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Poll worker volunteer dedicated nearly 80 years to inspire all to vote

By Angela Loston
NDG Contributing Writer

NEW JERSEY -- Laura Wooten is on a mission. The 97-year-old desire is to see citizens exercise their civic duty by voting. This has been her mission for more than seven decades while working the election polls through the administration of nearly 15 presidents, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to our current president.

"A lot of people use the excuse that their vote doesn't count, so they don't vote," Wooten shared when speaking to the *North Dallas Gazette* by phone. "But I guess it doesn't if you don't vote. How can it count if you don't vote?"

Wooten began working at the polls back in 1939 when her uncle asked to volunteer in her hometown of Princeton, New Jersey. She would start her day at 6 a.m. and end it late at 9 p.m. Wooten worked as a "challenger" checking voters off a registration list. Wooten said a driver would come by later on and pick up the list to see who was not checked off for voting. The driver would then take that list and go to each unchecked voter's house and pick them up to bring them to the polls.

To cast their votes, Wooten said voters would write in their votes on paper ballots, and at the end of their shift, she and the other poll workers would count each vote by hand be-



Laura Wooten has witnessed history at the ballot box working as a volunteer for nearly 80 years. (Image: Courtesy photo via L. Wooten)

cause there were no machines to tally the votes.

"There are not too many challengers anymore," she said. "It's hard to get people to work at the polls. People don't volunteer too much. At least not in my district."

Wooten said more people voted in her day, but now voter participation has waned. She sees less voting in the primaries than she does in the general election, and to her, the primaries are the most important elections to participate in. Wooten is unsure what needs to happen to eliminate voter apathy, but suggested perhaps more classes or lectures on the importance of voting would compel people to vote.

"I encourage the young people

that they are American citizens, and they should go out and vote," Wooten said. "The only change you're going to see is if you vote. You can't complain if you don't vote."

Yvonne Hill, Wooten's daughter, said her mother stresses the importance of voting because of its power and impact. Hill herself feels voting is crucial because votes determine how resources are allocated and how districts are drawn.

For the past 10 years, Hill has been working to get her mother's story out there, a story she feels is a national one. Throughout the years Hill's mother has tirelessly encour-

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PO3 Matt Burrows

By MCS1 David Wyscaver
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

SAN DIEGO – A 2000 Westlake High School graduate and Dallas native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of the staff assigned to Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One Naval reserve unit, supporting one of the country's most versatile combat ships.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Matt Burrows is a Navy gunner's mate serving under Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One Naval reserve unit, based in



CMCS2 Alex Diaz

San Diego.

As a Navy gunner's mate, Burrows is responsible for the training, maintenance and operation of shipboard weapons.

"I like being able to work with weapons systems and

guns onboard ships as part of my daily work, and the technical challenge of maintaining the equipment that keeps our sailors safe," said Burrows.

Burrows credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Dallas.

"I learned about how to interact with people, which has been useful in this line of work," said Burrows. "The most important part of the Navy is the people that serve."

COMLCSRON ONE NR is the Reserve unit working alongside their active duty counterparts at COMLCSRON ONE to man, train and equip LCS, in addition

to leading Navy-wide change to support the minimally manned rotational crews and mission packages for littoral combat ships.

Designed to defeat threats such as mines, quiet diesel submarines and fast surface craft, littoral combat ships are a bold departure from traditional Navy shipbuilding programs, supporting multiple missions, such as surface warfare, mine warfare, or anti-submarine warfare. The LCS sustainment strategy was developed to take into account the unique design and manning of LCS and its associated mission modules.

"I continue to be im-

pressed with the high caliber of sailor that the LCS community attracts," said Capt. Matthew McGonigle, Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One. "When these sailors join LCS, they already know the reputation of our ships as fast, agile, maneuverable and soon to be the largest class of vessel on the water-front. They also know the credentials of our sailors as being highly trained, talented, mature and versatile. So, the ships' unique capabilities and the high quality of LCS sailors appeals to those who are eager to be a part of a community which affords them qualification

opportunities and chances to excel that they might not get anywhere else."

As part of that LCS community, Burrows explained that he and the other sailors of the unit are helping to build a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes, including helping to develop new war-fighting capabilities to continue the Navy's success on the world's oceans.

"My family has a lot of veterans, but I really wanted to serve myself as a way of achieving something remarkable in my lifetime," said Burrows.

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Dr. Christine Darden

When Dr. Christine Darden told her dad she wanted to study math in college, he encouraged her to get a teaching certificate with her degree.

"He said there are not a lot of jobs for African-American women mathematicians," Darden told a packed audience at The University of Texas at Dallas last month. "I know my dad was trying to look after me. I know he wanted to make sure I could get a job."

Darden started her career as a teacher but continued to pursue her dream of work-



UTD

ing as a mathematician. She shared the story of her journey from teacher to becoming one of NASA's "human computers" featured in the book Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the

Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly.

The Women's Network of the Frontiers of Flight Museum presented the lecture in partnership with the UT Dallas chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the Galerstein Gender Center and the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. Reem Dawelbeit, a mechanical engineering senior who became the NSBE's first female president at UT Dallas this fall, introduced Darden.

While working as a

teacher, Darden earned a master's degree in applied mathematics from what is now Virginia State University. After that, she earned a PhD in mechanical engineering from George Washington University.

Her passion for math and persistence paid off when, in 1967, NASA hired Darden as one of its human computers. She worked in a mostly female department handling calculations for engineers, who were men. When she saw that men with the same skills were hired directly as engineers, Darden asked for a promotion. Her boss said, "No." She took the issue to a su-

pervisor a few levels higher. Darden said she asked why men with the same educational backgrounds were hired as engineers while women were assigned to the computer pool to support the engineers.

"He looked at me, and he said, 'Nobody has ever asked that question before.' I said, 'I'm asking it now. This is the kind of work that I prepared to do,'" Darden said. "Within two weeks, I was promoted, and I was transferred to engineering."

