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MNP forum features DeSoto mayoral race, Dallas city and school board positions

By David Wilfong NDG Contributing Writer

Monday Night Politics (MNP) featured a wide array of political races in its forum held on April 15 at the African American Museum in Fair Park. The event, hosted by the Dallas Examiner, looked at races for Dallas City Council, Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Board of Trustees, and the mayoral race in DeSoto.

The Dallas City Council race was the first on the floor at Monday night's event. There are five candidates on the ballot for District 9; however, only Sarah Lamb and Erin Moore were able to attend. Also on the ballot are Paula Blackmon, Tamara Brown Rodriguez, and Jacinto Valdespino.

Lamb entered the public policy arena in Dallas through her work on traffic design issues, co-founding the Lakewood Citizens for Responsible Traffic. Through her efforts, she says she engaged more than 2,000 citizens in helping to determine the future of public road projects in her area. She says she wants to take that engagement to a seat on the city council to help determine the direction of the city as a whole.



DeSoto Mayor Curtistene McCowan (at right) is to maintain her seat at the top of municipal government against challengers Larry Sanders (left) and Rachel Proctor (middle). (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

Moore is a long-time advocate for the homeless and civil rights issues. She currently works in Dallas County administration as an executive assistant to Commissioner Theresa Daniel. She has been politically active as a member of the Stonewall Democrats. Affordable housing, working with disenfranchised populations, and in her own district, the future of White Rock Lake is at the top of her priorities.

Lamb and Moore shared opinions on many of the questions asked by audience members. In refreshing

contrast to some of the more heated previous races at MNP, the two shared mutual respect, and each responded positively to appointing the other to particular boards if elected.

In the race for DISD Board of Trustees District 4; Karla Garcia, Omar Jimenez and Camile White were present at the forum. Candidate Amalia Lozano was not present.

Garcia described herself as a firstgeneration child of immigrants who grew up in the district and is a prod-

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Natasha Wainwright

BALTIMORE (Black-News.com) -- Natasha Wainwright is a Baltimore-based entrepreneur who previously founded and ran an ecofriendly daycare, Progress Place Learning Center (PPLC). Natasha's Just Brittle was conceived in summer 2009 as part of a business fundamentals learning project for the children at her daycare. PPLC Sweet Treats, the daycare's made-to-order sweet shop, sold over \$500 in confections that summer. The brittle was the most popular item and was in high demand from the community long after, sparking the creation of Natasha's Just Brittle and an



opportunity to present and sell-out on QVC.

"Although we sold-out of brittle on QVC, I did not have space or staff to manufacture the volume of handcrafted brittles and that is why I opened B'More Made with Pride Commercial Kitchen to support myself and fellow culinary artisans," says Natasha. "This is a game changer for small businesses, however, I cannot keep the doors open without the support of the people."

A crowdfunding account is active on iFundWomen/B'-More Made with Pride Commercial Kitchen at www.ifundwomen.com/projects/bmore-made-pridecommercial-kitchen

Recently, Natasha's Just Brittle was added to the 2019 Visit Baltimore campaign. Natasha's Just Brittle is not your ordinary brittle. Handcrafted and hand cut in small batches using an all-natural base of a mixture of brown and white sugar, butter, sea salt, and agave, the brittle comes in over 37 flavors and counting. "Everything I am is because of Baltimore, the support of the city, community, parents, and family. I went from being bullied, contemplated suicide as a teen, to becoming a change agent as a daycare owner, to now entrepreneur."

Natasha's Just Brittle has been profiled in Baltimore Style Magazine. In 2018, Natasha won the \$10,000 "Pitch Room" grant hosted by Samuel Adams Brewery and \$20,000 winner of the "New Voice Fund." She was also chosen to audition on Shark Tank. Also, Wainwright appeared as one of 18 finalists, selected from hundreds of contestants, on BET's Queen Boss, a television series competition that featured fast-rising female entrepreneurs pitching their products and company to celebrity judges. Natasha's Just Brittle is available at Whole Foods in select stores from Riverdale, Mount Washington, and Annapolis and Gourmet Shops throughout Maryland.

"Today, I am at a critical point to keep the doors open due to the economy and rising costs of rent. My company, B'More Made with Pride Commercial Kitchen is a place where food producers can prepare, process, cook and store perishables. It is a fully licensed, equipped facility for catering, food preparation, and specialty food production," says Natasha.

Natasha's Just Brittle also offers tasty sweet treats, and, great activities for adults and families. From brittle bark classes paired with wine tasting to children's cooking classes and nutritional healthy meals. "This is where I'm from. And I just want to be known for being a Baltimore business, which is why we call the second part of our business B'More Made with Pride," says Wainwright.

To learn more about Natasha's Just Brittle and Natasha Wainwright, visit her website at www.justbrittlez.com.

Dr. Grenita Lathan

By Jeffrey L. Boney Associate Editor Houston Forward Times

Last October, allegations swirled about whether the majority of the members of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Trustees were allowing race to be a determining factor as to who they wanted to be their next HISD superintendent were presented.

Just a few weeks after that, the HISD Board surprisingly voted, 5 to 4, to remove Dr. Grenita Lathan as its interim



superintendent and replace her with troubled former HISD superintendent Dr. Abelardo 'Abe' Saavedra.

Since that time, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has recently been investigating the troubled school district for a myriad of issues, including the handling of the superintendent search and the seemingly blatant violation of the Open Meetings Act regarding the handling of the superintendent position. The TEA has also been having discussions about whether or not to take over the school district and replace HISD trustees.

Well, just as the HISD Board of Trustees was days away from seeking to name a lone finalist for the superintendent position, the stateappointed conservator, Doris Delaney, sent a letter to the HISD Board of Trustees, informing them that she was ordering them to suspend their search for a permanent superintendent, effective immediately.

"I am directing the Houston ISD Board of Trustees to take no further action regarding the selection of a new Superintendent until the Board receives written authorization from the Conservator to resume the search activities," wrote Delaney.

In the letter, Delaney also stated that she was using the legal authority bestowed upon her to suspend the search "until the agency has completed its special accreditation investigation" into HISD, specifically related to the serious allegations that five of the trustees – Diana Davila, Elizabeth Santos, Sergio Lira, Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca and Anne Sung – violated the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The primary focus of the investigation involves the actions taken by those five trustees back on October 11, when out of nowhere, as the HISD Board was preparing to vote on an extension of HISD interim superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan's employment contract, trustee Diana Davila took out her cell phone and began to propose a motion to dismiss Dr. Lathan as HISD's interim superintendent and replace her with Saavedra, effective the following Monday morning. That pre-drafted written motion was seconded by another in what appeared to be a planned and coordinated action. It is obvious that previous communication had taken place in order for this action to have occurred.

Many people believe the actions taken by Delaney could be the handwriting on the wall that TEA could be seeking to replace the HISD Board of Trustees sometime

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Really Albert?

Good breakdown. Who knows Albert Black? - *BlacksinDallas.com* via Facebook

The North Dallas Gazette is throwing Mr Albert Black under the bus. Things are heating up! - Erica Altes Cole via Facebook

As well they should. - Steven Wollard via Facebook

I hope people read the whole article.Mr Black is an empty suit. - Erica Altes Cole

via Facebook o

be a paper to report the news or a paper that endorses candidates. First of all he is the only candidate that showed and they should have informed him that this was an endorsement meeting, and to say he showed up with no material, WHAT candidate does that this time of year!???? second of all seemingly some of the Black Press in Dallas one in particular has no problem in advertising Republican Candidates and when an article is written on them nothing is EVER said because that candidate has paid for advertising twice over and all that is about is

Either they are going to obviously Albert didn't take e a paper to report the out an ad.

