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Cannon seeks to turn the tide in Commissioners Court, District 2

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NDG Contributing Writer

Wini Cannon is defying common wisdom and recent electoral history as she is running for Dallas County Commissioner in District 2. Normally seen as a GOP stronghold, Cannon is not convinced the right Democrat couldn't win there.

Cannon is no stranger to campaigning, as she ran for a city council seat in 2015. That campaign was unsuccessful, eventually being won by Casey Thomas; but Cannon said she received a lot of encouragement and supporters asking her to run again.

"There was a push for me to run in one of the judicial positions," Cannon recalled. "Looking around, I found myself wanting to take on more of a legislative role. Then there was an open seat (on the commissioners court) as the incumbent was retiring. No Democrat has ever tried to run for commissioners court in District 2, because the lines are drawn to be a solid red district."

As to why she is running for office in the first place, Cannon said it was the result of years working in the legal profession and being active in the community. She has 35 years of experience as an attorney, has worked as a substitute teacher in public schools and a professor in both graduate and undergraduate courses. Now she's looking to reach out in a new di-



Wini Cannon (at right) is looking to win the Dallas County Commissioners Court seat in District 2, which is traditionally seen as a strong Republican area. (Courtesy photo)

rection, where she believes she can do the most good.

"Working as an associate municipal judge, I realized that I could only impact one life at a time, or one family at a time," Cannon said. "This would be an opportunity to do something positive for the entire community."

Jail reform is one of her top priorities as a potential commissioner, though she said fixing the problems would take a collaborative effort between the commissioners, judges and the sheriff's office. She would also like to see the county being supportive of the school district. She thinks there needs to be a more equitable relationship with the state government, and that is where a lot of her attention

lies.

"One of the most important things the commissioners court does is set the budget," Cannon said. "The state government is not really paying its fair share. I want to make the legislature more accountable in how money is distributed back to the communities."

In terms of property valuations, Cannon believes corporations have been able to avoid paying their share as well. As a commissioner she will be looking for such areas as opportunities for revenue growth and trying to make sure there's no waste along the way.

She will be facing off against both

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Melissa M. Young

In a unanimous decision, the Board of Directors of Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) named Melissa M. Young Artistic Director of the 42-year-old dance company. Ms. Young has been with the company 25 years rising through the ranks of the organization. Her promotion is effective immediately.



Dallas Dance Project

“Dallas Black Dance Theatre is excited to have one of our own become the Artistic Director. Young’s knowledge and history with DBDT allow her to continue making contributions to DBDT and are a great fit as our

Artistic Director,” said Gilbert Gerst, Chairman, DBDT Board of Directors. “Her 20+ year tenure with DBDT reflects her love and commitment to continue to build on the legacy established by our Founder Ann

Williams to be the premier dance company in the country.”

Young started her career at DBDT as a dancer for 11 years, then rehearsal director, academy director, and associate artistic director all the while working alongside DBDT Founder Ann Williams. This year, Young took the reins of the organization as Interim Artistic Director.

“It just pleases my heart that Melissa is now the artistic director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre,” said DBDT Founder Ann Williams. “I feel so honored having mentored her for the past 25 years. I know as she fulfills the mission artistically, the

legacy of Dallas Black Dance Theatre will live on.”

Ms. Young is a graduate of The Ailey School in New York City and trained as an exchange student at Amsterdam School of the Arts in Amsterdam, Netherlands. She has been the Horton Technique Instructor for Dallas Black Dance Theatre since 1998. As an Adjunct Instructor, she taught the Horton Technique at Southern Methodist University in 2004 and Texas Woman’s University from 2005–2008.

“My love for Dallas Black Dance Theatre runs deep, and I am overjoyed and overwhelmed by this appointment! I am im-

mensely passionate about leading this outstanding organization into its next stage of excellence,” said DBDT Artistic Director Melissa M. Young. “Having a roadmap to follow by the incomparable Ann Williams ignites my spirit in ways most could never imagine. The unwavering love and support from my family, loved ones, and mentors is what has sustained me throughout my entire career and leading up to this very moment. This is a dream come true!”

As interim artistic director, Ms. Young was successful in landing Dallas Black Dance Theatre as one of five arts organizations in the nation to be a part of the inter-

national Communities Connecting Heritage (CCH) cultural heritage exchange program. Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Association MakeDox in Macedonia will collaborate to engage 12 DBDT dancers and 12 Macedonian filmmakers to create a 50-minute documentary exploring and celebrating African-American culture through dance and Romani heritage through music. Dallas Black Dance Theatre will hold three free screenings of the film in July. At least one screening will be synchronized with a Macedonian screening and feature a live talkback between the two countries and artists.

Dr. Eddie Tealer

Members of the Dallas County Community College District’s board of trustees unanimously approved a recommendation from Dr. Joe May, DCCCD’s chancellor, to appointment Dr. Eddie Tealer as the new president of Eastfield College.



Tealer, who currently serves as vice president for business services at North Lake College, will begin his tenure as Eastfield’s president on Oct. 15, 2018. He succeeds Dr. Jean Conway, who is retiring.

Tealer, who addressed trustees following the vote, said, “Thank you for this

wonderful opportunity. I hope to follow in Dr. Conway’s footsteps so that we can continue on our path of success for faculty and staff—but particularly for our students.

The new Eastfield president then shared a short family story about his grandfather, who had worked full time in manufacturing when his grandson was growing up but who also did part-time plumbing work to help others.

“My grandfather helped folks in the community and charged them what they could afford to pay. He saved that money and told me that it was an investment in the future,” recalled Tealer. “When it was time for me to go to college, my grandfather gave me the money he had saved and told me ‘The future is you.’

“I wanted this job (as pres-

ident of Eastfield College) because I want to invest in our students now. My grandfather would have been proud of me,” he added.

May also acknowledged Conway’s accomplishments during her eight years of service as Eastfield’s CEO. “We are proud of the work that Dr. Jean Conway has done. During that time, Eastfield successfully established two collegiate academies, two early college high schools and two Pathways to Technology, or P-Tech, early college high schools.

“The college’s Pleasant Grove campus and the Pleasant Grove Advisory Council will have a lasting impact on

that community. Significant increases in enrollment growth and graduation rates are among other benchmarks of Dr. Conway’s administration,” he added.

Tealer joined DCCCD in 2008 as a senior financial analyst on the district’s bond management team; he also served as district director of business services from 2010-2013; executive director of business services from 2013 to 2014; and has served as North Lake’s vice president for business services since 2014.

The new Eastfield College president has taught as an adjunct instructor at Southern Methodist University and the

University of Dallas.

Tealer earned his doctorate in leadership studies from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio; a master’s degree in management (corporate finance) from the University of Dallas; a second master’s degree in business administration (management) from Our Lady of the Lake University; and his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from the University of North Texas.

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Amber, you are fired!

What’s next “The wait is too long.” Come on with it, justice.

-- Carolyn Smith

Local minister as a spiritual engineer helps those he serve build stronger relationship with God and others

Family that prayers together make things happen together. Looks like you all are enjoying your lives together. That’s a blessing. They are growing fast, so enjoy. You will be looking at college soon!

