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City Council candidates spar over backing, issues during District 5 and 8 presentations at MNP forum

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

With the local campaign season underway, Monday Night Politics is in full swing at the African American Museum in Fair Park. The *Dallas Examiner* hosts the forum, providing candidates the opportunity to present their case directly to potential voters.

The March 4 forum welcomed candidates for Dallas Mayor, this week the attention shifted to candidates running for office in Dallas City Council Districts 5 and 8.

The first race presented was the District 8 seat, where incumbent Tennell Atkins is facing a challenge from former councilmember Erik Wilson. The race is especially heated, as Atkins had served out the maximum term on the council, with Wilson being the successor. Then after the required time off of the council passed, Atkins defeated Wilson in the last election. The two-faced off in a close runoff after emerging as the top candidates in an original field of five.

Wilson came out swinging in his opening statements. He acknowledged his vote in support of a charter school outside his district was unpopular. Vocal opponents of charter schools have made their opinions heard in recent political forums. But he pointed to Atkins' support for five such schools during his time in the seat. He said Atkins "enjoys receiv-



Tennell Atkins (at left), and Erik Wilson (right) are both veterans of the Dallas City Council, and are locked in a heated race for the District 8 seat in the May 4 election (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

ing the money from porn store owners," to support his campaign. On the last note, Wilson said Atkins' loyalty was not to the voters, citing a newspaper article.

"(Atkins) admits that he was a tool for the establishment, and readily served at their will and that he did not listen to the community," Wilson said. "He followed the directions of the business establishment and not the community."

Responding to an audience question about Wheatland Road development, Wilson also accused Atkins of holding up the process to prevent African-Americans from selling their property at a higher price. This kept

the cost low for White or Asian developers allowing them to buy the properties cheaply.

Regarding money received from the owners of porn shops, Atkins responded it was "a matter of record" that he returned \$11,000 received from the owners of SOBs (Sexually Oriented Businesses).

Atkins stated he was looking out for the Black property owners on Wheatland Road by not changing the zoning until the property in question was ready for development. According to him, 2023 is the anticipated project completion date.

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People In The News...



Donald Lee



Gabrielle Denise Pina

NDG Quote of the Week: "A man (or woman) who stands for nothing will fall for anything."

- Malcolm X

Donald Lee

By Donald Lee

I'd like to take time out to thank all of my family members and friends who wished me a happy 49th birthday on Sunday (March 3). It blessed me immensely to know so many people are so thoughtful and loving.

Especially, I'd like to thank Min. Calissia T. Tasby, the love of my life, for putting together such a memorable birthday party for me at Pappadeaux in Duncanville, Texas, a suburb just south of Dallas.

This column is my expression of gratitude to the good Lord above for blessing me



with so many caring, loving people in my life, and such a precious woman of virtue to stand by my side.

With the exception of last year, when my good friend and then-coworker Doug Singer and his wife, Cricket, rolled out the red carpet for

me at their home out in the country (we had steaks off the grill, a birthday cake, and a weekend of binge watching of Western movies), it had been a long time since I had an actual birthday "party."

Before that, hanging out on Facebook and thanking family and friends for birthday well-wishes on the social media website pretty much was the extent of my birthday celebrations.

It all started with a text I got from Calissia on March 1.

"For your birthday, what time can we do dinner since you work? Do you prefer celebrating Saturday or Sunday at Pappadeaux or another restaurant of your choice?" she asked, knowing Pappadeaux is my favorite restaurant.

We ended up with more than 20 of the most special people in the world celebrating with us that afternoon. There was much joy, laughter and good-old family fun.

Then after we all got our bellies full (I had a jumbo bowl of seafood gumbo), Calissia cued everyone to start singing two different versions of "Happy Birthday" to me, the traditional version, the other rendition being the one made popular by Stevie Wonder.

Well, as everyone sang "Happy Birthday To You" while I was sitting at the table with my birthday cake in front of me and a "4"-shaped

candle and a "9"-shaped candle side by side, surrounded by smaller candles, burning, I humbly smiled as I looked from one end of the table to the other.

Don't get me wrong. I'd be fibbing if I were to say I'd never celebrated my birthday. But with the exception of Sunday, it had been years and years and years since I had a "birthday party," complete with friends, family, birthday cake, balloons, birthday cards with a lil' somethin'-some-thin' in 'em and folks singing to me.

After everyone sang, I stood up and thanked them for showing me such an honorable time, such an amazing time.

And now is just as good a time as any to say, through this column, to Calissia what Shamary, one of her oldest and dearest friends, said to me as she and her husband Kevin sat across from me: "Thank her for being born."

Calissia, thank you, babe, for being born.

To say that you are a wonderful lady with such a beautiful spirit would be an understatement.

Donald Lee, founder of Kingdom Living Christian Center, is a free-lance writer and editor. The trailer for his book "Married to Commitment," can be viewed on YouTube and purchased online at www.xulonpress.com or www.amazon.com.

Gabrielle Denise Pina

The Bishop Arts Theatre Center the Down For #TheCount: Women's Theatre Festival kicks off on March 21 with previews. Opening Night for this festival of one-act plays is Friday, March 22, 2019, and performances will continue through Sunday, April 7.

Down for #TheCount features six dynamic female playwrights from diverse social and ethnic backgrounds including nationally recognized playwrights Emily Mann, France-Luce Benson, Kiana Rivera, Kat Ramsburg, as well as North Texas play-



wrights Gabrielle Denise Pina and Blue McElroy.

Gabrielle Denise Pina is described as a poignant and masterful storyteller. Her novels have been described as "ever suspenseful" by

Black Issues Book Review and "a spectacular effort" by *Written Magazine*.

Pina was viewed as "the writer to look out for" when she published the acclaimed short story Uncommon Revelations for the ESI Anthology. That year also featured the birth of her thesis project, Bliss into her first novel, which culminated in a three-book deal with Random House and a national book tour Pina's long-awaited sophomore novel, Chasing Sophea was released in October 2006 and became a book club favorite.

A teacher for the last ten years with the Master of Pro-

fessional Writing Program, where Pina also received a Master of Arts degree. In March of 2012, Pina premiered Letters from Zora: In Her Own Words starring Vanessa Bell Calloway, a play showcasing the artistic and literary triumphs of the venerable Zora Neale Hurston at the University of Southern California to a sold-out crowd of over twelve hundred.

Letters from Zora premiered and sold out all five shows at the Pasadena Playhouse in August of 2013 and was back by popular demand at the Pasadena Playhouse the following year for eight

shows. Both Gabrielle Denise Pina and Vanessa Bell Calloway were nominated for NAACP Theater Awards for Best Playwright and Best Actress respectively in 2014.

Letters from Zora also opened the season to rave reviews at the Tony award winning Crossroads Theater in October of 2014. Letters from Zora: In Her Own Words also opened the DC Black Theater Festival in June of 2015 to rave reviews and was selected to open at the National Black Theater Festival in Winston-Salem, North Carolina last August.

Her second play Dreaming of Harlem Under a High

Southern Sky premiered to a sold-out house as part of the Visions & Voices: Arts and Humanities Initiative at the University of Southern California in March of 2015. This summer WACO Theater owned by Tina Knowles Lawson and Richard Lawson hosted Letters from Zora to a sold out back by popular demand run. Further Letters from Zora premiered at Karamu Theater in Cleveland, Ohio, the oldest African American theater in the nation, this past June. Dreaming of Harlem Under A High Southern Sky will also open there for the 2019-2020 season.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

The History Behind the Irving red doors

Ms. Ferguson, Your paper deserves a standing O for the decision to put "The History Behind the Irving red doors". I have been working to bring the issue to light for years. Hopefully, my blathering about the merits of refurbishing/rebuilding "Old Central" has done 1/2 as much as your article by Rachel Hawkins on the front page of the February 28 - March 6m 2019 issue has. Please extend my appreciation to Ms. Hawkins for a well written account



Rachel Hawkins / NDG

of the buildings past and the work that has and is being done for its future.

I hope to see and meet you soon (may I suggest the March 21st City Council Meeting).

All the best,
-- Loren (not Warren) Byers

(Editor's Note: First, my apologies that we got your name wrong!

Secondly, thank you for taking the time to reach out and share your kind words. We look forward to learning more about the progress on your efforts!)

Rep. Eric Johnson plans to file anti-corruption bill by Friday

Isn't this too late? Is he doing this just for attention from the media and voters?
-- Rodolfo Guel

Eric Johnson needs to come clean on HB 89 concerning loyalty oaths to Israel before he tries to preach about politicians in Dallas. Quit hiding and come clean yourself!
-- Marvin Crenshaw

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Environmental justice and BlueStar Recycling



Straight Talk
Ed Gray
NDG Senior Columnist

I recently visited my friend Marsha Jackson regarding an environmental concern causing her great distress and health issues. Ms. Jackson is living next door to a hazardous dumping ground. This is not surprising as Dallas has had a long history of applying discriminatory zoning methods in disposing of hazardous materials.

The McCommas Landfill operated by the City of Dallas is a stone’s throw away

from her home. The City of Dallas operates the largest landfill in the state of Texas, and the 15th largest landfill in the United States.