- Claudia Fowler via Facebook

I appreciate this piece. - *Diane Birdwell* via Facebook

Somebody give Al his gold watch.

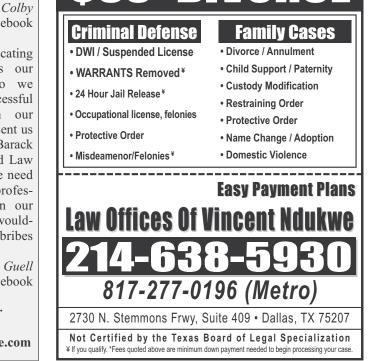
- Joe Tex via Facebook

We cannot allow any candidate, especially one who shares our plight – even if it's on the surface – to ignore us until it's time to visit our churches." Is he visiting the churches? Are they endorsing him, visit or no visit? - Paula Colby via Facebook

We should put educating our community as our highest priority so we could then elect successful professionals from our community to represent us in our government. Barack Obama is a Harvard Law School grad, and we need more successful professionals like him in our community so they wouldn't be bought by bribes from the wealthy.

- Rodolfo Guell via Facebook

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White privilege in justice in Dallas



By now you should be outraged at the disparate sentencing between former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway and that of former Dallas County School Board Trustee Larry Duncan.

There is an old saying, "you can't do what they do."

the Black community is

something that has plagued

us for hundreds of years, if

not more. Unfortunately, this perpetual disdain we seem-

ingly have for the success of

our own over others grows

as the success achieved by individuals increases. We are

then not only marginalized

by the lack of support but

also by the lack of inclusion

as it relates to the decisions

that can ultimately benefit,

without favoritism, our com-

munities as a whole. Unfor-

tunately, mayoral candidate

Albert Black all too often is

not part of the solution.

Therefore, he is a part of the

His unwillingness, despite

his early campaign fundrais-

ing success, to support and

advertise with the Dallas

Black Press demonstrates, as

with the other non-Black

candidates, a lack of respect

What do we mean? Re-

cently, Black's ad entitled,

"Let's get the Dallas econ-

omy into the Black" was

available via the far-right conservative website Breit-

for the Black community.

problem.

NDG's View

Quite obviously as that Dwaine Caraway will do jail time, and Larry Duncan will do no time.

Two men one crime, the abuse of the public trust and bribery. In an odd couple of sentencing, Dwaine Caraway gets 56 months, and Larry Duncan stays at home to watch Judge Mathis and courtroom television.

The sentencing of African-Americans and European-Americans has been a bone of contention for many black

folks for years regarding the justice system.

A justice system that puts a premium on locking of black folks places a minimum on locking p white folks. The justice system is much like the comedian Richard Pryor once said, "you go the courts expecting justice, all you get is just us."

The activist community gritted their teeth about Judge Barbara Lynn and the sentencing difference between the two elected officials. This is only the tip of the iceberg. Many languish in prisons, and jails that do not have the notoriety of either Dwaine Caraway or Larry Duncan.

Until the justice system does not weigh color or social status in its decisions, we are all sentenced to injustice. The truth of the matter is the justice system, works for some of us, it's not us black folk.

I am Ed Gray, and this is straight talk.

Albert? Really, bart.com. Ironically, the communities densely occu-The lack of support within

pied by Blacks are the communities suffering the most from a lack of economic stimulation.

Black, the president and Chief Executive Officer of On-Target Supplies and Logistics, Ltd., is one of the nine mayoral candidates seeking to replace current Mayor Mike Rawlins. Yes, he is an astute businessman with a proven track record. However, his lack of inclusion of the Dallas Black Press to reach the community we serve, and who need it the most, is disappointing.

Black in building a record of success, understands the challenges minority business owners face. Yet, when he has an opportunity to open doors for others, his record is not so rosy during this election cycle. Perhaps at the advice of others, he willingly neglected an advertising effort to unify and inform the community by all means necessary. We cannot allow any candidate, especially one who shares our plight even if it's on the surface to ignore us until it's time to visit our churches.

For far too long we blindly pass out olive branches in hopes of receiving some form of mutual support or inclusivity at the 'table." We ignore the flagrant and apparent signs; they just don't care value our community. We give a pass because of similar political views or even worse, because of race. It's a shame our community is continually left begging for crumbs when we have the means to bake our own cakes.

We can no longer stand idly by and watch our own ignore us until they need us to win an election or to gain financially. Black is Black; whether he likes it or believes it. He fails to realize our readers are his base and are not supporters or regular readers of larger publications.

Our readers mobilize and execute ground efforts to build and grow our communities. Our readers harken to our voice to determine who is the best for the City and their district.

Black did meet with the publishers of Dallas Black Press, as we met with each of the candidates for mayor

one-on-one. Unfortunately, Black was the only one to come to the meeting with no materials regarding his proposed policies and key campaign initiatives. It was surprising to have him as the only candidate to not make an effort to help us understand so we can share with our readers, how his election will benefit the Black community. Instead, he focused on his resume, the achievements of his wife and his displeasure regarding others in the race.

In other words, it was all about him. Unlike his opponents, either he did not take the publishers or our readers valuable enough to come prepared to earn our support.

Albert Black apparently did not receive the memo confirming the Black Press is still alive and working diligently to keep our readers informed. The voices of our readers ring throughout our pages, and any candidate seeking to gain the support of voters within the community earnestly should pass through our pages and our digital outlets so our readers can become familiar with them.





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'Did you take your meds?'

A pilot program called PSAM (Parkland Score for Adherence to Medication) is changing the way providers care for patients at Parkland Health & Hospital System's clinics and facilitating populationbased approaches to improve care for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes. Thanks to a multidisciplinary effort between the Global Diabetes Program, Parkland clinical providers, IT and clinical pharmacy staff, medication adherence data is now becoming available at the point of care so providers can know about challenges with medication refills and help find solutions.

Using algorithms and pharmacy data, Parkland developed PSAM to track patient adherence to taking



their medication. In turn, that indicator of adherence is available in the electronic medical record for providers to access realtime while interacting with the patient during a healthcare visit.

"It's important to know if patients are taking their medications as prescribed," said Elizabeth Obialo, MD, lead physician at Parkland's Garland Health Center, who typically sees more than 20 patients a day. At least half of them have been diagnosed with diabetes. In all, Parkland cares for more than 50,000 patients with diabetes.

PSAM is streamlining how she and other physicians know if their patients are getting the medicine they need and whether it's

working. A quick glance at the patient's electronic health record gives the provider a "medication adherence score" based on prescription refill information, along with laboratory test scores, to instantly determine if further interventions are needed to ensure the patient's well-being.

"If the PSAM score indicates the patient is taking their medication but their lab values are not where we want them, we can then adjust their medications as needed," Dr. Obialo said. "If a patient's medication adherence score is below 80%, I know there's a problem and I immediately try to find out what is preventing the patient from picking up their prescribed medicines. Are they having trouble with transportation to get to a pharmacy? Can we put them on a mail refill program? Are they having side-effects or are they unclear about how often to take the drug? What are the barriers preventing them from taking the medicine?"