-- Sharon Justice Hurts via Facebook

Yes! Bro. & Sis. Ross are two very humble individuals. I love the love he has for his family and the church he minister to. We are so bless to have them. I am soo.. proud of Bro. Ross.

-- Gurtha Harrison via Facebook

Keep up the great work my brother!!!

-- Thurmond Metters via Facebook

Beautiful article! Keep being you Bro(cousin) Ross

-- Antwanelle Nash Ford via Facebook

William Lamont Ross, all of your friends from grade school on up knew preaching was your future!! Nice article!

-- Paul Pederson via Facebook

Beautiful!!! May God continue to bless you and your family continue to serve and build up your congregation.

-- Marilyn Bradshaw via Facebook

Irving City Council votes to raise property tax revenue

I understand that there has to be tax increases, but

why don't you do something about S. Irving? The revenue seems to be going towards the North with all the new building and Toyota Music Factory and making that all accessible to everyone, but the South is completely overlooked, other than fixing some streets.

Take a drive around parts of the South Irving area and maybe you would see what the rest of the residents in South Irving see.

-- Gloria Rodriguez

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President Laughingstock

By Julianne Malveaux
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Our 45th President rushed back from his United Nations meeting in New York to watch the hearing of his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, and his accuser Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. Reportedly, he was impressed by Dr. Ford, but excited by Kavanaugh's beligerently offensive session with the senators. From my perspective, Kavanaugh was disgraceful. He attacked Democratic senators, at one point asking Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar if she had a drinking problem! His angry, entitled temperament was inconsistent with Supreme Court service. But by the time this is published he is likely to have been voted onto the court.

While the Supreme Court deliberations have dominated the news, it is essential to consider the way that 45 appeared on the world stage. First, he was inexplicably and rudely late to the UN, signaling his own contempt for the organization and its members. Indeed, according to New Yorker reporter Robin Wright, the UN had to scramble to find another speaker to fill in 45's assigned time. Then, just minutes after 45 began talking, the assembled group started laughing at him. Undoubtedly, they were amused about his assertions of having done more than any other Administration in US history. 45 was speaking

to more than one hundred and thirty heads of state and dozens of other delegations. They laughed because 45 is truly funny.

As he ran for President, 45 constantly scolded that our country was the "laughingstock" of the world. Then he stood in front of other world leaders and proved them correct. Our nation is not a laughingstock, but President Trump surely is. He is out of touch with the rest of the world, out of order in his dealings with others, and out of control with his myopic "America First" philosophy.

We may still be the most powerful nation in the world, but we are holding onto that perch only tentatively. We're not the largest country in the world. The population of India, at 1.35 billion, or the population of China, the world's most populous nation, at 1.41 billion people, dwarfs our population of roughly 326 million people. We are a scant 4.3 percent of the world population. India is 17.7 percent of the world population, and China is a whopping 18.5 percent of the world population. Population size is not necessarily an indicator of power, and most concede that the United States remains an influential world leader. But we are a world leader now led by a clown, the laughingstock of the world. And in embracing an "America First" doctrine, we isolate ourselves from others and diminish our own world power.

Our power has come from our ability to play well in the world. It has come from our embrace of globalism. Indeed, our economic growth has often been a function of our global role. People want to come to the United States, to study the United States, to vacation in the United States and to enjoy the products and brands of the United States (McDonald's and Nike are but two examples). Our President's behavior repels people from the United States instead of attracting people to us. His jingoistic "America First" speech belied decades of international cooperation. His notion that nations are better off going it alone than working in collaboration is isolationist nonsense.

"America is governed by Americans," 45 said. "We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism. Inside everyone in this great chamber today, and everyone listening all around the globe, there is the heart of a patriot that feels the same powerful love for your nation, the same intense loyalty to your homeland." It is possible to be a patriot and also embrace globalism, especially if we are thinking of our nation's well being in the long run. In other words, the world is interlinked, and our countries are intertwined. What would we have to give up if we "went it alone"? I don't think 45 is capable of thinking this through. What if countries decided to stop doing busi-

ness with us? What products would we have to give up?

At the United Nations meeting last year, 45 ridiculed North Korean President Kim Jong Un as "Little Rocket Man." Now Mr. Rocket Man is his new best friend, worthy of 45's praise. 45 heralded his June summit with Kim Jong Un as a success, but there has been little or no progress made toward denuclearization.

Thus, he has jeopardized our relationship with Canada, with his "renegotiation" of NAFTA. He has alienated our allies with his insistence on withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, even as Britain, China, France, Germany, and Russia affirm their agreement to the deal. And he has continued to coddle Russia, barely mentioning proven Russian interference in US elections.

The world is watching, and the world is laughing. The disastrous display of US jurisprudence in the Kavanaugh case illustrates the breakdown of our democracy. Further, the amusing performance that our President offered to the United Nations cemented his place as the world laughingstock and disgraced us all!

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The Remarkable Courage of Dr. Ford

By Congresswoman
Eddie Bernice Johnson

Millions of people throughout the nation and the world sat in resolute silence as Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, a highly trained researched psychologist at two of our nation's top universities, painfully shared her story recently of how she was sexually assaulted three decades earlier in a home located approximately thirty minutes away from the Senate chamber where she found herself.

When asked she said that she was 'one hundred per-

cent' certain about the identities of those who attacked her. During the more than three hours that she testified not a single word she uttered was contradicted. She was courageously noble, and she was more than believable.

It was an unusually awkward moment on Capitol Hill. The male Senators on the panel that supported the nomination of the man whom Dr. Ford described as her principal attacker were frightened to question her. Instead they outscored their roles to a female lawyer. Any and all attempts to find holes in Dr. Ford's testimony

were resoundingly unsuccessful.

Dr. Ford's experience with the Senate panel was unlike that of Professor Anita Hill's who after making her own allegations against a Supreme Court nominee, found herself ridiculed by many male members of the same committee who questioned her veracity, and suggested that she had imaged the incidents that she described.

Like Professor Hill, who testified that a Supreme Court nominee had made unwarranted sexual advances, Dr. Ford was steady

and unflinching during her testimony. Not once did she lose her composure or express outrage towards those who doubted her. Her demeanor was in sharp contrast to that displayed by the man she accused when it came time for him to testify.

People of good conscience and character owe Dr. Ford a tremendous debt of gratitude for sharing her horrifically distasteful experience and its resulting pain, which she has endured for decades. A less courageous person would have remained unheard and suffered in silence as victims often do.

Everyone needs a flu shot, particularly those at greatest risk—the elderly

WASHINGTON, DC — Drug stores have had signs heralding the 2018-19 Flu Season for weeks. Meanwhile, if you've visited your doctor recently, he or she has most likely reminded you to get your flu shots in a timely fashion this year.

However, notes the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], there continues to be widespread reluctance, based on indifference and fear, among Americans to be immunized against the flu. Most years only about half of those who should seek protection get a flu shot. As a result, too many at risk individuals, including elderly Americans, succumb to influenza



and too many of them die.

