voter must vote in the precinct in which the voter resides, and only resident qualified voters are entitled to vote.

SECTION 9. That a person qualified to vote and residing in the city of Dallas, but not within any precinct described in Ordinance No. 20231, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 20741, 21350, 21579, 22343, 22693, 23348, 24800, 25696, 27484, 28147, 28937, and 29375, may vote in the precinct nearest the person's residence, and for that purpose the person's residence will be considered as part of that city election precinct. A person who has registered in a city election precinct, but whose residence is not in the city of Dallas, is not entitled to vote in the election even though the person may own property subject to taxation in the city.

SECTION 10. That early voting by personal appearance will be by the use of an electronic voting system in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. Early voting by mail will be by the use of a computerized voting system in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. Early voting will be conducted at the locations and during the dates and times in the respective election precincts as designated in **Exhibit B**, attached to this ordinance, but which may be changed by the counties listed below, and which changes, if any, are hereby made part of this ordinance by reference and can be found by contacting the following counties or by visiting the following webpages:



Collin County Elections Department  
 2010 Redbud Boulevard, McKinney, Texas 75069  
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 701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101, Denton, Texas 76208  
 Tel: (940) 349-3200  
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SECTION 11. That applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail must be mailed to the following:

Collin County:  
 Early Voting Collin County Elections Administration Office  
 2010 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 102  
 McKinney, Texas 75069

Dallas County:  
 Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections Department  
 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820  
 Dallas, TX 75207

Denton County:  
 Early Voting Clerk, Denton County Elections Administration Office  
 P.O. Box 1720  
 Denton, Texas 76202

Applications for early voting ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2017.

SECTION 12. That applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail may, pursuant to Section 84.007 of the Texas Election Code, be sent to the following email addresses:

Collin County: [absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov](mailto:absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov)  
 Dallas County: [evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org)  
 Denton County: [elections@dentoncounty.com](mailto:elections@dentoncounty.com)

SECTION 13. That the early voting ballots will be processed by an early voting ballot board to be created in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended.

SECTION 14. That the mayor or, in the mayor's absence or inability to act, the mayor *pro tem*, shall give notice of the bond election by causing the notice to be published in a newspaper within the city and posted on the city's public meeting bulletin board in accordance with applicable state law.

SECTION 15. That the mayor, the city manager, and the city secretary, in consultation with the city attorney, are hereby jointly and severally authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Elections Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized in this ordinance.

SECTION 16. That this ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas City Charter, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LARRY E. CASTO, City Attorney

By: /s/ Chhunhy Chhean  
 Assistant City Attorney

Passed August 9, 2017



**DALLAS COUNTY DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING**

October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)  
 October 28 (Saturday)  
 October 29 (Sunday)  
 October 30 – November 1 (Monday through Wednesday)  
 November 2 – November 3 (Thursday and Friday)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS****DALLAS COUNTY**

