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# Issues of race and campaign strategy cause disagreement at Dallas Democratic Chair Forum

By Joe Farkus  
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With campaign season already underway, the three candidates for Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) Chair met at a forum hosted by the Dallas Stonewall Democrats and Dallas County Young Democrats (DCYD) at the CWA Hall Tuesday, Nov. 14. Current Chair Carol Donovan, elected in 2015, is in a fight against attorney Chris Hamilton and Lancaster-native Carolyn Ann Morris.

Issues discussed at the forum included the removal of the straight ticket option on election ballots (starting in the 2020 elections), how each candidate would deal with sexual assault and harassment within the party, opportunities for transgender Democrats, and the possibility of winning back the District Attorney's (DA) office.

"We have an African American female Republican DA," said Hamilton. "There are racial divisions in our party that need to be addressed. People are disillusioned in the African American community with the Democratic Party. They feel like we show up, ask for their vote, but not deliver."

Donovan, who before serving as



The three candidates for Dallas County Democratic Party Chair discussed a variety of issues at the Nov. 14 forum (Photo Credit: Joe Farkus/NDG)

Chair ran unsuccessfully for Texas House District 107 and served as a precinct chair, dismissed claims of racial divisions among Dallas Democrats, pointing to personality rather than racial differences and urging voters to vote straight-ticket Democrat in next year's election to secure a victory in the race for Dallas County DA.

"I live in the south of Dallas," Morris, the only African American candidate in the race, told the largely

white audience during a discussion about the need for diversity and tolerance in the party. "Some of you all probably have never went to the south of Dallas other than driving through to go to Waco."

Morris has served as a DCDP precinct chair and as a Lancaster ISD school board member. She also founded the Lancaster NAACP. She currently serves as the head of a non-

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## Rev. Jesse Jackson

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Contributor

Reverend Jesse Jackson's Parkinson's disease diagnosis caught many by surprise, but those who know him said they're confident that he'll overcome the life-threatening challenge before him.

"He's in the rumble of his life, but he's rumbled some big foes before," said Vincent Hughes, a Democratic state senator from Pennsylvania who campaigned for Jackson in 1984 and again in 1988. Hughes said that



Jackson's campaigns were birthed in the Black empowerment movement that followed the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. "I'm one of those African Americans, who took office

and was a part of that issue of 'protest to power' and Rev. Jackson was, in many respects, our leader and he still is."

More than anyone else, Jackson opened the door for the election of Barack Obama, the first African American President of the United States, said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Chavis was one of Jackson's contemporaries during the Civil Rights Movement. "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., is a living, global civil rights icon. As a colleague in the Civil Rights

Movement dating back to the 1960s and under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I have personally witnessed the selfless sacrifice and dedication of Rev. Jackson."

Chavis continued: "For all who have cried out for freedom justice and equality, the news of his Parkinson's disease should only serve to re-dedicate a movement now for healthcare equality for all, not only as a civil right, but as a human right."

On Friday, November 17, Jackson, 76, issued a statement informing the world of his illness.

In the statement, Jackson recalled his foray into activism, being arrested on July 17, 1960 with seven other college students who advocated for the right to use a public library in his hometown of Greenville, S.C.

He said he resisted interrupting his work to visit a doctor, but his daily physical struggles intensified and he could no longer ignore his symptoms.

"After a battery of tests, my physicians identified the issue as Parkinson's disease, a disease that bested my father," Jackson said.

Even though Parkinson's disease is a chronic neuro-

logical condition, it is very treatable, said Dr. Nabila Dahodwala, an associate professor of neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

"A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not necessarily mean that you must make drastic changes, but every individual is different in how they are affected, how they respond to treatment and how they choose to spend their time," Dahodwala said.

Ihtsham ul Haq, an expert in neurology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, said he believes Jackson will do well.

## Melissa M. Young

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT), the 10th largest minority arts organization in America, congratulates Associate Artistic Director Melissa M. Young for winning the Shining Star Award. Bestowed by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD), Young will receive the award Nov. 30, 2017 during the organization's 94th annual convention at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

"The Shining Star Award recognizes a community



member who has provided significant contributions to the dance industry in Texas and beyond. Melissa M. Young was chosen for special recognition due to her years of service in the field of

dance and her impressive career performing, teaching and directing," said TAHPERD Vice President for Dance Carisa Armstrong.

Young, who started working with DBDT as a dancer 24 years ago, is honored to be chosen for the award. "My personal mission is to nurture and to navigate dancers toward reaching their full artistic and creative potential. I take pride in knowing they entrust me to lead them far beyond their own expectations," she said.

A graduate of The Ailey School in New York City, Young has restaged more than 70 DBDT ballets. Fur-

thermore, the dance veteran has been an adjunct instructor (Horton Technique) at Southern Methodist University, Texas Woman's University and Abilene Christian University.

The TAHPERD conference runs Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2017. DBDT will perform at the convention and facilitate a Horton Technique master class. DBDT has a strong commitment to sharing dance in the community, seeks to positively impact lives and bridge cultures through the transformative power of dance, from the African American perspective. In addition to its

seven performance series in the Dallas Arts District, DBDT performs in venues and leads educational programs for community organizations across the country and while touring abroad.

Founded in 1976 by Ann Williams, Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) is the 10th largest minority arts organization in America, the fourth largest black dance company in the nation and the oldest continuously operating professional dance company in the city of Dallas.

The mission of Dallas Black Dance Theatre is to create and produce contem-

porary modern dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities. In its 41-year history, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, the nationally and internationally recognized modern dance company, has performed on five continents, in 15 countries and 31 states, including two Olympic Cultural events. During that time, more than 4 million arts patrons and 2.6 million students, grades K-12, have experienced the dance company's performances and educational outreach programs.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...



### Texas in Paris Winners!

Thank you *North Dallas Gazette* for the opportunity to go see *Texas in Paris*! I took my son with me and we enjoyed the play. He'll be 17 on Thanksgiving, so this was a nice gift — at Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

-- Stefanie Ann  
via Facebook

### Thanksgiving Food & Family Memories

Cornbread dressing with giblet gravy!

-- Earnestine

*Williams*  
via Facebook

### Baby2Baby network teams up with Drybar for Hope Supply Co.

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-- Hope Supply Co.  
via Facebook

### Favorite Winter Beverage

NDG Readers share

their favorite winter beverage for a chance to win tickets to see *Frosty & Friends* at the Dallas Children's Theatre, NDG Readers were invited to share what beverage they enjoy in the colder season. They all fall into one of two camps:

- *Hot Cocoa*: Glenda Walker, Janet Morris,
- *Eggnog*: Shelly Rollins, Danyea Williams, Jennifer Jackson

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# Segregating public schools won't make America great again

By Rushern Baker  
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On Nov. 4, 1952, Dr. Helen Kenyon addressed the Women's Society of Riverside Church in New York City and opined that, “Eleven o'clock Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often paraphrased the quote.

Today, sadly, our public schools best reflect Dr. Kenyon's and Dr. King's sentiment as the most segregated place in America.

The rampant re-segregation of American public schools poses a greater threat to the trajectory of America's progress than terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and Russian meddling in our elections. Sixty-two years after *Brown v. Board*, the GAO (Government Accountability Office) reported that from the years 2000-2014, both the percentage of K-12 public schools in high-poverty and the percentage of African American and Hispanic students enrolled in public schools more than doubled, and the percentage of all schools with so-called racial or socioeconomic isolation grew from 9 percent to 16 percent.

Research shows that racial and socioeconomic diversity in our classrooms leads to higher than average test scores, greater college enrollment rates, and the narrowing of achievement gaps.

## Educating Black students in the new Jim Crow era

By Stacy M. Brown  
NMPA Contributor

After decades of desegregation efforts, federal civil rights laws, and other attempts to close the achievement gap, a high quality education remains an elusive goal for most Black children.