Last year's flu season was exceptionally long. It lasted from October 1, 2017 and continued until nearly the end of April 2018 and caused some 30,453 laboratory-confirmed hospitalizations of flu victims, most of whom were 65 years old or

older, according to the Centers for Disease Control [CDC].

So, why don't more of us embrace the flu vaccine as an established preventive measure?

AMAC suggests that the "myths" about the flu shot may have something to do

with it. Perhaps the most senseless misconception people might have is that they need not be vaccinated every year to be protected. The most important reason for getting a shot every year is the simple fact that in the course of a year the vaccine loses its effectiveness. In addition, the makeup of the flu virus, itself, changes each year so a new vaccine needs to be produced annually. And, that is why the CDC strongly recommends that, ideally, everyone, six months old and older should be immunized at the onset of flu season.

AMAC is particularly focused on encouraging America's seniors to get a

flu shot pointing out that 58% of all those who had to be hospitalized due to influenza last year were over 65 years of age. In fact, the CDC even underscores the need for older Americans to be vaccinated because they are at higher risk of developing serious complications from flu. There's even a special version of the vaccine especially designed for seniors. It's a high-dose vaccine that contains four times the amount of antigen contained in a regular shot.

The CDC says that the high-dose vaccine was tested in a massive clinical trial in which there were 30,000 participants. The trial proved the effective-

ness of the high-dose version of the vaccine among the 65-plus set. Those seniors who received the high dose vaccine "had 24% fewer influenza infections as compared to those who received the standard dose flu vaccine."

Most physicians will tell you that if you are among the skeptics when it comes to flu shots, you need to focus on the facts, not the myths. And, if the truth about the flu be told, it will be told by the Centers for Disease Control, which says get a flu shot as early as you can in the season because it is not just the best way to help protect you.

Racial and ethnic bias leads to lower well-being among adolescents

AUSTIN — Racial and ethnic discrimination is problematic for all aspects of development — from mental and physical health to risky behaviors and academic success — particularly for Latinos, researchers at The University of Texas at Austin determined after analyzing findings from hundreds of previous studies on adolescents.

The latest study, published in the *American Psychologist*, considered 214 previous studies comprising 91,338 adolescents and measured 11 distinct indicators of well-being.

"Essentially, we are combining all the existing evidence to be able to clearly state that racial and ethnic discrimination influence all aspects of adolescents' daily

lives and well-being," said lead author Aprile D. Benner, a UT Austin human development and family sciences associate professor and faculty research associate in the Population Research Center.

Understanding racial and ethnic differences begins quite early in life, researchers explained. Studies have shown that before age 5, children begin grouping themselves by race or ethnic background, and awareness of stereotypes tied to skin color or ethnicity emerges in middle childhood. By age 10, many children can recognize both overt and covert discrimination.

Experiencing such discrimination is consistently linked to poorer mental health, lower academic

achievement and more engagement in risky or negative behavior, the latest analysis showed.

"We believe these negative effects early in life are setting the stage for the racial and ethnic disparities that we see across life-course outcomes in adulthood," Benner said.

Some demographics fared worse than others — particularly, Latinos — researchers found through pooling the correlations between discrimination and different aspects of adolescent adjustment and comparing those across racial/ethnic groups. Those with Latino or Asian backgrounds were at greater risk for the negative effects of discrimination on depression and other mental health issues than African Ameri-

cans. The researchers also found that discrimination was more detrimental to Latino males' academics, compared with Latinas and African Americans.

The researchers theorized that Latinos experience a type of discrimination in which they are viewed as "perpetual foreigners." Additionally, they suggested that African American youths may benefit from their families' use of socialization strategies to prepare their children for the biases they may face in their daily lives.

"Now that we can say with some certainty that racial and ethnic discrimination are bad for young people's development, we need to be thinking about what aspects of youths' daily lives protect them

from the negative effects of discrimination versus what aspects of their daily contexts exacerbate these negative effects," Benner said. "Even more lofty, what can we do to intervene to try to reduce discriminatory treatment?"

Researchers suggest future studies must think more critically about how the field measures racial

and ethnic discrimination in these populations; investigate and clearly report factors that might protect youths from the negative effects of discrimination; and place a greater focus on the intersection of discrimination tied to race or ethnicity with mistreatment linked to other social identities that are vulnerable to stigmatization.

For-profit college students share sagas of debt and disillusionment

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Contributor

College students today come in many ages and from many backgrounds. In addition to recent high school graduates, there are laid off workers who need updated skills, and single

heads of household returning to school to better provide for their families. Veterans seeking to transition to civilian life are also seeking higher education as a way out and up the financial ladder.

In a real sense, the number of people enrolling in

some type of higher education is as diverse as the nation. And so are the choices.

Beyond four-year baccalaureate degrees and graduate schools, today's educational options include varied career and technical training programs in such fields as computers, cosme-

tology, criminal justice, fashion design, and entertainment business.

Prominent among the institutions offering this educational medley are for-profit colleges that use business strategies to target fi-

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Obama endorses Texas Representative Eric Johnson

The 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, has endorsed State Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Johnson is one of only eleven candidates in Texas who have been endorsed by the former President and is the only current member of the Texas House to have received the endorsement.

Former President Barack



Obama released the following statement earlier this week with the list of endorsed candidates:

"Today, I'm proud to endorse even more Democratic candidates who aren't just running against something, but for something—to expand opportunity for all of us and to restore dignity, honor, and compassion to public service. They deserve your vote," stated President Obama.

Representative Johnson released the following message to his supporters on Monday in response to receiving the endorsement:

"It is an honor to be one of a select few Texas candidates to have received this endorsement. I appreciate your support over the past eight years, and I am especially proud today that our hard work and commitment to progressive values has garnered the attention of such an inspirational, once-in-a-generation leader as President Barack Obama," stated Representative Johnson.

Representative Eric John-

son is running to represent District 100 in the Texas House of Representatives. He has represented the district since 2010 and currently serves on the following prominent committees: he is Vice Chair of the House Committee on Redistricting, a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, a member of the House Committee on Investments and Financial Services, and a member of the House Select Commit-

tee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility. Over the course of his legislative career, he has served on seventeen different committees and has held four vice chairmanships.

Representative Johnson is currently running to become Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. He is the only Democratic candidate for Speaker and if elected, he will be the first African American Speaker in Texas history.

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nancially vulnerable consumers, then complete enrollment as quickly as possible. These institutions even encourage debt beyond what is needed to pay tuition and fees.

A new report released by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) analyzes how for-profit students who sought educational training to improve their lives wound up in worse financial circumstances after enrollment. For-profit colleges were found to be twin traps of poor outcomes and costly debts that together often lead to loan defaults.

This finding is consistent with nationwide statistics on for-profit borrowers. Across the nation, for-profit college loan defaults occur at a rate three times that of students enrolled at either public or private institutions offering four-year and/or two-year studies.

Closely tied to this nationwide trend of more frequent for-profit loan defaults is the low number of graduates. Nationwide, fewer than 30 percent of for-profit students graduate six years following their enrollment in two or four-year curricula.