Now its never a good thing to live close to a landfill, just not a good way to spend your morning while sipping coffee.

In addition to living within a walk to the landfill, she now lives next door to Shingle Mountain.

Shingle Mountain sounds exotic. It conjures up images with perhaps a duck-filled lake surrounded by daffodils. However, it is far from that, it is a mountain of crushed shingle debris from Dallas rooftops. The mountain is next to a stag-

nant reservoir of smelly water.

This mountain has grown with a rapid pace that has defied logic and gravity. What goes up continues to rise. With each foot of shingle debris, the debris emits compounds of poisons that contaminate the air and the water source, and is causing the Jackson family health concerns.

During my interview with Ms. Jackson, I noticed her physical discomfort. Ms. Jackson coughed and complained of her shortness of breath. While complaining about her physical ailments, she also expressed the lack of civic concern from her elected officials.

The construction of Shingle Mountain continues today, despite Ms. Jackson’s calls of help. The black and brown communities of Dallas have consistently waited on answers to their pleas for help.

The answer to Marsha Jackson is that she needs a mask to cover her face from poisonous emissions. Beware of your neighbors next door if they are like BlueStar Recycling. We must champion environmental justice for all. We must make sure that when cities zone, they zone for good business and good health.

I am Ed Gray and this is Straight Talk.

Government for the people

By Congresswoman
Eddie Bernice Johnson

During the most recent congressional election I joined my colleagues in the House of Representatives in making a promise to voters that our political agenda would have as a priority making government more responsive to the will of the people, and that we would work to restore voting rights.

A major step in making good on those promises was made recently when legislation that I co-sponsored was passed in the House of Representatives. Called ‘For the People Act’, the measure would make Election Day a holiday for federal employees, giving them ample opportunity to vote.

Additionally, the legislation would expand voting rights for American citizens, usher in campaign finance

reform and expand ethics laws. Every single Democratic member in the House of Representatives voted for the measure, while every Republican voted against it.

Americans are owed a transparent government and should know how candidates that propose to govern them handle their own finances. The measure would require the president and the vice president to make public ten years of their federal income tax filings. In fact, every candidate for the White House would have to do the same.

Unfortunately, special interest groups have excessive influence in our government. The measure addresses this by requiring that certain political action committees and non-profits that contribute to candidates reveal the names of donors that contribute more than \$10,000.00.

The legislation focuses on

government reforms we badly need in our election system. It modernizes our voter registration methods and prohibits state governments from purging their voting rolls. It ends the practice of gerrymandering by establishing bi-partisan commissions that will decide the boundaries of congressional districts.

I believe that Republican members of the House that voted against the legislation acted against the will of the American people who in poll after poll say that they want more transparency in government, and want free and fair elections.

Our democracy should be guided and driven by the American people. It should not be controlled by a few who are able to put millions of dollars into the election process without anyone knowing who they are, and

what they stand for.

The Senate majority leader has indicated that he opposed the reforms in the House legislation and would not bring it to the floor of the Senate. That he does at his own peril, and that of his party.

The last national election that resulted in a democratic majority in the House of Representatives demonstrated that people want change. It also showed that they were allied with the legislative reforms that the Democratic Party recommended, especially those outlined in the legislation that we passed.

Eddie Bernice Johnson represents the 30th congressional district of Texas in the United States House of Representatives. She also chairs the Science Committee in the House.

Congressional appropriators invest in rural business

By Cora Fox
Center for Rural Affairs

Across rural America, small businesses are the heart of main street. From local coffee shops to the hardware store, these businesses employ local residents, provide important services to the community, and serve as anchors for their local economies. With the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019 passed on Feb. 15, Congress has made an investment

in rural small entrepreneurs nationwide.

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program is a federal program that provides grants to organizations so they can provide lending and technical assistance to rural small businesses. This program fills a gap where otherwise rural entrepreneurs often struggle to access these crucial services and capital.

After the final 2018 farm bill was passed in December, the Rural Microentrepreneur

Assistance Program was given authority to operate, but was left without mandatory federal funding. Without mandatory funding, the future of this program hinged upon discretionary funding from Congressional appropriators, which requires renewal each fiscal year.

After months of dialogue between members of Congress, rural small business owners, and others, appropriators and appropriations committee staff in the U.S.

House and Senate included \$3 million in discretionary funding for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program in the final spending deal for this year.

This is a win for rural America and the small business owners who invest in their communities every day.

With this funding, Congress has shown that rural small businesses and the communities they serve are worth the investment.

March is National Kidney Month

DaVita Kidney Care recently hosted U.S. Rep. Colin Allred at DaVita Renal Center of North Dallas to kick off National Kidney Month in March. He met with dialysis patients and caregivers to talk about health care and support needs for those suffering from kidney failure. 31 million Americans are living with chronic kidney disease, and 1 in 3 U.S. adults is at risk for developing the disease, which causes the grad-

ual loss of kidney function.

African Americans are at increased risk of developing this disease. Most people living with kidney disease don't know it until the disease has progressed to an advanced stage. Once a person has reached stage five, their kidneys have failed and they need dialysis or a kidney transplant to survive. There are currently 62,000 Texans living with kidney failure.

Patients on dialysis are one of the sickest and most

vulnerable patient populations in the health care system, often suffering from other chronic conditions such as diabetes or hypertension. Their complex care needs can make it difficult for patients to manage their health and various care plans.

An overwhelming majority of people with kidney failure rely on Medicare's ESRD benefit to cover their health care needs. DaVita and many in the kidney care

community are hoping to work with policymakers like Rep. Allred to pass legislation that would allow dialysis providers to manage patient care both inside and outside of the dialysis center—or employ a coordinated care model—for all Medicare patients.

Know your risk: Take a risk quiz at DaVita.com/KidneyAware to find out if you are at risk for kidney disease in less than 60 seconds.



Congressman Colin Allred made a recent visit to the DaVita Renal Center of North Dallas to learn about issues relating to kidney health. Pictured above are (left to right) Marissa Dunlap, DaVita Facility Administrator; Allred; Jill Nichols; DaVita Regional Operations Director; and Dr. Robert Farkas, DaVita Medical Director (Courtesy photo)

Boosting muscle strength can lower diabetes risk

By Angie Hunt
Iowa State

In a new study of more than 4,500 adults, researchers found that moderate muscle mass reduced the risk for type 2 diabetes by 32 percent. The benefits were independent of cardiorespiratory fitness. Higher levels of muscle strength did not provide additional protection.

Of the 30 million Americans with diabetes, 90 to 95 percent have type 2, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

What's The Right Amount?

The results are encouraging because even small amounts of resistance exercise may improve muscle strength and help prevent type 2 diabetes, says DC (Duck-chul) Lee, associate

professor of kinesiology at Iowa State University and corresponding author of the study, which appears in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*.

It's difficult, however, to recommend an optimal level because there are no standardized measurements for muscle strength, he says. "Naturally, people will want to know how often to lift weights or how much muscle mass they need, but it's not that simple," Lee says.

"As researchers, we have several ways to measure muscle strength, such as grip strength or bench press. More work is needed to determine the proper dose of resistance exercise, which may vary for different health outcomes and populations."

Study participants completed chest and leg presses to measure muscle strength.

Researchers adjusted those measurements for age, gender, and body weight as potential confounders—an example of why researchers say it's complicated to provide general recommendations.

For the study, researchers analyzed data from the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study, collected at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas.

The current study is one of the first to look at the risk of type 2 diabetes and muscle strength, separate from cardiorespiratory fitness. Participants ranged in age from 20 to 100 years old. The researchers required all participants to complete initial and follow-up exams.

Moderate strength reduced the risk of type 2 diabetes regardless of lifestyle choices such as smoking and drinking, or health issues such as obesity and

high blood pressure, says Angelique Brellenthin, a postdoctoral researcher in kinesiology.

While several factors contribute to muscle strength, resistance exercise is important, she says. Information on resistance exercise wasn't available for most participants, with the exception of a small group, which showed a moderate correlation between muscle strength and frequency or days per week of resistance exercise.

Better Than Nothing

Previous research suggests that resistance training improves glucose levels and reduces waist circumference—an indicator of excess fat associated with type 2 diabetes and other health issues, Brellenthin says.

"You're not necessarily going to see the results of resistance training on your

bathroom scale, but there are several health benefits," Brellenthin says. "It may help lower your risk for type 2 diabetes even though you do not lose body weight, and we know maintaining muscle mass helps us stay functional and independent throughout life."

Based on self-reports, only 20 percent of Americans meet the guidelines (two days a week of muscle-strengthening activities) for resistance exercise, Brellenthin says.

While data for the study are not sufficient to provide suggestions for weight training, some is better than none. You don't need a gym membership or expensive equipment to start. In fact,

you can start at home by doing body-weight exercises.

"We want to encourage small amounts of resistance training and it doesn't need to be complicated," Brellenthin says. "You can get a good resistance workout with squats, planks, or lunges. Then, as you build strength, you can consider adding free weights or weight machines."