A panel led by moderator Linda Tillman, professor emeritus of education leadership at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, recently discussed the challenges faced by African American teachers and leaders, as they work to educate

These gains don't just apply to poor and minority children either—every student benefits from learning and engaging with peers from different backgrounds. Despite the evidence, today our public schools are more segregated than they were 40 years ago.

As an advocate for children and families, and as a public servant, who has fought for more resources for students, I believe we must act boldly to save free, high-quality public education for all.

Some of the very leaders tasked with solving the negative effects from school re-segregation offer short-sighted policies that exacerbate racial and economic divisions. The ripple-effect, consequences of their misguided thinking remains the greatest policy foible of the modern era. Lazy logic behind bad policy feeds a perception that the achievement gap exists simply, because poor and minority students learn differently than their wealthier, White peers. Rather, it is directly tied to declining enrollment, lower property values, and the dwindling resources available to tackle mounting challenges in the communities that surround underperforming public schools.

The greatest irony remains that those promoting harmful education policies use the same language of “giving every child a chance at a high-quality education”

to pitch their tax-dollar-poaching and resource-pilfering experiments to desperate parents.

Rather than making public education a number one priority, a Hunger-Games-like competition for vouchers and charter schools leaves parents and students fending for themselves. The families that lose the education lottery end up at schools with increased needs and declining resources. In Maryland, our Governor's BOOST voucher program set aside \$5 million dollars of public money to help 2,400 families pay for their child's education. Yet, 80 percent of the families receiving these grants had children who were already enrolled in private schools.

Vouchers, whose American roots can be traced back to some Southern states' attempts to avoid integration, perpetuate segregated education and are nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt to cut off funds to public schools. It gets even worse. Some communities have simply seceded from the larger school district, as we've seen in Alabama and Tennessee, to keep from integrating their schools. Since 2000, the U.S. Justice Department has released 250 communities from their desegregation orders and consequently facilitated their financial and administrative secession from their school districts.

After all those factors lead

to a dip in school performance, students and their communities are stigmatized as “failing.” Schools close. Quality of life drops; economic prospects dwindle; public safety decreases; and the cycle repeats, so that higher needs populations receive even fewer resources.

I know. I've lived through it. It's time to back up the big talk of “opportunity for all” with policies that don't ask parents to compete for a few spots, but instead, make public dollars work for every child.

We've embraced this mission in my home of Prince George's County, Maryland where I serve as County Executive. Though we know our best days are to come, we've seen incredible progress: increased enrollment; higher graduation rates; an increase in innovative academic programs; and more students receiving college scholarships.

The debate over how we improve public education can't begin with state-funded segregation, which harms communities and students, especially our most vulnerable. Let's secure our children's futures and the future of America by making a meaningful investment in quality public schools for all.

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portant,” Watson said. “We have to let the kids know that the world is waiting for them, they're up next and we have to change their mindset that the world views them as disposable.”

Rodney Hopson and M. Christopher Brown II also participated in the panel that took place during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual legislative conference.

Both Brown and Horsford, longtime friends, said the majority of public schools are now non-White. The proliferation of charter and alterna-

tive schools has also chipped away at the effectiveness of public schools.

The federal government has played such a major role in shaping education policy and schools now mostly prepare African Americans for prison, not college, Brown said.

“The school's structure that's used is that they teach our kids how to stand in a straight line, to raise their hands when they have to go to the bathroom ... you do that in prison, so that's the training they're getting,” Brown said.

# What you should know and do this flu season if you are 65 years and older

It has been recognized for many years that people 65 years and older are at greater risk of serious complications from the flu compared with young, healthy adults because human immune defenses become weaker with age. While flu seasons can vary in severity, during most seasons, people 65 years and older bear the greatest burden of severe flu disease. In recent years, for example, it's estimated that between 71 percent and 85 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older and between 54 percent and 70 percent of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in that age group. So influenza is often quite serious for people 65 and older.



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often updated each season to keep up with changing viruses and also immunity wanes over a year so annual vaccination is needed to ensure the best possible protection against influenza. A flu vaccine protects against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. (See Vaccine Virus Selection for this season's exact vaccine composition.) The 2016-2017 vaccine has been updated from last season's vaccine to better match circulating viruses. Immunity from vaccination sets in after about two weeks. People 65 years and older can get any injectable vaccine (flu shot) that is approved for use in that age group. This includes cell-based, recombinant and flu shots made using traditional egg-based manufacturing processes. There are two vaccines designed specifically for people 65 and older:

## Actions To Take This Flu Season: Get Your Flu Shot

The best way to prevent the flu is with a flu shot. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year by the end of October if possible. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout flu season, even in January or later. Vaccination is especially important for people 65 years and older because they are at high risk for complications from flu. Flu vaccines are

contains 4 times the amount of antigen as the regular flu shot. It is associated with a stronger immune response following vaccination (higher antibody production). Results from a clinical trial of more than 30,000 participants showed that adults 65 years and older who received the high dose vaccine had 24% fewer influenza infections as compared to those who received the standard dose flu vaccine. The high dose vaccine has been approved for use in the United States since 2009.

The adjuvanted flu vaccine, Flud, is made with MF59 adjuvant which is designed to help create a stronger immune response to vaccination. In a Canadian observational study of 282 persons aged 65 years and older conducted during the 2011-12 season, Flud was 63% more effective than regular-dose unadjuvanted flu shots. There are no randomized studies comparing Flud with Fluzone High-Dose. This vaccine

The "high dose vaccine" is designed specifically for people 65 and older and

will be available for the first time in the United States during the 2016-2017 season.

The high dose and adjuvanted flu vaccines may result in more of the mild side effects that can occur with standard-dose seasonal shots. Mild side effects can include pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, headache, muscle ache and malaise.

Note: People 65 years of age and older should not get the nasal spray flu vaccine (which is not recommended for use in any population for the 2016-17 season), the intradermal flu shot, or jet injector flu vaccine.

Practice good health habits including covering coughs, washing hands often, and avoiding people who are sick.

Seek medical advice quickly if you develop flu symptoms to see whether you might need medical evaluation or treatment with antiviral drugs. CDC recommends that antiviral drugs be used as early as possible to treat flu in people who are very sick with flu (for example, people who are in the hospital), and people who are sick with flu and have a greater chance of getting serious flu complications, like people 65 and older. Benefit is greatest if

treatment is started within the first 2 days of illness. A full list of high risk factors is available at "People at High Risk of Developing Flu-Related Complications".

## Get pneumococcal vaccines

People who are 65 years of age and older should also be up to date with pneumococcal vaccination to protect against pneumococcal disease, such as pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections. Talk to your doctor to find out which pneumococcal vaccines are rec-

ommended for you.

Pneumococcal pneumonia is an example of a serious flu-related complication that can cause death. You can get the pneumococcal vaccine your provider recommends when you get the flu vaccine.

Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

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# Six tips to safely frying a turkey

By Paul Kenny

A few years ago my daughter's in-laws from Brooklyn, NY came to Memphis for Thanksgiving. To give them a taste of Southern cuisine, I decided to fry a turkey in addition to my conventionally roasted turkey. In effect, we had a taste panel where our twenty guests got to try both a roasted and fried turkey. There was no question that the fried turkey tasted better. It was more savory and had a richer flavor. It gave new meaning



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to the saying: "anything fried tastes better."

Fried turkeys are great, but frying the turkey is seriously dangerous. Every year deep-fryer fires are re-

sponsible for five deaths, 60 injuries, the destruction of 900 homes, and more than \$15-million in prop-

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## South Dallas BPW Club honored by City of Dallas

Attorney Gwendolyn E. Hunt chairs the Women's History Committee for the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, the City of Dallas gave special recognition to South Dallas BPW and spotlighted Attorney Hunt's leadership for their 2017 Women's History Program that won first place in the organization's national competition.