Debt and Disillusionment: Stories of Former For-Profit College Students, shares the stories of these former students as told in a nine-part focus group series. During these sessions, the former students candidly reflect upon their decisions, experiences, and ways to keep going at this thing called life.

Metro Orlando, Florida became the study locale due to both its racial and ethnic diversity, as well as its dense concentration of for-profit institutions. Compared to other states, Florida also has one of the highest loan default rates in

the nation.

The Sunshine State is also distinguished by its welcoming for-profit college climate:

A legislature that passed at least 15 state laws friendly to for-profit colleges;

A state Commission for Independent Education that employs multiple for-profit college executives; and

An attorney general who over a five-year period did little to investigate thousands of student loan complaints against the for-profit college industry.

All study participants borrowed large loans to fi-

nance their educations at one of 25 for-profit institutions within the last 10 years. Nationally-known schools such as the University of Phoenix, Kaplan and Strayer University were represented.

Against this backdrop, several participants noted the frequent commercials that initially sparked their interest. Meet Eric, who learned of the University of Phoenix from a commercial he saw on television.

With commercials targeting specific demographics and aggressive recruitment, most former students had little idea as to how costly

instruction would be, and even noted how some were encouraged to borrow funds beyond what was needed.

According to Robin Howarth, a CRL Senior Researcher and lead author of the report, "These institutions are exploiting the ambitions of students, pushing them into unmanageable loans, and leaving them with little but inescapable debt."

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a Republican and Libertarian in the general election.

She is rather complimentary of Libertarian candidate Alberto Perez, who has experience working in education and sports coaching.

"I wouldn't marginalize or diminish anything that anyone has ever done," Cannon said. "But I think I've been around longer. I have a lot of energy, and most importantly, I'm a listener. I've been out in the community, and when nobody was looking I did the work to help people out. The things we face in Dallas County; we really do not need a neophyte."

Her Republican challenger is J.J. Koch, an attorney with experience in private practice and as a prosecutor. He also serves as an attorney for the Dallas Fraternal Order of Po-

lice. She's not quite as reserved when it comes to this opponent.

"He's been called a 'hot-head' and a 'loose cannon,'" Cannon said. "He's very far right wing and his views are very myopic. If he gets on (the commissioners court) he's just going to be combative and fight with the other commissioners."

Cannon said Koch's views on issues such as Confederate statues and support of Trump's immigration policies should be a concern for all voters in District 2. Temperament is a big issue, and one where she sees herself with a clear advantage over her GOP rival. She has also received some encouragement from Republicans who have concerns over the candidate who won the hotly-



Wini Cannon (at left) has plenty of doors to knock on if she wants to win as a Democrat in District 2 of the Dallas County Commissioners Court. (Courtesy photo)

contested GOP primary for the position, and says in the end party shouldn't be that important when it comes time to vote.

"What we should be concerned about is how are we going to collect all this money, and how are we

going to spend it for all the people," Cannon said.

The vote for Dallas County Commissioners, District 2 will be part of the Nov. 6 ballot. Early voting begins on Oct. 22 and runs until Nov. 2. The deadline for registering to vote is Oct. 9.

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College Day, Night motivate future readiness

By Caren Rodriguez
Garland ISD

Garland ISD students and staff celebrated a bright future during College Day and Night Sept. 18. The annual event kicked off with students of all ages showing their college spirit with style.

“Ms. Ours’ [first-grade] class rocked their college shirts for GISD College Day,” tweeted Steadham Elementary School. “We want



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our kids to be college and career ready.”

Students continued

preparing for post-high school life during College Night at the Curtis Culwell

Center. More than 2,200 attended the affair, meeting with representatives from more than 130 institutions of higher learning.

“College Night provides an opportunity for students and parents to talk face-to-face with college recruiters from all over the country,” said Director of Guidance and Counseling Ruby Armstrong.

“They have a chance to learn about colleges that may not have been on their

radar and learn about the many opportunities available to them,” added Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling Debbie Lee. “Not all students can travel to make college visits, so we bring the colleges to them!”

Attendees met with a variety of entities, including everything from Penn State University to Eastfield Community College to Escoffier School of Culinary Arts to West Point.

In addition to exploring opportunities, families also received valuable information regarding scholarships, the college application process, career paths and the PSAT.

And, some college-bound students took advantage of a new perk—on-site meningitis shots.

See highlights of College Day and Night 2018 in the photo slideshow included and on GRS-TV’s YouTube channel.

Graduate Together: Fifth-graders visit their future high schools

North Dallas High School senior Heath Waffer still remembers his first day as a freshman.

He’d never visited a high school before, so he thought it was “some big scary place.” He was notably terrified the first time he walked through the front door.

Today, Waffer is a top student, involved in extracurricular activities, and loves high school. And on Sept. 14, Waffer served as a student greeter to North Dallas High School as part



Dallas ISD

of the Graduate Together Initiative.

“It’s important to have

days like this where younger students can come and see that high school is a

fun experience to look forward to and be excited about, not something to

dread,” Waffer said.

All Dallas ISD high schools will hold a Graduate Together event this school year to welcome fifth-graders—who attend elementary schools in the high school’s feeder pattern—to their campus.

Louisa Meyer, the founder of GraduateTogether.org, partnered with Dallas ISD to ensure that all fifth-graders receive shirts with their high school graduation year, high school mascot, and middle school.

“Dallas ISD is extremely fortunate to have strong partnerships with organizations such as Graduate Together to help us build a community of schools that sets high expectations for students and works hand-in-hand to help our students realize their fullest potential,” Dallas ISD Deputy Chief Brian Lusk said.

“The Graduate Together campaign promotes feeder pattern pride and sets expectations for students to graduate from high school and college.”

Barbara Bush Foundation For Family Literacy announces essay contest for North Texas students in grades 2-5

Parents and teachers, here’s a chance for students to be a part of the 17th annual Dallas/Fort Worth Celebration of Reading, which is presented by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Each year, the Foundation hosts an essay contest to share the joy of reading and showcase the writing talents of North Texas students.

The contest is open to students in grades 2-5 from Dallas/Fort Worth-area schools (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties). The deadline for entries is Tuesday, Oct. 9.

To enter the contest, young authors are asked to write an essay responding

to the following prompt: Former first lady Barbara Bush once said, “Reading opens the world to me and keeps me open to the world.” Write a story about a book that has helped open the world to you. For example, has a book helped you experience a new place, explore a different way of life, or discover a new interest? Share about what you learned and how the book changed your outlook.

The contest winners will be accompanied by their parents and teachers to a special VIP breakfast held at AT&T Stadium – generously provided by the Gene and Jerry Jones Family – with guest author Michelle Staubach Grimes on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Grimes is the author of two acclaimed

children’s books: *Where is Pidge?* and *Pidge Takes the Stage*.

