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## Two North Texas races display Democratic dilemma

By Joe Farkus  
NDG Contributing Writer

The first midterm election since the election of Donald Trump has presented North Texas Democrats and Democrats across the nation, with a fundamental decision to make: does the party hold fast to an Obama-era message of unity and bridge-building or does it choose to channel voter anger into action? In a year with a record number of female candidates running for federal, state and local offices, two Democratic women running for the Texas House of Representatives have each chosen their own paths to a potential victory on Nov. 6.

Attorney Julie Johnson, challenging District 115's incumbent State Representative Matt Rinaldi, is quick to tout her progressive policy positions (criminal justice reform, expanding access to women's health care, etc.) while at the same time stressing areas where common ground can be found with voters of all political persuasions.

"Most people want the same things," Johnson told the *North Dallas Gazette*. "The majority of Texans want a government that spends its money responsibly, that doesn't tax its citizens more than it needs to, that balances our budget and spends it on our priorities...a government that works for everyone."

"Republicans and Democrats alike share those common values," she



(L-R) Democrats Julie Johnson is running against Matt Rinaldi in District 115, and Joanna Cattanch is running against Morgan Meyer in District 108. (Courtesy Photos)

continued. "I believe that to my core."

One specific issue where Johnson hopes to break from the traditional Democratic mold is the minimum wage. Rather than seek to mandate a higher minimum wage directly from Austin, Johnson favors allowing local communities to lead the way on higher wages.

"You either, philosophically, favor local control of issues or state control of issues," said Johnson. "Progress comes from local communities that then push the state forward."

She does, however, see a clear difference between the two parties on how to best protect Texas school children in light of Governor Greg Abbott's announcement this summer to

support the arming of school teachers with firearms to deter potential school shooters.

"I think arming teachers is the craziest suggestion I've ever heard," said Johnson.

She does support a variety of measures to ensure school safety and emphasizes the need for more guidance counselors to be employed by schools across the state to better serve students who might suffer from mental or emotional issues.

"Many school officials that I have met with have said that if they could get more funding to improve psychological care in schools, that that in-and-of-itself would do so much to al-

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## Leon Bridges

NEW YORK (PRNewswire) -- Gap, the iconic American clothing brand, today announces the holiday 'Meet Me in the Gap' campaign starring Grammy Award-nominated R&B artist and songwriter Leon Bridges doing what he does best by capturing the holiday spirit in song and dance alongside a group of individuals drawn to his magnetic energy.

The Gap Holiday 2018 campaign is meant to transcend the edgy climate of today by spreading love and driving positive change to demonstrate that feeling



The Gap

good and doing good go together.

The hero campaign video features Bridges moving to the rhythm in a blank space that is brought to life with oversized Gap crazy stripes that come together to form

a path, leading him and the rest of the cast on a journey of good and generosity. Directed by accomplished music video director Emil Nava, the video embraces the magic of the holidays with the entire cast outfitted in classic Gap denim paired with colorful knits and bright stripes. Through a soulful rendition of Heavy D & The Boyz's original version of "Now That We Found Love," Bridges creates a feel good moment that is perfectly accompanied by choreographed moves of the entire cast.

"Music, dance, fashion and personal style are my big passions in life, so get-

ting to work with Gap on this campaign that ties all of those elements together is epic," said Bridges. "I grew up watching all of their diverse, music based commercials, and they were just the coolest. Getting to be in one myself is wild and it's a dream to lead the brand into the season, especially with a song that has a message of love."

Launching on November 1, the campaign spans television, mobile, social, in store and digital. The television spots will air on major networks and be incorporated into high impact moments, including digital takeovers on Vevo, Hulu

and Spotify with priority on live viewing moments within the NFL and the season's top-rated programs.

"For Gap, holiday is all about the feeling of giving and coming together to celebrate the season with loved ones. This year especially, we want everyone to feel the love by lifting spirits with Leon's harmonious take on this '90s anthem," said Gap chief marketing officer Craig Brommers. "Leon's soulful voice and charismatic rhythm, styled in Gap's signature crazy stripes, created an undeniable energy brought to life in this moment of positivity and cheer, bound to spread

love."

For more information on 'Meet Me in the Gap,' visit gap.com.

Todd Michael "Leon" Bridges was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He is best known for his song "Coming Home," which received regular airplay and was also a Top 10 Most Viral Track on Spotify. Bridges' debut album, also titled Coming Home, was released on June 23, 2015, on Columbia Records.

Bridges is currently on tour in Europe with a number of the shows already sold out. He is promoting his latest album Good Thing which was released in May.

## Rep. John Lewis

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

Over the weekend as all campaigns push to get supporters to the polls before early voting ends on Nov. 2, Colin Allred received support from Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and Congressman John Lewis. Allred is seeking to unseat Congressman Pete Sessions who has served for more than two decades representing Texas' 32nd Congressional District (TX-32). The North Texas district includes Dallas, Garland,

Highland Park, Mesquite, Richardson, Rowlett, Sachse, University Park, and Wylie.

Saturday, Oct. 27 Rep. Lewis joined Allred, Johnson, and Congressman Beto O'Rourke at a March to the Polls rally held at Fretz Park. Early voting throughout Dallas County has been at historic numbers with more than three times the number of voters participating the first week, compared to 2014, the last midterm election.

A legendary civil rights icon, Rep. Lewis, pointed



Colin Allred, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Congressman John Lewis and Billy Brumley listen to speakers at March to the Polls rally in Dallas (Image via Allred's Facebook Page)

out that although maybe our forefathers came to America in different boats, but we are now one America. He was arrested 40 times during the Civil Rights era and

five times since he joined Congress, primarily to help ensure everyone has the right to register and vote.

"Friends of mine gave their lives. Do your part, get

out there and vote like you've never voted before," Lewis advised the crowd at Fretz Park.

A different election cycle for Sessions

Sessions usually had little serious opposition during his tenure in Washington, but 2018 has proven to be a different year for him. His votes and attacks on Obamacare, support for the tax cut, and other issues have resulted in him having contentious town hall meetings when he held them at all over the last year.

The senate race featuring Congressman Beto O'Rourke's effort to unseat

Senator Ted Cruz has gained most of the attention throughout the spring and summer. Meanwhile, Allred has run a solid campaign and gained support from a wide spectrum of voters across economic, gender and racial groups.

"I'm not running for Congress to just be a check on one person in the White House," Allred told the *North Dallas Gazette* during a recent interview, "I want to represent this community that has meant so much to me."

Early voting continues until Nov. 2 and Election Day is Nov. 6.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Dallas, Lose Your Plantation Mentality and Remove Confederate Symbols

Would you be kind and help me contact Mr. Ed Gray. I am a former teacher of his and I would be so happy to catch up with him. He was always one of my favorites!