"Shining the Light on Women Who Have Labored" was the winning theme that competed against clubs from all over the country at the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. 81st National Convention held last July in Ft. Worth, Texas. In the competition piece, South Dallas BPW featured 10 women from age 35 to over 100 years of age, 'shining

the light' on their illustrious careers in nursing, house-keeping, education and business.

The ten women recognized by South Dallas BPW included: the former Billie J. Arbuckle, Viola Black, Eva Lois Peterson, Tina Wilson, Faye Collins, Tempie Hamilton, Patricia Maples, Vorce Williams Lemuel, LaWanna L. Loring, and Laverne Nyaidho. Each Women's History honoree

received a biographical book of their personal life accomplishments professionally created by past president, Dr. June M. Johnson.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings joined City Council Member Casey Thomas in the special presentation at Dallas City Hall before 29 members of the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club and residents attending the City's weekly briefing.



Members of the Dallas City Council took a moment recently to celebrate the accomplishments of the South Dallas BPW. (Courtesy photo)

## Dallas community college administrator honored by GDAACC

The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce recently honored Anita Gordy-Watkins, associate vice chancellor of global development for the Dallas County Community College District, with a 2017 Corporate Executive Diversity Award for her outstanding work on global diversity.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as keynote speaker for the annual program, and



DCCCD's Anita Gordy-Watkins (left) receives her Corporate Executive Diversity Award from GDAACC's board chair, Kamal Kaushal, during the chamber's annual awards program. (Courtesy photo)

Kamal Kaushal, chairman of the GDAACC board of

directors, hosted the awards ceremony held in Dallas.

The theme for this year's annual awards banquet was "Diversity Beyond Boundaries." Abbott also congratulated the chamber on its success and on "its commitment to ensuring that Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex remains an economic leader."

Gordy-Watkins said that when she was notified about the award, it came as a complete surprise. "I feel extremely honored to re-

ceive this recognition, which recognizes the support and assistance that we (DCCCD) have been able to provide in conjunction with GDAACC for visiting delegations and the greater Asian American community in Dallas," she said.

GDAACC historically has recognized Asian American individuals or corporations who have made contributions to the area economy and community

through its annual awards program. In addition to the Corporate Executive Diversity Award that Gordy-Watkins received, other categories include: Entrepreneurs; Entrepreneurs Under 40; Businesses; Women-Owned and Minority Businesses; and Contributors to the fields of education, journalism, arts and cultures, technology and science; and work toward global diversity.

## DART and TRE scale back schedules for Thanksgiving holiday

It may seem like it was just yesterday that you were carving pumpkins and taking selfies, but Thanksgiving 2017 is one week away! If your holiday plans include taking Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) or the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) be aware that schedule changes start Thurs., Nov. 23, and continue until regular scheduled transit service resumes Sat., Nov. 25.

DART buses and light rail trains will operate on a Sunday schedule Thurs., Nov. 23, and a Saturday schedule Fri., Nov. 24. The TRE will not operate on Thanksgiving Day and will operate Saturday service on Friday. More TRE details are at TrinityRailwayExpress.org.

With construction resuming on the Las Colinas Area's Personal Transit System,

service will be temporarily provided by DART shuttle buses beginning Mon., Nov. 20. The shuttle will not operate Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 23 and 24.

Current bus detours remain in effect for routes 1, 29, 31, 36, 42, 211, 346, 347, 409, 486, 510, 535, 547, and 840.

DART Paratransit will operate on a holiday schedule Thanksgiving Day and the

day after. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed both days. Regular subscription trips are canceled Thursday and Friday. Customers may call on Wed., Nov. 22 to schedule service for Thurs., Nov. 23 through Tues., Nov. 28. Customers should call 214-5157272 and

choose Option 3 to schedule their trip. Next day scheduling is also available each day using DART's voice mail booking application and automated X-Press Booking feature.

DART's Customer Information Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and open

Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The administrative offices, Customer Care Center, and Lost and Found will be closed both Thanksgiving Day and Friday.

A full list of route and schedule modifications can be found at DART.org or by calling 214-979-1111.

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profit she created, Parent2Parent Connection Advocacy, Inc. which helps parents whose children have disabilities with school.

Hamilton, who is a civil justice attorney and self-described "progressive activist", clashed with Donovan over his strategy to expand the party's electoral success beyond what she has attempted to accomplish thus far.

"I believe we can win every seat in Dallas County," said Hamilton. "We have a court of appeals, that sits in Dallas...that is

entirely held by Republicans and is the worst court of appeals in this state on issues for working people and criminal justice issues."

"We can win back the Court of Appeals with just the votes that we have in Dallas County," Hamilton continued. "There are five other counties, but if we have a five percent increase in countywide turnout - we will win every seat on that court of appeals."

"Do the math," Donovan later responded, "those other [counties] are going to have to get a little more blue be-

fore we can successfully put all of our candidates in the Court of Appeals."

Donovan and Hamilton continued to clash over whether Hamilton's plan to grow the number of elected Democrats is realistic or not, while Morris refused to engage in the heated debate and continued to make her case as the candidate with the experience and background to lead the party into the future.

With the election of DCDP Chair not until Mar. 6, 2018, many more forums and debates are expected to be scheduled.

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# UT Arlington leads Texas in serving military veterans

*Military Times* once again ranked The University of Texas at Arlington the No. 1 four-year institution in Texas for veterans and their families to earn a college degree. Nationally, UTA ranked No. 12 on the *Military Times* Best: Colleges 2018 list. UTA is the only four-year Texas school in the top 20, moving up eight spots from its 2017 ranking.

In addition, Victory Media ranked UTA No. 9 among its Top Ten Tier 1 research institutions on its Military Friendly Schools 2018 list and awarded UTA gold status for its commitment to serving veterans. *Military Advanced Education & Transition* magazine also ranked UTA as a Top School in its 2018 MAE&T Guide to Colleges and Universities.

“Veterans have served our country with distinction, making tremendous sacrifices to ensure the wel-



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fare and freedom of the nation,” said UTA President Vistasp Karbhari. “As students, they continue to serve as role models on campus, showing the importance of commitment, dedication and honor, and through their presence they remind us every day of the responsibility that each of us bears to protect our nation and its freedoms and to work to make this country and the world a better place.”

Karbhari added, “UTA is focused on providing veterans and their families with the very best opportunities as they take the next steps on their journey to further their education, earn a degree and achieve their dreams. I am proud of our faculty and staff who are dedicated to ensuring that we are doing all we can to serve those who served our nation.”

Retired U.S. Army Gen. Benjamin Griffin and spe-

cial advisor to Dr. Karbhari said, “These rankings are an outstanding achievement and a strong indication of this university’s unwavering commitment to supporting veterans as well as the men, women and families of the active-duty military, Army and Air Force National Guard and the reserves. I am proud to be associated with this remarkable institution.”

While students are not required to report their military status to the university, UTA estimates that veterans, current service members and their families constitute about 8 to 10 percent of the student body.

“UTA is shifting the way it thinks about serving its military-connected population. Instead of focusing on being military friendly, we want to be veteran-ready in every possible way,” said James Kumm, the executive director of veteran pro-

grams at UTA. Kumm is a combat veteran and seasoned higher education administrator.

The university created Kumm’s position in the spring of 2017 to enhance the coordination of the programs and services offered to veterans and their families.

Kumm attributed the university’s rise in the rankings to the launch of new initiatives and the strengthening of several existing programs that are unique to UTA, including:

- A new disability services liaison was added to UTA’s Office of Students with Disabilities through a Veterans Administration work study program. The liaison, a UTA freshman Marine Corps veteran, reaches out to student veterans who have requested information about counseling or disability services, but have not followed through.