Contest winners will receive certificates recognizing their achievements, special prizes and books signed by Grimes. The students will be Grimes’ guests at the celebration breakfast and will have the opportunity to visit with the author and share their winning submissions. Also attending will be Brill Garrett, wife of Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Jason Garrett and a passionate advocate for making a difference in the lives of children, who is serving as event chair. Former First Lady Laura Bush is the honorary chair.

A panel of education and community leaders will assist in reading and judging

entries. Twelve winners will be selected – three winners from each of the four grades. Winners will be notified by Thursday, Oct. 18, and their names will be posted on the Foundation’s website.

The essays should be no longer than 500 words and must be written legibly or typed. Only one entry per individual is permitted. All entries must be original work written by the contest participants; copyrighted material or images are not allowed.

Entries may be submitted to contest@barbarabush.org and must include an official entry form, found here or at barbarabush.org/dallascelebrationcontest. Other spe-

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1 Always pay on time

If you've missed a payment, pay as soon possible because your payment history makes up 35% of your credit score.

2 Monitor your credit regularly

Review your credit reports regularly to make sure they are accurate, and look for areas where you can improve.

3 Pay more than the minimum

Trying to pay more than what's due will help you pay down debt faster, save on interest expense and may improve your credit score.

4 Know your limits

Being close to or maxing out your credit limits may negatively impact your credit score, so try to keep your balance on revolving lines under 30% of your limit.

5 Know your debt-to-income (DTI) ratio

Lenders look at the amount of debt you have compared to your monthly income when extending new credit, so it's a good idea to keep your DTI ratio under 35%.

6 Take on new debt only when needed

Having too many accounts with balances can lower your credit score and may become difficult to manage.

7 Qualify for lower rates

See if you qualify for lower rates on your current debts, especially if your credit has improved or if interest rates have dropped since you originally applied.

8 Think before closing accounts

Consider keeping accounts open if they have a good payment history as closing them may lower your available credit and could hurt your credit score.

9 Build an emergency fund

Having funds set aside in a savings account can help you to avoid using credit cards for unexpected expenses.

Getting smarter about your credit by taking charge of your debt can make all the difference when it comes to preparing for long-term financial success. You can explore credit basics and different ways to manage your debt at wellsfargo.com/smartercredit.



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Dallas

DCCCD colleges will observe **Hispanic Heritage Month** by hosting events at all of their colleges. There will be a documentary showing “The Black Roots of Salsa: The Emancipation of Cuban Rumba,” on Oct. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in rooms W-181/183 at Mountain View College, in Dallas. For more information, contact AliceRiosShaw@dcccd.edu

Motivational speaker **A. C. Cristales**, former educator and co-author of “The School of Hard Knocks: 10 Lessons to Help You Succeed in Life,” will visit the campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in in SH118 (Sabine Hall) at Richland College, in Dallas. For more information, contact Kstorms@dcccd.edu.

The **Candidates Forum** will be held on Oct 16 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Life Center, in Dallas. Attendees will be able to hear from all representing

parties. This would include U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative Districts 3, 24, 32, Texas Governor, Texas Lt. Governor, Texas Attorney General, Dallas County District Attorney, State Senator Districts 8, 16, State Rep. Districts 66, 67, 70, 89, 102, 103, 107, 112, 113, 11, and State Board of Education, District 12. For more information, please contact dfwforum2018@gmail.com or 214.452.7835.

Lancaster

The **26th annual Community Appreciation Day** on Oct 6. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lancaster Recreation Center, in Lancaster. This event will be hosted by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. There will be music, live performances, entertainment, food and drink, health screenings, kid’s activities, and more. This event is free to the public.

Richardson

The **State of the District** will be held on Oct. 12 from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at NOAH’S Event Venue, in Richardson. This event will feature RISD Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Stone and PISD Superintendent Sara Bonse. Be sure to pre-register before Oct 10 at 5 pm. Walk-ins may register at the door based on availability. Tickets are \$38 for members, and \$55 for non-members. For more information contact Mallory Crumb at 972-792-2820 for questions or to purchase tickets.

The Health & Wellness Expo

will be held on Oct 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Richardson Civic Center, in Richardson. Join the Richardson Civic Center for an afternoon of exploring local health options. Attendees will be able to find local doctor, dentist, dietitian, or gym, weight, body mass index, and blood pressure screenings. Healthy snacks will be available. The event is open to the public and free to attend. For more information contact Bonnie Perry 972-792-2831.

Southern Dallas Districts 3 and 4 residents turn out for National Night Out

By Cormeshia Batty
NDG Special Contributor

Southern Dallas District 3 and District 4 celebrated together at Glendale Park for the 35th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The annual community-building campaign, National Night Out promotes a combination of police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to provide more caring places to live and safer neighborhoods. National Night Out is celebrated across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much



Dallas City Councilman Casey Thomas and Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall celebrated National Night Out with residents of District 3 and District 4 at National Night Out on Oct. 2, 2018 (Image: Cormeshia Batty / NDG)

more. “National Night Out is a night for neighbors to get to know each other. For all of the different departments of the city/county to come out and to meet each other in a very family friendly, social environment, but, the main thing about National Night Out, is it’s an opportunity for residents to meet their representatives. It’s an opportunity for them to meet the staff of the city that’s out working for them each and every day, that’s what tonight is all about,” explained Dallas City Council’s Vice-Chair of Econom-

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Dallas Cowboys offense rediscovers Ezekiel Elliott

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

ARLINGTON – Because the Dallas Cowboys added a few much-needed wrinkles to their offensive attack Sunday afternoon against Detroit, they were able to iron out some things that enabled them to get out of AT&T Stadium with a hard-fought 26-24 victory over the Lions.

Bogged down on offense while collectively scoring an anemic 41 points in their first three games, the Cowboys pried their offensive playbook against the Lions wide open. That novel concept included Ezekiel Elliott running the football an inordinate amount of times and Ezekiel Elliott catching the football – for him – an inordinate amount of times.

The lethal combination of Elliott running and catching the ball, along with a pressure-packed 38-yard field goal by rookie Brett Maher as time expired, helped the Cowboys square their record at 2-2.

Elliott rushed 25 times for 152 yards and had four receptions for an additional 88 yards and a touchdown. Thus, he is the first player since Oakland's Michael Bush on Nov. 10, 2011, to rush for at least 150 yards and have at least 80 reception yards in the same game.

Elliott's biggest catch occurred with 1:23 remaining



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in the game when he hauled in a 34-yard over-the-shoulder catch on a nicely thrown pass from quarterback Dak Prescott that carried to the Detroit 25-yard line.

"It was just a big-time play," coach Jason Garrett said. "Dak liked what he saw from the coverage, Zeke did a great job on the route. A big-time throw.

"Talk about a nut-cuttin' time throw. Critical situation to make that throw, and for Zeke to be able to finish and put us in position for the game-winner was big-time."

Now, about those wrinkles offensive coordinator Scott Linehan installed for the game? They obviously worked as the Cowboys piled up 183 yards rushing and Prescott passed for 255 yards and a pair of touchdowns against an opportunistic Detroit team that

beat New England, 26-10, last week while holding Patriots quarterback Tom Brady to just 133 yards passing.