According to studies funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Diabetes Association (ADA), medication non-adherence is one of the leading public health challenges facing the US. Researchers estimate that half of chronic disease medications are not taken as prescribed, an especially troubling statistic for physicians treating patients with type 2 diabetes.

The ADA says that nearly 50% of patients with type 2 diabetes fail to achieve adequate glycemic control. One of the major contributing factors is poor medication adherence.

"There are many factors that could put patients at a high risk of non-adherence," said Luigi Meneghini, MD, MBA, Executive Director of the Global Diabetes Program at Parkland and Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "They can range from forgetfulness, poor eyesight or language barriers to low literacy levels, cultural gaps, transportation problems, fear of side-effects, financial concerns or missed appointments. As providers, it's essential that we try to address these issues because the health consequences for diabetes pa-

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Marketplace

Small biz competition announced for Black entrepreneurs

TAMPA BAY (Black-News.com) -- Recently, 3rd Party Media Corp. announced the national call for entries for "FeverPitch, a small business pitch competition that will be hosted on its business networking platform, BlackConnect.com. Participants will have the opportunity to present their business ideas to a panel of business owners. One participant will win a \$1,500 cash prize. The final submission deadline is April 30, 2019. Enter at BlackConnect.com.

Co-sponsored by Legacy Social Media Management, "FeverPitch" is a small business competition for entrepreneurs seeking to take their business to the next level or aspiring entrepreneurs who are ready to turn their idea into a business. This round of competition is open to millennials ages 18 to 38. To participate in "FeverPitch," interested individuals must complete an entry form and provide a 60 second video pitch.

"FeverPitch captures the heart and soul of Black Connect," said Ivan Conard, a graduate of Morehouse Col-



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lege and the Director of Sales and Operations for BlackConnect.com. "Black-Connect.com is a privately owned, comprehensive social media platform that provides holistic tools to meet the needs of businesses, professionals, and consumers. Because it's privately owned, we are able to tailor the platform to meet our ob-

jectives, and also meet the needs of our members, partners, and sponsors. This allows us to host the entire



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Community

Texas Senate approves limit on property tax rate hikes

By Richard Lee Texas Senate News

AUSTIN -- As Americans rush to meet the federal tax deadline, Texas Senate lawmakers pass key property bill. One which is alarming to Dallas city officials, how last week suggested library services will be reduced while other departments are at risk of losing staff members if this becomes law. Meanwhile, local homeowners are opening their estimated home value statements, which continue to climb, leading to a higher tax bill next fall.

Local taxing entities would have less room to raise property taxes before they have to ask voters for approval under a bill passed by the Senate on Monday. Under current law, school districts, cities, counties and other special taxing entities can raise taxes as much as eight percent in a year before voters can petition to hold a tax ratification or "rollback" election.

This is too high, says Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt. He said average property tax bills have increased in the Dallas area by 55 percent over the last five years, 43 percent in Harris county over that same time, and it's like that across the state. Bettencourt says that too many people are being priced out of their homes by skyrocketing tax bills.

"Taxpayers can't take it any more," he said. "It's a growth



Last week Texas Senator Royce West confers with staffer Kelvin Bass (Image via Texas Senate News)

curve that's by any measure two or three times faster than their ability to pay." Bettencourt's bill, SB 2, would lower the rollback rate and implement a number of reforms to the process.

Under SB2 the rollback rate would fall from 8 to 3.5 percent for counties, cities and most other taxing entities. For local school property taxes, which make up more than half of most tax bills, the rate would decrease to 2.5 percent. Property values from structures built in the last year wouldn't count against the cap, nor would costs related to indigent healthcare and legal defense.

Rather than requiring voters to petition for enough signatures to trigger an tax ratification election, the question would be placed on the November ballot automatically if a taxing entity exceeds the rollback rates. These provisions would not immediately apply to taxing jurisdictions with less than \$15 million in annual collections, but would require an election in May of 2020 asking voters in those jurisdictions if they want to opt in.

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tients who don't control their glycemic levels can be very serious."

"Medication adherence is not a new topic, but the way we're bringing it to the point of care is," explained Kristin Alvarez, PharmD, Associate Director of Pharmacy at Parkland. "Now, instead of asking 'Are you taking your medication?' the provider can have a pointed conversation such as, 'I see that you may be having trouble filling your medications, can you tell me about that?" Alvarez said.

Data is reviewed in multiple ways, such as number of fills during a certain time period. The system can compare a patient's "fill history," meaning how often medication has been refilled, against how often it should have been refilled, which in turn helps show the patient's persistence and adherence over time. The PSAM also accounts for hospital stays. Another approach is to look at gaps in therapy, for instance, if a patient continued with refills, but waited two weeks between each fill.

"Pharmacists have been doing this for years by essentially eyeballing gaps in patient fill history. Frontline providers aren't used to analyzing that data and making the calculations while caring for the patient. But now we are automating those calculations and putting it in the providers' hands at the time of care," Alvarez said.

The impact could be far reaching because a medication adherence dashboard allows a population-based approach. These scores could help inform enterprise-wide decisions, identifying patient groups who are not taking their medications and the barriers to doing so, Alvarez explained. Data can be paired with demographic information such as ZIP code, financial class, marital status, gender, ethnicity and race, among others.

What's more, increasingly healthcare organizations are held to performance measures by insurance companies and other funding sources, meaning patient adherence to medication can directly impact reimbursement, Alvarez added.

Still a pilot, the medication adherence data is being rolled out for various medication classes.

"In the end, we simply want to identify who's having trouble with medication adherence and figure out why so that we can better help them with getting their disease under control," said Dr. Meneghini. This rollback provision has been controversial, but the bill contains a number of widely agreed-upon provisions intended to increase transparency and taxpayer agency in the property tax process. The bill would create an online portal that would provide a wealth of tax information for property owners, who could search their address to see relevant statistics including property value, number and names of entities levying taxes, and rate growth.

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Education

Boarding school AT LAST! breaks ground in Southern Dallas

Breaking ground on April 16 on its first residence hall in Southern Dallas, AT LAST! will move forward with what it promises to be an innovative program for impoverished students. AT LAST! is the realization of the vision of founder Randy Bowman, businessman, and Dallas native. Many kids in poverty don't have some of the educational tools and resources that kids from more affluent families take for granted according to Bowman.

"I know this challenge; I lived it. With the AT LAST! program, we intend to provide those necessities free of charge. We'll have staff that can help with schoolwork, and our Scholars-In-Residence will have a quiet place to study, get a full night's sleep and proper nutrition. We're creating an urban boarding experience – at no cost to the families."

Area elected officials including Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas, Councilwoman Carolyn Arnold,

SCSF plays a vital role in increasing college access

and success for many motivated yet underserved youth

The SCSF provides indi-

vidual grants, paid directly

to the educational institu-

tion, to every student who

qualifies and reapplies

yearly, from admission to

graduation. The grant can be

used to cover tuition expenses and related supple-

mental educational expenses

such as books, lab fees,

and young adults.



AT LAST! Founder Randy Bowman is surrounded by city officials and leaders for the groundbreaking of the first phase, (Courtesy photo)

Councilman Tennell Atkins, community leaders, donors and members of the media gathered for the groundbreaking on East Overton Road in Dallas.