Additional researchers are from the University of South Carolina; Pennington Biomedical Research Center; and Ochsner Clinical School-University of Queensland School of Medicine.

Source: Iowa State University

Parkland quality improvement programs recognized by The Joint Commission

"First do no harm" is a fundamental principle of the medical profession dating back to the time of Hippocrates, the ancient Greek physician regarded as the father of medicine. While modern medicine has evolved in effectiveness and complexity thanks to advanced technology, medicines and treatments, the essential maxim remains — that healthcare should, above all, be safe.

National Patient Safety Awareness Week, sponsored by the Institute of Healthcare Improvement and this year observed March 10-16, highlights the efforts of healthcare providers across the country to prevent medical errors and avoid adverse effects to patients. At Parkland Health & Hospital System, it's also an opportunity to nurture and celebrate grass-roots innovations in quality and

safety initiated by Parkland staff.

"Patient safety is everyone's responsibility at Parkland, regardless of their role in the organization," explained Karen S. Garvey, BSN, MPA/HCA, DFASHRM, CPHRM, CPPS, Vice President of Safety and Clinical Risk Management. "Quality care, patient safety and improving the patient experience are our top priorities

and we want to recognize those at Parkland who embody this commitment to patient safety every day."

Throughout the week, Parkland recognizes staff and teams that have been identified by their peers as "Patient Safety Champions" who have led innovative projects to improve patient safety. Some of these champions have also submitted posters showcasing depart-

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DART GoLink expansion, new on-demand service in downtown Dallas and other adjustments coming March 25

The newest improvements at Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) feature an on-demand curb to curb service called GoLink in six service-area neighborhoods. The change, which takes effect on March 25, replaces DART On-Call and lets customers book their trips previously served by DART On-Call, enables customers throughout the system to book trips with the GoPass® app.

GoLink enhances and expands DART On-Call zones and introduce service to previously unserved or underserved areas, including Farm-



ers Branch, Glenn Heights, Lake Highlands, Lakewood, North Dallas, Highland Park and University Park.

Customers can download DART's free GoPass app from the App Store or Google Play, select 'Plan' within the app and enter their location and destination. GoLink will appear as a choice if available in that

area. Customers with the app can also purchase their ticket. Customers without a smartphone can still book a trip by calling 214-452-1827 at least 30 minutes in advance Monday through Friday, 4 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Day passes are offered for sale on board; however, you can ride GoLink at no additional cost with any valid DART pass. Additional GoLink information can be found at www.dart.org/golink.

D-Link eliminated

Route 722, known as the D-Link circulator in down-

town Dallas, will be discontinued. It will be replaced with a new downtown GoLink mobility on-demand service costing customers \$1 for a one-way trip.

The service will be funded jointly by DART, Downtown Dallas Inc., and the City of Dallas and cover the West End, Perot Museum, Klyde Warren Park, Arts District, Dallas Farmers Market, Deep Ellum, Convention Center and Main Street District seven-days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This new downtown Dal-

las zone significantly increases the available transit area compared to the previous fixed route D-Link. Customers will ride on an accessible vehicle provided by DART that is available only through the free GoPass app.

Check Your Schedule

Two other bus route changes will also occur on Mar. 25. Northbound service between Pennsylvania Ave. and Warren Ave. on Route 2 will be moved from Harwood Street to the IH-45 service road, and the detour routing along Ross Ave. and Washington Ave. between

Hall Street and Lemmon Ave. will become a permanent part of Route 31.

Additional schedule adjustments will be made to routes 21, 42, 35, 52, 63, 76, 84, 111, 161, 208, 283, 347, 372, 378, 402, 403, 405, 410, 475, 527, 536, 549, 574 and 749.

Customers should look for new timetables and schedules before Mar. 25. They can also call DART Customer Service at 214.979.1111 or go online to DART.org/servicechange for more details.

Detours planned to deal with St. Patrick's Day celebration crowds

Please be advised the following events, St. Paddy's Day Dash Down Greenville, Dallas St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, St. Patrick's Day Concert, St. Patrick's Day Block Party, are scheduled for Saturday, March 16. Event organizers expect about 90,000 people in attendance.

Road closures related to these special events will impact traffic around Greenville Avenue from Park Lane to

Vickery Boulevard between 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Detours available for southbound and northbound travel at Greenville Avenue, Skillman Street, McMillan Avenue and Central Expressway.

Residents and businesses located between Central Expressway and Greenville Avenue should utilize entrances and exits west of Greenville Avenue.

For the parade, four pedestrian crossing points will be

available after 1 p.m. at Southwestern Boulevard, Lovers Lane, Milton Street and University Boulevard.

St. Paddy's Day Dash Down Greenville 5K

The 5K race starts at 8 a.m. at 5200 Greenville Ave. (south of Lovers Lane). It will proceed north on Greenville Avenue, turn right onto Caruth Haven Lane, turn left onto Southwestern Boulevard, turn right onto Skillman Street, turn right

onto East University Boulevard, and turn right onto Greenville Avenue on the northbound curb lane and return to the start/finish line.

For more information visit www.runproject.org/dash-downgreenville

Dallas St. Patrick's Day Concert

Starting at 9 a.m. the parade street closures will be in full effect for Greenville Avenue from Park Lane to Mockingbird Lane.

Additional street closures include the closure of the far northmost end of Matilda Street to Ravendale Lane and Ravendale Lane from Matilda Bridge to Matilda Street. Greenville Avenue North of Mockingbird will open to traffic at approximately 4 p.m. The concert ends at 7 p.m.

For more information visit www.dallasstpatrickspade.com.

St. Patrick's Day Block Party

The annual St. Patrick's Day Block Party will take place between the 2800 and 2900 block of Greenville Ave. Northbound and southbound traffic on Greenville Avenue will be detoured east to Matilda Street. All closures will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Several streets will be designated one-way. Visit www.lowergreenvilleblockparty.com for more details.

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ment safety initiatives that contribute to enhancing patient, staff or visitor safety. Additionally, the week encompasses safety-focused games, a safety fair and hosting a nationally known guest speaker, Thomas Lee, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Press Ganey.

In July, The Joint Commission (TJC) added a new requirement for healthcare organizations nationwide to its 2019 National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG) to address suicide prevention. The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit group in the United States that administers voluntary accreditation programs for hospitals and other healthcare organizations.

TJC recognized Parkland for its unique universal suicide risk assessment program that was introduced in

2015 to provide suicide risk screening for all patients ages 10 and up accessing Parkland services, both inpatient and outpatient. Parkland was the first major healthcare system in the nation to introduce a universal suicide screening tool.

Other notable quality and safety initiatives underway at Parkland include efforts to improve the safety and quality of care for behavioral health patients, including:

- RIGHT Care Team – a collaboration with the Dallas Police Department, Dallas Fire-Rescue and Parkland social workers providing rapid response to mental health emergency calls in south central Dallas, diverting mental health patients from area emergency rooms and jails by stabilizing them on the scene and

getting them to the appropriate preventive and intervention services that can meet their healthcare needs

- LIFE (Law Enforcement Intervention for Environmental/Patient Safety) Team – mental health-trained police officers assist staff providing care to high-risk patients

- Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT) – specially trained staff deescalate potentially violent situations involving individuals who may compromise their own safety or that of others.

“At Parkland, we view patient safety as much more than preventing harm to those we serve,” Garvey said. “It is the cornerstone of our mission – to provide quality care with compassion to our patients in the hospital and neighborhood health centers, and the entire community.”

Student-athletes, partners and literacy are springing forward in District 6



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6
Trustee

Schools in the southwest quadrant of Dallas ISD are often recognized for their stellar basketball, football and track and field programs. But, thanks to a wave of high-performing student-athletes, District 6 is on the map in wrestling too. The Kimball High School boys wrestling team won the recent District Wrestling Championship and the following students competed in the State Wrestling tour-

namment in Cypress, Texas:

- Destiny Miles, Justin F. Kimball HS
- Ki'Aundra Green, Justin F. Kimball HS
- Frederick Hardy, David W. Carter HS
- Dominique Ford, Justin F. Kimball HS

From the mat to the court, District 6 student-athletes are making big moves – Nothing shapes character and sportsmanship like healthy competition among peers. After a competitive game against Long Middle School, the Atwell Archers won the Dallas ISD Middle School Boys City Basketball Championship. These middle school ballers signal

a bright road ahead for the high school teams in District 6. And I eagerly look forward to future wins both on and off the court.

Success beyond the courts and fields is a primary objective for Dallas ISD athletic programs – Coaches, teachers and parents partner across the district to ensure that athletic involvement complements each student's education. I'm always encouraged to see the results of this type of collaboration in District 6 in students like Dayanara Chavez, a senior at Justin F. Kimball High School. Chavez is one of the five student-athletes in the dis-

trict to win a \$10,000 college scholarship from the Nancy Lieberman Charities. She will be honored at Nancy Lieberman's 2019 Dream Ball Gala where Julius "Dr. J" Erving and Ice Cube will be the keynote guest.