Location	Address	City	Zip
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH	10101 WALNUT HILL LN.	DALLAS	75238
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER	285 UPTOWN BLVD.	CEDAR HILL	75104
CROSSWINDS HIGH SCHOOL	1100 N. CARRIER PKWY.	GRAND PRAIRIE	75050
DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH (REPLACES DESOTO TOWN CENTER)	901 N. POLK ST.	DESOTO	75115
DUNCANVILLE LIBRARY	201 JAMES COLLINS	DUNCANVILLE	75116
EASTFIELD COLLEGE-PLEASANT GROVE CAMPUS	802 S. BUCKNER BLVD.	DALLAS	75217
EL CENTRO COLLEGE-WEST CAMPUS	3330 N. HAMPTON RD.	DALLAS	75212
FARMERS BRANCH CITY HALL	13000 WILLIAM DODSON PKWY.	FARMERS BRANCH	75234
FRETZ PARK LIBRARY (REPLACES CHURCHILL RECREATION CENTER)	6990 BELT LINE RD.	DALLAS	75254
GEORGE L. ALLEN SR. COURTS BLDG. (MAIN LOCATION) (REPLACES RECORDS BLDG.)	600 COMMERCE ST.	DALLAS	75202
GLENN HEIGHTS CITY HALL	1938 S. HAMPTON RD.	GLENN HEIGHTS	75154
GRAUWYLER PARK RECREATION CENTER	7780 HARRY HINES BLVD.	DALLAS	75235
IRVING CITY HALL	825 W. IRVING BLVD.	IRVING	75060
J. ERIK JONSSON LIBRARY	1515 YOUNG ST.	DALLAS	75201
JOSEY RANCH LIBRARY	1700 KELLER SPRINGS	CARROLLTON	75006
LAKESIDE ACTIVITY CENTER	101 HOLLEY PARK DR.	MESQUITE	75149
LANCASTER VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	1600 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY.	LANCASTER	75134
LOCHWOOD LIBRARY	11221 LOCHWOOD BLVD.	DALLAS	75218
MARSH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH	10716 MARSH LN.	DALLAS	75229
MARTIN LUTHER KING CORE BUILDING	2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.	DALLAS	75215
MARTIN WEISS RECREATION CENTER	1111 MARTINDELL AVE.	DALLAS	75211
MOUNTAIN CREEK LIBRARY	6102 MOUNTAIN CREEK	DALLAS	75249
OAK CLIFF SUB COURTHOUSE	410 S. BECKLEY	DALLAS	75203
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH	7611 PARK LN.	DALLAS	75225
PAUL L. DUNBAR LANCASTER-KIEST LIBRARY	2008 E. KIEST BLVD.	DALLAS	75216
RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER	411 W. ARAPAHO RD.	RICHARDSON	75080
RICHLAND COLLEGE - GARLAND CAMPUS	675 W. WALNUT ST.	GARLAND	75040
ROWLETT CITY HALL ANNEX	4004 MAIN ST.	ROWLETT	75088
SACHSE CITY HALL	3815 SACHSE RD., BLDG. B	SACHSE	75048
SAMUELL GRAND RECREATION CENTER	6200 EAST GRAND AVE.	DALLAS	75223
VALLEY RANCH LIBRARY	401 CIMARRON TRAIL	IRVING	75063



## COLLIN COUNTY DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)  
 October 28 (Saturday)  
 October 29 (Sunday)  
 October 30 – November 3 (Monday through Friday)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

## COLLIN COUNTY

Location	Address	City	Zip
ALLEN MUNICIPAL COURTS FACILITY	301 CENTURY PKWY.	ALLEN	75013
CARPENTER PARK RECREATION CENTER	6701 COIT RD.	PLANO	75024
CELINA ISD ADMINISTRATION BLDG.	205 S. COLORADO ST.	CELINA	75009
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	3101 COIT RD.	PLANO	75075
COLLIN COLLEGE - CENTRAL PARK CAMPUS	2200 W. UNIVERSITY DR.	MCKINNEY	75071
COLLIN COLLEGE - PRESTON RIDGE CAMPUS	9700 WADE BLVD.	FRISCO	75035
COLLIN COLLEGE - SPRING CREEK CAMPUS	2800 E. SPRING CREEK PKWY.	PLANO	75074
COLLIN COLLEGE - HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER	3452 TX-SPUR 399	MCKINNEY	75069
COLLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS (MAIN LOCATION)	2010 REDBUD BLVD., STE. 102	MCKINNEY	75069
FRISCO SENIOR CENTER	6670 MOORE ST.	FRISCO	75034
HAGGARD LIBRARY	2501 COIT RD.	PLANO	75075
HARRINGTON LIBRARY	1501 18TH ST.	PLANO	75074
LAVON CITY HALL	120 SCHOOL RD.	LAVON	75166
LOVEJOY ISD ADMINISTRATION BLDG.	259 COUNTRY CLUB RD.	ALLEN	75002
MARIBELLE DAVIS LIBRARY	7501 INDEPENDENCE PKWY.	PLANO	75025
MCKINNEY FIRE STATION #5	6600 W. VIRGINIA PKWY.	MCKINNEY	75071
MCKINNEY FIRE STATION #7	861 S. INDEPENDENCE PKWY.	MCKINNEY	75070
METHODIST RICHARDSON MEDICAL CENTER	2831 E. PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HWY.	RICHARDSON	75082
MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER	205 N. MURPHY RD.	MURPHY	75094
OLD SETTLERS RECREATION CENTER	1201 E. LOUISIANA ST.	MCKINNEY	75069
PARKER CITY HALL	5700 E. PARKER RD.	PARKER	75002
PARR LIBRARY	6200 WINDHAVEN PKWY.	PLANO	75093
PLANO ISD ADMINISTRATION CENTER	2700 W. 15 <sup>TH</sup> ST.	PLANO	75075
PRINCETON CITY HALL	123 W. PRINCETON DR.	PRINCETON	75407
PROSPER MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS	108 W. BROADWAY ST.	PROSPER	75078
RENNER-FRANKFORD LIBRARY	6400 FRANKFORD RD.	DALLAS	75252
SMITH LIBRARY	300 COUNTRY CLUB RD., #300	WYLIE	75098
TERRY POPE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	611 N. FM 1138	NEVADA	75173