-- Danielle Gonzales

### Call to Arms

Rather we like it or not, we must prepare for the worse, praying that nothing will happen. Here is why: (quotes by Democrats in the last 3 weeks)

Hillary Clinton -- "No civility until the Democrats have the power"

Eric Holder -- "When the Republicans are down we must kick them."

Maxine Waters -- "Harass Republicans wherever they are. Get in their face."

Elizabeth Warren -- "Our law enforcement and judicial systems are racists."

Tim Kaine -- "We must fight them in the streets."

Alec Baldwin -- "We must overthrow the government."

Kamala Harris -- "Death to the President and some of his Administration".

(laughingly)

Nancy Pelosi -- (2 quotes) "Their should be riots in the streets.", "Those who do not agree with the Democratic views must face collateral damage."

Americans listen to the violent threats against not just politicians but American citizens. If the Democrats take over there will be a dictatorship place over America and American citizens will be killed -- no matter if your white, black, Hispanic, or any other race -- you will be exterminated if you do not obey the

Democratic Dictatorship. Is this our new politics, Instead of American having their free choice vote, our elections will be based on violence, intimidation, threats, and who can destroy their opponents with lies, deceptions, manipulations, and having billionaires with their adult children buying the elections. It is time to fight without violence unless forced. Pray for America.

-- Gary Tillery

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# Re-elect Judge Staci Williams for the 101st District Court Dallas County

NDG's View

Judge Staci Williams, a Democrat, has presided over the cases facing the 101st District Court in Dallas County since 2015. She transitioned from being a corporate lawyer to becoming a judge focused on educating the community on issues ranging from fair workplace treatment to their civil rights. The *North Dallas Gazette* believes she deserves the continued support of the voters of Dallas County as she strives to continue to serve and inform the community.

Within her first three years, she launched the Citizens' Civil Academy (CCA) to educate Dallas County citizens about the civil court system. The CCA explores the types of cases heard in the civil courts and what happens to a case from the time the it is filed until it is completed. CCA's goal is to provide citizens with a better understanding not only of the civil court system but also the inner workings of

the George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building according to her website, [staciwilliamsforjudge.com](http://staciwilliamsforjudge.com).

A graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., Williams has more than 10 years of experience as a judge and 27 years in the legal profession. Her passion to represent the community is evident, and her love for the law is personal. Williams demonstrated determination during her fight against allegations and attempts to remove her from the bench. She was accused of an improper document filing. She even went head-to-toe with the State Fair of Texas for alleging they bully individuals through unnecessary lawsuits.

Her persistence is like none other. She is not afraid to take the fight to court and to educate the community she serves in the 101st District.

Her opponent, Republican Mike Lee, filed a lawsuit against her, seeking her re-

moval from the ballot saying the application for election was improperly filed. However, after all the legal wrangling was through, the case was found to have no merit.

Lee seems to be a man who plays dirty when he does not get his way. However, Lee has no experience as a judge much less the criminal district court. He has run six times in 12 years against minority candidates. He has never run against any non-minority candidates. His preferred opponenets are minorities. Do Dallas County voters have time for on-the-job training for someone who will not fairly represent everyone in Dallas County? At this point, no one wants to trust another Republican in office, especially after many Republicans have revealed how they genuinely feel about many minority groups. Did we mention Lee was defeated before in an attempt to seek judgeship in a different district court?

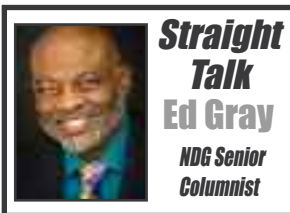
These are the reasons why

the *North Dallas Gazette* is endorsing Judge Staci Williams of the 101st District Court Dallas County. We believe she will continue to fight for the civil matters of the residents within the district. The CCA will continue to thrive under her leadership, as she moves forward with representing the public's best interest.

Williams has the experience necessary to continue her position as judge. *NDG* encourages voters to either early vote through Friday, Nov. 2 or get to the polls on Nov. 6 and vote to re-elect Judge Staci Williams. This mid-term election is just as important as the presidential election because these judges, local, state and national leaders are enacting laws and policies damaging our community.

Do not allow the GOP to think we are not paying attention. We need judges like Williams to ensure our best interests remain at the forefront of consideration.

## Trump Political Violence, and the Future of America



The events of this week are the latest political acts of terror within America. The political climate has revealed America may have descended into the throes of instability that threatens the republic itself. If we do not stop this slow slide of political instability, then our very own democracy will be at stake.

On Wednesday, October

24, 2018, several pipe bombs were sent to prominent Trump's political opponents, with more discovered later. Among them were President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, former Attorney General Eric Holder, Democratic financier George Soros, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, and later others.

The vitriol venom regularly spewed from the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue has motivated many to act. Words and actions such as the pummeling of

President Donald Trump's opponents previously were confined to Trump rallies. Hatred is now out of it's confined cage.

Americans have always had a robust political debate, it is no surprise that since 2017 the continuous haranguing of Trump political opponents would lead to this day. Today America is not exceptional, it is like any other country, that would have a president threaten the press with violence, and threaten to lock up his political opponents.

President Trump condemned the attempted ter-

roristic threats and pipe bombs directed towards his opponents. Admirable indeed, however, President Trump, your past words contributed to the climate that inspired the events which begin to unfold on Oct. 24.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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Judge, 101st District Court  
Staci Williams



Dallas City Council District 4  
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# PurpleStride DFW seeks an end to pancreatic cancer

Thousands will walk to end pancreatic cancer, the world's toughest cancer, at PurpleStride DFW on Nov. 10 in Dallas. The community event, celebrating its 10th year, is presented by Bell Nunnally and is hosted by the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) Dallas/Ft. Worth Affiliate.

"I've seen the survival rate for pancreatic cancer increase over the years," said Christopher B. Trowbridge, Partner and Chairman of the Litigation Section at Bell Nunnally, a Dallas-based law firm of more than 60 attorneys offering a diverse, business-focused range of client services.



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"The funds we've raised have had a direct impact on research being done, which in turn leads to more survivors. From an investment standpoint, the return is high and deeply meaningful."

Pancreatic cancer is the

third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. with a five-year survival rate of just 9 percent. In order to save lives and double survival by 2020, PanCAN urges the DFW community to join PurpleStride. Funds raised

through the event support critical research, clinical initiatives and patient services, including Know Your Tumor®, Precision PromiseSM, Clinical Trial Find-erand the Patient Registry.

Beverly Jackson, volunteer Mission Chair of the PanCAN DFW Affiliate, lost her husband Mark to pancreatic cancer after a 15-month battle. A short five years later, her sister Sharon also received this dreadful diagnosis. She lost Sharon as well after a battle of almost a year. Jackson has now made it her personal mission to change the dire statistics.