"At the Hoblitzelle Foundation, we're excited to support this transformational resource for children in the community," said foundation president Katie Robbins. "Our founder Karl Hoblitzelle said that, 'Foundations are most useful when they serve to telescope time. Thus a founda-

2019 Jay-Z scholarship program

tion may ... help bring into being a project ... of great promise and worth which might well fail or be long deferred because of lack of financial support from other sources.' We believe that he was talking about projects like this."

Other community leaders saw the potential of the vision for the project.

"When Randy Bowman submitted his proposal to the William Walter Caruth, Jr. Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas, we immediately saw that AT LAST! had the ability to unlock the potential of children growing up in tough circumstances," said Na-

dine Dechausay, Director of Community Philanthropy. "We love that AT LAST! is an inherently collaborative project. It doesn't attempt to reinvent schools but instead supports the mission of the schools to help them succeed. Neither does it attempt to replace the central role of the family. Single parents face numerous challenges, and this effort is designed to help them thrive. We are thrilled to be able to partner with AT LAST! in piloting an urban boarding concept in Dallas."

This week's groundbreaking is for the first of two initial campuses that AT LAST! intends to establish in Southern Dallas. The Overton campus will be a 5,600-square-foot facility capable of housing 16 students and employing 14 educators and facilitators.

Taking an innovative approach to improving educational outcomes, the AT LAST! program is designed to end intergenerational poverty and empower families. During the afterschool hours, AT LAST! provides impoverished students with the educational resources and tools enjoyed by more affluent students. During school hours, the students attend the schools selected by their families (typically neighborhood schools).



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25 years old or younger Minimum 2.0 GPA

The deadline for this scholarship is usually in APRIL, and the award amount is usually up to \$7,500.

For more details and/or to apply, visit www.jayzscholarship.com.



Plano residents take 'Swap & Save' pledge to save money on electric bills

Plano residents can take a simple pledge to lower their energy consumption and save money on electric bills. All they have to do is swap out the two most used light bulbs in their home for two energy efficient LED bulbs. By taking the Swap and Save pledge, they could save up to \$300 on their electricity bills over the life of the bulbs. LED bulbs use 80% less energy than traditional bulbs.

Live Green In Plano, the City's program aimed at making Plano a healthier place to live, is giving away 4,000 energy efficient LED lightbulbs.

Residents can take the pledge online or at Live Green in Plano events. They can visit www.plano.gov/swapandsave where they can print or save a screenshot of their pledge confirmation and visit one of two locations to receive 2 free LED bulbs (while supplies last, two bulb limit per household):

• Customer & Utility Billing counter, Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave • Public Works reception

counter, Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy

McKesson chooses Irving as home for its new headquarters

McKesson Corporation has made it official, they are a Texas-based company as of April 1. Hundreds of employees joined Brian Tyler, the company's new CEO on April 8 to celebrate the milestone at their new Las Colinas corporate headquarters. The event featured a ceremonious unveiling of the new McKesson signage.

"For nearly 50 years, McKesson's corporate head-

quarters was in San Francisco. In fact, that is where I started my career with the company. And while it was not an easy decision to move our headquarters from San Francisco to Las Colinas, it was the right decision. The Dallas metro area provides McKesson with a great environment to do business. We have room to grow. Our employees can afford to live here more easily. We have a

great pool of talent," Tyler Colinas campus is an existing employee hub with teams

In addition, McKesson's Brian Tyler presented a check for \$10,000 to the Dallas chapter of the American Cancer Society. Supporting cancer charities is a focus of the McKesson Foundation which invests in organizations that provide a wide range of cancer support programs.

Opened in 2017, the Las

collinas campus is an existing employee hub with teams performing vital functions for the company in areas such as operations, information technology, finance and accounting, marketing and sales, administration and support, purchasing, and project management.

To learn more about career opportunities with McKesson, visit the Careers page on the McKesson web-



(L to R) Britt Vitalone, McKesson executive vice president and CFO; Steve Lange, Corporate Relations Director American Cancer Society; Keenan Delaney, Executive Director American Cancer Society; Brian Tyler, McKesson CEO (Courtesy Image)

As an education CEO, Lynn McBee helps young women get to college. As mayor, she'll be a role model for young women across Dallas.

As a scientist and CEO, I've broken down barriers for myself and young women in science and education. Now I want to bring down barriers for all of Dallas. Let's strengthen our roads and infrastructure, make neighborhoods safer and improve our schools. Becoming the real city of opportunity starts with better basics for everyone. That's how we build the Dallas of tomorrow.





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Early voting begins Monday, April 22.

City Briefs

Dallas The annual EarthX Expo: Film Festival will be held from April 19 to April 28, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Fair Park, in Dallas. The nine-day environmentally focused EarthX Film Festival, presented by EarthX, will showcase films and interactive/emerging media by top filmmakers and conservationists from around the globe to help turn awareness into action through art and media. EarthxFilm will culminate with the opening of EarthX Expo 2019. A full screening schedule and ticket/pass options are coming soon via earthxfilm.org.



Women of Wonder will be held on April 20, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at South Dallas Cultural Center, in Dallas. Every woman has a story. Women of Wonder (WOW) gives women a safe space to share their stories and learn how they can succeed in spite of challenges. There is power in knowing that you're not alone. This event is for women only. All women are welcomed to participate. Donations will be accepted for Miriam Extends A Helping Hand Foundation (MEAHH), a faith-based non-profit organization founded in 2015 in honor of Miriam Wade.

MEAHH hosts charitable events to acquire scholarship funding for high school and college students throughout the community acknowledging Miriam's love for education and helping others. Tickets are free.

2019 Easter On The Bridge will be held on April 20, at 1 p.m. at Ron Kirk Bridge & Felix H. Lozada, Sr. Gateway, in Dallas. Easter on the Bridge is an annual celebration for families. Don't miss a day

of fun including bounce houses, train rides, Easter egg hunt and garden, photos with the Easter Bunny, face painting, petting zoo, cake walk, carnival games, Dallas Police Department stations, community outreach stations, live entertainment, food trucks and so much more! Easter on the Bridge is free and open to the public, so bring the whole family! Easter on the Bridge is brought to you by St. Paul United Methodist Church, the City of Dallas Water Department, the Dallas Police Department and the West Dallas Gateway.

Healthy Kids Day Color Run on April 27, starting at 10 a.m. at Oak Cliff YMCA, in Dallas. In conjunction with the annual Healthy Kids Day, they will host a Color Run to help promote an active lifestyle for kids of all ages. The festivities will begin promptly at 10am at the Oak Cliff YMCA outdoor basketball court with the race starting at 10:15. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.com.

Irving

Don't miss Trevor Noah perform live on April 19, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Toyota Music Factory, in Register now for the Irving. The comedian known for his work on The Daily Show launches his first arena tour, Loud and Clear. Tickets start at \$50. Tickets for April 19-20 shows available at livenation.com.

Enjoy Momentum Dance Company: Selections for Spring on April 19 and April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Irving Arts Center, in Irving. Momentum will be celebrating its 15th anniversary with this gala evening of dance. Momentum is bringing back repertoire and guests from past seasons to mark this occasion.

could weaken voting rights Texas Senate Bi 9

This week, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 9 (SB 9), a bill strongly opposed by numerous voting and civil rights organizations. They allege the law could lead to jail time for voters, weaken the provisional ballot, and provide the state more access to voter's private information.

Anthony Gutierrez, Executive Director of Common Cause Texas warns of the potential pitfalls of the legislation.