- A new veteran specific website centralizes services for military-connected Mavericks. The page features a “contact us” button. Kumm personally responds to each inquiry, often within an hour.

- UTA’s Veterans Upward Bound received a \$1.3 million grant, extending funding for the program which has served more than 580 veterans in the five years it has been in existence.

- UTA’s Veterans Business Outreach Center, one of only two in Texas and 20 in the nation, is entering its second year offering education, training and consulting to veterans who are starting or growing a business.

- Funding from a private donor is allowing UTA to launch an emergency fund to assist veterans who are struggling financially due to an emergency, accident or

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## College scholarships are available for graduating Dallas ISD seniors

The upcoming Thanksgiving break is an ideal time for high school seniors to apply to some of the many college scholarships available to them.

Below is a rundown of some of the available college scholarships for Dallas ISD seniors.

### Teacher

#### Quality Initiative

Dallas ISD, Paul Quinn College and the Tom Joyner Foundation are collaborating in a Teacher Quality Initiative partnership. This initiative covers full tuition and fees scholarships for Dallas ISD graduates enrolled full-time in the Paul Quinn College Teacher Education program.

The priority application deadline is Dec. 15 and the regular deadline is March 15. See the FAQ page for more information: <http://tomjoynerfoundation.org/tqi/>

#### Dell Scholars Program

The Dell Scholars program, an initiative of the



Dallas ISD

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their educations. The program awards 400 scholarships annually.


Dallas ISD students who participate in AVID, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, or a GEAR UP program should review the Dell Scholars program details at <https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/> and apply before the January 15, 2018 deadline: <https://www.dellscholars.org/>

#### Joyce F. Burke Academic Excellence Scholarship

The Joyce F. Burke Academic Excellence Scholarship will award (2) two \$1,500 scholarships, (2) two \$1,000 scholarships & (10) ten \$500 scholarships to assist high school students, with hardships, interested in attending an accredited four-year university.

Visit [www.thebeltonfoundation.org](http://www.thebeltonfoundation.org) or download the application here. Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 31,

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**11th Annual Holiday Celebration**

On Saturday, December 09, 2017 at 5:00 PM, the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host its 11th Annual Holiday Celebration at the Pecan Hollow Golf Course in Plano, Texas. The lavish, red carpet and black tie affair, themed “Raising the Bar” will serve as the formal installation ceremony for the 2018 Executive Committee Officers and Board of Directors.

The featured guest speaker for this momentous occasion is the honorable, legendary and former wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboy, Terry Hill. The evening’s festivities will award several youth scholarships, 2017 Trailblazer Awards to local Collin County community leaders & business owners, silent auctions, musical entertainment, fine dining, door prizes & raffle drawings.

CCBCC is proactive in developing programs and creates that benefit the membership and business community. The CCBCC continually strives to enhance the patronage of minority businesses. The main objective is to build economic prosperity and quality of life in Collin County by promoting, maintaining and supporting minority businesses through leadership opportunities, community support and business-building programs.

For information on membership for CCBCC, upcoming community events, general meeting information and to purchase tickets to attend the dressy cocktail affair, please visit the CCBCC website @ [www.ccbblackchamber.org](http://www.ccbblackchamber.org)

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# Irving ISD AEL named Partner of the Year

The Irving Hispanic Chamber recognized Irving ISD's Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program and Stahls' as Partner of the Year. The honor was presented to AEL director Delia Watley and other program representatives at the chamber's Moonlight Serenade annual awards ceremony, held last Friday. Irving ISD AEL collaborated with the chamber and Stahls' to offer entrepre-

neurial classes. Students in the district's English Literacy and Civics classes earned the Stahls' clothing and textiles certification after a 13-week long course that helped adults improve their English literacy skills while learning the heat-printing, decorated-apparel industry. Armed with this new knowledge, graduates have a better chance of starting their own business.



Delia Watley (in red), adult education and literacy grant program manager for Irving ISD, and Dr. Adam Grinage (far right), deputy superintendent of academic services, accept the Partner of the Year award from the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. They are pictured with representatives of the chamber, district and Stahls'. Irving ISD AEL collaborated with the chamber and Stahls' to offer entrepreneurial classes.

# Carrollton holds inaugural Harry Potter Yule Ball

Attention Potterheads, the Carrollton Public Library presents an evening of Harry Potter-themed fun from trivia and dancing, to a scavenger hunt and a photo booth in the very first Yule Ball set for Friday, December 29 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road).



Everyone knows Harry Potter is for all ages, so no matter how long you've been

waiting for your Hogwarts letter, join other fans of J.K. Rowling's best-selling fan-

tasy novel series and enjoy a magical night of wits and wizardry. Carrollton's very

own Yule Ball inspired by Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire will also feature music, games, and door prizes almost as good as winning the House Cup. Costumes and dress robes are highly encouraged.

Follow @CarrolltonPublicLibrary on Facebook and @CarrolltonTXLib on Twitter for more updates on this free event and other library activities.



Celia Ahn recently opened a new Caring Transitions business out of Carrollton. (Courtesy photo)

## New Caring Transitions Business Serves the Carrollton Region

Coppell resident Celia Ahn announced the launch of her local senior relocation and estate sale company, Caring Transitions of Carrollton, Texas.

Caring Transitions' specially trained team can handle organizing, packing, de-cluttering, moving, resettling, in-person and online estate sales, liquidations, and preparing

homes for market. Caring Transitions specializes in managing senior relocations, but the services are also perfect for busy families and individuals in need of assistance.

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**Carrollton**

Democratic candidate and Carrollton small business owner Michelle Beckley will be hosting a **Birth-day Filing Fiesta** at Nico's Cocina Carrollton on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 3065 N Josey Ln Ste. 24, Carrollton. The event is being organized to both celebrate her birthday and her official filing for the race for Texas House District 65. Attendees are asked to purchase tickets online to help support her campaign.

Choice Training Group Fitness is hosting a **Free Self Defense Class** on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 2650 Midway Rd., Carrollton. The class has been designed to empower both women and men with the strategies and knowledge to survive potentially violent situations this holiday season. All who are 14 or older may attend this free class and should expect a positive and fun environment. Attendees are asked to pre-register online.

**Dallas**

Galleria Mall is hosting its **Grand Tree Lighting Celebration** beginning Friday, Nov. 24 and continuing every Saturday through Dec. 16 at 13350 Dallas Parkway, Dallas. This weekend's celebration will be held on Friday, Nov. 24 at 12 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. and will feature 2014 Olympic Gold Medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White, 2016 U.S.



Galleria is hosting Grand Tree Lighting Celebration shows Nov. 24 through Dec. 16 (Photo Credit: Galleria Dallas)

Junior Ladies Champion Emily Chan, and 2017 U.S. Professional Champion Jonathan Cassar. Each show will feature ice-skating in the Galleria's iconic rink, pyrotechnic Santa Claus, and other live performances.

The mall is also hosting **Santa Cares Sunday**, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 13350 Dallas Parkway, Dallas. The event is organized for children with special needs and their families to have the opportunity to attend a private photo sessions with Santa in an environment specifically designed to support their sensory, physical, or other developmental needs. The sessions will be held on Level 2 of the mall near Belk. Attendees are encouraged to park in the Orange Garage near Nordstrom and to register online.

**Farmers Branch**

CSLDallas is hosting a

**Friday Night Drum Circle** Friday, Dec. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 4801 Spring Valley Rd, Suite 115, Farmers Branch. This group activity is organized to bring people together in a family friendly environment to enjoy the magic of rhythmic sound and music. Attendees are asked to make a donation online to attend. More information on the event and other activities can be found here.