"After five doctors and

five months of unexplained pain and illnesses, we finally got a pancreatic cancer diagnosis for Mark," Jackson said. "We were told to get our affairs in order and to not waste time with clinical trials. After Mark's death several years later, my sister Sharon was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. My heart broke the day we received the prognosis. It is my commitment to continue this fight in whatever way I am able to until something really changes – changes in a BIG way – with early detection and screening tests, better treatments and eventually, a cure."

PurpleStride DFW will

take place at Klyde Warren Park and will be hosted by award-winning CBS 11 Senior Investigative Reporter Ginger Allen.

The event is supported by national presenting sponsor Celgene, presenting sponsor and recipient of our Corporate Community Advocate Award Bell Nunnally, national gold sponsors AbbVie and Ipsen, gold sponsor Methodist Digestive Institute and silver media sponsor the Ed Haggar Family Foundation.

To register, donate or learn more about PurpleStride DFW, visit purplestride.org/DFW.

# Tips for managing weight issues throughout the holiday season

The holiday season is upon us, and for many it's filled with holiday parties, baked goods, and more which can cause healthy habits to veer off. From cookie exchanges to dinner parties, it's easier said than done to maintain a healthy lifestyle during the holidays. According to the Calorie Control Council, the average American gains one to three pounds during the weeks between Thanks-

giving and New Year's Day, with most Americans keeping the weight on in the following year. Fortunately, there are easy tips and tricks to enjoy the holiday season that will help you and your family maintain a healthy lifestyle without overindulging.

As holiday parties often have endless dishes and desserts, finding ways to make healthy choices is key to managing weight. Before

you and your family head to a party, consider eating healthy foods beforehand so you don't arrive hungry. This can prevent overindulging in unhealthy foods. As the holiday season wouldn't be the same without indulging in a few of your favorite dishes, we recommend using an appetizer-sized plate as this can help control portion sizes. This encourages you to be mindful of dishes you

choose without restricting the foods you love during the holidays. As many parties serve unhealthy options, another great way to maintain a healthy diet is to bring your own dish to

share with others. Bringing your own recipe gives you control over what you eat while giving others a healthier option as well!

As the holiday season is a great time to spend with

family and friends, finding healthier ways to enjoy each other's company is great! For many, the holidays are a time to relax and

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# Giving a second chance to trafficked survivors

By Rachel Hawkins  
NDG Staff Writer

"I grew up in the 80s' and I was always taught 'stranger danger' but trafficking is not always abductions," Rebecca Bender, keynote speaker and human trafficking survivor said. "It's a gradual expansion of boundaries and an increase of trust."

Founded by Erica Greve in 2011, Unlikely Heroes, a non-profit organization has rescued more than 400 children across the world from human trafficking. They have also opened six restoration homes in the United States, Mexico, Thailand, and the Philippines. They are able to provide every child they save with safe housing, medical care, trauma therapy, education, and job training.

On Oct. 27 Unlikely Heroes held their 6th annual Recognizing Heroes Awards Dinner and Charity Benefit. Award-winning actors, actresses, and singers attended the event to speak about their involvement in the organization. Austin Hurst of Hurst Capital announced he was pledging a one million dollars matching grant to help 200 children and give them a full restorative care for one year.

"At the time I was working at Children's Hospital in the San Francisco Bay area, and I saw a little girl who was 11 years old, was men-



Austin Hurst presents Erica Greve and Unlikely Heroes with a check for \$1,000,000 during the Unlikely Heroes 6th Annual Recognizing Heroes Charity Benefit at The Ritz-Carlton. (Photo by Cooper Neill/Getty Images for Unlikely Heroes)

tally challenged and couldn't read or write," Erica Greve, founder and CEO of Unlikely Heroes said. "I'll never forget the moment when I walked into the emergency department room she was sitting in and she was sitting and coloring a picture of a horse. She had been trafficked by a 29-year-old man who she was calling her boyfriend."

When Greve asked the girl how she met her boyfriend she said when she was walking home from school one day there was a man who was staring at her from his car, and the next day he started talking to her, and then she said he became her boyfriend because he was the first person in her entire life who said "I love you." The girl then said after she fell in love with him, the man then introduced her to the other girls he trafficked and who she called her cousins.

When the girl's mother pulled Greve aside and asked if there was a program to help convince her mentally challenged daughter the man wasn't her boyfriend but was actually trafficking her, Greve agreed to help but found out no home existed.

"I had to go back to the mother and say there was nothing I could do to help your daughter," Greve said. "And I had to let her walk out of the emergency department knowing she would be raped that night so that someone else would make money off of her vulnerability."

"I walked away troubled, there was something inside of me that said this was not okay," Greve said. "I didn't know what to do, I didn't think I would ever be part of a solution, or start an organization to rescue these kids, and I wanted to see homes in America."

The stories of the children the organization has saved can be found on their website, with the youngest being 2 years old.

"When I was a little girl I wanted to become an artist, and then after that, I thought kindergarten teacher, and after taking an ROTC class I wanted to become a sniper," Bender said.

As a varsity student and honor roll student, she was excited to get out of her hometown and go to college.

"But then I got pregnant and I had to make a really tough decision to keep my daughter at 17, give up my dorm room, and go to community college," Bender said. "No one expected that when I ended up going to college that the boy who dated me for six months promising me and my little

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# Urging everyone to vote, vote, vote!

By Congresswoman  
Eddie Bernice Johnson

In a matter days those who have not cast their ballots during the early voting period must go to the polls and select candidates to decide the direction of our country for years to come. I urge all of those who plan to vote on Nov. 6 to support those candidates running under the banner of the Democratic Party.

On the national level, Democrats will work to ensure all Americans receive affordable healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid are protected, our nation adopts

a prudent immigration policy, social security is protected and our nation adopts sensible and responsible firearms legislation.

The election of Democratic majorities in Congress will help us to achieve a sense of normalcy in our nation, and signal to our allies and supporters the vast majority of people in our country do not support the agenda presented during the last two years by an administration, whom at times, acts as if it is void of reality.

I urge you to vote for Senator Beto O'Rourke, who understands the issues all people are confronted

with. As a Senator, he will protect and strengthen the Affordable Care Act.

He will not be partisan and he not alienate those who serve with him. His primary sense of duty will be to the people of Texas who elected him, not to special interest groups with hordes of cash.

In the race for Dallas County District Attorney, I urge you to cast your ballot for former Judge John Creuzot. He has the experience, the passion, and integrity necessary for a very significant job. He will serve us well!



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# El Centro College medical lab technology students are vital to patient care

As a receptionist at a local hospital emergency room, Brenda Ehret knew the kind of career she wanted to pursue. Although she's not afraid of blood or bodily fluids, she prefers to look at them under a microscope.