"Senate Bill 9 managed

providing any kind of satisfactory answer as to what problem this legislation would actually Gutierrez stated. He believes the voter

purge is just the tip of the iceberg.

"Taking this legislative session as a whole, you look at the voter purge that started off the session and bills like SB 9 and you have to wonder if some people saw the small uptick in vot-

ing in the last election and to make it all the way through the senate without decided that that was a 'problem' that needed to be addressed," Gutierrez said. Among the things SB 9 would do include: solve,"

· Voters could be punished for innocent mistakes, such as filling out their voter registration form wrong.

• Voters have a right to a provisional ballot when they sincerely believe they are eligible to vote, but this bill exposes them to possible jail time for doing so.

• Creates new red tape for those who need assistance while voting, in particular elderly voters, voters with disabilities, and non-English speaking voters: Those who drive voters to the polls and assist them while voting will have to fill out new forms to help people vote.

• It allows partisan poll watchers to follow voters who need assistance into the privacy of the voting booth and watch them have their ballots marked.

· It gives law enforce-

what I would like for you to do is look at my record. Look at my record of experience. Look at my record of accomplishments. Look at my platform. Look at the people who are endorsing me in terms of their endorsements hat I have been able to get. I believe the rea-

believe in my platform." Proctor is a long-time resident of DeSoto and a graduate of the DeSoto ISD. She has been on the DeSoto City Council for six years and is currently the Mayor Pro Tem. Proctor says many members of the community have common frustrations and needs that aren't being met. She says she is in a position to move the city in a positive new direction.

son for that is because they

"Having a seat on the city council for that amount of ment complete legal immunity from prosecution for committing election-related crimes, in order to conduct undercover sting operations against community-based organizations.

· Individuals who are assisting voters or exercising their right to free speech face new, confusing penalties for "impeding a walkway, parking lot, or roadway" up to 500 feet from a polling place, an area larger than a football field.

· The bill sharply limits

time has really given me the opportunity to see many of the things the City of DeSoto has done well, but it's also given me an opportunity to see a lot of the things I feel like we can improve upon," Proctor said. "I'm running on a platform of accountability, economic development, community engagement and programming for our youth and seniors. And the reason that I'm really focused on those four areas is because, again, I've talked with our community, and we're still having the same conversations about what we're frustrated with." Sanders is a local busi-

nessman and running against two established council candidates. He has public service experience as the communications director for his local PTA. Sanders

that option to only those who are "physically unable to enter a polling place without needing personal assistance or injuring their health" and fails to fully safeguard the right of pregnant women to vote by

• Attorney General Ken Paxton would be given direct access to the electronic voter registration database, which includes Social Security Numbers, Driver License Numbers, and other personal information.

mail.

says it is time for DeSoto citizens to put their hopes in new city leadership.

"These are amazing ladies," Sanders said of his competitors. "But they've been in office for six years. They've not been telling you what they've done, really.

"I'm running for mayor of DeSoto for the hopers, those who hope for a better DeSoto experience. After my six years of being the mayor of DeSoto, we will have better shopping, eating and entertainment experiences. We will have better educational experiences. We will have better safety and policing experiences. We will have better health and social experiences."

The city and school board elections will be held on May 4. Early voting begins on Monday.

COUNCIL, continued from Page 1 uct of DISD schools. She

said she is luckier than many of the other students who were raised in her area of Dalla, having been able to go on to college and make a professional career for herself, and she is running because, "I want to be the expectation, not the exception."

Jimenez has been present at many MNP forums in the past and has been one of the audience members to speak up and ask candidates questions. He noted it was a different experience being the one on the stage. A graduate of Booker T. Washington, Jimenez said he began advocacy in the district as a student 10 years ago when the district considered cutting funding to magnet schools.

White is a DISD parent

and a product of the district herself. She has experience as a teacher, both in the public school system as well as at the community college level, and is a realtor in the local area. She sees public perception and outreach as one of the critical problems in DISD, saying "Dallas has a lot of great things going on in our schools, but it's not marketed." With a Master's Degree in Politics, she also says she has he longtime experience in the public arena

> to get the job done. The final forum for the evening was the race for Mayor of DeSoto. All three candidates were in attendance. In DeSoto, current Mayor Curtistene S. Mc-Cowan is fending off chal-

lenges from Councilmember Rachel L. Proctor and local businessman Byron D. Sanders.

McCowan noted she is a 42-year resident of DeSoto and has been active in the community through a wide range of civic endeavors, including time spent on the school board. She is the first female mayor of the city and has been on the council since 2012. Responding to her opponents call for change, McCowan recalled having a local school named for her.

"I don't think a school would bear my name if I had not been the kind of leader to receive that type of recognition, so I am very honored," McCowan said. "I have not stopped serving my community since we arrived in DeSoto 42 years ago. So

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Entertainment

Local chefs spotlighted at El Centro's Bits and Bites

By LaTrisha McDuffie NDG Contributing Writer

Dallas loves to eat out. This requires a city filled with restaurants led by talented chefs, supported by talented kitchen staff members. El Centro's culinary arts program is a vital part of the growth of the thriving Dallas dining scene. Over the 40 year history of the more than 150 leading chefs. The Bits and Bites event

was hosted on Sunday April 14 at the Dallas Arboretum, offering guests an opportunity to sample food and wine from local celebrity chefs, representing several popular restaurants and wineries.

Borges Chef Junior (Maple Leaf Farms), Chef

program, they have trained Alex Astranti (Uchi & Uchiba), Café' Momentum and more than 30 of Dallas' best innovative chefs joined El Centro's Food and Hospitality Institute to honor the former Chairman and CEO of Brinker International, as this year's Bits and Bites honoree.

> The 11-year annual event was held in the Dallas Arboretum's beautiful garden

and sustainability-focused event space. Attendees enjoyed Old Fashioned Cocktails with locally distilled Tahwahkaro Four Grain Bourbon, Pour Overs by Full City Rooster, and Strawberry Rhubarb Miniature Waffle Cones by Chef Casey Nicole as well as several other amazing chef-curated bites and wine pairings.



Guests enjoyed the divine Strawberry Rhubarb Waffle Cones filled with Bavarian cream and raspberry jam offered by Chef Casey Nicole (NDG / LaTrisha McDuffie)

Maze featuring Frankie Beverly performing at Toyota Music Factory this fall

Maze featuring Frankie Beverly have built a following in Dallas/Fort Worth who looks forward to their annual appearance. The day we cannot lift our voices together and sing "Joy and Pain" will be a sad one indeed. That day has not come yet as this year's show is announced for The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory on Saturday, Sept. 7. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at LiveNation.com.

This year the legendary group will be joined by Lalah Hathaway. Also, performing is Johnny Gill, so get ready for plenty of ladies ready to "put on their red dress," and let all their hair down for a night of R&B hits Fans know when they at-

tend a Maze concert they will be treated to an evening of honest, raw soul music. And that's how it has been for more than 40 years. Nothing has changed. The band has stayed in its lane, continuing to do its thing,

HISD Superintendent

bringing quality music from the heart night after night. "They know what they

are going to get with us, "says Beverly of the group's audiences. "They trust us as musicians. You've got to be a good live act. You've got to know how to entertain. It goes beyond having hit records. You have to know

lenged district that was faced with a multimillion-dollar budget shortfall and significant operational and administrative cuts across the district, and yet, despite her efhow to present the music on stage.'