Student-athletes aren't the only ones benefiting from generous partners in education – The students at two District 6 schools are set to enjoy new classroom libraries, thanks to The Corporate Alliance Resource Exchange (CARE), an alliance of diverse North Texas corporations with a shared goal of creating greater community impact

by combining funds, volunteers and other resources. Forty-seven hundred dollars were donated to provide more than 900 books to R. L. Thornton Elementary School, creating robust classroom libraries for the third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade classrooms. Volunteers from the organizations also "refreshed" the school library by giving it a fresh coat of paint and worked with teachers to sort the books into bins for their classroom libraries.

At Barbara Jordan Elementary School, \$4,200 were donated to purchase books for K-5 classroom libraries, totaling more than

1,200 books. The donated funds were also used to create a fairytale-themed reading area in the school library, complete with reading thrones, a beanstalk table, and a dragon-covered display case.

Read For Me – Finally, I'd like to encourage families to attend Read For Me, a free, interactive literacy event for all grade levels featuring activities, authors, guest speakers, and more. The fun-filled event will be Saturday, March 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at W.H. Adamson High School.

Learn more and register at: www.dallasisd.org/readforme.

U.S. Rep. Colin Allred announces Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) has announced the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for Texas' 32nd Congressional District. High school students residing in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas are invited to participate by submitting original artwork in person or by mail to Congressman

Allred's district office in Richardson, Texas.

"I encourage all the student artists across Texas' 32nd District to participate in the 2019 Congressional Art Competition," said Allred. "North Texas is a vibrant community with so much to offer. This competition is an opportunity for students to

showcase our region and its young artistic talent."

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual high school art contest sponsored by Members of the House of Representatives. A panel of district artists will select the winner for the district, which will be announced at an exhibition of

all submitted works. The winner will receive two round-trip tickets to attend a reception in their honor in Washington, D.C. this summer. In addition, the winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, along with artwork from all participating districts from around the country. Runners

up will have the option to display their artwork in Congressman Allred's congressional office.

Students who are interested in participating can access the contest rules on Congressman Allred's website at allred.house.gov or call his district office at (972) 972-7949 for more informa-

tion.

Submissions are due by April 8 no later than 6 p.m. and can be mailed or delivered to:

Rep. Colin Allred
c/o Art Competition Coordinator
100 N. Central Expressway, STE 602
Richardson, Texas 75080

UNT student and mentor develop new tool for cancer research

A University of North Texas researcher and a 16-year old student are working together to fight cancer with mathematics.

Julia Christina Ayalde Camacho, a student in the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science and Xuexia Wang, an associate professor and researcher of statistics in UNT's Department of Mathematics, are working together as mentor and student to explore new ways to apply computational biology and statistics to cancer research.

"Working with my mentor, Dr. Wang, has been a great learning experience. She advised me in developing a computer program that predicts the occurrence of secondary central nervous system cancer through ensemble machine learning methods," said Camacho.

Camacho created a computer program that accepts



TAMS student Julia Camacho explains her project to Charles Conley, chair of the UNT mathematics department, while Camacho's mentor, associate professor Xuexia (Helen) Wang, looks on. (Photo: UNT)

data from many different patients who survived childhood cancer, learns from that data and predicts the possibility of secondary nervous system cancer as an adult.

Children suffering from cancer were often exposed to radiation therapy, said Wang, a biostatistics specialist in the College of Science. There is a linear relation between the dosage of radiation and the risk of developing secondary nervous sys-

tem cancer.

But, Wang added, it is not just about radiation. Genetics can also play a role.

"There is significant inter-individual variability in the risk for secondary nervous system cancer, which sug-

gests a role for genetic susceptibility. Radiation, genetic variants and patient characteristics are three main types of variables that Julia's program takes into account. Using the available data, the program determines the risk of secondary nervous system cancer for survivors of childhood cancer today. It can do this for individuals as well as groups."

Wang said that advising Camacho on her project and seeing her develop a working program that can help in the fight against cancer makes being a mentor worth it.

"The mentor/student relationship is a key part of any

professors' job.

As a tier one research university, we have an obligation to work with students and provide the necessary research experiences needed for a career in academics and industry," Wang said. "It is important for undergrads and, in Julia's case, TAMS students to be exposed to research methods and methodology early. That is why mentorship is so important."

Wang was recently recognized in her role as a mentor by being selected for the Westheimer Science Research Fellows program. The fellowship will enable four undergraduate students, including TAMS stu-

dents who qualify, to work directly with Wang on her ongoing research into pediatric oncology. Each student will spend three semesters working with Wang. For each semester, participants will receive \$2,000 to cover expenses while involved in the program.

Camacho's research project took first place in the 2019 Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair Computer Science Division, third place in the entire science fair and won three special awards. She received more than \$500 and will advance to both the state and international levels.

Is there something we should know about?

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Carrollton makes 2019 Top 100 list of Best Places to Live in America

The City of Carrollton is one of five Metroplex cities to rank on Homesnacks' 2019 "Top 100 List of Best Places to Live in America."

Eight Texas cities made the Top 100 with Carrollton (52) fourth in DFW behind Frisco (11), Plano (17), and McKinney (23), followed by Irving (96). Round Rock (33), Midland (72), and Austin (76) all made the list, too.

The common denominator that all good cities have, according to Homesnacks, is great economics, established school systems, a large ratio of employed citizens, and residents earning high salaries. Carrollton has one of the lowest unemployment rates at 3.8 percent — lower than Plano's 4.2 percent and Irving's 5 percent.

Carrollton scored an 8 out of 10 on Homesnacks' "Overall SnackAbility" rating. The community's diversity scored the highest at a 10, amenities ranked next with 9.5, followed by jobs and housing both at 8.5, safety and education both scoring at an 8, and com-



City of Carrollton

muting at a 7.

To determine the best places to live, Homesnacks evaluated 293 of the biggest cities in America with populations over 100,000 per the latest numbers, a low crime rate, a strong workforce, and the best schools. Information was gathered using FBI crime data and the recently-released American Community Survey census data including population density, unemployment rates, adjusted median income, housing vacancy rates, education, and crime rates. Cities were ranked from best to worst in each criterion and averaged in all ranks to create a best-place-

to-live index.

Homesnacks specializes in niche reporting and has been professionally ranking cities, neighborhoods, counties, and states across America for more than three years. To date, they have 57 categories and counting. Their self-proclaimed mission is to help people find a place to live that fits them personally.

To view the full survey, visit homesnacks.net/best-places-to-live-in-america-127688.

For more on what makes the City of Carrollton such a great place to live, visit cityofcarrollton.com/awards-accolades.

DFW Airport and Dallas Love Field win accolades for customer service

Customer service at DFW International Airport and Dallas Love Field is among the best in North America, according to Airports Council International.

DFW was named the best among airports serving more than 40 million passengers a year. Love Field received the award for airports with 15 million to 25 million passengers a year.

The Airport Service Quality awards are based on customer service performance indicators and require airports to take part in monthly surveys to qualify. The surveys gauge customer experience in areas like check-in, security, food and drink services, and rest-room quality.

"With the recognition from ACI and the Global



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Airport of the Year Award from Air Transport World, the industry and our customers are taking notice of our investments in technology, infrastructure and people to transform travel," DFW Airport CEO Sean Donohue said in a statement.

Love Field received a third-place ranking in 2016 and 2017 before winning the top honor for 2018.

DFW Airport, which expects 3.8 million passengers to pass through during

spring break, also received the Global Airport of the Year award from leading industry publication Air Transport World in January. The award went beyond customer service to take into account operational efficiency, innovation and other factors.

DFW has invested heavily in its terminals recently, installing signs that display real-time security waits and completing a \$2 billion makeover of three terminals.

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Expand your mind with the **Spring Break STEAM Fair** on March 15, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Carrollton Public Library at Josey Ranch Lake, in Carrollton. This second annual event will provide hands-on experiments from: the University of Texas at Dallas, The Perot Museum, Schneider Electric, and GoEngineer.

Dallas

The **Wings of Freedom Tour** will be held from March 15 to March 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Frontiers of Flight Museum, in Dallas. View rare WWII bomber and fighter aircraft in this living history exhibit which stops at the Frontiers of Flight Museum as part of a 110-city nationwide tour.

Visitors will not only get a chance to view the interactive displays, they will actually have an opportunity to fly aboard these legendary aircraft. There will be special guests, reenactors and activities for the kids.

Don't miss the opera of **La Bohème**, opening on March 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at AT&T Performing Arts Center, in Dallas. Puccini's timeless La Bohème combines soaring music and heartbreaking drama to show how love affects the lives of a group of friends. As the fragile seamstress Mimi asks the poet Rodolfo to light her candle, they fall head over heels in love with each other. At the same time, Marcello is falling back into the arms of the feisty and flirtatious

Musetta. It soon becomes clear that Mimi's health is failing, and she and Rodolfo must decide if their relationship can survive the inevitable tragedy ahead. As Puccini's most popular work, La Bohème is a sweeping love story, which balances the heights of romance with the hard truth that happiness comes at a cost. Sung in Italian with English supertitles PG-13. For tickets visit <https://dallasopera.org/tickets/>.