Marguritte S. Johnson is hosting a **Sister Sundae Fundraiser Event** Sunday, Dec. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 2435 Squire Place, Suite 100, Farmers Branch. The event will feature an ice cream sundae station, a social hour, and shopping opportunities. Proceeds from the event will benefit Stand 4 Sisterhood, a nonprofit community coalition that empowers girls and women to join together in mentor-type re-

lationships, social awareness initiatives, volunteerism, and positive engagement outlets. For ticket and vendor information, go here.

**Mesquite**

The City of Mesquite is hosting its annual **Christmas on the Square Celebration** Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 223 W. Davis Street, Mesquite. The event will feature children's activities, cookies, hot cocoa, Victorian carolers, dance performances, and food for purchase from Shorty's Barbecue and Selena's Sweets. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras for picture opportunities with Santa. The night will be capped off with the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. More information on the event can be found by calling 972-216-6260.

**Plano**

Maurice Jones is hosting **How Money Works: A Black Choice** Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 730 E. Park Blvd, Suite 104, Plano. The event is inspired by the book "Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice" by Dennis Kimbro and Napoleon Hill. All Black Americans ages 18 and older are invited to this free, educational, and inspirational financial literacy seminar. Attendees will learn the financial secrets and tips that will help anyone who attends secure a better financial future. While admission to the event is free, attendees are

asked to register online.

**Richardson**

Dialogue Institute Dallas is hosting Dialogue Matters – **Christian/Muslim Relations in the Early Years of Islam** Friday, Dec. 1 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 1416 E. Collins Blvd., Richardson. The event will be hosted by Dr. Craig Considine, a Catholic American author whose new book "Muslims in America: Examining the divisive claims surrounding American Muslims and the Islamic religion in the United States. Admission for the event is free, but attendees are encouraged to RSVP online.

The City of Richardson is hosting the **45th annual Richardson Christmas Parade** Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will start at the Richardson Square shopping center at 501 S. Plano Rd., Richardson and end at Huffhines Ballfield at 1601 Syracuse Dr., Richardson. This holiday-themed event will benefit the Network of Community Ministries and will include music and much more. Special trophy awards will be given out to the best parade entries. Various VIP packages are available for purchase and can be found, along with more information on the parade, here.

*To submit events and announcements, send an email to editor@northdallasgazette.com with headline Community Briefs.*



Wendon Blair

**Jarvis student receives paid internship offer from Microsoft**

HAWKINS, TX – Jarvis Christian College student Wendon Blair, of DeSoto, Texas, has received a paid internship offer from Microsoft Corporation.

Blair, a senior majoring in accounting, who is also the president of the JCC National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), has successfully completed two internships with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) in 2016 and 2017.

"Wendon is the first JCC student to receive a job offer from Microsoft Corporation. He raises the bar for all JCC students," said Mr. Ches Talley, Career Center Director and NABA Adviser.

"In my time here at JCC, I have invested in my career by attending three regional and one national NABA conferences," Blair said. "NABA has in return rewarded me with multiple Fortune 500 internship/full-time job opportunities, the latest being Microsoft. I thank God, ACAP and NABA for providing me the exposure to these companies and developing the soft skills necessary to become an effective communicator."

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2018. <http://www.thebeltonfoundation.org/>

**The Princeton Prize in Race Relations**

Each year, Princeton University sponsors an awards program for high school students committed to advancing the cause of race relations within their communities. Winners receive a prize of \$1,000 and an all-

expenses-paid trip to Princeton University to attend the Princeton Prize Symposium on Race.

Any current 9th-12th grade student who in the past 12 months has been actively involved in a volunteer effort that has positively impacted race relations in his or her school or community is encouraged to apply by January 31,

2018. See this flyer for details.

<https://pprize.princeton.edu/>

**Dallas County Promise**

For class of 2018 high school graduates from participating schools, Dallas County Promise covers the cost of college classes (tuition) for up to 60 credit hours at any Dallas County Community College, along with a Success Coach.

Complete your Promise Pledge at [DallasCountyPromise.org](http://DallasCountyPromise.org) by January 31, 2018. See this flyer for more information and additional deadlines.

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**State Fair of Texas Scholarship Program**

The State Fair of Texas awards multiple \$6,000 scholarships to selected applicants from the following

Fair Park-area high schools: Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, James Madison, Lincoln, North Dallas and Woodrow Wilson High Schools.

Application details are available at [BigTex.com/scholarship](http://BigTex.com/scholarship) and the deadline to apply is February 23, 2018.

<https://bigtex.com/about/scholarship/>

**Car Seat Safety Scholarship Program**

The Car Seat Safety Scholarship requires an application and either an essay or a video answering one of three questions.

Eligibility requirements and the scholarship application can be found at <https://bestcarseathub.com/scholarship-program/>. The application deadline is June 24, 2018.



# After loss to Eagles, Cowboys struggling for playoffs

By Dwain Price

FRISCO – A short week for the Dallas Cowboys may invariably decide whether or not they'll advance to the playoffs this season.

Four days after getting trounced at home by the Philadelphia Eagles, 37-9, the Cowboys return to AT&T Stadium on Thursday to host the Los Angeles Chargers at 3:30 p.m. The loss to the Eagles dropped the Cowboys to 5-5 and basically put them in a fight for their lives just to try and secure a wild card berth in the NFC.

And with a quick turnaround – and no Ezekiel Elliott to help bail them out of this sticky situation – the challenges facing the Cowboys are absolutely enormous.

"It's a short turnaround," quarterback Dak Prescott said. "You've got to take care of your body, you've got to find a way to heal yourself up and get ready to go mentally and physically and get your game plan locked in your head and be ready to go for another game."

"We're excited and we've been doing a great job this week these last couple of days preparing for this Thursday."

Prescott is so excited that he's even looking beyond the Thanksgiving Day game against the Chargers and believing that the Cowboys can run the table and win their final six games.

"I'll never waver and never show lack of confidence in myself and my teammates," Prescott said. "I have all the confidence that we'll go 11-5 moving forward."

Although that may sound like a bold statement on Prescott's part, the fact remains that the Cowboys have been outscored by a



After a disappointing loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, and the prospect of playing without Ezekiel Elliott (center, number 21), the Cowboys find themselves at 5-5 and struggling to make it into the playoffs as a Wild Card. (Photo: Keith Allison / Flickr)

combined score of 47-0 in the second half of their last two games against the Atlanta Falcons and Eagles. And that has some whispering about the lack of half-time adjustments made by coach Jason Garrett and his coaching staff.

Owner Jerry Jones, however, hasn't lost faith in Garrett and his staff.

"This is a really outstanding coaching staff," Jones said on his weekly radio show on 105.3 The Fan. "I'm really proud to have them with the makeup of our personnel."

"With how our young guys have been trained with this staff, I think this gives us our best chance."

While the Chargers are only 4-6, the Cowboys know they can't look at LA's record and think this will be an easy game.

"We recognize what the challenge is with the Chargers coming in here on Thursday and we've got to prepare for it," Garrett said. "We have to focus on ourselves and on playing better in all three phases of our team."

Part of that preparation involves finding ways to get the offense clicking. In all six games prior to Elliott being suspended by the NFL for violating the league's domestic violence policy, the Cowboys scored

at least 28 points in each one of those six contests.

But in the last two games sans Elliott, the Cowboys have scored a combined total of just 16 points. And the lone touchdown in that span came after Xavier Woods returned a first-quarter interception against Atlanta to the Falcons' 21, and Prescott scored four plays later on an 11-yard run.

Against the Eagles, the Cowboys could only muster three field goals by Mike Nugent as the air in this once vaunted offense has completely escaped.

"We got in the red zone three times this last game and didn't convert (a touchdown), so that's problems within itself," Prescott said. "We'll just keep working on it and keep fighting and figuring out what it is and get better."