Darden became one of a few female aerospace engineers at NASA Langley Research Center at that time and continued to advance

during her 40-year career at the agency.

Before the lecture, Darden visited a class and attended an informal meeting with students. At that event, several students took the opportunity to talk to Darden and pose for photos with her.

Computer science senior Karla Roman said she was honored to meet Darden.

"As a woman, there are barriers, and Darden gave me an example of what it is to be passionate, and that passion will guide you to open opportunities not only for yourself, but for other women, too," Roman said.

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Do you support chief hall for not firing miss guyger for not firing miss guyger or for being the police chief?

-- REALIST

Indeed one of the few and your voice won't be forgotten or lost as time passes. I'll make sure of it.

-- Bab

Charleston Church filled with signs of good and evil

There is a huge difference in perspective between Christians and those who are not part of Christ's



family. To those of us who have surrendered our lives, possessions, and wills to God's Lordship, we know that only His will can determine what happens to us.

Romans 8:28 says, And we know that, to them that love God, who are The Called, all things work to-

gether for good according to God's purpose.

This shooting, just like the imprisonments, the tortures, the murders of the martyrs of the early church, occurred within God's knowledge. He knew beforehand what would happen, and He has determined long ago who would die.

Jesus said directly, in Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are ye, when men shall ... persecute you... for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven...."

The Christians who died that day stepped immediately from the worries and pain of this world into the presence of Christ in Heaven, according to God's Word. The Christians who survived gave a wonderful testimony of faith and forgiveness.

-- Rev. Bob Collins

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Crystal Mason, A Political Prisoner



Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

In my latest “My Voice My Opinion” of Oct. 7 as viewed on WFAA 8, I spoke out against the Republican-inspired plan of voter suppression. This voter suppression seeks to limit the effect of black voter turnout.

In Tarrant County, this has resulted in the federal imprisonment of Crystal Mason for voting a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot did not count; however, the Republican Party selected her as their poster child to solidify their base. Crystal voted while under court-ordered supervi-

sion, for this she was sentenced to ten months in federal prison, with a possibility of an additional five years in state prison.

The Republican Party has made it their cause to malign Democrats and their supporters by stating most voter fraud is committed by Democrats. The President of the United States has played this Trump card as well, by invoking a campaign to drive down the votes of young, black, and female voters. To this end, Crystal Mason has become the political pin-up of Republican opportunism for voter suppression.

Crystal Mason is young, black, and female; ironically this is the most political dominant segment in Dallas County. The Dallas County courthouse, a mere 30 miles

away from Tarrant County, boasts a significant amount of elected black female judges. The wave of the future in North Texas is political power and African American women. Crystal, though not a political leader, has emerged as a political prisoner.

Voting is the glue holding democracy together. However, the suppression of the vote only weakens democracy. Republicans make political prisoners of Crystal Mason, whereas they champion their own Republicans even when they commit voter fraud.

In Tarrant County, former Justice of the Peace Russ Casey was allowed to resign, after he pled guilty to voter fraud, and subsequently given probation. Meanwhile,

in Dallas, Justice of the Peace Brian Hutcheson was found guilty of voter fraud, not sentenced to jail, but instead was offered the opportunity to run for election against Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Clearly, the only voter fraud perpetrated is when there is disparate treatment of black women and white men in the judicial system. Powerful white men are set free and even run for elected office, whereas, Crystal Mason, a black woman, languishes in jail yearning to be free.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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Is Landmark Commission & Postcard Sale of Southern Dallas Conjoined? (Part A)

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Landmark Commissions really do what? What is the difference between landmark and historic?

Or the word preservation? I wonder about historic preservation versus demolition permits versus maintenance, upgrading, progress of a neighborhood. Please pay attention folks. The real concern . . . is it a form of cultural sabotage? Now hold that point. Are the residents of Southern Dallas who are still in their homes, occupied by the first generation or subsequent ones, being treated with the due process that represents the future? The future of black homeownership in America? My opinion sense wonder is clear. Are the Landmark Commission and the endless post cards re-

ceived in the mail by certain zip codes conjoined at the hip, head and backbone in the sale/promotion of Southern Dallas around the world? A lot to unpack here. Let’s start this week with the Landmark Commission.

The basic idea creating historic districts and the other names that followed was to preserve the character and identify of an area for the future. The Hamilton Park Historic District in North Dallas is well documented. It was an area set aside for African Americans soldiers returning home from World War II. It has been reserved not so much by commissions, but by the determined civic-minded occupants and their descendants. History further documents that other areas of the City of Dallas have/had the same historic

value and identify. For instance, Forest Avenue Hospital, built by black doctors in Southern Dallas because they could not practice medicine in the white hospitals still resonates deep in the hearts of African American Dallasites.

According to some voting neighbors and neighborhoods, especially in Southern Dallas, the Landmark Commission for the City of Dallas has a checkered past. It operates as a bogus, pseudo, quasi judicial body belaboring the review process for installation of gutters, solar panels, windows and door screens of some homes in the Southern Dallas area, while the rest of us receive postcards in the mail to buy our homes. . . because you are a “good candidate for our acquisition needs”. Or my favorite postcard: “...would like

a quick, no hassle sale at a FAIR price. . .”

Think about this. The Landmark Commission requires an application for alterations to existing historic landmark properties. Any home that qualifies for both landmark and historic, not to mention preservation of . . . is going to need regular maintenance. . . which dictates substantial labor cost not to mention a litany of bureaucracy partners from appropriation to inspection staff to a consensus definition of enhanced and perpetuated structure.

Questions for the Landmark Commission contact your city council person or 214.671.9260. We are interested in the number of postcard sale notices you are receiving in the mail.

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Irving ISD and Texas A&M team up for innovative new program

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

In 2014, the American Dental Association (ADA) reported 64.6 percent of children under 18, visited the dentist every six months, 20.3 percent once per year, and 4.4 percent once every two to three years. 10.7 percent of parents said their children had not visited the dentist in the last few years.