The first day of the **Cine Mexicano Film Series** will take place on March 16, starting at 9 p.m. at Texas Theatre, in Oak Cliff. The Festival de Cine Latino Americano & Oak Cliff Cultural Center present a five-part film series highlighting prominent Latino

filmmakers. Featuring Alejandro González Iñárritu's Amores Perros, Alfonso Cuarón's Y Tu Mama Tambien, Guillermo Del Toro's The Devil's Backbone, Gregory Nava's Mi Familia and Gregory Nava's beloved Selena starring Jennifer Lopez. Tickets start at \$11. For more information visit thetexasattheatre.com.

Civil Discourse Series: Asylum in America will take place on March 19, at 7 p.m. at Unity of Dallas, in Dallas. Each year, thousands of people leave their homes and seek asylum in the United States. Join them for a discussion on the United States' approach to asylum and the laws that govern this process. Panelists will explore questions



like: What does it mean to seek asylum? Who is eligible for this status and why?

What standards for asylum applicants are currently in place? Are our asylum laws working in the most effective and efficient ways? Do our asylum laws need to be changed or revised? This panel will be moderated by Jenny Manrique, Multimedia Reporter for Al Día and The Dallas Morning News.

Garland

Mark your calendar for the **Downtown Garland**

Lucky 5K on March 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 509 W. State St Garland. Dress up and bring your family and friends to the Downtown Garland Lucky 5K to help us support Guns & Hoses Foundation of North Texas. The race will begin with a warm up by Coach Bev Sigler from Being Balanced, followed by the Downtown Garland Lucky 5K. The race starts on the corner of 6th and W. State St. and ends at Intrinsic Smokehouse and Brewery where the awards and after party will take place. Whether you are a professional runner, or just here for the fun, good times are to be had by all. Proceeds from the race will benefit Guns and Hoses Foundation of North Texas.

Rep. Eric Johnson submits bills on minority-owned newspapers, corruption, and homelessness

March 8 was the deadline for Texas legislators to file bills for consideration during the 2019 session, resulting in three key proposals from Rep. Eric Johnson, who is also a candidate for mayor in Dallas. The proposed laws focus on leveling the playing

field for publications serving minority communities, fighting corruption in the awarding of government contracts and provide affordable housing.

Provide a level playing field for publications serving minority

communities
The legislation filed would help to ensure government notices are published in newspapers that largely serve minority audiences.

House Bill 4210 removes a requirement government

notices can only be published in newspapers designated as second-class postal matter. This requirement in current law often prevents governments from publishing their notices in smaller, minority-owned newspa-

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Rep. Eric Johnson filed three key bills before the deadline for the 2019 legislative session. (Courtesy Image)



Yolanda Williams (center) addresses an audience member's question, while opponents Jaime Resendez (left) and Ruth Torres (right) listen, during the Q&A segment of the Monday Night Politics forum at the African American Museum in Fair Park on March 11. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

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"The landowners there, they're zoned as agricultural and also housing, a lower tax rate," Atkins said. "If you increase that, you increase the property value and they would be put out, they're overpriced."

Adkins also stated he is trying to find \$5 million for water and sewer infrastruc-

ture to keep the project on track to move forward.

For his part, Atkins went through a long list of improvements in the district, and businesses which have located there. According to him, his efforts have both improved the community and created thousands of jobs for residents. Ultimately

he invited audience members to use the Internet to look up the "District 8 Online" website to see a full accounting of what he has done for his constituents.

District 5 race features three first-timers

The second race featured was the race for District 5, a three-way competition between new challengers, as incumbent Rickey Callahan is not seeking reelection. Jaime Resendez, Ruth Torres, and Yolanda Williams are each vying to take a seat at the horseshoe for the first time.

The subject of charter schools reared its head again, as Torres claimed charter schools are backing her opponents. She views this as part of the profit influence problem in her community.

"I'm running because I'm sick and tired of the status quo," Torres said. "I'm tired of big business coming in and robbing people of equity

... I have a responsibility to my kids and everyone's kids to make things better. I've spent over 20 years fighting on the issues. I've been in Dallas almost 10 years now, and I've been fighting on the issues for at-risk youth, for homelessness, affordable housing. I've been here on that."

Both Torres' opponents denied being backed by charter schools, with Resendez quipping, "If charter schools are supporting me, they need to hurry up and write me that check because I ain't got it yet."

Resendez recently made news when questions of where he resided led to his resignation from the Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) Board of Trustees. However, he had already decided not to seek reelection and instead to run for the District 5 seat on the city council.

"I grew up in Pleasant Grove," Resendez said. "I

grew up around gangs, drugs, and violence. My parents were immigrants. They worked hard to make a living, but still struggled to make ends meet."

His way out was to join the military -- serving in Iraq -- and returning home to pursue a law degree. He said he was proud of his time on the Dallas ISD board, but believes he can make a bigger impact elsewhere.

"Education does not happen in a vacuum," Resendez said. "There are housing issues connected to education, criminal justice issues, economic development, equity; and that's why I'm running for city council and I hope to have y'all's support."

Williams points to her past community advocacy and work on the Parks board as her qualification for the position. A lifelong Pleasant Grove resident, Williams says she put in the work long before considering running.

"We know Pleasant Grove

is the forgotten city," Williams said. "In 2012 there was the last bond. In 2013 they had redistricting. There were two people from Pleasant Grove fighting for Pleasant Grove. Not one of my opponents on this stage was downtown ... We were at city hall at 12, 1 o'clock at night, making sure all of Pleasant Grove got their due share."

During her tenure on the Parks board and Williams claimed she had a special dedication to community rec centers, because, "I was a rec kid." She points to four city parks, including an aquatics center which she claims was originally going to go to another part of the city, as evidence of her diligence and commitment.

Monday Night Politics will continue on March 25 at the African-American Museum in Fair Park, focusing on the District 7 race. The event runs from 6-8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Win tickets to see Black Violin in Dallas on March 23

The popular duo Black Violin continue to prove that hip hop and classical music can blend together to make beautiful music. NDG readers have an opportunity to win tickets to their return to AT&T Performing Arts Center stage on March 23 at 9:30 p.m. as part of their Impossible Tour. For an opportunity to win visit our Facebook page and tell us what instrument you played or wish you could play. Make sure you like the post for future updates and join our Facebook community by following the page.



Talented duo Black Violin perform in Dallas in March (Image: Courtesy Photo/Colin Brennan)

Black Violin is lead by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin). Joining them onstage are DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses their unique blend of classical and hip-

hop music, often described as “classical boom,” to overcome stereotypes and encourage people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds to join together to break down cultural barriers.

Black Violin is currently writing and recording their next studio album expected

to be released late 2019. Their last record, Stereotypes, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart and #4 on the Billboard R&B Chart. NPR praised the album and band, saying “their music will keep classical music alive for the next genera-

tion.” Some of their creative collaborations include Kanye West, Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean, Lil Wayne, and Alicia Keys.

The group advocates for educational outreach and in the past 12 months have performed for over 100,000 students in the US and Europe. Black Violin’s Impossible Tour will spread the message that anything is possible and there are no limits to what one can achieve, regardless of circumstance.

This show features a special performance from the Sidney Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard 5th Grade Advanced Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Mark Hillegass Jr. The orchestra is part of the magnet program at Sidney Lanier and is currently one of three orchestras. The orchestra consists

of 22 musicians ranging from 1st to 3rd year players.

The orchestra program consists of the 4th Grade Beginner Orchestra, 5th Grade Advanced Orchestra, 6th Grade Beginner Orchestra, and in the future will be adding an intermediate and advanced orchestra to the middle school program.



NDG Entertainment: Spring Break, St. Patty’s and plenty of tunes this week

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

Enjoy **Spring Break Pop-Up Party** on March 15, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Hillside Village Shopping Center, in Dallas. Don’t miss out on two hours of free activities and entertainment include crafts, face painters, balloon artists, strolling characters, photo booth and tasty treats (while supplies last). A free goody bag goes to the first 200 kids, ages 2 and older, if parents register at the Hillside Village tent. Be sure to register at shophillsidevillage.com/event/spring-break-pop-up-party/2145485926/.



Anthony Hamilton, alongside Leela James, will be performing on March 17 in Fair park. (Image: Ticketmaster)

Be sure to attend the annual **Dallas St. Patrick’s Parade** on March 16, starting at 11 a.m. on Greenville Avenue and Blackwell St, and end at Yale Blvd/SMU Blvd and 75 Central Expressway, in Dallas. This

event is free and make sure to wear green to not get pinched. For more information visit dallasstpatrickspare.com.

Come watch IBF Welterweight champion **Errol Spencer** against **Mikey Garcia** on March 16, starting at 8 p.m. at AT&T Stadium, in Arlington. To purchase tickets visit seatgeek.com.

Come experience the leg-

end **Ice Cube & Paul Wall** performing live on March 16, at 8 p.m. at the South Side Ballroom, in Dallas. Tickets start at \$59.50. You can purchase them at concerts1.livenation.com.

Anthony Hamilton and **Leela James** will be performing live on March 17, at 8 p.m. at Music Hall at Fair Park, in Dallas. Tickets begin at \$59.50. To attend please visit 1.ticketmaster.com.