Maze featuring Frankie Beverly arrived on the scene in 1977 with a string of hits including Happy Feelings, Lady of Magic, While I'm Alone and Workin' Together. And the soul classics continued with Golden Time Of Day, Southern Girl,

forts to turn things around in a successful manner, the majority of HISD trustees have not been supportive of her.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association

Joy and Pain, We Are One, Running Away, Back In Stride, Can't Get Over You, Silky Soul and The Morning After.

Beverly reveals that while he loves singing all of the favorites in concert, he particularly enjoys performing We Are One and Joy and Pain.

(NNPA) will continue to monitor this ongoing situation involving HISD, as it is sure to have an impact on other major school districts across the United States.

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soon because of the potential outcome of the investigations, coupled with the handling of low-performing schools in the district. If in fact the TEA decides to replace the HISD Board of Trustees, it would be up to TEA Commissioner Mike Morath to choose whoever he wants to serve as HISD's superintendent, without having to consider the wishes of the current HISD school board.

State Senator Borris Miles (D-Houston), whose district (13) includes many schools in HISD, applauded the decision by the TEA to step in and stop the superintendent search.

"I commend the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for stepping in to take drastic, but necessary measures regarding Houston Independent School District's (HISD) superintendent search and for putting the students' interests first," said Senator Miles. "I look forward to continue working with the governor, the TEA and HISD as we move forward to achieve the best outcome for our students."

Delaney has been involved with HISD since the 2016-17 school year, when Morath appointed her to monitor the turnaround efforts at Kashmere High School, which had failed to meet the state standards for seven straight years at the time of her involvement. Delaney later had her role expanded to take on the additional responsibility of monitoring matters related to HISD governance and dealing with the turnaround schools.

With over 213,000 students enrolled in the HISD. many community leaders and activists are concerned about he current process of confirming a Superintendent and the future of HISD – a district that is extremely critical to the entire Greater Houston area.

Currently, HISD is being led by Dr. Lathan, who was named interim superintendent last March after former



Richard Carranza abruptly quit to take a job as chancellor of the New York City Public School system. Dr. Lathan took over a chal-

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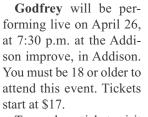
NDG Entertainment Guide: Live performances, comedies, podcasts and more in Dallas

By Tiffany Gilbert NDG Entertainment

Don't miss **The Joe Budden Podcast with Rory, Mal and Parks** perform live on April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre, in Dallas. To purchase tickets visit ticketmaster.com/.

Watch **Key Glock** perform live on April 20, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at The Door Clubs, in Dallas. Tickets range from \$45 to \$100. Call 214-843-3120 for VIP table reservations. To purchase tickets visit Eventbrite.com.

Smino will be performing the Hoopti Tour live on April 25, at the Trees, in Dallas. To purchase tickets visit Ticketfly.com.



To purchase tickets visit Ticketweb.com.

You won't want to miss the **@PrinceTdub & @MojoBrookzz TEXAS Tour Edition** on April 28 at 8 p.m. at Hyena's Comedy Club, in Dallas. Hosted by **@** Dee Will Skit AkA Pearly Mae, tickets will range from \$15 to \$25. For more information text 832 921 7288



LEGACYTEXAS.

Little is a big hit on the big screen

By Dwight Brown NNPA Film Critic

Littleis a guilty pleasure. The guilt comes as you watch a 14-year-old actress (Marsai Martin, Black-ish) behaving like a lustful 38year-old female who flirts with a middle school teacher.It's kinda pervy. Or when an executive assistant (Issa Rae, HBO's Insecure) points to her nether regions and gives aman a sexy stare. Fine for adults to see, but do tweens need to look at that? The pure pleasure comes when you laugh at the extremely funny and very animated performances by Martin, Rae and the incomparable Regina Hall. The sisters are crae-crae!

How did all this come about? Word is Martin viewed the Tom Hanks transage movie Big(a kid in a grownup's body) with her parents. She thought it would be cool to reverse the situation and have an adult in in a teen's body. She approached



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her agent with her novel idea. He or she balked, as they often do, and Martin fired the agent and got her project on the road. Hence her executive producer credit—at age 14!!!!!!And what were you doing in your tween years? It's a simple set-up. Jordan

Sanders (Hall) runs her own tech company. Her management style is somewhere between Hitler's and Idi Amin's, only she's less kind. Prissy, exacting, bossy, negative and a dream-killer. She makes everyone suffer. Staff, valet, even the baristas at Starbucks cower in her presence. Her assistant April (Rae) is right in the line of fire. No matter how attentive April can be, it's never fast or good enough for the very successful and egocentric Jordan. But as they say, karma is a little b—.

One day in her office's parking lot, Jordan goes off on a little girl named Stevie (Marley Taylor), an amateur magician who is the daughter of a food truck vendor. The intimidating boss screams at the diminutive tyke, "Check you Boo!!!" But Stevie gives back what she gets. They're in a standoff, like the Wicked Witch of the West and Dorothy ready to rumble. Then Stevie takes out her magic wand, swirls it around and hurls a curse: "I wish you were little!" Not long after, the evil and older executive wakes up one morning as a 13-year-old girl (Martin). She tries to berate and intimidate like she used to, but the people she encounters are not scared anymore.

If you're looking for something profound and extraordinary from this formulaic script by Tracy Oliver (Girls Trip) and Tina Gordon (What Men Wantand TV's ATL), you will be disappointed. If you're just out for a lark, jump onboard and enjoy the laughs. The characters are modern, urban and living large. The sexy dialogue and inferences just hit the top of the film's PG-13 rating.

There are sight gags (Martin in clothes too big) and awkward moments (little Jordan pawing big Jordan's

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a general election is ordered to be held on Saturday, May4, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 15 members to the city council of the city of Dallas to be designated as Member of Council, Place 15; Member of Council, Place 1; Member of Council, Place 2; Member of Council, Place 3; Member of Council, Place 4; Member of Council, Place 5; Member of Council, Place 6; Member of Council, Place 7; Member of Council, Place 8; Member of Council, Place 9; Member of Council, Place 10; Member of Council, Place 11; Member of Council, Place 12; Member of Council, Place 13; and Member of Council, Place 14, respectively.

Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary

For more informationcall 214-670-5654

EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance for the Saturday, May 4, 2019 City of Dallas general election will be conducted at the early voting locations listed below. Any qualified voter of the City of Dallas may vote early by personal appearance at any of the listed locations. Early voting locations are subject to change. The most current list of early voting locations is available in the City Secretary'sOffice, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling (214) 670-3738 or accessinghtp://www.dallascountyvotes.org/upcoming-election-information/.Dates and times of all locations will be open for early voting are as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