As a result, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found the percentage of children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 years with untreated tooth decay is twice as high for those from low-income families (25 per-



Students from Texas A&M College of Dentistry, Nida Suleman (left) and Shahriar Soroushi (right) provides a third grader free sealants in the library of Thomas Haley Elementary, in Irving. (Photo: Rachel Hawkins/NDG)

cent) compared with children from higher-income households (11 percent).

Many parents are unable to take their children to the dentist because of no insurance

to cover the extremely high rates, or their inability to find a suitable location. Therefore their children are unfortunately forced to deal with the pains of cavities, tooth decay,

and gum disease. But fortunately, many institutions are trying to change this.

On Sept. 24, the Irving Independent School District (Irving ISD) renewed item 10 on their agenda: Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Texas A&M University Health Science Center (TAMHSC) and Irving Independent School District for Student Dental Services. The program will start on Oct. 9.

The continuing partnership between Irving ISD and TAMHSC will offer a free dental exam and free dental sealants to children in third grade. The goal of the program is to place sealants on a

child's adult molars, apply a fluoride treatment to all teeth and identify existing problems that may need to be addressed by a local dentist.

This program was created by the Texas A&M College of Dentistry in 2016.

The dental services are provided by third-year dental students under the direct supervision of a certified dentist. The treatment is pain-free, and the students are excited to participate. When finished, the patients will receive a "goodie bag" containing a toothbrush, mini toothpaste, and dental floss.

"The program is open to third graders as this is when the child should have their

adult molars," Karyn Beauchamp, RN, Director of Clinic and Health Services for Irving ISD said. "The school nurse sends home a consent form, and if the parent would like their child to participate, they sign the consent form."

The College of Dentistry provides the district with the dates of when the college is available to come to the campuses, and Beauchamp will work individually with the campuses to select those that want to participate throughout the district.

"We are in our second year of the program," Beauchamp

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For sleep-deprived, small distractions can have dire results

By Caroline Brooks
Michigan State

Small distractions can have serious consequences for people deprived of sleep, according to the largest experimentally controlled study on sleep deprivation to date.

The findings reveal just how detrimental operating without sleep can be in a range of situations, from bakers adding too much salt to cookies to surgeons botching surgeries.

While sleep deprivation research isn't new, the level at which distractions hinder sleep-deprived persons' memories and challenge them from successfully completing tasks was not clear until researchers quantified the impact.

"If you look at mistakes and accidents in surgery, public transportation, and even operating nuclear power plants, lack of sleep is one of the primary reasons for human error," says study coauthor Kimberly Fenn, an



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associate professor of psychology at Michigan State University. "There are many people in critical professions who are sleep-deprived. Research has found that nearly one-quarter of the people with procedure-heavy jobs have fallen asleep on the job."

From Missteps To Catastrophes

The research, which appears in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, is unlike previous studies because of its focus on sleep deprivation's impact on completing tasks. These tasks,

Fenn explains, involve following directions and include multiple steps.

Some basic errors, such as adding salt twice to a recipe, might not be so serious. However, some of the world's greatest human-caused catastrophes—like Chernobyl, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the Challenger explosion—along with daily train and car accidents have sleep deprivation at least partially to blame, she says.

Fenn hopes the findings will shed light on how critical sleep is to completing any

task, be it large or small.

"Every day, approximately 11 sponges are left inside of patients who have undergone surgery. That's 4,000 potentially dire missteps each year and an example of a procedural task gone terribly wrong that can result from sleep deprivation," Fenn says. "Our research suggests that sleep-deprived people shouldn't perform tasks in which they are interrupted—or, only perform them for short periods."

'Stark Jump In Errors'

To test sleep deprivation's impact on how people follow steps in a task, the team brought 234 people into the sleep lab at 10 p.m. That night, all of the participants worked on a sequence-based procedure that involved following a series of tasks in order.

Periodically, participants were interrupted and had to remember where they were in the procedure before picking up again. At midnight, half of the participants went home to

sleep while the other half stayed awake all night at the lab. The next morning, everyone completed the procedure once again.

What the researchers found was a stark jump in errors for those who were sleep-deprived. "All participants met performance criteria in the evening, but roughly 15 percent of participants in the sleep-deprived group failed in the morning, compared to 1 percent of those who slept,"

Fenn says.

"Furthermore, sleep-deprived participants not only showed more errors than those who slept but also showed a progressive increase in errors associated with memory as they performed the task—an effect not observed in those who slept," she says. "This shows that the sleep-deprived group experienced a great deal of

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Burrows's proudest accomplishment was earning his enlisted surface warfare specialist qualification.

"I earned my qualification on my first ship as a seaman, and I was really inspired by the way that the crew came together to sup-

port my hard work and to congratulate my achievement," said Burrows.

Through innovative planning, the design of systems, and crew requirements, the LCS platform allows the fleet to increase forward presence and optimize its

personnel, improving the ability of the Navy to be where it matters, when it matters.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Burrows and other LCS sailors know they are a part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the

Navy the nation needs.

"I like that I am able to maintain a sense of purpose in my current role, and I that have something to be proud of," said Burrows. "I'm proud to take part in the defense of our way of life, and to be a member of a team of dedicated service members."

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Moving Forward For The People

NDG's View

There are many qualified candidates, and new faces who have thrown their hat in the ring to start something they feel will be revolutionary. Nearly 15 submitted applications to run for the recently vacated seat on the Dallas City Council to represent District 4. Unfortunately, having a revolutionary mindset, during a time when unity and diversity within the communities of District 4, is far from being a necessity.

Families are in need of jobs, educational advancements, and safer communities, in light of police brutality that is attempting to encroach upon the City of Dallas and the surrounding areas. But who is to be the light shining on a district without a voice?