"Can I tell you what the wrinkles are?," Garrett asked. "Yeah, I'm probably not going to go into much detail on the wrinkles that we use throughout our team, but certainly we try to attack the defense several different ways.

"Throughout the week we'll have a plan that tries to get everyone involved. We want to be a team that's balanced offensively — run and pass. I thought we achieved that (Sunday) and we do those things a lot of different ways."

Overall, the 240 total yards Elliott accumulated from scrimmage were a career for him. Afterward, he expressed the need to get the

ball more, but the toll that it took on his body.

"I'm beat up," said Elliott, who had a 38-yard TD reception against the Lions. "I was already sore in the first quarter. I knew what type of game it was going to be."

Elliott and his teammates also knew they could ill-afford to lose this game and fall to 1-3 going into Sunday's 7:20 p.m. kickoff on the road against the Houston Texans.

"We needed (this win)," Elliott said. "Probably the most important one of the season.

"Just kind of getting back on track after a slow start."

The win marked the first time this season and just the third time in the last 12 contests that Prescott has passed for at least 200 yards in a game. But he pushed aside thoughts of this being some sort of confidence builder.

"I know what I can do and I know what kind of player I am, and I never waiver and I'm never going to get down on myself," Prescott said.

"All of us have good days and bad days, and if all of us were judged by our bad days and our jobs, we'd all be in trouble."

As far as the new wrinkles that gave him more options to operate with, Prescott said: "It doesn't matter what plays coach Linehan calls. It's on us to execute.

"We just did a better job (Sunday) executing than we have these three games before."

Maher also did a good job executing in the clutch on a night when fans were probably thinking of former kicker Dan Bailey, who was surprisingly released prior to this season. With the game – and possibly the season – on the line, Maher squared up and promptly drilled the game-winner through the center of the uprights as mayhem ensued on the field.

Overall, Maher was 4-of-4 on field goal kicks and appeared oblivious to the pressure attached to a kick with the game's final outcome at stake.

"It was a big kick for me, but again, like I said when I first got the job here, the kicks in the first quarter, second quarter, third quarter, are equally as important because we need those points," Maher said. "Every time I step on the field I think I'm going to make it.

"It's definitely nice to be able to come through in moments like that, because I understand that it gets viewed differently than a kick in the first quarter."

For the Cowboys, it also was nice they were able to use Elliott early and often. Critics know a player of his ilk needs an inordinate amount of touches.

"Anyway you got him the ball, anyway he got the ball he was dominating the game and setting the tone," Prescott said. "From the screen to the check bounds to the last play right there.

"He just showed how physical he was in the run game, and it was just a dominating performance for him."

DCS presents *Our Hospitality*

The Dallas Chamber Symphony will open its season with Buster Keaton's groundbreaking 1923 comedy, *Our Hospitality*, a classic which helped pave the way for cinematic comedy – merging the physical gags Buster Keaton became famous for with a dramatic storyline. Known for its attention to period detail, Roger Ebert proclaimed the film Keaton's first master-

piece. *Our Hospitality*, directed by Buster Keaton and John G. Blystone, is 74 minutes in length and appropriate for all audiences.

The live orchestra, led by Artistic Director and Conductor Richard McKay, will bring this tale of star-crossed lovers and family feud to life with the world premiere of a score by Scott Glasgow, who will also be in attendance on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m.

"We are excited to start our new season with a fun and entertaining performance," says McKay. "The world premiere of Glasgow's score to *Our Hospitality* will have the audience engaged and laughing from beginning to end."

For tickets and schedule info visit: <https://www.dcsymphony.org/concert-tickets/season-schedule/our-hospitality>.

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Automakers focusing on driving experience and social awareness at State Fair of Texas

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

The State Fair of Texas is underway, and since 1913 one of the biggest draws is the Texas Auto Show. Manufacturers from all over the world descend on Dallas for the event as the Texas market is pivotal for the product.

While Marcus Umlauff, Toyota's general manager of product planning and strategy, did take a moment to highlight the Corolla's being named "Compact Car of the Year" at the Texas Auto Roundup; trucks and SUVs are the star of the show at the State Fair of Texas.

For obvious reasons, customers in the Lone Star State play a larger-than-normal role in the direction of this particular segment of



The State Fair of Texas is a prime event for unveiling new truck lines, like the Chevy Colorado ZR2 Bison being introduced by Chevy executive Sandor Pizar on Media Day at the Texas Auto Show. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

the auto industry.

Ford's SUV marketing manager, Craig Patterson, illustrated the impact succinctly.

"Twenty-five percent of all Expeditions sold in the U.S. are sold in Texas," Patterson said. "The next two

states aren't even close."

All automakers do their best to cater to the Texas market. As one example, Kia Motors unveiled a new Bespoke Telluride model created in collaboration with

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African Americans believe in the American Dream although their finances are a struggle in reality

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.-- Most African Americans believe the American Dream means financial security (84 percent), not living paycheck to paycheck (78 percent) and owning a home (77 percent). However, according to the new State of the American Family Study released by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual), many African Americans lack tangible assets necessary to accomplish those goals currently.

While the American Dream is still attainable, the survey calls attention to high debt, low savings and a lower likelihood of wide financial product ownership

amongst African Americans. Financial disparities and the wealth gap can possibly explain why 31 percent believe it is disappearing. Among the dynamics:

- Outside of retirement accounts, only 37 percent of African Americans own wealth-building products such as stocks and mutual funds

- 35 percent believe they are doing a good job at preparing for retirement

- 33 percent have less than one month of funds saved for a crisis and less than 25 percent have amassed more than six months of emergency savings

The survey also reveals

the importance of family influences on financial decisions:

- 58 percent are actively involved in educating their children on finances (as compared to 48 percent of Caucasians)

- 40 percent rely on family members for information

- 50 percent include extended family and friends in their definition of family

"The study shows African Americans want to improve their financial situations and are hopeful about the future," said Evan Taylor, African American market director, MassMutual. "At the same time, it sheds light on the financial struggles and in-

equities that the African American community continues to battle. Those contradictions indicate a need for greater financial education and discipline for the whole family to achieve economic success. In fact, the biggest financial regret expressed by respondents was that they wished they had started saving and investing sooner."

To help bridge the gap, MassMutual has teamed up with Tarra Jackson, who runs the Madam Money blog, to help African Americans improve their finances. Jackson is a personal finance expert,

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Texas-born fashion designer Brandon Maxwell that features leather accents -- including hood straps -- and other homages to the Lone Star State in its aesthetics. The vehicle made its debut on the fashion runway and is expected to be available in 2020.

But while top speed and trimmings were the talk of the town in the first Texas Auto, the big selling points for the 2019 models are tech improvements and social responsibility.

One by one, auto executives described the dashboards of pickup trucks in terms usually reserved for laptops. Digital apps and Wi-Fi hotspots are being built into the cabs of trucks normally touted for their off-road durability and agricultural applications.

But environmental consciousness and social responsibility are also big elements of the sales pitches for the new year.