DALLAS COUNTY DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

April 22 – April 26 (Monday through Friday)	8a.m 5p.m.
April 27 (Saturday)	8a.m 5p.m.
April 28 (Sunday)	1 p.m 6 p.m.
April 29–April30 (Monday and Tuesday)	7 a.m 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
ADDISON FIRE STATION #1	4798 AIRPORT PKWY	ADDISON	75001
BALCH SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER	12400 ELAM ROAD	BALCH SPRINGS	75180
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH	10101 WALNUT HILL LANE	DALLAS	75238
BETTY WARMACK LIBRARY	760 BARDIN ROAD	GRAND PRAIRIE	75052
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER	285 UPTOWN BLVD	CEDAR HILL	75104
COPPELL TOWN CENTER	255 E. PARKWAY BLVD	COPPELL	75019
CROSSWINDS HIGH SCHOOL	1100 N. CARRIER PKWY	GRAND PRAIRIE	75050
DALLAS ISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	9400 N. CENTRAL EXPY	DALLAS	75231
DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH	901 N. POLK STREET	DESOTO	75115
DUNCANVILLE LIBRARY	201 JAMES COLLINS	DUNCANVILLE	75116
EASTFIELD COLLEGE PLEASANT GROVE CAMPUS	802 S. BUCKNER BLVD	DALLAS	75217
EI CENTRO COLLEGE – MAIN CAMPUS	801 MAIN STREET	DALLAS	75202

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Location	Address	City	Zip
EL CENTRO COLLEGE-WEST CAMPUS	3330 N. HAMPTON ROAD	DALLAS	75212
FARMERS BRANCH CITY HALL	13000 WILLIAM DODSON PKWY	FARMERS BRANCH	75234
FLORENCE RECREATION CENTER	2501 WHITSON WAY	MESQUITE	75150
FRANKFORD TOWNHOMES	18110 MARSH LN	DALLAS	75287
FRETZ PARK LIBRARY	6990 BELT LINE ROAD	DALLAS	75254
FRIENDSHIP WEST BAPTIST CHURCH	2020 W. WHEATLAND RD	DALLAS	75232
**GEORGE LALLEN SR COURTS BLDG. Main Early Voting Location	600 COMMERCE STREET	DALLAS	75202
GRAUWYLER PARK REC CENTER	7760 HARRY HINES BLVD	DALLAS	75235
HARRY STONE RECREATION CENTER	2403 MILLMAR DR	DALLAS	75228
HIGHLAND HILLS LIBRARY	6200 BONNIE VIEW ROAD	DALLAS	75241
HUTCHINS CITY HALL	321 N. MAIN STREET	HUTCHINS	75141
IRVING ARTS CENTER	3333 N. MACARTHUR BLVD	IRVING	75062
IRVING CITY HALL	825 W. IRVING BLVD	IRVING	75080
J. ERIK JONSSON CENTRAL LIBRARY	1515 YOUNG ST.	DALLAS	75201

* SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS LOCATION

 PARKING – During the entire early voting period, free above-ground and underground parking is available to oblicens visiting the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ("Library") to vote. Free metered parking is available on the west and north side of the Library (comer of Young and Ervay Steel). Underground parking can be accessed on the north side of the Library (Wood Steel, traveling east). A parking attendent will be available at the entryway to the underground parking area. The parking stub will be validated by Dallas County election staff which will enable exit from the underground parking area at no cost. The underground parking area will be closed at the end of each early voting period. Any vehicles not moved by the end of the voting period for a specific day will be locked in, with access to the vehicle delayed to the next working day.

DISABLED (CURBSIDE) VOTING – Although free meter parking is available, it is recommended that those citizans desiring to utilize curbside voting use the
underground parking method. Notify the parking attendent or security officer of the intent to vote "vie curbside." The parking attendent will notify the election judge and
a voting device will be brought to your vehicle.

Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-570-3736 if you have any questions or require assistance during the early voting time periods

JAYCEE ZARAGOZA RECREATION CTR	3114 CLYMER STREET	DALLAS	75212
JOSEY RANCH LIBRARY	1700 KELLER SPRINGS	CARROLLTON	75008
LAKESIDE ACTIVITY CENTER	101 HOLLEY PARK DR	MESQUITE	75149
LAKEWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY	6121 WORTH ST	DALLAS	75214
LANCASTER VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	1600 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY	LANCASTER	75134
LOCHWOOD LIBRARY	11221 LOCHWOOD BLVD	DALLAS	75218
MARSH LANE BAPTIST CHURCH	10716 MARSH LANE	DALLAS	75229
MARTIN LUTHER KING CORE BLDG	2922 MLK BLVD	DALLAS	75215
MARTIN WEISS REC CENTER	1111 MARTINDELL AVE	DALLAS	75211
MOUNTAIN CREEK LIBRARY	6102 MOUNTAIN CREEK PKWY	DALLAS	75249
OAK CLIFF SUB-COURTHOUSE	410 S. BECKLEY AVE	DALLAS	75203
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH	7611 PARK LANE	DALLAS	75225
PAUL L DUNBAR LANCASTER-KIEST LIBRARY	2008 EAST KIEST BLVD:	DALLAS	75216
PRESTON ROYAL LIBRARY	5626 ROYAL LANE	DALLAS	75229
RENNER-FRANKFORD LIBRARY	6400 FRANKFORD ROAD	DALLAS	75252
REVERCHON RECREATION CENTER	3505 MAPLE AVENUE	DALLAS	75219
RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER	411 W. ARAPAHO ROAD	RICHARDSON	75080
RICHLAND COLLEGE-GARLAND CAMPUS	675 W. WALNUT ST	GARLAND	75040
RICHLAND COLLEGE - MAIN CAMPUS - GUADALUPE "G" BLDG.	12800 ABRAMS RD	DALLAS	75240
ROWLETT CITY HALL ANNEX	4004 MAIN ST	ROWLETT	75088
SACHSE CITY HALL	3815 SACHSE ROAD	SACHSE	75048
SAMUELL GRAND RECREATION CENTER	6200 EAST GRAND AVE	DALLAS	75223
SEAGOVILLE CITY HALL	702 N. HIGHWAY 175	SEAGOVILLE	75159
SKYLINE BRANCH LIBRARY	6006 EVERGLADE ROAD	DALLAS	75227
SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY	4845 BROADWAY BLVD.	GARLAND	75040
SUNNYVALE TOWN HALL	127 N. COLLINS ROAD	SUNNYVALE	75182
VALLEY RANCH LIBRARY	401 CIMARRON TRAIL	IRVING	75063
WILMER COMMUNITY CENTER	101 DAVIDSON PLAZA	WILMER	75172

TEMPORARY VOTING LOCATION

DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

April 22 – April 26 (Monday through Friday) April 29 – April 20 (Monday and Tuesday) 8a.m. - 4:30p.m. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
HIGHLAND PARK ISD ADMIN BLDG	7015 WESTCHESTER DRIVE	DALLAS	75205

Upcoming DFW area job fairs positions in the following Fair will be held on May 2, Technology,

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

AT&T Stadium, in Arling-

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tary.com/events/dallas-vet-

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Career Fair will be held on

May 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Technology, Security

April 22 Hiring Event - Line Service Technicians

The Hiring Event - Line Service Technicians will be held on April 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Frontier of Flight Museum, in Dallas. If you enjoy working outdoors and love the idea of working with private jets, the Line Service Technician role is a great fit for you! You will work with team members to provide ground support to arriving and departing aircraft, and with customer service for the crew members and their passengers. All interested applicants will be sent a URL link to RSVP to the event, you must RSVP to be considered for an on-site interview as space is limited. If you are unable to attend you may apply online and they will reach out with additional information! To apply visit Indeed.com.