## DATES AND TIMES FOR TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING SITES IN COLLIN COUNTY

Locations and Dates	Times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COMMUNITY ISD ATHLETIC FACILITY, 600 N. FM 1138, NEVADA, TEXAS 75173</li> </ul> <p>October 26 – October 27 (Thursday and Friday)</p>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FARMERSVILLE CITY HALL, 205 S. MAIN ST., FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS 75442</li> </ul> <p>October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)</p>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TEXAS STAR BANK, 402 W. WHITE ST., ANNA, TEXAS 75409</li> </ul> <p>October 30 – November 3 (Monday through Friday)</p>	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Important Note:** Eligible Collin County registered voters (with an effective date of registration on or before November 7, 2017) may vote at any of the above early voting locations.



**DENTON COUNTY DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING**

October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)  
 October 28 (Saturday)  
 October 29 (Sunday)  
 October 30 – November 3 (Monday through Friday)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**DENTON COUNTY**

Location	Address	City	Zip
AUBREY ISD BUILDING	415 TISDELL LN.	AUBREY	76227
CARROLLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	4220 N. JOSEY LN.	CARROLLTON	75010
THE COLONY ANNEX BUILDING	6804 MAIN ST.	THE COLONY	75056
CORINTH CITY HALL	3300 CORINTH PKWY.	CORINTH	76208
DENTON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (MAIN LOCATION)	701 KIMBERLY DR.	DENTON	76208
DENTON COUNTY SOUTHWEST COURTHOUSE	6200 CANYON FALLS DR.	ROANOKE	76262
FLOWER MOUND POLICE AND COURT BUILDING	4150 KIRKPATRICK LN.	FLOWER MOUND	75028
FRISCO FIRE STATION #4	4485 COTTON GIN RD.	FRISCO	75034
FRISCO FIRE STATION #7	330 W. STONEBROOK PKWY.	FRISCO	75034
HIGHLAND VILLAGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	1000 HIGHLAND VILLAGE RD.	HIGHLAND VILLAGE	75077
JUSTIN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	415 N. COLLEGE AVE.	JUSTIN	76247
KRUM ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	1200 BOBCAT BLVD.	KRUM	76249
LAKE DALLAS CITY HALL	212 MAIN ST.	LAKE DALLAS	75065
LEWISVILLE MUNICIPAL ANNEX	1197 W. MAIN ST.	LEWISVILLE	75067
LITTLE ELM LIBRARY	100 W. ELDORADO PKWY.	LITTLE ELM	75068
PILOT POINT SENIOR CENTER	310 S. WASHINGTON ST.	PILOT POINT	76258
STEVEN E. COPELAND GOVERNMENT CENTER	1400 FM 424	CROSS ROADS	76227
TIMBERGLEN LIBRARY	18505 MIDWAY RD.	DALLAS	75287