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Al Green's fans can rediscover 'Love and Happiness' on April 26

The GRAMMY Award winning and Kennedy Center Honors recipient Al Green returns to the stage to perform some of his most iconic hits and fan favorites at his first concerts in more than seven years. Green's powerful and passionate performances of timeless classics such as "Let's Stay Together," "Shalala-La (Make Me Happy)" "I Can't Get Next To You," "Tired Of Being Alone" and "I'm Still In Love With You," as well as his ability move entire crowds and have them singing along to gospel favorites such as "Nearer My God to Thee," "Precious Lord," "I'll Rise Again" and his rendition of "Amazing Grace," have made him one of the greatest performers of all-time.

Local fans can hear the legendary crooner live on April 26 at The Pavilion at the Toyota Music Factory in Irving. Tickets are available at LiveNation.com.

With a highly successful



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recording and touring career that spans over five decades, Al Green's musical roots originate in Memphis, but he has made an undeniable and lasting impact on music and musicians around the world from R&B, Soul, and Pop to Blues and Gospel. Throughout his career, he has earned a long list of hit albums and singles including his breakthrough release Al Green Gets Next To You in 1970 featuring his first Top 10 hit single "Tired of Being Alone," and 1972's Let's Stay

Together which reached No. 1 on the Top R&B Albums chart and No. 8 on the Billboard 200 with the title track hitting No. 1 on both the Hot 100 and Top R&B charts concurrently.

The hits kept coming, Green continued his chart success with back to back hits including 1972's platinum selling album I'm Still In Love With You, 1973's Call Me, featuring the hit single "You Ought To Be With Me," 1973's Livin' For You, 1974's gold selling Al Green Ex-

plores Your Mind and 1975's Al Green Is Love, all hitting No. 1 on Billboard's Top R&B chart plus the Top 20 R&B hit albums Full of Fire (1976) and 1977's Have A Good Time. In 1975, Al Green released his platinum selling hits collection Al Green's Greatest Hits which reached top 20 on Billboard's Top 200 and No. 3 on the Top R&B chart, and packed with hits including "Let's Stay Together," "Call Me (Come Back Home)," "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart" and "Tired of Being Alone."

In the 80s, the Reverend Al Green returned to the music he was raised on, and for the next decade, he focused on Gospel music. His first Gospel album, The Lord Will Make A Way, was the album that resulted in the first Grammy of his career. His fans followed his new path and he continued his chart success with 1983's I'll Rise Again, which hit No. 4 on the Top Gospel Albums chart,

garnered a Top 10 hit album with Trust In God (1984), and 1987's Soul Survivor, reached No. 1 on the Top Gospel Albums.

His return to pop music with I Can't Stop (2003) and 2008's Lay It Down, put Green back on the pop charts with a No. 9 and No. 3 on the Top R&B chart.

Along with Al Green's commercial success, he continues to receive praise and accolades most recently being celebrated in Washington D.C. at the Kennedy Center Honors in 2014. He received "Lifetime Achievement Award" at both the 2002 GRAMMY AWARDS® and the 2009 BET Awards, and was inducted into the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame inductee in 1995. He has won GRAMMY® Awards for the songs: "The Lord Will Make A Way" (1981); "Higher Plane;" (1982) "Precious Lord" (1982); "Ocean Blue (I'll Rise Again)" (1983); "Going Away" (1986);

"Everything's Gonna Be Alright" (1987); "As Long As We're Together" (1989); "Stay With Me (By The Sea)" (2008); and "You've Got The Love I Need" (2008). He has also received Grammys for his duets with Shirley Caesar for "Sailin' On The Sea Of Your Love" (1984), "Wanna Be Happy?" (2015) with Kirk Franklin and "Funny How Time Slips Away" (1994) with Lyle Lovett.

Today, Reverend Green dedicates his time to his ministry in his hometown of Memphis, TN. In 2018, he recorded and released "Before The Next Teardrop Falls," his first single in almost 10 years.

Considered one of Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Artists of All Time, with Pitchfork proclaiming Al Green as "The Greatest Living Soul Singer," The Reverend Al Green has become a national treasure and once again hits the road to spread his message of "Love."

Legendary songstress Dionne Warwick announces, 'She's Back,' with her first new album in five years

(Black Press USA) Legendary Grammy Award winner DIONNE WARWICK will release her first new album in 5 years, "SHE'S BACK," on May 10th. Produced by her son Damon Elliot, the album will be released via his Kind Music and Entertainment One (eOne). The lead-off single will be an updated version of the Burt Bacharach/Hal David classic, "What the World Needs Now Is Love," which Dionne recorded during the 1960s.



Dionne Warwick will begin a highly anticipated concert residency in Las Vegas on April 4, 2019. (Photo: NNPA)

In addition to ten tracks of new songs as well of re-

aged with a bonus disc of Ms. Warwick's 1998 album, "Dionne Sings Dionne," which features her greatest hits, remastered for this package. "She's Back" also includes duets with Kenny Lattimore ("What Color Is Love"), Musiq Soulchild ("Am I Dreaming?") as well as Bone, Thugs & Harmony's Krayzie Bone ("Déjà Vu").

"She's Back" is Ms. Warwick's 36th full-length studio recording, and her first dedicated R&B/soul album in fifty years, since the re-

lease of Dionne's stellar 1969 Scepter LP, Soulful, which she co-produced in Memphis with the late Chips Moman (who manned the boards for Dionne's then-label mate, B.J. Thomas).

Ms. Warwick is one of several legends to be chosen to receive one of the Grammy Awards' highest honors this year – the Lifetime Achievement Award. She joins music greats such as George Clinton & Parliament-Funkadelic, Billy Eckstine, Donny Hathaway,

Julio Iglesias as well as Sam & Dave in this bestowed class.

The honorees were mentioned in the Grammy Awards live telecast earlier this month. A separate award presentation ceremony and concert celebrating the honorees will be held the day after the release of "She's Back," on May 11, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Additionally, Dionne will begin a highly anticipated concert residency in Las Vegas on April 4, 2019.

Greenville Avenue Area Business Association announces 40th Dallas St. Patrick's Day Parade

40 shades of green will envelope the city of Dallas on March 16, 2019 at 11am as the Dallas Mavs St. Patrick's Parade & Festival presented by the Dallas Mavericks will celebrate and commemorate 4 decades of fanfare and revelry. The Greenville Avenue

Area Business Association (GAABA) is rising up to the forty year road with the wind firmly at its collective back with its time honored Dallas tradition for thousands to enjoy the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Southwest. In tribute of festooning Greenville Ave

for 40 years, this year's procession will feature the first Parade president/ founder Tom Stephenson (1979-1987), who will be joined by every parade president that has served: GAABA Founder, John Ahern (1988-1990) represented by his daughter Amanda Ahern

Terilli, Valerie Barrett (1991-1997), Jorge Levy (1998-2013) and Kevin Vela (current president).

"Since 1979 Greenville Avenue has radiated pageantry against the backdrop of food, spirits and community and in its 40th year, we are elated that

Mayor Rawlings will be our Grand Marshal," said Kevin Vela, Board Chairman of the GAABA. "Mayor Rawlings has been our city's stalwart since he took office and he is the ideal person to lead our parade down Greenville Avenue and into the next forty

years."

"This is my first year participating with the Dallas Mavericks and I am thrilled to be a part of this proud, long-established event that brings our city together," said Cynthia Marshall Dal-

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House Chair Waters leads charge to return consumer protection to CFPB

By Charlene Crowell

On March 7, the House Financial Services Committee, chaired by Congresswoman Maxine Waters marked the first time that the new Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) appeared for a hearing in this capacity. Entitled, "Putting Consumers First? A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," the session is the first of two mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Twice a year, CFPB's Director must report to each chamber of Congress.

But before the hearing, other actions signaled that Director Kathy Kraninger would likely be forced to defend both the Bureau's actions and inactions that occurred at the hands of Trump political appointees. Under Mick Mulvaney, CFPB's former Acting Director, a series of actions turned the agency's focus away from consumers, regulation and enforcement to make its policies and structure more favorable to deregulation and business.

One day before the hearing, Congresswoman Waters and other majority members of the Financial Services Committee held a news conference to announce the reintroduction of the Consumers First Act. Initially filed in 2018 by Waters, the 2019 version has the same intent: to block and reverse the Trump Administration's anti-consumer

agenda. This year, Waters has the support of co-sponsoring lawmakers representing 19 states as diverse as California, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia. Another boost - the bill is also supported by 51 consumer, civil rights, and labor advocates.

"The bill reverses the harmful structural changes Mulvaney and his deputies made to damage the agency one-by-one," said Chairwoman Waters at the news conference. "We will be asking all of the questions that our members deem necessary to find out whether or not she is on the road to restoring much of the damage that was done by Mr. Mulvaney."

Ohio's Rep. Joyce Beatty, one of the bill's co-sponsors, took direct aim at the Bureau's changed perspective on payday lending adding, "Under Trump's CFPB director Mulvaney, the CFPB has reduced transparency and accountability, weakened enforcement...and became more interested in helping payday lenders who allegedly misled consumers and charged exorbitantly high interest rates, rather than protecting the American consumers they were sworn to serve."