"I like the laboratory aspect of science because you get to run tests and analyze blood and then get a deeper sense of the patient and what's going on," said Ehret, who is pursuing an associate degree in medical laboratory technology at El Centro College.

El Centro, part of Dallas County Community College District, is the only one among the seven colleges that offers an associate degree in this field.

"You count white blood cells and look for abnormalities. Everything you need to learn about a patient starts here," Ehret added.

Professionals in medical lab technology analyze body fluids to determine whether a patient has cancer, diabetes or other ailments.

Ehret hopes to graduate next year and pursue a full-time career as a medical laboratory technician. Using the lab at El Centro, she is surrounded by flasks plus chemical and deionized water as she prepares to become part of a healthcare team.

Her instructor and clinical coordinator, John Wentz, said the field of medical laboratory technology is broad, and students get a chance to team up with professionals before they graduate. That means each student must successfully complete clinical training at an area hospital.

### Learning the steps

To prepare for their work, El Centro medical lab technology students use lab equipment to analyze body fluids.

Ehret admits that she's a little nervous, but she also is



Luwam Haileselassie (left), a patient care technician, wants to elevate her career to become a medical laboratory technician. Brenda Ehret (right) is a student in El Centro's Medical Laboratory Technology program

confident about developing her skills and working as a team member with other healthcare professionals.

"I'm sure they'll be patient with us because we're students," she said.

The course is challenging, and students must perform complex laboratory tests, Wentz said. They also must learn to cross-match blood, perform chemical analyses and determine the state of pathological diseases.

This job requires expertise in the use of lab equipment such as cell counters and microscopes, he said.

Professionals in this field are viewed as a vital part of any medical team. Their job – testing and analyzing blood and fluid samples – is important because the results determine treatment and aid in diagnoses, Wentz said.

"Everything we do is in service to the physicians so that they can make choices for therapy and diagnoses," he added.

More than half of the El Centro students who graduate from this program decide to pursue four-year degrees, said Wentz.

### Solving a puzzle

Completing the medical laboratory technology program takes about 16 months, and students must pass a test to become certified. Students who successfully finish the program can find work at a hospital or a clinic, where most diagnos-



tic testing is done, said Lisa Lock, program coordinator and faculty member at El Centro.

"The field of medical laboratory technology is very exciting," Lock said. "We are seeing much growth and opportunity. Our students

are well prepared for their future and beyond. We have a fantastic group. They are focused, excited, intelligent, and they love our field."

In two years, students can move into an entry-level position in the healthcare field that offers them job security and room for growth.

Luwam Haileselassie also works at a Dallas-area hospital. She, too, enrolled in the program because she wanted a more challenging career in healthcare. Conducting chemical and analytical tests appealed to her.

"I've worked in healthcare for four years," said Haileselassie, a patient care technician. "I still want to

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**Dallas**

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The Dallas Black Dance Theater will present **Director's Choice** on Nov. 3 to Nov. 4 at various times at Wyly Theatre, in Dallas. Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Director's Choice features some dynamic and powerful works. The Dallas premiere of Bodies as Site of Faith and Protest by choreographer Tommie-Wahed Evans transcribes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'We Shall Overcome' speech into dance. Bruce Wood Dance Artistic Director Joy Bollinger's This Time makes its world premiere during the series with



a reflection on the fleeting nature of time in important relationships. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.attpac.org/on-sale/2018/directors-choice/>,

**Dallas Bike Ride** will be held on Nov. 3 starting at 8 a.m. at City Hall Plaza, in Dallas. Dallas Bike Ride, a one-of-a-kind opportunity to bike around the city on closed roads. This is a big deal and the second year this event is being brought to our city. With a challenging yet casual route that weaves through a handful of diverse Dallas neighbor-

hoods, riders will be inspired and excited about the city they call home. Join them in celebrating life on two wheels and help build a new tradition in growing the bicycle and active lifestyle culture in Dallas. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$30 for youth. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.visittdallas.com>.

Hidden History DFW will present the **Black Historical Fall Tour** on Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1423 J.B. Jackson, Jr. Blvd, Dart Transit Center, in Dal-

las. his exciting and educational tour features videos, music and visits to over twenty-five historical sites relevant to the African American experience in Dallas. Don't miss this outstanding "Fall Tour" event. Bring funds for optional lunch. People of all cultures and races are welcomed to attend this historical tour. Book now: [www.hiddenhistorydfw.com](http://www.hiddenhistorydfw.com).

Former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert will be the keynote speaker for the **2018 Community Impact Awards Luncheon** on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Tower Club Dallas at 1601 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201. The VIP reception begins at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the silent auction. The luncheon and awards program begin at 11:30 a.m. This year's theme is "A Tale of Two Cities: Reshaping the Possibilities." Meredith Land, co-anchor of NBC 5, will emcee the event.

Jennifer Sampson, CEO of the United Way of Met-

ropolitan Dallas, will receive the Community Impact Distinguished Service Leader Award and Michael Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College, will receive the Community Impact Distinguished Leader Award in Education.

**Garland**

The **Wine Walk** in Downtown Garland will take place on Nov. 3 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 915 Main Street, in Garland. Attendees will be able to enjoy wine tasting and shopping at participating Downtown Garland businesses and live music on the square from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Online ticket sales price \$15, online ticket sales will end Friday, Nov. 2. At the event, ticket sales are \$20, and will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to get your tickets now to receive a commemorative 9 oz. stemless wine glass with the event logo along with an event passport, restaurant coupon book, free wine samples, 1 prize drawing ticket, and a shopping bag!

For more information, contact (214) 641-5602.

**McKinney**

The **Bluegrass Heritage Festival** will be held on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at McKinney Performing Arts Hall. This event will feature Grammy-nominated The Special Consensus along with Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band. The Special Consensus were the first band ever presented by the Bluegrass Heritage Foundation back on May 3, 2008. Sgt. Peppers offers a new sound with innovative bluegrass interpretations of popular Beatles songs like Eleanor Rigby, Come Together, Back in the USSR, Blackbird, and many others. Special guest for the evening is the Downtown String Band, a bluegrass and traditional acoustic music collaboration of Alan Tompkins, Gerald Jones, and some of their closest musical friends. For more information visit <http://bluegrassheritage.org/bluegrass-heritage-festival/>.

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# Bye week trade creates buzz for Dallas Cowboys

By Dwain Price  
NDG Sports

FRISCO – The Dallas Cowboys had a bye week this past week. But that didn't prevent them from making news.

In an attempt to shore up their anemic receiving core, last week the Cowboys traded a 2019 first-round pick to the Oakland Raiders for wide receiver Amari Cooper, who was a Pro Bowl selection in 2015 and '16.

And this past Monday, the Cowboys addressed another issue on offense by firing offensive line coach Paul Alexander, who they hired last spring. Cowboys assistant offensive line coach Marc Colombo has replaced Alexander.