Former nonpartisan District 4 representative Carolyn King Arnold is one of

the 13 candidates competing to leave her mark on the City of Dallas and help the citizens she is duly seeking to represent in District 4. Arnold has the experience and mental fortitude to provide what District 4 and the City needs. Her record of voting to better the community by deterring gentrification is impeccable.

District 4 has been without a voice for over 60 days and is in need of a councilmember who knows the process and can be an advocate for the community. Having two years at the council horseshoe gives Arnold the experience that is needed to be "ready to go on day one."

She unsuccessfully fought against Carraway when he sought to regain his position in District 4 in 2017. She was determined to block and stand alone, if necessary, to ensure the needs of the people were met and not the



businesses seeking to gain footing in low-income areas.

Arnold has been touted for her fierce opposition as it relates to significant issues too often downplayed by powerbrokers in her effort to protect the rights of the people and their quality of life. Arnold knows her commu-

nity and is committed to making sure they remain the core focus of who she is as a candidate, and if re-elected, as a city council member.

She knows the community and believes in its residents, that is why the *North Dallas Gazette* (NDG) en-

dorses Carolyn King Arnold to return to the Dallas City Council for District 4. The citizens of District 4 cannot afford on-the-job training from the other candidates who are seeking to make their own revolutionary impact. Right now District 4 needs an experienced leader. It is vital to the current and future growth of the District without losing any ground to business owners who may want to whitewash the community.

NDG is not opposing any of the other worthy candidates who we believe may someday fill this seat with great vigor and dedication. However, we feel right now it is vital to have a voice who is unafraid to stand up to the power brokers, who dangle the bait of "growth for all" on the one hand while raising property taxes and removing the focus on community needs.

It's no secret Southern

Dallas is suddenly very popular with developers. The business community from the North and others know other candidates may overtake or perhaps not even recognize their true intentions by playing on the exclusion of District 4's residents. But Arnold will work tirelessly to avoid the trap of gentrification overtaking the Bishop Arts District, where generational families are being displaced. She will fight to maintain the legacy of what so many Black communities fought to build during a time when having a little meant a lot. She will ensure their voice is not reduced to a Starbucks and unaffordable high-rise apartments.

Join #TeamArnold and vote on Nov. 6, in the special election. Voters will also be selecting other local, state and national representatives. Early voting begins on Oct. 22.

Garland Symphony Orchestra presents Young People's Concert for GISD

The Garland Symphony Orchestra provides concerts for young people through their Young People's Concerts for Garland ISD. These concerts are a part of an age-specific, arts-integrated curriculum designed to enhance and supplement the arts education programs of the participating school district. This project works through teacher/school partnerships and culminates

with a professional symphony orchestra performance by the Garland Symphony Orchestra for elementary school students in the Garland ISD. The Young People's Concert program creates a platform for learning through creative discovery and enhances the development of critical skills that will be useful to students in all learning endeavors.

The purpose of Garland

Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concerts are to educate, inspire, and entertain young students by acquainting them with the orchestra, introducing them to a live performance, as well as interest them in creating music and appreciating quality music throughout their lives. The Garland Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concerts reach thousands of elementary

school students each year.

Students attending this year's Young People's Concert will be swept away on a musical adventure featuring Aaron Copland's Dream March and Circus from the film *The Red Pony*, Orange Blossom Special by Ervin T. Rouse, Who's Who in Navy Blue arranged by Ed George, Slavonic Dances, Op. 72, No. 1 in B Major by Dvorack, and Suite from the

2017 Disney Pixar animated film *COCO*.

The Garland Symphony Orchestra credits its Music

Director, Robert Carter Austin, for its continued out-

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Bishop Arts Theatre Center receives NEA grant

The National Endowment for the Arts is awarding Bishop Arts Theatre Center a \$10,000 grant to support Silver Stories, an arts education initiative aimed at engaging senior citizens.

Bishop Arts Theatre Center is seeking to combat social isolation and loneliness that negatively affects the health of seniors in our community by actively engaging them in arts workshops with the organization's teaching artists. Designed to stimulate the body, minds, and souls of

senior citizens through creative writing, improvisation, visual art, and storytelling, Silver Stories brings senior citizens from different communities to the theatre to interact positively with each other.

Studies show social isolation and loneliness are associated with increased mortality in older adults, and has been linked to adverse health effects including dementia, increased risk for hospital readmission, and increased risk of falls. Research consistently shows

that feeling connected and involved benefit both mental and physical health. Bishop Arts Theatre firmly believes that staying socially active may help slow cognitive decline and improve happiness for seniors in the Dallas area. "The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to ensuring all Americans have access to the arts, whether they are in a small or large, rural or urban area," said NEA Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter.

"We are proud to support

organizations such as Bishop Arts Theatre Center that are providing opportunities for more people to experience and engage in the arts in their communities."

"For more than two decades, the Bishop Arts Theatre has provided robust opportunities for our youth. We're thrilled to expand our arts education program offerings to include senior citizens, and we're grateful to the NEA for the support," offered founder and Executive Artistic Director Teresa Coleman Wash.

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For-profit college students share sagas of debt and disillusionment

By Charlene Crowell

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, cosmetology, 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 financially vulnerable consumers, then complete enrollment as quickly as possible. These institutions even encourage debt beyond



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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 fre-

quent 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.

Metropolitan 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 finance 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.

"I remember this one commercial, I would always see, there was this chief of

police from Cincinnati: 'I'm James Craig, I'm a Phoenix', and that always stuck in my head."

"It was like every time you watched a show the minute they do a commercial it was Everest or Florida Metropolitan University all day long," added Karla who felt similarly.

Others shared how aggressive recruitment tactics sought to enroll students as quickly as possible.

"They bugged the crap out of me – so persistent that there is no way I wouldn't have started," said Angel. "Like I was just kind of thinking about it and then it was like signed up and you start next week. I'm like oh my god, what did I do?"

As the first person in her family to attend college, June's story shared how alone she felt in trying to improve her life.