Readers may recall that during Black History Month, Director Kraninger announced the Bureau's intent to suspend the August 2019 effective date of the long-awaited payday rule. After more than five years of public forums, rulemaking, research and thousands of public comments, Direc-

tor Kraninger still intends to begin the rulemaking process anew.

In response, consumer, clergy, and civil rights advocates received updated information from the Center for Responsible Lending that pinpoints state by state, how current triple-digit interest rates (APRs) continue to harm consumers across

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the country. Regardless of a state's population size or average incomes, the cost of borrowing payday loans remains a debt trap. Further, in states where these loans remain legal, lenders continue to squeeze billions of dollars of fees from borrowers whose annual average earnings are \$22,500.

Prepared by Charla Rios, a researcher with the Center for Responsible Lending, the updated payday map reveals that in 2019, 31 states charged 200 percent APRs or higher on payday loans. Of these, 18 states have APRs of 400 percent or more, three more - Idaho, Nevada, and Texas charge in excess of 600 percent.

The Lone Star State can rightfully claim one other distinction: its 661 percent APR is the nation's highest.

That claim becomes even more curious when that figure is compared to the actions of more than 40 cities that have adopted some kind of regulation on these predatory loans. In 2011, the City of Dallas led the municipal curbs with an ensuing unsuccessful legal challenge. Fortunately, the Texas Supreme Court upheld the

South Dakota -- successfully approved by voter referendum 36 percent payday rate caps. In each of these referenda, voters supported rate caps by 75 percent majorities.

"When no rate caps exist, payday lenders become more predatory as they charge even higher triple-digit interest rates that financially bury people in debt," said Rios. "The 2019 map shows just how much real reform is needed at the state and federal levels."

Although Director Kraninger announced a plan to suspend the payday rule, changes in how the Bureau operated with regard to these lenders began under Mulvaney. While at CFPB, he urged Congress to repeal the rule and joined a lawsuit brought by a payday lender that sought to indefinitely suspend the rule. Earlier and as a member of Congress representing South Carolina, Mulvaney opposed

the idea of creating the CFPB and counted payday lenders among his top donors.

The 2017 payday rule was promulgated after five years of hearings from a variety of stakeholders and everyday citizens. There was also extensive research, and a public comment period where literally thousands of statements documented this financial exploitation wrought by payday loans.

"Eliminating this protection is plain and simple a huge gift to predatory lenders so they can keep borrowers trapped in unaffordable debt with interest rates exceeding 300 percent," concluded Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP and Director of State Policy.

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City of Irving to Host Minority/Women Owned Business Workshop March 26

The City of Irving will host a Resource Tools for Small Businesses workshop March 26. The upcoming workshop will focus on resources for local businesses.

The workshop will include at least two presentations to discuss small business consulting. Attendees are encouraged to ask ques-

tions during the presentation. The presenters include:

- Chuck Rudnick, SCORE volunteer at the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

- Carlos Salazar, loan officer at the Texas Mezzanine Fund

Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. March 29 at the

City Council Chambers, 825 W. Irving Blvd. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

The city encourages everyone interested to RSVP with MWBE program administrator Deborah McVean at (972) 721-3753 or dmcvean@cityofirving.org.

city's restriction.

Despite these disappointing numbers, there have been recent and notable consumer victories on payday lending. Colorado and

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FHLB Dallas expands veterans assistance program with flexibility and higher awards

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) recently announced changes to its Housing Assistance for Veterans (HAVEN) program, including the availability of \$300,000 in HAVEN funds through members in 2019.

HAVEN provides grants up to \$10,000 per household through FHLB Dallas member institutions to help fund repairs or modifications to homes of U.S. veterans and active-duty, reserve or National Guard service members who became disabled as



a result of their military service since September 11, 2001 (9/11).

Recent changes to HAVEN, which took effect in January 2019, include:

- Increasing the award limit to \$10,000 per household for the modification, rehabilitation or new construc-

tion of a qualifying property

- Increasing the qualifying area median income limit to 165 percent or less

- Removing the requirement of recipients to have received specific service medals

- Expanding the program to Gold Star families, who have lost an immediate family member through his or her military service since 9/11

- Requiring no member contribution

- Expanding program to include properties located anywhere in the United

States

“HAVEN is a prime example of the mission of FHLB Dallas and its members to provide services that support the community and its residents in a compelling way,” said Greg Hettrick, FHLB Dallas first vice president and director of Community Investment. “We consider it a privilege to partner with our members to provide assistance to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.”

Visit fhlb.com/haven to learn more.

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pers that do not have the resources to maintain the second-class postal designation.

“Minority-owned newspapers often reach communities and residents who are not engaged with larger media outlets,” said Rep. Johnson, D-Dallas. “The readers of these publications should be able to see the notices that connect the public with important government information. In addition, these smaller newspapers should be able to benefit from publishing notices, just as larger publications do.”

The minority population in Texas is growing rapidly. Hispanic Texans are expected to outnumber white Texans by about 2022, and Texas has one of the largest African-American populations in the country.

“All communities in Texas should have access to public notices,” Rep. Johnson said. “As our minority population continues to grow, our laws should recognize that a diverse population consumes news and information from a variety of sources.”

Rep. Johnson filed similar legislation in 2017.

Bill aims to end corruption in the awarding of affordable housing tax credits

House Bil 4370 says recommendations from elected officials will no longer be part of the formal scoring process in awarding affordable housing tax credits. The legislation comes after Carolyn Davis, a former member of the Dallas City Council, entered a guilty plea for accepting bribes from a real estate developer in exchange for her support of an affordable housing project. Several elected officials in Dallas have been prosecuted for similar crimes.

“This bill takes direct aim at the corruption that has infected this process,” said Rep. Johnson, D-Dallas. “Too many elected officials have abused the public’s trust in order to enrich themselves, and we can’t tolerate that any longer. We absolutely need affordable housing in Dallas and across the state, but the current process needs reform.”

Stem the tide of homelessness caused by gentrification

Proposed bill will allow state funds to flow to residents who lose their homes due to gentrification.

Rep. Johnson filed House

Bill 4394 in order to clarify that Texans who lose their homes due to economic development in their neighborhoods are eligible for state funds intended to assist with homelessness prevention. Currently, the state distributes those dollars to cities, which then use them to help residents avoid becoming homeless. But there is ambiguity in the current law over whether someone qualifies for that assistance if their home loss is due to gentrification.

“Homelessness is a serious concern in Dallas and other cities, and it can be caused by a lot of factors,” said Rep. Johnson, D-Dallas. “If someone replaces your home with a high-end apartment that you can’t afford to rent, you should be eligible for the same type of help as someone who is homeless for a different reason. We should not ignore the ways that new construction can upend the lives of people who have lived in their communities for many years.”

House Bill 4394 would address two state programs: the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Ending Homelessness Fund.

“Housing is becoming more and more expensive in Dallas and other Texas cities, and the Legislature

needs to deal with this issue while we are in session this year.

“This bill can be an important part of our larger effort to combat the causes and real-life effects of homelessness in Texas,” Rep. Johnson said.

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March 21 MWI Warehouse Associate Job Fair

The MWI Warehouse Associate Job Fair will be held on March 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 2590 11th St., in Grand Prairie.

This onsite job fair will be searching for multiple shifts for full time and part time with those who have experience operating equipment. Be sure to bring your resume.

March 27 DFW Law Enforcement Hiring Expo

The DFW Law Enforcement Hiring Expo will be held on March 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Drive Nation, 2550 Rental Car Drive, in Irving.

Police departments from around the state will be at Drive Nation at DFW Airport to show you the opportunities possible. Previous police experience not required. To register visit Eventbrite.com.

March 27 Career Fair

There will be a career fair on March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Richland College, in Dallas. This event will be



open to current students, former students, and the general public. Job seekers should dress to impress and bring current copies of resumes. For more information contact their career centers at Dcccd.edu/jobs/pages/career-centers.aspx.

March 28 North Lake College Spring Career Fair

The North Lake College Spring Career Fair will be held on March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Life Center, at North Lake College. Be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress for success. More than 50 employers will attend this event. For more information contact 972-273-3140 or

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March 30 Teacher Job Fair - Plano ISD

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School District will be held on March 30, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Plano. Candidates must complete an online application to register for the event on the Plano ISD employment website.

All 72 elementary and secondary campuses located in and served by the District will have representatives there with staff to speak to those interested in teaching and other professional opportunities. To to receive an entry ticket to the job fair. Visit <https://www.pisd.edu/page/5495> for all the details.

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March 17, 9:45 am

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March 20, 7 pm

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A nonprofit educational organization was founded in 1980 to bring women's stories and contributions to the fore.

The project was the force behind getting Congress to designate Women's History Month officially.

It's design to celebrate strong women who have made, or who are making a difference. I emphasize Black Women only who are often forgotten.

Lucy Craft Laney, (1854-1933): She was born a slave in Macon, GA. She became Founder/Principal of Haines Normal Institute in GA.