Former offensive line coach Hudson Houck was also hired by the Cowboys on Monday to be an advisory consultant for Colombo and the offensive line.

The Cowboys entered the bye week with a disappoint-



The Cowboys traded a future draft pick to obtain Amari Cooper to bolster their receiver corps (Photo: Erik Drost / Flickr)

ing 3-4 record and are two games behind the Washington Redskins, who lead the NFC East with a 5-2 record.

Time's a wasting, and the Cowboys realize it. Hence the moves involving Cooper and Alexander.

"While approaching the midpoint of the season and going through an overall evaluation of our entire operation during the bye week,

we felt that this move would serve the best interests of our team moving forward," coach Jason Garrett said, referring to the firing of Alexander. "We have great respect and admiration for Paul and what he has accomplished in a very successful career in the NFL.

"These are not easy decisions to make at any time of the year, but we will move

ahead with the utmost confidence in what Marc Colombo and Hudson Houck will bring to our team in their new roles."

Colombo, 40, was an offensive tackle for the Cowboys from 2005-'10 and has been on Garrett's staff for four seasons. He was a 2002 first-round draft pick by the Chicago Bears and started 95 games for the Cowboys.

Meanwhile, Houck was the offensive line coach for the Cowboys from 1993-2001, and also from 2008-2011. He also was the offensive line coach when the Cowboys won Super Bowls following the 1993 and '95 seasons.

In fact, during Houck's initial nine-year tenure with the Cowboys, the 203 sacks they allowed represented the fewest any team allowed during that span.

The Cowboys are generally known to have the game's best offensive line. But this year quarterback Dak Prescott has been sacked 23 times and ha-

assed on numerous other occasions.

The Cowboys are also fourth in the league in rushing (136.9 yards per game), but only 29th in passing (183.1 yards per contest). And in the 20-17 loss to the Redskins on Oct. 21, running back Ezekiel Elliott was held to just 33 yards rushing while the Cowboys amassed 73 total rushing yards.

Still, owner Jerry Jones believes the Cowboys have what it takes to win their division this year.

"I'm more urgent," Jones said on his weekly radio show on 105.3 The Fan. "Not that we shouldn't start off the first kickoff in Carolina (on opening day) urgent, but we're more urgent because we dug a hole here. "In order to really be where we want to be, which haven't diminished – that be in the playoffs – then we've got to be pretty strong in our success here. We don't have the room to wiggle here."

The Cowboys will try and

remain within striking distance of the Redskins when they host the Tennessee Titans on Monday at 7:15 p.m. at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. They also know they have a huge showdown with the Redskins at home on Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 22.

These two games take on even more importance since the Cowboys are 3-0 at home, but only 0-4 on the road this season.

"I know you see it in every other discipline -- any other business or areas -- you see adjustments being made on the run," Jones said on his radio show. "And so I think what you're seeing in us in the Cowboys is us analyzing, assessing, looking at ways that we can play better on the road, looking for ways that we can get some spark in our offense, block it up, protect it up better, do what we can do both with personnel as well as with our strategies to just be a better team and win more games."

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girl the life we'd dreamed of was actually a trafficker."

Over the next six years, Rebecca ended up being sold in Las Vegas to three different traffickers. Throughout these years she had her face broken in five places, was hospitalized for dehydration and over-exhaustion, and was branded twice by two men, having their names tattooed on her back in case she needed to be returned to her "owners" if she went missing.

"In 2007 I grabbed my little girl, packed everything I could fit into her suitcase, and I ran for our lives," Bender said. "The crazy part is that I didn't even know that I was being trafficked. You see, victims; we grow up in a safe neighborhood like all of you, imagining stranger danger, watching the same movies as you, seeing the same billboards and advertising as you, and we think our situation isn't matching what's on the

screen so I must not be trafficked."

Bender also stated trafficking is diverse, dynamic, and complex. How it looks in the karaoke bars in Thailand is not how it looks in Boko Haram in Nigeria, the massage parlors in San Francisco, the cantinas in Houston, or the online ads in Denton.

"It looks very different based on the community and culture in which you live," Bender said. "But one thing is common, traffickers exploit the vulnerable. That's

why what Unlikely Heroes does is not only incredibly important but also unique. Erica and her team understand the variety of diverse cultures, and they understand the complexity of each region they enter. They create strategic ways to infiltrate those arenas and respond and restore the dreams of victims.

Bender created Elevate, an organization meant to empower women and help them restore and live their dreams. Partnering with Unlikely Heroes they mentored over 456

women. Bender and her team of 10 have trained over 90,000 FBI agents, homeland security, undercover cops, victim advocates and medical professionals.

They have worked to change laws in states across the country and they even worked as experts on taking the stand on the highest trafficking cases across America.

Today 10 years later is a wife and a mother to four daughters. She has published four books and is about to graduate from seminary with

a masters in Christian thought. Bender's daughter who was with her throughout everything is now on a track scholarship to UC Berkeley and is the second fastest female in Oregon's history.

"I say that to show you not all that we've done," Bender said. "But I say that to remind you of the hope and possibility of every boy and girl that walks through the doors of unlikely heroes."

To donate or read the stories of the saved trafficking victims please visit [UnlikelyHeroes.com](http://UnlikelyHeroes.com).

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lounge around which can contribute to weight gain. Finding different ways to stay active with your family and friends is a great way to manage weight during the holidays. Even taking the time to go for a walk after

dinner can give your body the exercise it needs while offering a fun and different way to spend time with each other.

As many would agree, the holiday season wouldn't be the same without a vari-

ety of baked-goods. From pumpkin pie to sugar cookies, it can be easy to overindulge in these sugar-filled sweets. Switching out a few ingredients can create a healthier version. For instance, if a recipe calls for butter, replace one-half of the butter with fruit puree

such as banana or pumpkin puree. Puree gives it an extra flavor while reducing the overall calories. Sugar is the main sweetener in a variety of desserts and can be replaced by vanilla extract. There are many other healthy alternatives that will help you and your family

enjoy the holiday season in a healthier way.

Making the effort to find creative ways to sneak in healthier habits during the holiday season can make all the difference. I hope these tips guide you and your family toward a healthy and enjoyable holiday season!

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# Legends of Hip Hop, Jazz and more available in Dallas this week

By Tiffany Gilbert  
NDG Entertainment

**Thursday Jazz Jam Session** on Nov. 1 at Quill from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. – every Thursday for their weekly Jazz Jam Session hosted by the NM Jazztet! Free aperitivo from 5-7 p.m. Bring your instrument and sit in with the band or sit back, sip a cocktail, and enjoy the performance! Admission is

free. Quill is located at 1628 Oak Lawn Ave, Ste 100 in Dallas.