"As players we just got to execute better and we've got to make guys miss sometimes."

One-on-ones, we've got to make guys miss, we've got to score, including me sometimes getting out of the pocket. Instead of running out of bounds, maybe I'll go try to make that safety miss and score."

Backup running back Alfred Morris did acquit himself well against the Eagles as he rushed for 91 yards on 17 carries. But Prescott had

his worst NFL game as he was sacked four times, threw a career-high three interceptions and lost a fumble which the Eagles returned for a touchdown.

Clearly, the Cowboys' offensive attack hinge on all those intangibles Elliott brings to the field. And about opposing defenses being able to lay back and force Prescott to beat them because they don't have to worry about the dangers Elliott presents.

"It's not about one player being out," Garrett said while trying to convince his listeners. "It's about us doing everything we can to play better with the opportunities that we have."

"We'll keep working on that as a staff and as a football team. Obviously when you do have some success running the ball, you'd like to think you'd have some compliments off that."

With the season on the verge of getting away from them unless they start stacking up some victories, the Cowboys realize the game against the Chargers is a must-win situation.

"We've got to shake off (the loss to the Eagles) and get ready for Thursday," running back Rod Smith said. "We ain't got time to be sitting around whining. We've got to go compete."

More importantly, the embattled Cowboys must show some fight they haven't showed since they rallied from a 17-14 deficit and defeated the Kansas

City Chiefs, 28-17, back on Nov. 5. Then again, that was the last game Elliott played before he was suspended for six games.

Still, the mood in the Cowboys' locker room is one of calm. In fact, they vow that they'll show some resiliency against the Chargers.

"The character of this team is that we are fighters," tight end Jason Witten said. "We've got to stick together. It's a close team, so we will."

"Certainly we've got to play better moving down the stretch. It's a short week and collectively we've all just got to get better. This team won't panic, but the urgency to find ways to go out and execute better individually and collectively is what we're going to do."

And if the Cowboys are able to execute better, perhaps the playoffs will be in their immediate future.

"We still have six games left," Woods said. "The playoffs are still reachable. Our goal is to attain them."

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## NDG Book Review: *Bound to the Fire* is an eye-opening culinary journey

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You've been cooking up a storm for days.

Soon, the whole family will be sitting at your table, which will be loaded down with everybody's favorites. The turkey will be golden. The bread, warm and soft. Pies line your kitchen counter because you've cooked for days. At least, as you'll see in "Bound to the Fire" by Kelley Fanto Deetz, you didn't cook 'round the clock, too.

Most of us, says Deetz, are used to seeing Black faces on boxes of our breakfast foods. We might not notice them much anymore but those



trademarked figures hide an often misunderstood truth.

The "black community" in Virginia, says Deetz, "is almost as old as the colony itself." In 1619, some twenty "negroes" lived in Jamestown; by 1625, there

were 23 "Africans" in all of Virginia. Once slavery took firm hold in the state, there were tens of thousands of enslaved people but Deetz focuses on cooks, beginning with plantation homes.

As slavery expanded, kitchens began to be set apart from the main house, probably because white plantation owners didn't want slaves under their roofs. For enslaved cooks and their families, that was both good and bad: more privacy was gained by living in the building where the kitchen was, and accommodations were usually larger than in the slave cabins – but that proximity meant that cooks were

constantly on-call.

It took "a network of enslaved folks" to put food on the table, not only in growing the food, but in what may have been a house-staff of dozens. Cooks cooked, but they were also bakers, butchers, brewers, distillers, and sometimes, laundresses. A cook was likely taught to read and do "basic math," and she (sometimes, he) taught kitchen chores to new slaves. Despite a constant likelihood of abuse and brutality, cooks often had surprising power over their mistresses and may've even negotiated their own circumstances.

And if things went really

bad, there was always the danger-filled chance for a cook to tamper with the food...

There are, as author Kelley Fanto Deetz indicates in her introduction, several myths and misunderstandings related to enslaved cooks. There were, until now, many unknowns. "Bound to the Fire" sets things straight, but cooking isn't the only focus here.

What would "Southern hospitality" be without the influence of enslaved cooks? Not much, as Deetz indicates – and Southern architecture would be the lesser, too. Using documents and research, Deetz explains how

this is so, which leads to a fascinating look at day-to-day work of Virginia cooks, the power they wielded, and how they influenced what you'll eat this holiday season. You'll come to eagerly anticipate those tales, and they serve to underscore Deetz's final point: Americans must look beyond stereotypes and be mindful of those who literally nourished a nation.

Be aware that this is not a cookbook. Instead, this is a book of history and a chance to set it straight. Yes, there are old-timey half-recipes in here but really, "Bound to the Fire" is meant for opening eyes, rather than mouths.

## Film Review: *Roman J. Israel, Esq.* is a showcase for Denzel Washington

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

Denzel Washington may be the most accomplished actor of our generation. Like a chameleon, he's morphed from the stern father in "Fences" to a dorky, introverted attorney in this meandering crime-drama/thriller. His talent is more than enough reason to sit through the two hours and nine minutes of misguided, anticlimactic storytelling.

Writer/director Dan Gilroy's feature film debut "Nightcrawler," about a sleazy paparazzo, hinted at a bright future. His second piece of direction—and tenth screenplay—is noteworthy for creating a uniquely, memorable character: Roman J. Israel, Esq. Israel is a socially conscious, politically-minded attorney. He's a remnant of the '70s pro-Black movement. The puffy Afro, big glasses and boxy-looking suits make him look like a college professor frozen in time.

Now in his mid-sixties, he's spent the better part of his career sequestered in a Los Angeles law office, surrounded by files and books. He's an egghead. The brains of the firm, not the dazzling courtroom attorney. At home, with record albums stacked around his cluttered apartment, it looks as if he has



Denzel Washington stars in "Roman J. Israel, Esq." (Sony Pictures Entertainment)

idiosyncrasies akin to a hoarder. His brilliant mind (he memorizes legal statutes like Martha Stewart recalls recipes) is evident. His awkwardness around people is profound, like someone with Asperger's Syndrome.

When Roman's extroverted law partner suffers a heart attack and can't return to work, the bookworm is forced to plead cases in criminal courtrooms, to no success. He finds work at a glitzy law firm run by a slick attorney (Colin Farrell, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"), and fails to fit in. A budding romance with a teacher/social activist (Carmen Ejogo, "Alien: Covenant") brings him to the doorstep of reality. Working a case for a defendant, who is accused of murder, puts the naïve and income-challenged Roman in a tempting situation, where he can collect a reward.

"I'm tired of doing the impossible for the ungrateful," Israel says.

Gilroy's script exhausts its energy in the beginning, meticulously setting up Roman's character. Then it runs out of steam and ideas. What's the point in watching a man who is living on the edge of insanity if there isn't a breakthrough that takes him somewhere audiences could not have imagined? Or, why tag along with a failed attorney if he doesn't redeem himself? As the momentum flails in this character-driven film, so does Gilroy's direction.

The pacing (editor John Gilroy of "Michael Clayton" and "The Bourne Legacy") is decent regardless. The cinematography (Robert Elswit from "Michael Clayton," "The Bourne Legacy") takes the spit and polish off of Los Angeles and makes its street scenes look as grimy as those

shot in New York City. The contrast between Roman's old digs and his new fancy condo is all the more startling because of the diametrically-opposed set designs (set decorator Meg Everist and pro-

duction design Kevin Kavanaugh from "Nightcrawler"). And if prizes were given for making wonky characters appear suitably shabby, costume designer Francine Jamison-Tanchuck

("The Birth of a Nation") would win.