"It's not like I have a family background that taught me like, don't do this, oh look at this," said June. "So I kind of went in blind and most people at school, they are pushing you."

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.

"Like he was saying, for me, they gave me the max," said Sylvia. "I didn't think about I don't need this much money for this semester. So I got a refund check at the end of the semester. And I am thinking this is like free money. But at the end of the day, no – it tacks on to your loans."

Higher education has long been viewed as an enlightening experience that opens worlds of opportunity and new horizons. However, the findings of this new report suggest that debt was encouraged, not minimized, and students were preyed upon instead of being educated.

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."

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's Communications Deputy Director.

Zeta Phi Beta gearing up for 13th annual Taste of Blue

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Kappa Zeta Chapter announces its 13th Annual Taste of Blue Wine Tasting and Auction on Saturday, November 10th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Lofty Spaces 816 Montgomery St. in downtown Dallas, TX. The event will be feature tasting wine and spirits from the Lone Star state served with hors-d'oeuvres with a Texas twist. New to the event this year is the mobile cigar parlor where those in attendance will be able to

enjoy a fine cigar in the parlor during the event.

The annual wine & spirit tasting alone with the auction will be hosted by members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Kappa Zeta Chapter in conjunction with Storks Nest Charity Funds of Dallas. The Taste of Blue has grown into one of the premier events in Dallas.

Per sales tickets for this event is \$40 for limited wine tasting with a Souvenir Wine Glass to first 100 tickets purchased and \$60 for unlimited

wine and spirit tasting including Souvenir Wine Glass. Reserved tables can be purchased for 400.00 per table limit up to 10 persons. Purchased after 11/3 and at the door on the day of the event will increase to \$50 for limited wine tasting and 70.00 for unlimited wine and spirit tasting including Souvenir Wine Glass.

Tickets for the event on Saturday, November 10th and donations to support Storks Nest Charity Funds of Dallas mission can be done

by visiting www.memberplanet.com/campaign/kappazpb/tob2018. Sponsorship is available for this event

Please note, for the safety of all guests, Zeta Phi Beta Inc., Kappa Zeta Chapter reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. Note: This event is for those 21 years or older.

All proceeds from the Taste of Blue will benefit the Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

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difficulty remembering where they were in the sequence during interruptions."

Putting Others At Risk?

Memory maintenance, the research found, was the real culprit keeping the sleep-deprived from completing tasks

successfully. With hindered memory maintenance, it's much more difficult to pick up a task where you left off without missteps, Fenn explains.

Fenn also explains that distractions we face every day—

whether receiving a text message or simply answering a question—are unavoidable but especially harmful to sleep-deprived people.

"Operating with reduced cognitive capacity has wide-ranging effects," Fenn says. "Students may pull all-nighters and not retain infor-

mation for their exams. More worrisome, individuals working critical jobs may put themselves and other members of society at risk because of sleep deprivation. It simply cannot be overlooked."

The United States Office of Naval Research funded the research.

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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.

Frisco

The annual **Aga Khan Foundation Walk|Run**, will be held on Oct. 13 starting at 6:30 a.m. for registration and check-in, and 8:45 a.m. for the walk opening ceremonies, at Frisco Square, in Frisco. The event will raise awareness and funds for programs that mobilize communities around the world to build better futures. 100 percent of net proceeds from the Walk | Run go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation in Asia and Africa. To learn more about the event, volunteer, become a sponsor or make a donation, visit www.akfusa.org.

Irving

Radio Ritmo 95.5 will debut its first-ever **"Festival la Herencia"** on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Irving Mall, in Irving. is a unique festival built to unite all Latino's in the Metroplex. A

high energy event full of cultural beauty and variety. This is one day family event with live music, local bands, artists, beer garden, games, giveaways, food, and dance entertainment for all ages.

McKinney

Collin College will hold their **First Response is more than CPR: Signs of Sex Trafficking & Domestic Violence** event on Oct. 18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at McKinney Campus Conference Center, in McKinney. Panel speakers include, Scott Donaldson, director of the Collin College Law Enforcement Academy, Sarolyn Morgan, victim assistance specialist for Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcements (HIS-ICE), Sally Pretorius and Pricilla Camacho of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) and Colette Copeland Williams of Traffick911. The panel discussion and closing will feature Greg Cox, Collin College EMS faculty, and Robin Bowles, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.)



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Big fourth down decision falls the wrong way for Cowboys

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO – To punt or not to punt. That was the difficult question facing Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett during Sunday night's overtime game on the road against the Houston Texans.

The Cowboys were starting down the barrel of a fourth-and-1 at the Houston 42 on their only possession of the overtime period. For historical purposes, the Cowboys were 18-2 when facing fourth and two yards or less in the two-plus years they've had quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott on their roster.

And with the Cowboys owning arguably the NFL's best offensive line, along with Elliott – he leads the league in rushing – it was a given that Garrett was going to go for it on fourth down, right?

But the Cowboys punted, Texans receiver DeAndre Hopkins made a terrific 49-yard catch-and-run, and



Jason Garret's fourth down call unpopular with Dallas Cowboys fans following loss to Houston Texans (Image: Keith Ellison via Flickr)

Ka'imi Fairbairn kicked a 36-yard field goal and Houston won the Texas Shootout, 19-16. And the Monday morning quarterbacks in North Texas went ballistic!

"We just were being outplayed, and it was time for 'risk' at that particular time," owner Jerry Jones told the assembled media after the game. "That's not second-guessing."

Well, Jones was actually second-guessing Garrett's decision to punt the ball and rely on his worn-down de-

fense to get the ball back to his very ineffective offense.

"The game situation, what we had done on offense, what we had done on defense, how long that fourth down was, all those factors played into it," Garrett said, explaining his controversial decision to invariably punt the ball. "The fact that we were in overtime, if you do a good job on defense you get a stop, maybe they make one first down and they punt it back to you, you make one first down back and you kick the game-

winning field goal.