**New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks** on Nov. 2 at American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m. Come out for a good game and good times. Tickets at Mavs.com.

**Legends of Hip Hop** are performing Friday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. with Juvenile,

Scarface, 8Ball & MJG, Too Short, DJ Quick and Bun B scheduled to perform. The show is at the Verizon Theatre- Grand Prairie.

This is the last weekend for **Little Shop of Horrors** at the North Texas Performing Arts – Plano located at 6121 W Park Blvd, Ste. B216 (Chapel Hill entrance, 2nd floor) in Plano.

The deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent

towards global domination!

Halloween may be over but you can still enjoy a screaming good time through the weekend at the **Cutting Edge**. Located in an abandoned meatpacking plant, Cutting Edge has consistently been ranked one of the largest haunted houses in the country, as well as one of the most ter-

rifying. The unnervingly realistic setup combines live actors with lifelike mannequins and special effects.

Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash only, or online with a credit card. General admission tickets are \$34.99-\$44.99 and fast passes are \$54.99. Parking is \$10-\$15. More info available at CuttingEdge-HauntedHouse.com.

## Holiday at the Arboretum features 12 Days of Christmas and "The Artistry of the Nativity"

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! From November 9 to December 31, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden welcomes the community to enjoy Holiday at the Arboretum, presented by Reliant. Stroll through the garden and see the Victorian-style gazebos come to life, featuring each scene from the traditional carol, The 12 Days of Christmas. Each gazebo features movement to depict the different beloved



characters such as the Three French Hens, Twelve Drummers Drumming and Seven Swans a Swimming, to name a few. The garden will reopen

for extended hours Wednesday through Sunday from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy more than 500,000 lights throughout the Arboretum, trimming the historic homes and featuring a 30-foot-tall spruce tree in the center of the property. The DeGolyer House features "The Artistry of the Nativity." The house is open daily during garden daytime hours and on Wednesday nights.

The exhibition in the his-

toric DeGolyer House returns with "The Artistry of the Nativity," with 500 crèches from over 50 countries representing so many cultures from around the world.

In addition to the Ray Harrington and the Joe Christian collections, which the Arboretum owns, the private collections of Joyce and Larry Lacerte, Lydia and Dan Novakov, and a life-size crèche from Mary and Mike Terry, will also be

on display. This is a unique opportunity to see these crèches as they have never been on public display before.

Each of the 500 crèches are made out of unique materials including cork, Waterford crystal, horns, seeds, corn husk, glass, adobe, paper-mache, wood and coconut shells. In addition to the crèches, every room in the DeGolyer House will be elaborately decorated in holiday décor.

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# The state of lending in communities of color

Over 53 million consumers unbanked or underbanked, CRA at risk after 41 Years

By Charlene Crowell

One of the most reliable measures of a community's economic vitality is convenient access to full-service banking. Regardless of whether a community is urban, suburban or rural, both consumers and local businesses rely on brick and mortar bank branches for a wide array of products and services.

New research that measures how well banks serve communities found that America's access to banking expanded from 2015 to 2017 – except when it comes to more than 53 million Black and Latinix consumers or others with low incomes or less education.

In summarizing its new survey findings on banking activity during the past 12 months, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) noted that one in five U.S. households - 22.7 million -- did not use mainstream credit and that "Black and Hispanic households at every income level evaluated in the survey were more likely to be in this condition than white households."

"The good news is that our nation's banking system is serving more Americans



than ever before," said FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams. "The bad news is that even as the overall number of people who are unbanked has declined, 8.4 million households continue to lack a banking relationship."

McWilliams' statement did not directly address how FDIC found that another 48.9 million adults are underbanked. The difference is important.

Underbanked consumers are those who have a bank account but also turn to alternative fringe financial services like payday and auto loans or check cashing services. By comparison, unbanked consumers are those who have no relationship with mainstream banking at all.

Even more importantly,

FDIC's new survey proves how the nation has a nagging, two-tiered system when it comes to financial services: one that serves white consumers at a growing rate; but leaves behind consumers of color, regardless of income.

Despite this deplorable data, another federal financial agency, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) awards banks and other depository institutions a 93 percent satisfactory or higher rating when it comes to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Although OCC supervises about 20 percent of the nation's banks, these institutions comprise approximately 70 percent of total bank assets.

This year CRA turned 41 years old, having been enacted in October 1977 by

President Jimmy Carter. The law meant to end historical redlining practices that for succeeding generations denied credit to Black America and/or low-income communities. With a new federal assurance,

CRA was to hold banks, credit unions and other depository institutions accountable for local credit lock outs and other discriminatory practices.

Here's a question to ponder: How can two federal financial regulators reach such different findings on the state of access to banking and credit for Black America?

It's a question that deserves an answer. And fortunately, advocates at both the state and national levels are speaking up. November 15 is the deadline for public comment to OCC on how CRA's regulatory framework should be reformed.

Of key concern to OCC is a proposal named "one ratio" that would reduce the current CRA evaluation into a mathematical formula. Among consumer advocates representing different areas of the country view this proposal as a way to water down current procedures that consider key criteria such as geographic avail-

ability, borrower profiles, different classifications of lending like mortgages, small businesses and more.

Cathy Hinko, Executive Director of Louisville's Metropolitan Housing Coalition filed comments with OCC, citing how Black neighborhoods are already underserved.

"To ease bank anxiety about unclear aspects of CRA, communications among the federal agencies, banks, and community groups could be improved," wrote Hinko. "However, easing bank anxiety via the one ratio and diminishing the importance of branches, assessment areas, and public input will decrease lending and access to banking in the communities that need it the most."

"The OCC asks whether CRA consideration should be broadened for additional activities and populations. Industry trade associations have been advocating for CRA consideration for projects that have broad benefits such as financing hospitals that are not necessarily located in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods," said the Buffalo-based Belmont Housing Resources for Western New York. "However, the OCC must

be reminded that the original purpose of CRA was to combat redlining in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods."

In Dallas, Diane Ragsdale, founder of the South Dallas Fair Park Inner City Community Development Corporation (ICDC) and a former Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore, also commented to OCC, "CRA ratings must be reformed so the pass rate is no longer 93 percent ... Lending and access to banking for people and communities of color must be considered on CRA exams. Mortgage company affiliates of banks must be included on CRA exams."

"No bank that engages in illegal discrimination and/or harmful consumer activities should receive a positive CRA rating," noted William R. Tisdale, President and CEO of the Milwaukee Fair Housing Council. "We must not slow the progress that has been made. We need to enhance CRA, not weaken it!"