Colin Farrell, with his slicked-back hair and fancy suits displays the right bal-

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# Groups demanding banks stay out of payday lending more than doubles

DURHAM, N.C. – As a federal agency re-opens the door to predatory payday lending for some banks, scores of groups representing a broad cross-section of Americans are saying “not so fast.” Advocates are mailing hard copies of an open letter to banks and regulators, and faith leaders are delivering the letter directly to bank branches, some where the congregations hold their accounts. The letter, which urges the banks to pledge not to start making payday loans, was coordinated by the Stop the Debt Trap campaign and is signed by 230 faith groups, consumer advocates, and civil rights organizations.

In October, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) rescinded its 2013 guidance that curbed predatory bank payday loans. The OCC’s rollback of guidance on “deposit advance” loans, which are toxic 300% APR payday loans, will make it easier for banks to make loans designed to trap customers in debt, including older Americans who receive social security. On October 6, the day following the OCC’s announcement, over a hundred groups sent the OCC a copy of a letter urging banks to pledge that they will not start making payday loans. Since then the number of groups expressing their con-



Rev. Dr. Haynes, senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, delivered a letter to Wells Fargo Bank on November 20, 2017 signed by 230 organizations. The letter urges Wells Fargo not to participate in predatory payday lending. (Photo: Courtesy photo)

cern has more than doubled. Faith leaders knocked on the doors of U.S. Bank, Chase, Wells Fargo, Regions Bank, TD Bank and Bank of America to deliver the letter. Members of Friendship-West Baptist Church joined Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes yesterday to hand deliver the letter to Wells Fargo Bank in Dallas.

“Members of our churches and residents in the community are financially held hostage by these ‘loans.’ They confess that in a situation of desperation they have sought out loans that eventually became traps. They made payments, every other week or monthly, only to get deeper in debt. They were in a financial hole and upon get-

ting a payday or car title loan, received a shovel instead of a rope,” said Rev. Dr. Haynes, senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church. “I am especially appalled by the harm done to communities of color that have been historically exploited and suffer from a lack of economic opportunity. Payday loan borrowers are disproportionately African American. The research reveals, sadly, that payday lenders target these disadvantaged communities. This predatory industry adds to the problem of the racial wealth gap in this nation.”

“We let Wells Fargo know in no uncertain terms that we will not accept any plan they may have to move back into this predatory market.

We want access to credit, but it must be quality credit. Anything less adds to the stress of the desperate and needy,” continued Rev. Haynes. “This is a depraved business model. Banks risk another round of hits to their reputations if they dare to stoop to the level of loan-shark payday lenders and begin trapping their customers in debt trap loans once again.”

“For me, it is immoral to offer a product to hurting poor and vulnerable people that only further hurts and harms them under the pretense of helping them,” said Rev. Carolyn Foster, Faith in Community Coordinator at Greater Birmingham Ministries. “Predatory lending is a trap that is next to impossible to be freed from.”

Rev. Foster joined Rev. Tommy Morgan of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in delivering the letter to the CEO of Regions Bank in Birmingham, Alabama. Regions Bank is one of those who had engaged in bank payday lending before the OCC issued its 2013 guidance, the FDIC issued the same guidance, and the Federal Reserve (which supervises Regions) issued a cautionary supervisory statement.

“Economic health in our community depends on honest and fair banking practices and educating people

on healthy economic living,” said Rev. Morgan.

Rev. Jerome Hurst of Southeast SDA Church in Cleveland, Ohio, delivered the letter to Fifth Third Bank. Fifth Third Bank was also making 300% payday loans prior to the 2013 regulatory intervention, and it continues to make payday loans at a lower, but still excessive, cost today.

“Listen, this is not ‘free money.’ Don’t fall prey to this trap. This is a game you’ll never win,” said Rev. Hurst. “I am committed to this issue until the shackles of payday lending are broken.”

“We will not go back to a time when major banks had license to trap their customers in debt no less predatory and harmful than any quick cash storefront predatory lender,” said Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, Director of Faith Affairs at the Center for Responsible Lending.

“I oppose predatory lending because it preys on vulnerable people. They are often among the hardest working, yet poorest among us. This bitter irony belies the American Dream,” said Rev. Ebony Grison of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches and Ecumenical Poverty Initiative, who delivered the letter to TD Bank in Rhode Island. “I join other people of faith by going to large, commercial

banks to ‘Speak out for those who cannot speak...to defend the rights of the poor and needy.’ (Proverbs 31:8a,9c, New Revised Standard Version).”

In 2011, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) documented that the median bank payday borrower had 13.5 loans per year and was in debt at least part of six months annually. And in 2013, the CFPB found that borrowers spent an average of 114 days during the year in triple-digit debt. CRL also found that more than half of borrowers had more than ten loans annually, 12% had more than 30 loans annually, and that a quarter of the loans went to bank customers who receive social security. Banks were siphoning \$500 million per year from struggling customers.

After an outcry by community and civil rights organizations, faith and military leaders, and many state and federal lawmakers, the OCC and FDIC instructed the banks they supervise to assess their customers’ ability to pay back the loans without falling into a cycle of debt. Rather than do that, the banks generally withdrew from the market. Without the guidance, the banks overseen by the OCC may again attempt to trap their customers in unaffordable debt.

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erty damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Here are six basic tips to frying a turkey the safest way possible:

Get a turkey that fits in your fryer - A turkey in the 12 to 15 pound range will work well. Most turkey fryers will fit a turkey of less than 15 pounds. Larger turkeys increase the chances of oil overflow. The smaller turkey also cooks quicker and more evenly. If you are having

larger crowd you may need to fry more than one turkey. The good news is that it only takes about 35 to 45 minutes to fry a turkey, so cooking two should be no problem.

Make sure your turkey is fully defrosted and brought to room temperature - If you want a real disaster, try putting a frozen turkey in hot oil. Hint, do NOT do that! There are some hilarious videos on the internet, but if it happens in real life the explosion isn’t funny at

all. I like to use a fresh turkey and even with that I will take the a turkey out of the refrigerator for a couple of hours prior to frying to make sure it is at room temperature.

Pre-measure how much oil to put in your fryer - I like to place my turkey in the cold fryer before cooking. Then I fill the fryer with water to get the turkey fully covered. You then pull the turkey out and mark how much water is in the fryer. Then empty the water out. Fully dry the pot and fill the fryer with oil up

to your mark.

Fry your turkey outside away from anything that will catch on fire - This seems like an obvious one, but you can’t be too careful. Again there are stories where people have fried a turkey inside or even on a wooden deck that just didn’t end well.

Use a fry oil thermometer and take precaution when lowering the turkey into the oil - Heat your oil to 250 degrees and then slowly lower the turkey in. The biggest risk is the first time you lower the turkey

into the oil, with the oil bubbling over and igniting with the flame. I use the hook unit that comes with the fryer and wearing heat resistant cooking gloves and a large sturdy fork to lower the bird in without getting burned. Once the turkey is in, I then bring the oil temperature up to 350 degrees and cook for 35 minutes.

Use an instant read thermometer to make sure the bird is done. - After the bird has cooked for 35 minutes, I pull it out with the hook, gloves and fork.

Then, using an instant read thermometer, I make sure the internal temp is 155 degrees. After the turkey is out of the oil it will continue to cook and should reach 165 degrees. The bird should rest for at least 20 to 30 minutes before carving.

Again, use precaution if you decide to fry your turkey this Thanksgiving.

Paul Kenny is the author of *Impromptu Friday Nights, A Guide to Supper Clubs*, which will release January 30, 2018. For more info, visit <http://impromptufridaynights.com>

## Build a business your way

(Family Features) Creating a business from the ground up is no small endeavor. From planning to financing to putting standard business services in place, there's a lot to tackle. All of that is in addition to operating the day-to-day business.