"All those things go into it. And that's really how you play that situation out if you're playing ahead of that decision – that's how you see it happening."

Unfortunately for the Cowboys, the only time they had the ball in overtime they punted it on fourth-and-1 from the Texans' 42. With that ill-fated decision by Garrett to not trust his offense to pick up one yard at that critical juncture of the game, the Cowboys will now take a 2-3 record into Sunday's 3:25 p.m. home game against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Even more puzzling, the Cowboys are 0-3 on the road this season and haven't scored but one touchdown in each one of those games. That's obvious cause for

concern, especially considering the defense kept stopping the Texans inside the Cowboys' 5-yard line.

"Obviously it's frustrating," Prescott said. "You lose your third road game straight for the most part and you said the offense hasn't got going on the road. "And the defense, especially with them giving us all the chances they did making all the big plays down there in the red zone holding them to field goals and keeping us in the game, it's very frustrating."

Prescott completed 18 passes in 29 attempts for 208 yards and a touchdown. However, he also tossed two costly interceptions, albeit they both were tipped balls which his receivers should have caught.

One of Prescott's inter-

ceptions glanced off the hands of receiver Tavon Austin.

"At the end of the day if it touches any part of your hands you're supposed to catch it," Austin said. "Would it have been a tough catch? Yes.

"But it is what it is." The Texans' aggressive defense also held Elliott to just 54 yards rushing on 20 carries. That's the fewest yards rushing by Elliott since he gained only eight yards on nine carries during a Sept. 17, 2017 contest against the Denver Broncos.

"They just were very active up front, moving around up front, a lot of line stunts," Elliott said. "They did a great job against our run game.

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Bruno Mars, Camping, Dancing, Pumpkins and BBQ this week in DFW

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

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Start your weekend off right with boot camp on the Downtown Carrollton Square (1106 S. Broadway Street) Saturday, Oct. 13 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. This FREE all-levels **fitness boot camp** taught by Camp Gladiator instructors is held the second Saturday of each month. Bring a water bottle and a mat. No pre-registration is required. Weather permitting. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/downtown.

Garland's Gone Camping Grab invites all campers

to grab your tent and sleeping bags for Saturday, Oct. 13 for a night under the stars with family and friends. Starting at 3 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. on Sunday morning enjoy a night hike, games, s'mores, a camp fire, and entertainment. Dinner and breakfast are event provided at the Garland activities page.

RX Moves Presents: **The Beyonce Fitness Experience** calls for everyone to be prepared to get in Formation and SLAY! Prepare to get your Bootylicious on, be Flawless and act Crazy in Fitness with your dance therapists from RX Moves. Report in at Alpha Midway Dance Studio in Dallas at Ste. #710 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come out and get your Sasha Fierce on. More details here.

The Rustic is partnering with TUPPS to host a day full of wicked festivities on Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon to 5 p.m.

Partygoers can try TUPPS seasonal Full Grown Jack pumpkin spiced imperial stout and sample other TUPPS favorites while jamming out to some horrifyingly awesome live music.

Then, save yourself the trip to the suburbs and pick your pumpkins from the TUPPS pumpkin patch. There will be a variety of complimentary pumpkins – big, small, lumpy and smooth – available while supplies last. Grab one that best suits you and head over to the decorating station to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Submit your masterpiece to the carving contest for a chance to win gift cards from The Rustic and a prize pack from TUPPS!

Keeping your fitness in mind, visit Ferris Wheelers Backyard BBQ on Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Yes, fitness and BBQ because they are hosting **Pumpkins and Pilates**. Come out and carve



Bruno Mars is one of the hottest artists in music today, and will be performing soon in Dallas at the American Airlines Center. (Photo: slgckc / Flickr)

pumpkins with your friends and family while enjoying some BBQ. The morning starts off with a 50 minute pilates mat class, followed by the pumpkin carving. See, now you do not have to feel so bad about the BBQ in the afternoon.

The concert highlight of the week is undoubtedly the

return of **Bruno Mars** at the American Airlines Center on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. featuring special guest appearance by Charlie Wilson. Details at the American Airlines Center's website.

If you like a little bit of adventure with your pumpkin carving fun time, then **Underwater Pumpkin Carve-**

Off on Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. is the answer to your wild side. Come out with your friends and family to get your frightening fill of creepy creatures and underwater Halloween happenings at the Sea Life Grapevine Aquarium.

Highly trained divers dressed in costume will compete to see who can carve the best jack-o-lantern underwater surrounded by sea creatures at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays October 17-31. Visit Dallas.com has more deets.

Boo at the U will be held at Texas Woman's University on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to come out with your friends and family to celebrate Halloween with the students. Their will be lots of fun activities going on this night so be ready to have a great time with the family. More info at VisitDallas.com.

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City of Irving to hold Minority/Women Business workshop

Ways to Network More Effectively – Developing the Connections to Grow Your Company

The City of Irving will host a Minority/Women Owned Business Workshop to discuss the relationship between company growth and effective networking techniques on Oct. 25.

Irving Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce President and CEO Mary Ann Kellam will present “Ways to Network More Effectively – Developing the Connections to Grow Your Company.”

Kellam will discuss suc-

cessful networking tips and offer attendees the opportunity to practice networking with each other. Guests are encouraged to ask questions during the presentation.

The city encourages all

interested to attend and to RSVP with Deborah McVean, MWBE Program Administrator, at (972) 721-3753 or email dmcvean@cityofirving.org.

The City of Irving is an economic powerhouse in

North Texas and is home to the region’s largest office park, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant

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standing and diverse orchestral programming. Maestro Austin’s background encompasses over 40 years of professional music experience and includes degrees

from MIT, Cambridge University, and Stanford University. Maestro Austin’s musical experience includes conducting performances in countries including: Korea,

Ukraine, Canada, Italy, Spain, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Colombia, Philippines, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and the United States.