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leviate so many problems." Educator Joanna Cattanach, running against District 108's current State Representative Republican Morgan Meyer, has stressed the need to improve school funding across the state as well – deeming the issue the most likely factor voters will weigh when determining who to send to Austin next year. Both Cattanach and Johnson have called for universal pre-k, in addition to criticizing their Republican opponents for supporting controversial laws like SB4 and the bathroom bill. In addition to changes in policy, Cattanach has stressed the need to change the culture at

the Capitol and has criticized her opponent for failing to do so.

"This district has never had a woman in this seat," Cattanach told the *North Dallas Gazette*. "(The State House) is dominated by male representatives, and their behavior in the State House has included telling women on the House floor that they need to smile more..."

"We need people in Austin who are going to, not just represent women," she continued, "but be a voice for women."

In addition to criticizing reported harassment on the State House floor, Cattanach has also accused the Meyer

campaign of intimidation tactics during the early voting period.

"We are actively, in my opinion, being intimidated at the polls by Mr. Meyer's volunteers," said Cattanach. She cites an instance when of her volunteers was "made" to pray with a representative from her opponent's campaign. She also claims the sheer size of Meyer's volunteers participating in poll greeting is intended to intimidate her potential supporters voting early.

The candidate's critiques of the Meyer campaign extend to his lack of willingness to debate over the course of the campaign and the accusation that he is "completely ignoring" the

eastern sector of District 108 and the district's Hispanic and LGBT populations.

"(Meyer) has done so little for so long," stated Cattanach. "Morgan is silent ... Morgan is out of touch."

While each candidate is taking a different approach in tone and focus, both are relying on a Democratic swing in this midterm year to help carry them over the finish line; and with Election Day less than a week away, North Texas voters still have the opportunity to decide whether or not they will get there.

Early voting began on Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 6.

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# PepsiCo and Frito-Lay launch Southern Dallas Thrives

PepsiCo's Frito-Lay North America, along with the PepsiCo Foundation, PepsiCo's Food for Good nutrition team and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, recently announced the launch of a focused community initiative to help make meaningful improvements in the lives of Southern Dallas citizens – Southern Dallas Thrives.

Southern Dallas Thrives aims to increase the quality of preschool education in Southern Dallas communities, provide families with nutritious meals and prepare high school students with the career and college preparation they need to succeed – all while giving unemployed parents access to childcare they need to enter and participate in the work-

force.

In addition, the PepsiCo Foundation will provide a \$600,000 grant over three years to United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. The grant will increase the quality of child care in Southern Dallas as well as provide additional childcare facilities over time. This will give mothers a chance to enter the workforce and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

"Frito-Lay and PepsiCo are committed to the success of the community we call home," said Vivek Sankaran, president, chief operating officer, Frito-Lay North America. "While Southern Dallas is a part of our city that faces significant challenges, there is a strength and drive to suc-

ceed there. By providing support for this special place, we believe we can strengthen our entire community and help all of our neighbors thrive."

Today, the unemployment rate in Southern Dallas is more than triple that of the Dallas-Ft. Worth average and nearly 30 percent of residents there live in poverty. More than 90 percent of Southern Dallas students are disadvantaged and over 45 percent of children not kindergarten-ready.

Within the next three to five years, the Southern Dallas Thrives initiative aims to:

- Serve 1 million meals through Food for Good, PepsiCo's signature nutrition operation that has already delivered 80 million servings of nutritious foods to

low-income families in 19 U.S. communities since 2009

- Increase kindergarten readiness by 10 percent by providing volunteers to early childhood centers in Southern Dallas, and improve the quality and accessibility of childcare to working mothers

- Provide 200 mothers the opportunity to work through partnering with United Way agencies that target unemployed moms and provide mentorship, engagement activities, career access and funding support for daycare

- Help 85 percent of South Oak Cliff High School students graduate college or prepare to be career-ready through tutoring and mentoring efforts at South Oak

Cliff Collegiate Academy, located in Southern Dallas

"We are exceedingly proud to partner with Frito-Lay and the PepsiCo Foundation in effectively bridging the opportunity gap in our city's southern sector," said Jennifer Sampson, McDermott-Templeton president, chief executive officer, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. "Together, we are committed to equipping and

empowering all of our community's children and their families with access to quality education and stable jobs so they can lead healthy, productive and hope-filled lives."

With the announcement, PepsiCo and Frito-Lay are encouraging local employees and the broader Dallas-Fort Worth community to volunteer and donate to SouthernDallasThrives.com.

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

The North Dallas Gazette has an internship position available. The goal is to provide students and aspiring writers an opportunity to gain published clips, experience and professional feedback.



The position is for up to 20 hours a week at \$8.00 per hour. Applicants must have reliable transportation.

Send resume and writing samples to: [businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:businessoffice@northdallasgazette.com)

# Essence Girls United kicked off

NEW YORK -- ESSENCE debuts ESSENCE Girls United, a new initiative designed to inspire young Black women through a year-long mentorship program, as well as an interactive digital/social content hub that will convey the core principles of leadership and self-love.

ESSENCE Girls United demonstrates the brand's mission to serve its multigenerational audience globally as a 100 percent Black-owned company across its platforms through content, culture and community.

With its focus on mentoring young girls, this multi-platform program will feature year-round video, digital and social content that will focus on core pillars, including: "Owning Your Power," "Presenting with Confidence," "Developing Brand You," "Finding Your Voice," "Making a Difference In Your Community," "Life Skills 101," and "Self-Love." The initiative will also feature workshops and conversations with thought leaders, a social network directory for girls to interact with each other, a mentorship program, a leadership development "tool kit," events such as the up-

coming ESSENCE Girls United Summit and much more.

As part of the initiative, ESSENCE and Ulta Beauty will join forces to co-produce ESSENCE Girls United: Beautiful Possibilities. This exciting six-part web series

will use digital and social content to create a deeper connection with young Black women. The web series will include a search to discover six young women who will then embark on a journey to discover their personal potential and elevate their en-

trepreneurial spirit all within the beauty industry.

For more on ESSENCE Girls United visit [ESSENCE.com/GirlsUnited](http://ESSENCE.com/GirlsUnited), pick up the November issue of ESSENCE or join the conversation on social @Essence #ESSENCEGirlsUnited.

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# Upcoming DFW area job fairs

**Nov. 2**

## Hiring Event

Bed Bath and Beyond will hold a hiring event on Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2900 S Valley Pkwy, in Lewisville. They will be looking for a seasonal associates and will last approximately until the end of December. No experience will be needed. General Requirements And Core Competencies Include

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**Nov. 2**

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**Nov. 8**

## Sales Associate Hiring Event

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To apply, send your resume to [figueroae2@autonation.com](mailto:figueroae2@autonation.com).