Laney was taught to read and write at the age of four by her master's sister, who helped her attend Atlanta University.

When funds promised from the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedom did not materialized for a private school for Blacks, Laney raised the money herself.

Her school was opened in 1886. In 1975, it had grown

to a prospering educational community of over 1,000 students.

Ella Baker, a civil rights activist, was a driving force in the creation of the country's premier civil rights organizations.

After graduating as valedictorian from North Carolina's Shaw University in 1927, Baker moved to New York City during the depression.

She was a founding member of the Young Negroes Cooperative League, whose members pooled funds to buy products and services at reduced cost.

In 1957 Baker and several Southern Black ministers and activists established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major force in organizing the civil rights movement.

Bessie Coleman, the first Black American woman aviator, had a postage stamp issued in her honor in 1995.

Ethel L. Payne was the first Black woman to receive accreditation as a White House correspondent.

Ruffles, fluted collars, and pleats were very popular in Victorian-era clothing. **Susan Knox's** fluting iron made pressing the embellishments easier. The trademark featured the inventor's picture and appeared on

each iron.

Evelyn Ashford, winner of four Olympic gold medals in 1984, 1988, and 1982. Also won a silver medal in 1988 and was inducted into Track and Field and Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Two famous quotations by Ashford: "I take pride in everything I do. I don't want to be handed anything. I want to earn it."

"I can't run forever. I de-

cidied to go back to school for my degree, because I know now there's more to life than track."

Wilma Rudolph, "The World's Fastest Woman," as a child suffered from polio and wore leg braces for years, she won three gold medals in sprint events at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy.

Some famous quotations by Rudolph: "Never underestimate the power of

dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

"My mother taught me very early to believe I could achieve any accomplishment I wanted to. The first was to walk without braces."

"The triumph cannot be had without the struggle. And I know what struggle is.

I have spent a lifetime trying to share what it has meant to be a woman first in the world of sports so that other young women have a chance to reach their dreams."



Wilma Rudolph takes the win in the 100 meter dash during the 1960 Olympics in Rome (Image: Public Domain)

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**

Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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that when we share in the celebration of Palm Sunday, sit in reflection on Good Friday, and wake up with excitement and expectancy on Easter Sunday morning. Then, we can join with the faithful who sing from the bottom of their hearts, "Hallelujah to the King of kings and Lord of lords- He Lives!"

March 17, 8 and 11 am
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March 20, 7 pm
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March 30, 9:30 am
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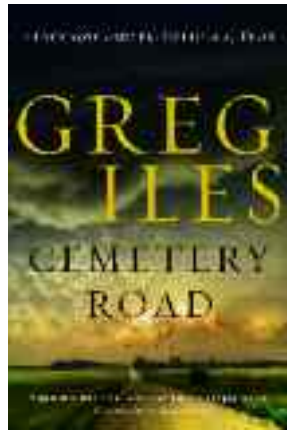
NDG Book Review: Cemetery Road is an absorbing read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You can never leave well-enough alone.

There you are, always digging, recreating, imagining, tweaking here or there. There's no answer unattainable, no solution beyond your grip. Good or bad, a "need-to-know" basis is your default position but, as in the new book "Cemetery Road" by Greg Iles, it could get you killed.

Marshall McEwan planned to never visit Bienville, Mississippi again. Leaving there had been his salvation years ago, and the key to his success. No, Bienville was a bad memory in Marshall's rear-view mirror,



and he'd planned to keep it that way.

And then his father fell ill.

Duncan McEwan, owner-publisher of Bienville's only newspaper, was once a strong voice against injustice and racism but alcoholism and liver failure were taking

a toll on him now, as they had on his relationship with his son in the past. It was only by request from his mother that Marshall went home again.

And there was Jet Matheson.

They'd been childhood sweethearts once, and Marshall never stopped loving Jet, even though they'd gone their separate ways. Now in Bienville, he was divorced but she was not; years ago, Marshall turned Jet away, so she'd married Paul, Marshall's old friend and the man who'd saved Marshall's life. If Paul somehow learned that Marshall was sleeping with his wife now, Paul would kill him – if the

"Poker Club" didn't get there first.

Since the Civil War, that's how Bienville's wealthiest, most powerful men controlled the city, politically, financially, and socially. Now they were controlling extensive plans for construction of a Chinese paper factory that meant jobs for area residents, although plans went far beyond that.

Yes, lives would be destroyed, property damaged, historic lands plundered, but billion-dollar contracts would line the already-cushioned pockets of wealthy men. It would happen, as long as the Poker Club – led by Jet Matheson's father-in-law – could keep Marshall

McEwan from learning secrets.

And they'd do that any way they could...

The best place to start with an almost-600-page book is at the beginning: "Cemetery Road" is very good but not very easy to read.

For sure, it's one of the most realistic novels you'll consume this spring, but emulating real-life means real-life complications: a lot of people to keep track of, a lot of side-issues to remember, and personal histories to learn. It's like moving to a small town and being expected to intimately know everybody, on-the-spot.

And yet, again like real-life, intricacies make things

interesting. Here, you get your ubiquitous web of lies and intrigue; some truly awful, greedy characters, each with a personal agenda; and a Betty-Veronica-Archie-type love triangle that comfortably amuses as it blows up within the tale. Yes, author Greg Iles throws a lot at his readers, but he also gives them life rafts so they don't drift too far off-course.

Ultimately, this is an excellent novel if you've fallen in love with thrillers but, like many relationships these days, it's complicated. Give yourself some time, let yourself be absorbed, and you'll like "Cemetery Road" well enough.

Amazon synergy converges in Addison...



Amazon customers in and around Addison now have another location to pick up and return their Amazon packages all in one place with no lines, no hassle, and no box. A new pickup location opened inside the Whole Foods Market Addison store at 5100 Belt Line Road, giving customers the ability to pick up their Amazon order and then shop for the groceries they need. The customers will have 15 days to pick up their online order while Prime members can enjoy free same-day delivery, with no minimum. This can be a good solution for anyone concerned about porch thieves.

CNN anchor Don Lemon to speak at UNT on March 21

Award-winning TV journalist Don Lemon will be speaking on campus as part of the UNT Distinguished Lecture Series.

Lemon is currently an anchor and correspondent for CNN and has worked previously for NBC and MSNBC. He's reported on some of the nation's major news stories in recent years from the 2008 presidential election and the George Zimmerman trial to the Boston Marathon bombing and the shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Fla.

At UNT, he'll discuss how he has embraced the power of social media to reach viewers and share his rise to primetime as one of the most prominent African American and gay men in



Courtesy photo

TV news today.

From business leaders to celebrities, each year the Distinguished Lecture Series invites noted speakers to campus who bring varying perspectives and topics of thought to the community. The 2018-2019 lecture series theme is activism.

He is speaking at the campus on March 21 at 7 p.m.

It is free for UNT students, \$5 for student guests, \$10 for UNT faculty/staff/alumni and \$20 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at UNTUnionTickets.com.

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las Mavericks CEO. "As presenting sponsor, the Dallas Mavericks will have an indelible parade presence with the Mavs Express bus, Mavs Dancers, Mascots and ManiAACs. The Mavs Corner will be located at the CVS corner of Lovers Lane and Greenville and will showcase food trucks, exhibitors, and much more."

Featured event spaces (all areas are open from 9 am to

3 pm):

- The Exhibitor Zone will be situated at 5111 Greenville Ave. (Office Depot/CVS) and will feature food trucks, exhibitor booths, sponsor exhibits, family friendly activities and VIP Tailgate Area;

- Brew Fest will be located in the Office Depot parking lot; the presenting sponsor, Deep Ellum Brewing Company, will be pour-

ing select products on tap; entrance to Brew Fest is free and will also feature food trucks, exhibitors and a DJ Station; and

- Parade Sponsor Comerica Bank, located at Lovers Lane and Greenville, will host the 3rd annual Comerica Bank Family Zone equipped with bleacher seating and events for the entire family.

New this year

- Additional Exhibitor Zone -- at 5521 Greenville

Ave -- that will highlight the Fellowship zone (Sponsored by Lakewood Fellowship Church) and the first BuzzBallz Party with a private VIP Tailgate area;

- CW33 (KDAF) Parade Live Broadcast -- 11:00am-1:00pm, from old town shopping center;

- Concert -- featuring tribute bands, playing hits from the last 4 decades, will take place 12pm – 7:00pm off the Matilda Bridge and Mockingbird; and

Text to Donate -- has been established for the parade's goal of setting a scholarship record for Dallas ISD seniors. The target is \$40,000, which is aligned with celebrating the parade's 40th year. Donations are accomplished by texting "stpat40" to 22525.

The parade route starts on Greenville Boulevard at Blackwell Street, with street closures scheduled to start at 9:00 am for north and southbound lanes of

Greenville Ave, and ends at SMU Boulevard at Central Expressway. Alternative routes around the parade-impacted area include Loop 12, Mockingbird Lane and Park Lane with access to Skillman. Parade-goers are encouraged to ride share or ride DART Rail, as parking is extremely limited. Parade route recommended DART Rail stations include Mockingbird Station, Lovers Lane Station and Park Lane Stations.