Concerts will take place

on Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

For more information about the Garland Symphony Orchestra please visit www.garlandsymphony.org.

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said. “This year we have already provided dental services to 144 students at four schools, and we are scheduled to visit five more schools by the end of November. At the four schools, we’ve already visited, 29 of the students have been identified as needing immediate additional treatment. In the 2017 school year, 405 students received dental care at 10 schools, with 78 students referred for additional dental care. The parents are very appreciative as they want to prevent dental problems for their child.”

The objective is to provide opportunities for families to have access to dental care. When students understand the importance of taking care of their teeth, they avoid dental pain and live healthier lives.

“Many students have never visited a dentist, and they do have tooth decay and pain,” Beauchamp said. “Some student miss days of school due to infection and potential extraction of teeth as a result.

“After the visit, many students are recommended for immediate additional treatment, and they are encouraged to see their community dental provider or they are given information about the Texas A&M College of Dentistry clinic, where they may receive additional low-cost treatment if needed.”

Many healthcare plans do not include dental care, and many families must choose

between one or the other.

“We teach dental care and the importance of dental hygiene to all students,” Beauchamp said “This program allows us to offer a free service for parents to understand the importance of dental care for their child and how protecting your teeth and preventing dental decay

helps to lead a healthier life.

“We have many children who have not received dental care, and this program identifies dental problems early. This helps the financial burden placed on families who

do not have dental insurance by providing necessary prevention of dental decay with the placing of the sealants on the child’s molars. As the child ages, the propensity for dental problems decreases.”



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aged people to vote regardless of their party or political stance. As a matter of fact, Hill said Wooten's message to folks is not who to vote for, but to just vote.

Over the years, Wooten agrees she has witnessed quite a bit of progress made, resulting in social change throughout America. However, she but feels there remains room for improvement.

"Black women should come out and vote because we were the last to get to vote," Wooten said. "I never thought I'd see a black president in my lifetime. Someday I hope to see a woman in the presidency and see what she will do for the country."

In mid-September, Wooten received the Leadership Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in recognition for her volunteer service. The NNPA is the leading newspaper association representing more than African-American newspapers in the country. Wooten was honored for her service again by New Jersey's U.S Representative Donald Payne Jr., on the House floor in late September. She will receive further recognition in mid-October when she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from a New Jersey chapter of the NAACP and another accolade from the South Jersey Journal.

Awards aside, Wooten will still continue her 79-year job of volunteering when she participates in this year's mid-term elections. She will help to set up the voting machines before the polls open at a local fire station in her current residence in Lawrence, New Jersey. And she will still work at the polls from 5:15 a.m. till a little after 8 p.m.

"I just enjoy working at the polls," she said. "I meet a lot of people. People I haven't seen in years, that come out to vote which means a lot to me."

Local activist switches focus to get out the vote

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

D'Andrala Alexander followed through on her plan to mix politics with football at the State Fair of Texas. Prior to the State Fair Classic game featuring Grambling vs. Prairie View, Alexander along with her mother, reached out to fairgoers to invite them to register to vote. When reached by phone by the *North Dallas Gazette*, shared she had good news and bad news.

Actually, the bad news was the fact the duo was unable to register many voters because nearly everyone they spoke to was not only already registered to vote but anxious to make sure their voice is heard at the ballot box on Nov. 6.

"We got a chance to hang out in front of the game and talked to hundreds of people, but we only registered a handful," Alexander shared. "Most told us they were good to go and they were fired up about voting."

As NDG shared in our



D'Andrala Alexander was delighted to meet so many voters already registered and ready to vote in the mid-terms next month. (Courtesy photo)

story on Sept. 22, Alexander has attended several venues and special events this year attempting to register voters, with a focus on young people. An audience not always excited about politics or voting. She was pleasantly surprised to receive a different reaction from even the young voters on Saturday.

"Everyone has voting on their minds," Alexander shared. She credits the efforts of organized voter registration groups locally and around the country, including greek fraternities and sororities. "Everyone is ready to vote," she

added.

Recent news locally and nationally is spurring the passion for voting in the mid-terms. The recent hearings, for now, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and the State of Texas' rejection of voter registration applications are just two of the factors.

Like many opposed to Kavanaugh's lifetime promotion to the highest court in America, Alexander was disappointed.

"A lot of people are feeling powerless and upset. Watching Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's testi-

mony, it was heartwrenching," Alexander, a counselor who works with juveniles, shared. With the outcome, she recognized the sadness was to be expected.

However, while those on the right are celebrating their victory, Alexander sees a silver lining.

"At the same time, I have seen a little bit more of righteous anger that will be the fuel at this point," she stated as voters continue to see "how much elections have consequences."

But the path to the ballot box in Texas with voter ID laws and other rules is not an easy one.

"Texas has some of the most restrictive voting laws in the country. However, voters are not allowing themselves to be restricted," Alexander stated. Recent reports indicate voter registration is up not only in Texas but nationally with more than 800,000 voters registered on Sept. 25 which was National Voter Registration Day, more than doubling their goal of 300,000.

When she saw friends post about the rejection of the online applications by Texas, Alexander reached out to let them know that as a Volunteer Deputy Registrar she was willing to meet them and get them registered on the spot. Texas requires an original signature, and therefore reportedly rejected nearly 2,000 applications.

Voter registration ended on Oct. 9, so now Alexander's focus is shifting to getting voters to the polls. She is participating in various get out the vote activities and planning to participate in the Rideshare2Vote efforts. Like Uber and Lyft, this is an organized effort to offer free rides to the polls starting on Oct. 22 when early voting begins.

Bottom line, when Alexander wakes up on Nov. 7, no matter what the results, she wants to know she gave it her all to make a difference.

"I don't want to feel worse than what I did last week."

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Oct. 17 Job Fair for Gaylord Texan ICE!