**Nov. 8**

## RWY 2018 Hiring Event

The RWY 2018 Hiring Event will be held on Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gilley's in Dallas. The Texas Workforce Commission will host the seventh annual statewide Hiring Red, White and You in cooperation with the 28 Local

Workforce Development Boards, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Texas Medical Center, and Governor Greg Abbott. This event will connect Texas veterans and their spouses with Texas employers that value the experience, discipline, and other exceptional qualities inherent in a military background. For more information visit <https://twc.texas.gov/hiring-red-white-you>.

**Nov. 12**

## Warehouse - General Labor - Job Fair

The Warehouse - General Labor - Job Fair will be held on Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2100 North Highway 360, Suite #102, in Grand Prairie. You will need to visit their office and fill out an application taking only 15 minutes. They will then evaluate your skills, match you to a position and schedule a time for you to return to their office with

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**November 7, 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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**November 7**  
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# Wrong kind of leadership



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**NOTE:** Don't forget tomorrow is the last date to vote in Early Voting for the Midterm Elections, and the final voting is November 6th, you must vote in your regular polling place only on November 6th.

"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi" (Matthews 2:16-17).

Any leader who is not secure in God will be insecure in their leadership actions. King Herod was such a leader. He feared the loss of power and had to control

every aspect of the people he was ruling. When Herod heard about Jesus' coming birth, his insecurity became out of control and led him to making life-threatening decisions for those in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Such a leader has deep-seated control issues rooted in the fear of loss of power, money and prestige. This also led to lying to protect his kingdom. When the wise men told Herod about the coming Messiah, Herod told them he wanted to know when He was born in order to worship him. He had no such plans. He wanted to kill Jesus.

Herod told the wise men to report back to him when the child was born. The wise men were divinely warned not to return to Jerusalem and report back to Herod. When Herod discovered this, he became furious and issued the edict to kill every child under two years old in Bethlehem and the surrounding districts.

Whenever a leader has deep-seated control issues

rooted in fear, their actions surface repeatedly when placed under stress. Arguments, manipulation of others, and confrontation with subordinates usually follows. However, a leader who has yielded his life and his work to God can relinquish out-comes to the Lord and let God change things that may go astray. A secure leader realizes God is the source of His power and leadership and he does not need to fear

others who may demonstrate leadership qualities. Instead, they are able to affirm them for the sake of the organization.

Pray that God makes leaders for the United States of America who is secure in their position that wants to serve in a position when our Midterm elections are over with November 7th.

Then thank God for caring so much about His creation that He sent His Holy Spirit

to touch believers and live within them, sealing all believers unto the day of redemption. Thank God today that there is an Intercessor and Savior, praying for Christians and standing in their stead when they do not have the words to say. Sometimes, there is just so much to pray for, so many

needs or so much heartache that most Christians just do not know how to pray.

Please pray about our Midterm Elections, God knows our hearts and He knows our needs; offer words of praise and thanksgiving and trust Him to always be there, in Name of Jesus.



Sister Tarpley has found a place to get good fried catfish, newly opened Savannah's Chicken and Fish Restaurant, across from Turner High School on Josey Lane and Fyke Road, Co-Owners, Norris Neal, Sr. and Carole Jones

**NDGtv**  
North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**  
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### November 11, 10 a.m.

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# NDG Book Review: Halloween books for the whole family

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

It's not the weather that keeps your eyes open these days.

It's not the paper skeletons that appear in your neighbor's windows or the pumpkins that grin from their stoops, either. No, what really makes you howl are all the new Halloween-themed books for everyone in the family...

Candy isn't the only thing the smallest tricksters want. Kids ages 2-to-5 will love the story inside **"A Tiger Called Tomás"** by **Charlotte Zolotow and Marta Alvarez Miguéns**. In it, Tomás was sure his trick-or-



Terri Schlichenmeyer

treat costume would surprise everybody – but instead, they all knew exactly who he was. His friends called him by name. Even the lady down the block recognized Tomás. That made him sad, until his Mamá said words to

make him smile.

Older kids (5-to-8-year-olds) who are familiar with nursery rhymes will enjoy **"Mother Ghost"** by **Rachel Kolar, illustrated by Roland Garrigue**. It's a clever take-off on classic nursery rhymes, complete with accompanying spooky illustrations. Read it, and neither of you will ever see "Little Miss Muffet" the same way again....

For school ghouls, grab **"Disney Villains: The Evilest of Them All,"** a book full of "interviews" with The Evil Queen, Ursula, Captain Hook, and others. Here, your child can learn more about the nasti-

est, most despicable and meanest that the Magic Kingdom has to offer. This book has tons of illustrations, of course, as well as interactive windows to open in somewhat of a comic book format. It's perfect for kids ages 8 to 12.

Readers ages 13 to adult are a whole lot braver, so they'll want to have **"Haunted: Malevolent Ghosts, Night Terrors, and Threatening Phantoms"** by **Brad Steiger with Sherry Hansen Steiger** next to their bedside. Or maybe not – this book isn't for the faint of heart or anyone who wants to sleep.

Here, you'll find chapter

after chapter of creepy things: psychic pets that keep their owners safe from spectres; poltergeists, and how the age of their victims figures into their presence; buildings and homes that host ghosts the most; angels and demons; Near-Death Experiences and how spirits really do want to talk to us; seers and psychics; and why you shouldn't want to mess with any of the above. It's an easy-to-read book, broken up in small bites so you can read for a few short minutes or until you're good and scared, or you can easily browse it to find what terrifies you most. Word to the wise: this book is one of

Brad Steiger's last; he died earlier this year, so get this book now.

And finally, if you want Halloween to keep you in stitches, look for **"Zombie Cross-Stitch"** by **Kristy Kizzee and Erika Kern**. It's a book with all kinds of crafty charts, including a zombified Michael Jackson, zombie heads, Miss Zombie, baby zombie – and more: colored thread, needles, an embroidery hoop, Aida cloth, and instructions to make a couple of lovely zombie portrait for your living dead-ing room wall.

So make yours a happy Halloween with books that'll make you howl.

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help patients, but I feel that I can contribute more. I feel that if I'm successful in this class, it will be a good way to break into a new field."

Lock encourages students

to view their work as if they're solving a big puzzle.

"We put the pieces together. We can shake those tubes, analyze results and understand the vivid detail

of mastering the intricacy of cells and organisms microscopically," Lock said. "We take care of our patients behind the scenes."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical laboratory technicians are paid \$51,770 annually or

\$24.89 hourly. The job outlook in this field is good and is projected to grow 13 percent by 2026 – faster than average among all occupations.

Medical laboratory technology has been identified as a growing and important

field, and demand is rising in some major markets because of technological advancements and an aging healthcare workforce, labor officials say.

El Centro College is the only accredited medical laboratory technology pro-

gram in Dallas, Parker, Rockwall, Hunt and Denton counties.

For details about El Centro's medical laboratory technology program, contact Lisa Lock by phone at 214-860-2304 or by email at llock@dcccd.edu.



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