"Everything that's bigger is better in Texas," said Jim Morrison, head of Ram brand for FCA-North America, touting the cargo capacity of his pickup trucks. But he then went on to announce improvements in gas mileage with tweaks in engine design.

Along those lines, Chrysler's Maryann Capo,

senior manager of product management for the Pacifica SUV line, highlighted the Pacifica Hybrid's 30-mile all electric range, for an 82 mpg equivalency, during her time with the media, throwing in the incidental economic advantages as well.

"There's a federal tax credit of \$7,500," Capo reminded reporters. "You guys in Texas have a state tax credit of \$2,500."

Toyota, Chevrolet and Nissan are making big pitches for their civic involvement along with their vehicle lines, seeing this as a big draw for pickup owners. Chevy's Truck Marketing Director Sandor Pizar noted customer surveys suggesting 89 percent of their truck owners use their vehicles to help others.

Both the technical and cultural aspects of the automotive industry are on full display at the Texas Auto Show, running with the

State Fair of Texas, through Oct. 28 at Fair Park in Dallas.



Following the motto "Everything is Bigger in Texas," Plano-based Toyota of North America apparently won the competition over which automaker can stick a pickup truck the highest in the air. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

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ics, Casey Thomas.

Residents from both districts were invited for the festivities because, “they are just separated, maybe, by a street. District 4 and District 3, share a border, Polk, and Ledbetter. So, they’ve been knowing each other; they’ve been working together; socializing together and so we said, ‘why not bring them together to celebrate in a family-friendly environment,’” Casey, who also serves as Mayor Pro Tem on the council, stated.

Glendale Park, located at 1515 Ledbetter in Dallas, provided a centralized location for the communities to come together. The family-style community cookout included a live band, DJ and a host of community service and city organizations.

Community Services in Action

State Representative, Toni Rose shared her view on the importance of the occasion, “National Night out is very important to our communities because it allows them to engage with our public servants and the officers who work in the community. It also gives our members opportunities to come together and provide resources for the community. As you can see, tonight we have the Chief of Police (Renee Hall), the SPCA and Parks & Recreations. It’s a night for our communities to come together, have a great night and enjoy each other.”

The Urban League Community Service Centers, provided families with a variety of resources including fresh fruit, non-perishable

foods, beverages, water, baby diapers, baby wipes, and other essentials that promote health and vitality. Other city organizations involved in last night’s festivities include Dallas Parks and Recreation, the Dallas Police and their Community Affairs Department, Dallas 311 Services and the Spay and Neuter Network.

“When you call 311 they take what’s called a Service Request and based on the service request number they assign it to someone, like Code Sanitation depending on whatever the concern is, and they come out to address that concern to the resident’s satisfaction –that’s the expectation,” Thomas stated.

With both districts experiencing a spike in loose dogs. The Spay Neuter Network was on hand to assist residents with having their pets

spayed or neutered and ensuring they’re up-to-date on vaccinations.

“They wanted to come out tonight since we were bringing a lot of residents in the neighborhood together to be able to talk to them in a large group. They have a table set up where people can come and sign up, and this is done at absolutely no charge. It’s actually ongoing, and it’s the law! That’s the main thing, it’s the law, so the whole point is to do it in a more friendly as opposed to punitive method or way,” Thomas said.

The event was an informative and fun experience for adults and children alike.

“I met the Chief of Police, she shook my hand. The food is good, and I’m hav-

ing a lot of fun,” ten-year-old Andrew Nash II confirmed.



Young pet owners were delighted to discover resources available from the Spay and Neuter Network for their furry family members at Dallas’ District 3 and District 4’s co-hosted National Night Out festivities. (Image: Cormeshia Batty / NDG)

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cial rules apply (see website for details). For more information about the contest, contact lauren.sproull@barbarabush.org or call 850-562-5300.

The celebration breakfast is just one facet of the day. A quartet of popular authors with intriguing stories to tell – Michael Connelly, Philipp Meyer, Ellie LeBlond Sosa and Michelle Staubach Grimes – will headline the evening event slated for Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center (2301 Flora St., Dallas). Tickets are on sale, and sponsorships are available at barbarabush.org/get-involved/events (see details below). Doors to the Meyerson Symphony Center will open at 6:30 p.m.

The work of the Barbara Bush Foundation is more critical than ever. By 2030, an estimated 1 million Dallas County residents will not be literate in English – limiting opportunities and economic prosperity for families and the entire community. Further illustrating the issue is that approximately 70 percent of low-

income fourth graders in North Texas today cannot read at grade level.

Funds raised from this year’s event will support more than 140 family literacy programs and groundbreaking literacy initiatives


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The Senior Presales Engineer - Online Hiring Event will be held Oct. 6 online. This event will include all testing required to apply for the role. Upon grading the tests, and if you advance, we will set up an interview with the hiring manager. The Senior Presales Engineer is a technical leader capable of adapting our products and solutions to complex customer environments to facilitate and shorten the sales cycle. The ideal candidate will have a background of working with Chief Software Architects, CTOs, CIOs Technical Management at different sizes of organizations and be able to build trust with them, by engaging in intelligent discussions about developing new technology solutions. To apply or find out more, visit Linkedin.com/jobs.



Colinas. They are looking to interview candidates for the following positions: Maintenance Technicians - EPA or Type I & II Certified, make Ready/Punch Techs, and Groundskeepers/Custodians.

October 17 Sales and Management Job Fair

The Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management, will be held on October 17 starting at 6 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, in Irving. They have over 20 years of experience in connecting candidates with hiring managers at companies ranging from small local businesses clear on up to Fortune 500 corporations. They will welcome you with a formal executive presentation in which each

company will introduce itself and the opportunities they offer. You will then be free to meet with hiring managers from each company that has attracted your interest. At the same time, you will be able to network not only with various employers, but also with other sales professionals. Be sure to dress professional and bring plenty of resumes. For more information and to register online visit job-openings.monster.com.

Oct. 17 Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management

The Dallas Job Fair - Sales and Management will be held on October 17 starting at 6 p.m. at SharpHilton Garden Inn, in Irving. The event will focus specifically on sales, business development, marketing, Customer Service, and retail & sales management jobs, and offer you individual, face-to-face time with hiring managers from a variety of different

companies.

For more information visit www.unitedcareer-fairs.com.

Oct. 17 Dallas Career Fair - Sales, Management, Business Development

The Dallas Career Fair-Sales, Management, Business Development will be held on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, in Las Colinas.

You will first be offered a formal executive presentation in which each company will introduce itself and the opportunities they offer. You will then be free to meet with hiring managers from each company that has attracted your interest. At the same time, you will be able to network not only with various employers but also with other professionals.

Wear business professional attire and be sure to bring plenty of resumes.

Oct. 25 Live Recruiting/Hiring Event

The Live Recruiting/Hiring Event will be held on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Magnolia Hotel Dal-

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Oct 8 MISSION: Ambition Hiring Event

The MISSION: Ambition Hiring Event will be held on Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Topgolf, in The Colony. They are looking for the following positions: bar back, bartender, bay host/server, caddie, food runner, guest/golf services associate, cook, dishwasher, facilities/maintenance associate, and porter/ house-keeping/cleaning associate. Must be 16 years or older to attend the event. For more information and to register, visit Linkedin.com/jobs.