The Job Fair for Gaylord Texan ICE! Will take place on Oct. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gaylord Texan, in Grapevine. They will be looking for valet drivers, bell attendants, self parking team, cashiers, for full-time and part-time. They are looking for people with excellent interpersonal com-

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Oct.18 Bloomingdale's National Hiring Event

Bloomingdale's National Hiring Event will be held on Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store at Park Lane, in Dallas. They are seeking talented creative people with a passion and entrepreneurial spirit who enjoy the fast paced exciting world of retail, and had a desire to grow professionally as well as personally. Qualifications include: prior retail selling experience, strong communication skills, both in person and over the phone, basic math functions such as addition, subtraction, multiplication

and division, and ability to use a calculator, self-motivated and proactive with the ability to work in a rapidly changing environment, strong organizational skills with ability to prioritize and manage multiple projects while meeting deadlines, and flexibility in responding to changing priorities. Availability to work retail hours which may include day, evening, night, weekend and/or holidays based on the department and store/business needs.

Oct 18 Macy's National Hiring Event

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October 17, 7 p.m.

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October 17

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October 17, 7 p.m.

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October 14

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October 17

You're invited to our AWANA Registration at 6:30 pm and 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

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"The LORD will make

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through the study of His Word."

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you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom" (Deut 28:13-14).

Coca-Cola, at this time of writing, has a 40% market share in the soft drink industry. It is the number one brand in the world. When Coke comes into a business environment, they have authority in that realm. They have great respect because of their position in business.

George Barna, the U.S. Christian researcher on Christian activity tells us that 35-45% of the U.S. population is born again. Based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the year 2005, there were 149 million adult workers. Simply multiplying this figure by 40% would give you a figure of 59 million Christian adult workers. If this is so, why aren't we having

more impact?

I would have to say the body of Christ in America is not the head, but is still the tail. Part of the reason for this is that we have not understood our biblical mandate to have dominion on the earth as was modeled in Genesis with Adam and Eve. When Jesus returned to earth He came to save that which was lost and re-

store this principle of dominion (Luke 19:10). When Jesus prayed in the Lord's prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt 6:9-10), He was praying that His dominion would be restored on earth just as it is in Heaven.

However, we have given

over this leadership to the ungodly in our societies. In order to restore this we must win the battle in seven key domains in society. These include 1) business, 2) government, 3) education, 4) arts and entertainment, 5) religion, 6) media and 7) the family.

This begins by affirming the calling of men and women in the workplace as having a holy calling. Realize that whatever work you are doing, God has called you to express His life in that arena in order to have His dominion over the earth.



Mrs. Tammye Jones at her company's annual outing with a new friend on her shoulders.

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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: Washington Black is a book that will stick with you

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You need to get out of here.

You don't know where. You just have to go to another room, maybe, or another building, another town, across the world. You need to get out of here but, as in the new novel "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan, be careful, and mindful that you don't run away from yourself.

Big Kit was going to kill him.

That, as George Washington Black understood, was her way of protecting him forever: she'd kill him and herself, sending them to a



sort of heaven for slaves. Wash was just a boy, maybe 10 or 11 years old, when she explained that no-more-options plan but she never followed through, perhaps because she was promised by a white man that mutilated

corpses had no afterlife.

It was 1829 and from then forward, Wash avoided all white men at Faith Plantation, especially Erasmus Wilde, the new master whose cruelty knew no limits. Wilde was a man to steer clear of, but Wash couldn't escape when he and Big Kit were summoned to the Plantation house one warm Barbadian evening.

Nothing good could come from it – but there did: that was the night when Christopher "Titch" Wilde, Erasmus's brother, declared that Wash would be the right-sized assistant for his flying machine, which Titch was building at the edge of the

plantation. He insisted that Wash come to live with him in the garden cottage and, without telling Erasmus, he insisted that Wash learn to read. He gave Wash drawing materials, and encouraged his talents.

So, though he was yards away from the Plantation house and could never entirely relax, Wash settled into a new life. He learned and watched, absorbing science and nature. He worked on Titch's flying machine and felt a strong friendship with the abolitionist scientist. He listened to Titch's stories and began to dream of impossible things. And when Wash was the unwilling witness to

something horrible, he trusted his odd friend, and flew...

You may be scratching your head now about pre-Civil War years and flying machines. Yes, and it works. In "Washington Black," it works phenomenally well.

That's the biggest surprise: the H.G. Wells hint that's here, and how much it doesn't make this book into science fiction. Instead, "Washington Black" becomes an early Victorian adventure-drama told with the quiet, proper voice of the title character explaining how he got from a slave plantation in Barbados to Virginia to the Arctic and around the world.

That sounds far-fetched, doesn't it?

Until you read this book, it may seem so but Edugyan leaves enough room in this story to delight his readers, move them, and make everything fit just as they'd want it. There's violence in here, yes, but there's also a cliffhanger within, an enchanting romance, and a coming-of-age maturation you'll be glad you've witnessed.

Don't miss this wide novel. Don't, but do be prepared for a book hangover, since "Washington Black" will stick with you awhile. If that's the kind of tale you cherish, here's the one to get.

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"We really didn't protect (Prescott). Dak didn't have too much time (to pass). We have to do better giving him more time. We just got to do better protecting and finish-

ing plays."

And do better at taking advantage of a superb effort by the defense.

The Texans were just 5-of-15 on third down plays.

That includes only 1-of-6 inside the 20-yard line.

Prior to halftime, the Cowboys' defense held the Texans scoreless from the Dallas 1-yard line. But overall, it simply was just another missed opportunity by

the Cowboys' offensive unit.

Still, with the Washington Redskins (2-2), Philadelphia Eagles (2-3) and New York Giants (1-4) also losing, no one in the NFC East won a game this past weekend.

Thus, the Cowboys are only half-a-game out of first place in their division, despite that lackluster offensive performance against the Texans.

"I don't really want to dwell on any aspect of the

offensive side of the ball," Jones said. "We had some things we did good and we had some things we didn't do good on the defensive side of the ball.

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