**DATES AND TIMES FOR TEMPORARY VOTING LOCATION IN DENTON COUNTY**

Location and Dates	Times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SANGER CHURCH OF CHRIST, 400 N. LOCUST ST., SANGER, TEXAS 76266</li> </ul>	
October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
October 28 (Saturday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
October 30 – October 31 (Monday and Tuesday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
November 1 (Wednesday)	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
November 2 – November 3 (Thursday and Friday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DENTON CIVIC CENTER, 321 E. MCKINNEY ST., DENTON, TEXAS 76201</li> </ul>	
October 23 – October 27 (Monday through Friday)	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
October 30 – November 3 (Monday through Friday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>LITTLE ELM ISD TEMPORARY SITES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ PRESTWICK STEM ACADEMY, 3101 STONEFIELD, THE COLONY, TEXAS 75056</li> </ul>	
October 23 – October 25 (Monday through Wednesday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ LITTLE ELM ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 1151 E. ELDORADO PKWY., LITTLE ELM, TEXAS 75068</li> </ul>	
October 26 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
October 27 (Friday)	5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
October 30 – October 31 (Monday and Tuesday)	5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL, 1900 WALKER LN., LITTLE ELM, TEXAS 75068</li> </ul>	
November 1 (Wednesday)	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
November 2 (Thursday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY, 2600 HART RD., LITTLE ELM, TEXAS 75068</li> </ul>	
November 3 (Friday)	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
<b>AUBREY ISD TEMPORARY SITES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ MONACO ELEMENTARY, 9350 CAPE COD BLVD., AUBREY, TEXAS 76227</li> </ul>	
October 27 (Friday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ AUBREY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 815 W. SHERMAN DR., AUBREY, TEXAS 76227</li> </ul>	
October 30 (Monday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ BROCKETT ELEMENTARY, 900 CHESTNUT ST., AUBREY, TEXAS 76227</li> </ul>	
October 31 (Tuesday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ AUBREY HIGH SCHOOL, 510 SPRING HILL RD., AUBREY, TEXAS 76227</li> </ul>	
November 2 (Thursday)	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.



# Gospel of the Kingdom



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"This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did." **1 John 2:5b-6**

When Christ came to earth, He came to bring to mankind the gospel of the Kingdom. Over the centuries, the Church has tended to emphasize only a portion of the gospel. That portion is the gospel of salvation. However, Jesus came that we might have more than just salvation. He came to give us a whole new life that was accompanied by signs, wonders, and His Spirit living in us and

revealing Himself to us daily.

However, Jesus came that we might have more than just salvation. He came to give us a whole new life that was accompanied by signs, wonders, and His Spirit living in us and revealing Himself to us daily. He came so that we might walk on this earth as He did. If our lives are not reflecting the same things as Jesus' did, we must ask why?

I have noticed three distinct types of believers walking with Christ. First, many of us come to Christ out of a need for salvation. Our hearts have been touched by His call on our lives. We reason and analyze the claims of Christ and make a decision for Him. It is the convenient time to accept Him in our lives.

This first stage is often characterized by a "Bless me, Lord" attitude toward God. It is the first stage that

primarily brings salvation into our lives. Some never really go past this first stage.

The second stage is the crisis stage. A crisis takes place in our lives, and we are motivated to seek Christ with a whole heart. However, this motivation is not out of pure love for Christ; rather, it is motivated by the desire to get out of the pain of living. The motivation is to solve "the what" versus "the why" in my life at the time. This stage is best characterized as "Help me, Lord."

In the third stage, we begin to experience the gospel of the Kingdom. It is the place where Jesus resided in His walk with His heavenly Father. It is the place of conviction. The numbers of people who live at this level are quite a few, but these people are experiencing the reality of a walk with God that is foreign to all others. They are seeing daily occurrences of His involvement in their lives. They are motivated by a deep love for Him. They know Him. These people have an attitude character-

ized by these thoughts, "Have me, Lord; though He slay me, still will I trust Him."

Where are you today? Have you merely accepted His salvation to simply float along? Or do you seek Him with a whole heart only when a crisis occurs?

God's desire is for Christians to live a life of conviction, motivated by our love for Him and His love for us. This is where we will experience the gospel of the Kingdom. Thank God today for standing on the solid Rock of Jesus. Thank Him that your life can be built

upon a strong foundation.

Trust God to live, to take every breath based upon the foundation that you can have in Him. Ask Him to help you to weather life's storms, to help you keep looking to Him, and to be a thankful child...never a complaining Christian.

Pray that God will strengthen you and keep your feet steady on solid ground. Pray for your family members that each one will be committed to God and live a life that glorifies Him and ministers to others in the blessed name of Jesus.

## Garland rocks the square on Oct. 21

Downtown Garland will sparkle with live music, food and fireworks on Saturday, Oct. 21. Join us for Rockin' the Square - A Historic Block Party from 6 to 10 p.m. as we celebrate Downtown's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

To kick off the festivities, The Mullet Boyz (business in the front and party in the back) will rock the house with the best classic and current pop, rock, dance and rap - part comedy show, part choreographed numbers, and all awesome. They tout that they are "Texas' favorite party

band."

The evening will also feature the official unveiling of the National Register plaque, recognizing the important contributions of Garland's past as we work toward a bright and vital future. A celebratory display of fireworks will cap-off the plaque unveiling.

Continue the celebration with the feel-good country rock of Old Southern Moonshine Revival. Rolling Stone Magazine named this North Carolina-based band its number one new country artist you need to know.