Oct 10 AMLI Residential - Job Fair

The AMLI Residential - Job Fair will be held on Oct. 10 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at AMLI Dallas Corporate Office, in Addison. AMLI Residential is a leader in sustainable LEED & ENERGY STAR certified luxury apartment communities. They have apartment communities in Frisco, Richardson, Dallas, Irving, and Las



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October 7, 9:45 a.m.

Join us in our quiet time "Prayer and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

October 10, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, and others conducting a new book study with "Boundaries" when to say yes or how to say no by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend, 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 7, 9 a.m.

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Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Jocyie Turner Fellowship Hall, followed by our Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed. It's for God's glory and honor.

October 10

Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study class and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and most of all; be prepared to grow.

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October 5 p.m.
All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 7 p.m., (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

October 7, 10 a.m.

Don't forget to invite family and friends to join us for our Morning Service as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

October 8, 7 p.m.

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us.

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October 7, 10 a.m.

Join us for Morning Worship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory. Don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

October 10, 7 p.m.

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

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October 7

You are invited to join us for our Morning Worship Services in our 8 am and/or our 11 am Worship Services. Sunday School will start at 8:30 a.m. We would love to have you at all our worship services.

October 10

You're invited to our AWANA Registration at 6:30 pm and our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn

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God told Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you; From the wilderness and this Lebanon ... all the land of the Hittites, ... shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage," **Joshua 1:4-6**

Joshua had his doubts, he was in a place of total nothingness, it is called a "black hole" it is a dark and seemingly inescapable state or situation. It's a time in our lives when God removes the resources and supports that we normally rely on to feel secure - our careers, finances, friends, family, health and so forth. It is a preparation time, when you find yourself in a place of total nothing (black hole) experience, don't just sit and brood. Take stock of your life. Take a look at your re-

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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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lationship with God.

First, ask God if there are sins, habits, or attitudes that He might be judging in your life. It's important to discern whether the trial we face is the result of God's discipline for your sin or, if it is preparing us for a future leadership role.

Second, when you enter a black hole, don't trust your feelings. Trust God. Your feelings will tell you, "God has rejected you. Abandon hope. He has left you utterly alone." Feelings change; God never changes. Feelings come and go; God is always with us. Third, remember that your black hole experience is not only intended to refine and define you; it's also intended to influence and change the lives of hundreds or even thousands of other people. Our adversity is not just for us, but others in our sphere of influence.

Fourth, don't try to hurry

the black hole process along. Remember, when Joseph was in the depths of the pit, there was nothing he could do about it. He couldn't climb out, jump out, levitate out, or talk his way out. All he could do was pray and wait upon the

Lord. Fifth, lean on God. The Red Sea Rule #4 says, even when you don't feel like praying, "pray." Even when you don't feel like reading His Word, read. Even when you don't feel like singing songs of faith, sing. When you pray, don't

just talk; listen. Be silent before Him and listen for His still, quiet voice.

Sixth, be alert to new truths and new perspectives. During a black hole experience, God often leads us to amazing new discoveries. A black hole can be a storehouse of unexpected riches

for the soul.

Put your hope in God's unfailing love. Acknowledge that God is the source of all that you are. He gives you the ability to work, plan, and execute. Ask God for help to keep your mind on God's power and abilities, not your abilities.



Pastor Bernadette Moore on her Birthday, 09-30-2018, after bringing a wonderful Message

NDGtv
North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**
Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.
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NDG Book Review: *So Tall Within* is a great story for kids

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You can walk.

That's what Mom said when you wanted her to take you somewhere this summer. What's wrong with your feet, she asked, are your shoes broken? So you hoofed it everywhere, and that's what changed your summer. In the new book "So Tall Within" by Gary D. Schmidt, illustrated by Daniel Minter, walking changed the world.

When Isabella was small, her mother, Mau-mau Bett, took her outside to see the stars and the moon. Mau-mau Bett said that what Is-



abella saw in the sky were the same things her brothers and sisters could see and that comforted Isabella. She couldn't remember her brothers and sisters. There were "ten or twelve" of them, and they'd been sold

as slaves when she was just a baby.

At nine years old, Isabella was sold away from Mau-mau Bett, along with a small flock of sheep. She had the stars and the moon to comfort her but, though it hurt to be away from her mother, Isabella was kept so busy that she scarcely had a chance to think about it. She worked first for this family, then for that man, and another until she was forced to marry a slave named Thomas and have children of her own.

She sometimes wondered if they, and their children would also be slaves someday. Once, she'd asked God

if that was "right."

And then came the day when a promise was broken and Isabella had enough. She grabbed her baby daughter and she "seized Freedom with her own hands," escaping to the home of two people who wouldn't let her down. They helped Isabella stand up to her owner, and the courage to stand tall, to take a former slave owner to court, and to get her young son back from where he'd been sold down South.

She never forgot her brothers and sisters. She found some of them and lost others, which helped her decide that she had a "sojourn"

ahead of her. And so, Isabella changed her name to Sojourner Truth, and she began to walk...

Sometimes, in searching for a really good children's book, you may find one that seems almost like a gift to the parent as well.

That's what you'll get in "So Tall Within."

Beautifully written with words that are partial poetry and part storytime, this book offers kids an easy-to-love biography of a woman they may have heard about, but just not enough. Author Gary D. Schmidt tells the saga of Sojourner Truth, her resolve, and her work – sometimes

brutally, sometimes with fist-pumping joy, and always with beautiful artwork by Daniel Minter. While story plus art are, indeed, in a children's book, both are where the gift for parents lies: pay close attention to left-page words and the illustrations; they are breathtakingly haunting and absolutely perfect.

For 5-to-8-year-olds who love a good story, or for parents who cherish a good read-aloud session and appreciate back-of-book biographical information, here it is. Your kids won't walk for "So Tall Within" – they'll run for it.

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TV/radio personality, author and speaker with over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. She is an experienced financial contributor for numerous newspapers, magazines, blogs, podcasts and radio

shows.

"The American Dream is possible with simple financial steps," Jackson said. "It is never too late to start taking ownership of and investing in your financial future." Her top five recommenda-

tions:

Begin with the end in mind. Thinking about a desired lifestyle will help to determine potential financial needs and wants.

Create a spending & savings plan. Overspending and debt are destructive to financial stability. Creating a

budget helps to determine expenses, income gaps or ways to save more money and pay down debt.

Start saving something sooner. Most people don't start saving for their later years in life because they seem so far away.

Set it and forget it. Set a

specific amount or percentage of your paycheck to automatically deposit into your retirement savings or investment accounts monthly or every pay period.

Consult with a financial professional. Seeking advice from family members may be tempting, but when

it comes to financial advice, it is often best to consult with a financial professional.

Additionally, consumers are encouraged to visit massmutual.com/familystudy for more financial tips and an overview of the research findings.