To overcome these obstacles, franchising is an ideal solution for many aspiring business owners. It provides the advantages of business ownership, but with the added support of a recognized brand and an established method of doing business. Partnering with a franchise like The UPS Store offers numerous benefits.

**Flexibility.** Opening a franchise allows you to enjoy the freedom and flexibility of making your own business decisions and being your own boss while working toward your goals of personal and financial independence at your own



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pace.

**Start-up resources.** Getting a new business off the ground requires a wide range of activity, from site selection and lease negotiation to hiring and training staff. A franchise can help you navigate these early decisions and needs with a deep pool of experience and knowledge to help overcome the hurdles you may encounter.

**Training.** Even a well-

educated business owner has room to learn. With a franchise, you have the opportunity to receive in-depth training in areas such as business operations, technical systems, human resources, marketing and financial management.

**Networking opportunities.** Connecting with other franchisees at area meetings, regional conferences and national conventions helps you stay informed of

industry trends, discover new tools and resources, and develop lasting relationships with fellow franchisees. A result is a peer group with intimate knowledge of your business model that can serve as a valuable resource as your business grows.

**Product development.** Part of developing your business is understanding your customers' needs and introducing new products and solutions. As a franchise owner, you can contribute insight to the process but focus on running your business while development experts dedicate themselves to researching and innovating new products and services that can help you better serve your customers.

**Marketing support.** Many franchises conduct national advertising campaigns to build brand awareness, while regional efforts and local store marketing

can build excitement in your market. A layered marketing plan extends the reach of your marketing budget and lends credibility to your business.

**Financing assistance.** Funding your franchise according to your unique goals and background can help eliminate many of the financial pitfalls that those without experience or industry expertise may encounter.

### A Milestone Accomplishment

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ties," said Chris Adkins, vice president of franchise development for The UPS Store. "We look forward to welcoming more franchisees into our network as we continue to challenge ourselves to find new ways we can bring convenience and value to our customers."

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unforeseen incident.

Kumm added that UTA's commitment to affordability is particularly important to students who rely on veteran benefits to cover the cost of education. UTA is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the top public university in the nation for graduating students with the lowest average student debt, and the university ensures military connected students are not in danger of being dropped from classes should they experience a delay receiving funds.

"Having top-down support is critical and Dr. Karbhari sets a clear example that faculty and staff follow," Kumm said. "UTA cares about our student veterans, current military members and the families of both."

UTA was also recently ranked by Washington Monthly as the top four-year university in Texas for

serving learners over the age of 25.

"Incredible things are going on at UTA to ensure the success of our veterans and their families, whose sacrifices cannot be overstated," said state Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin. "Helping veterans achieve degrees after they leave the military is important for the economy and workforce in Texas, and UTA is a clear leader in these efforts."

According to Military Times, its 2018 rankings were more competitive than ever. Military Times' methodology included an analysis of responses to a rigorous survey of institutions as well as data from the U.S. Departments of Education, Defense and Veterans Affairs to measure schools' culture, quality and outcomes, policies, student support and affordability.

The Military Friendly rankings rated UTA high for

culture and commitment, as the university fosters a culture of collaboration, service and philanthropy. UTA rated high for admission and orientation, a measure of UTA's efforts to recruit veterans and help them assimilate to the rigors and expectations of academic life. The university also scored high for academic policies and compliance.

Accounting and finance double major Kendall Gillett, who completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan during her six years in the army, recognized UTA's efforts to help veterans transition from the military into the college environment.

"It makes me extremely proud to be part of a university that cares about its veteran population and provides so many resources to ensure that our time at UTA is efficient and enjoyable," Gillett said. "It is an honor to call myself a Maverick Veteran."



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Dec. 6

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Dec. 7

## Dallas Career Fair

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Dec. 8

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Dec. 13

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ployers.

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Dec. 14

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**November 29, 7 p.m.**  
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**November 29**  
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Call the church for details for details.

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**November 26, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
You are welcome to join us for our Morning Services; you will enjoy the fellowship during our 8 a.m. and in the 11 a.m. Worship Services. We would love to have you.

**November 29, 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."

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ning to resettling and getting the house ready for the market. That means you only have to make one call and everything you want help with is taken care of. We are the move concierge of the industry. You don't have to work with multiple companies, worry about getting estimates for every service or managing every part of the process yourself. We can take all that stress off your shoulders," Ahn said.

Caring Transitions' services are perfect for seniors moving in with family or

into a safer living situation as well as busy families and people clearing out the home of a loved one who has passed. All of Caring Transitions' services are customizable, so clients only pay for the services they need - whether that means managing the entire move and estate-clearing or just getting someone resettled into their new place.

Ahn spent her earlier career in retail along the west coast area, and for the past 10 years in the resale industry. Ahn and her husband moved their family to Cop-

pell, Texas in 2011 and she found Caring Transitions while looking for a new challenge.

"I worked in the resale industry for the last 10 years and I felt like I had done everything - I was buying, selling, exporting, and opening new store locations ... I was ready for something new. I came across Caring Transitions while I was looking for business opportunities. I loved the idea of working in an industry where I could use the skills I've built over the years, including project management, logistics, net-

# Why does God allow evil?



Sister Tarpley

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"If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand"? But there is forgiveness with You. That You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits. And in His word I do hope." **Psalm 130:3-5.**

One of the most common questions every person wrestles with in life is this:

"God, if You are loving, just, and all-powerful, why do You allow good people to suffer?"

Many choose not to believe in God because they cannot adequately explain this question.

Evangelist Billy Graham addressed this question in his book *Answers to Life's Problems*:

"We do not know all the reasons why God permits evil. We need to remember, however, that he is not the cause of evil in this world and we should therefore not blame Him for it.

Remember that God did not create evil, as some be-

lieve. God created the world perfect. Man chose to defy God and go his own way, and it is man's fault that evil entered the world.

Even so, God has provided the ultimate triumph of good over evil in Jesus Christ, who on the cross, defeated Satan and those who follow him.

Jesus Christ is coming back and when He does, all evil will be ended forever and righteousness and justice will prevail."

Have you ever thought about what would happen if God suddenly eliminated all the evil in this world? Not one person would be left, because we are all guilty of

sin.

Whenever we suffer, we should remember that the Son of God went before us, drinking the cup of suffering and death to the dregs, on the cross when He shed His precious blood..

Because Christ is fully man and fully God, we know that God understands our fears, sorrows and suffering.

He identifies with us. Most important of all, the Father has given us the gift of His Son so that we don't have to die and suffer forever in eternity.

Because Jesus suffered

and died for us, our suffering can be made like His - purposeful and meaningful.

Evil, suffering and death came into the world when the first man and woman listened to Satan and committed the first sin.

Evil was never part of the Garden of Eden. The moment Adam and Eve crossed the boundary of God's command, evil became the terrible reality of this world.

There are some questions that will remain unresolved until we are able to meet face to face with our Creator in Heaven.

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ance of cold-as-ice calculating attorney and caring snake. Somehow, it's a bit hard to imagine a woman, who looks like Carmen Ejogo ("Selma") having a romantic interest in man who looks like an urban bear. Yet, their beauty and the beast flirtations are worth a gander.

Denzel Washington's Roman is a muddled misfit, who makes bad choices; his instincts block him. The slouched posture, protruding stomach and puffy face, also mean that Washington has laid all vanity aside to thoroughly inhabit this unique role. And, he delivers his lines with dour sarcasm. When an offer is made to Roman, the indignant attor-

ney responds, "It's an enema of sunshine."

The quirky story of "Roman J. Israel, Esq." is unmemorable. However, it is a very useful showcase for one of the finest actors working today. This kind of performance makes Oscar voters stand in awe. This kind of acting keeps viewers' eyes glued to the screen, regardless of the surroundings.

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