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# NDG Book Review: Clinton recounts 2016 election in *What Happened*

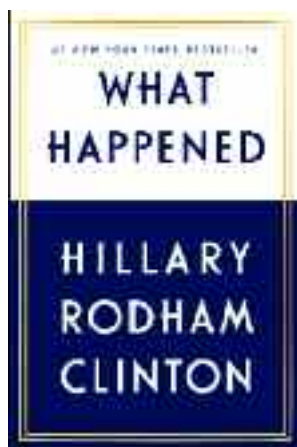
By Terri Schichenmeyer

Your vote counts.

That's what you head to the polls hoping: that your single vote matters out of millions, and that you'll have a hand in history. On that note, about last fall, Hillary Rodham Clinton has a few things to say, and in her new book "What Happened," you'll notice first that that title is not a question.

You'll also notice that Clinton is quick to say in her author's note, that this book is based entirely on her point of view and her memories.

To start, Clinton refuses to point fingers at anyone on her staff, and there's no under-the-bus throwing.



Later, she carefully, thoughtfully cites specifics on why she ran and lost, and she steadfastly claims responsibility for what happened and for decisions made - though she does lay blame on James Comey; the media, for skewing what was reported; and, of course, Donald Trump. She

is, in fact, deeply concerned for the viciousness of this last campaign and its use of "lies" and misquoted half-thoughts, but she's sorry-not-sorry for using the word "deplorables." She admits regret over now-minor scandals and, as for emails, Clinton believes that, generations from now, people will be shocked that they were the Number One subject of campaign controversy.

There is, in this book, a lot of unnecessary: readers will find pages of biography and personal stories that appeared in past books, either in hers or Bill's. There are history lessons that really only boost her anecdotes, and could have been omitted; ditto for some things that seem overly-rehashed.

Of course, as happens in many memoirs, names are dropped like moths beneath a bug zapper, which is more-or-less unimportant except to the people being named.

Conversely, readers hoping for a smidge of lightheartedness will find it here: on her post-election days, Clinton says that she practiced yoga and deep breathing but "I also drank my share of chardonnay." We are likewise treated to great behind-the-scenes peeks; for example, Clinton practiced for debates in such mocked-

up detail that "Trump hardly said a thing in any of the three debates that I was hearing for the first time."

Here, there's a constant sense of awe and gratitude at her role in history, as well as backhanded relief at not winning, perceiving it as opportunity to spend time with her grandchildren. And yet - there's a no-surprise tone of anger in this book, and lingering befuddlement over much of 2016's political scene. Clinton says, "I'm doing okay," but eagle-eyed readers may spot passages here that seem to belie that

sentiment. Still, there's plenty of sass left: Clinton persistently pokes sharply at the soft spots of her election opponent in many subtle (and not-so-subtle) ways...

Toward the end of "What Happened," Clinton asks that we all be "kind," but she also offers advice for Democrats who want to win in 2018 and 2020. And though this "doesn't mean I'll ever run for office again," it doesn't mean the opposite, either.

In other words, do read this book and don't count her out yet.

## McKinney Arts Commission awards \$200k in promotional and community event grants

At the Oct. 3 regular meeting, McKinney City Council approved allocating funds for the McKinney Arts Commission to award \$200,000 in grant funding to continue the organization's mission of creating vibrant and viable arts in the community to be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

The Arts Commission is

made up of seven individuals that educate 501(c)3 arts organizations about how to apply for funding from the city for specific arts-related events or initiatives, evaluates the applications and advises City Council about qualified projects.

"We believe the arts are good for business. When a major performer comes to

town, the event draws tourists and their dollars. We are happy to award these talented groups support and are looking forward to another season full of diverse activities, shows, concerts and art," said Janay Ticken, Housing and Community Development Manager and the city's liaison to the McKinney Arts Commission.

## Valor in Vietnam



*The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum was honored to host three Vietnam War Medal of Honor Recipients, Michael E. Thornton, Thomas R. Norris, and Clarence E. Sasser, last night at the Library's "Valor in Vietnam" event. These American heroes spoke about their personal stories of conspicuous gallantry and unhesitating self-sacrifice, and shared their thoughts about the Vietnam War. The program was presented in conjunction with the National Archives' first ever Vietnam War exhibit, Remembering Vietnam, opening November 10 in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Courtesy George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum)*

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