April 23 Intermountain Hotels Hiring Event

The Intermountain Hotels Hiring Event will be held on April 23, 24, and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 8951 Cypress Waters Blvd, in Irving. The entire interview process will last about 15 min. Please bring your resume with you to the event. Dress code is Busicasual (dress ness pants/skirt. button down/blouse, optional tie). Must pass background, everify and drug testing. They will be hiring for dif-

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Easter - Think about it

By Glenn Mollette

Easter is an exciting day for Christians around the world. Churches around the globe look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

Clergy persons look forward to a one day larger attendance. Church choirs and music programs try to shine brighter and give their best effort. For one day the light and victory of new life and victory over death rings bright in a world filled with so much gloom and death.

Merchants will sell some clothes as some people still buy new outfits for Easter. Some people are like me in that I got over worrying about what clothes I wear to church a long time ago. I still dress up sometimes of course but I don't mind wearing an old suit.

Attitudes are changing toward Easter in America. Many church crowds have dwindled and Easter doesn't seem to resurrect some of the religious dead anymore. There was a day when people who never attended

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church all year would rise up and go. Today, that's happening less.

I actually have heard regular church attenders say they aren't going on Easter Sunday. "Too many people and not enough seats or parking," I have heard recently.

Regardless of what you do on Easter please take a moment and think about life and death. Death is real. We are all going to die. The cemetery is a lonely place. The only hope I know of

dealing with death and the cemetery is the story of Easter. Easter is about Jesus who was crucified for the sins of the world. The Bible

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and was seen by more than five hundred people.

His disciples were beat down and had given up all hope after his crucifixion. When they saw Jesus they were totally transformed from men who were emotionally devastated to men who were filled with hope, vigor and power. They literally hid and ran for their lives when Jesus was arrested and crucified. After they had spent time with the risen Jesus they were willing to face anything and literally die for him. These men were filled with new hope and victory.

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today? Surely every person on the planet needs hope and victory. We need it for daily living. We need it as we face the hour of death. We all can use some newness of life to just face today.

Thomas is known for being a big doubter but he changed his mind when he literally touched the risen Jesus. In the Bible story he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God," John 20:28. We don't have that privilege of being convinced like Thomas. However, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

This week once again Easter rolls around on the Calendar. Think about it. Think about all of it. Think about life, death, eternity, heaven, hell and the cemetery. Think about all that stuff. It can be morbid. The point of Easter is victory and celebration and more. I choose the point of Easter and if by chance it's all a hoax what do I have to lose? If it's all true I certainly have a great deal to gain.

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"You shall call, and I will answer you; you shall desire the work of your hands" Job 14:15

Did you know that God has already pre-wired you for the work He created you to do? We all have things inside of us that excite us when we think about it. God is the source of this passion. However, our career path may require many stepping stones before we reach the work that we were ultimately created for.

The psalmist says "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before

one of them came to be." Psalm 139:16.

When the Ark of the Covenant was to be designed to contain the sacred Ten Commandments, God prepared a man to perform the important work.

"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts -- to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship''' Exodus 31:1-6.

We do not know much about Bezalel, but you can be sure he had many jobs leading up to this most important assignment. He was also the first man mentioned in all of scripture to be to be fulfilled in our work comfort, drying my tears "filled with the spirit of God."

When your work is empowered by the Spirit of God you will be hand-picked for some of the most important assignments. He says the skilled worker will even serve before kings. Proverbs 22:9.

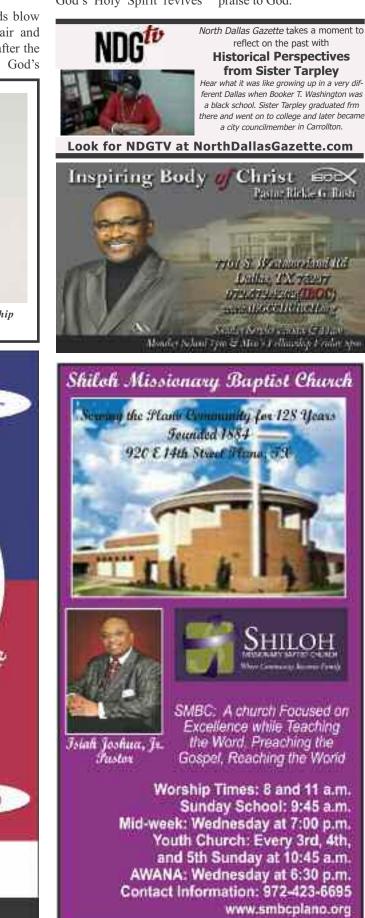
God will see to it that your skills will be used for His ultimate purposes. This is the call of God for each of us -- and to use our work to fulfill His purposes on the earth. God has made some

mighty and awesome creations. As I hear the wind blow, I am reminded of God's power. Like the wind gently ushers refreshing breezes, God refreshes my spirit.

Like stormy winds blow hard, clearing the air and drying the puddles after the rain, so rushes in God's

and clearing my mind. Like the strong winds of a hurricane command my attention, so God's Spirit convicts my heart when I am thinking or doing the wrong thing.

Like a brisk wind invigorates my senses, so does God's Holy Spirit revives and inspires my soul. Thank God for all He has given, all that He does, and for His great love for us. God is truly awesome and I look up to Him. God is our Heavenly Father and Creator, from whence cometh our help. In the precious name of Jesus we must offer our praise to God.



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It would enhance public posting requirements for tax hearings and would establish a dedicated position within each county to ensure that local taxing jurisdictions comply with the online portal and posting requirements. Some statutory definitions would change to make them more clear to taxpayers and voters. What is now known as the effective tax rate, that rate at which the entity would earn the exact same amount of revenue as in the previous year, would be renamed to the "no-new-revenue" tax rate. It would also change the term "rollback rate" to "voter-approved rate"

The bill also includes a number of reforms to the appraisal appeal process, whereby homeowners can protest the value of their home before an appraisal review board. If a property owner believes that his or her property was overvalued, leading to a higher property tax bill, they can challenge the value.

This process was frequently criticized during interim hearings on property tax reform, with members of the public testifying that the appraisal review boards are rife with conflicts of interest, hostile to taxpayer interests and unresponsive to property owner complaints. SB 2 contains a number of reforms to this process including directing the state comptroller to develop uniform standards for appraisal processes and would require that all appraisal districts abide by them.

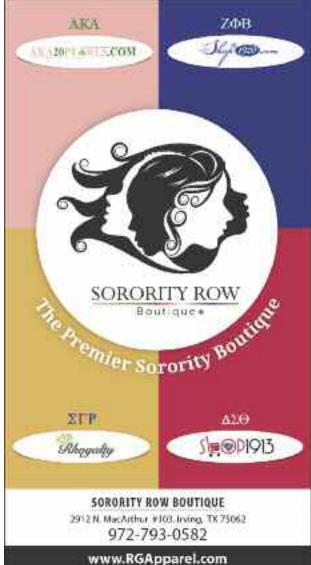
It would prohibit protest hearings from taking place at inconvenient times. Any decisions by a review board would be binding on a majority vote, rather than a unanimous vote as required by some districts.

"With the attention on many, many appraisal reforms as well, I believe that this is a balanced package," said Bettencourt. "It looks at the needs of rural Texas, as well as urban. More importantly, it looks at the needs of taxpayers all across the state." The bill now heads to the

House for consideration.



Pastor Bernadette Moore, Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Carrollton



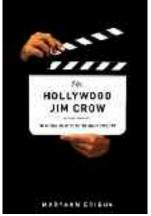
NDG Book Review: The Hollywood Jim Crow: The Racial Politics of the Movie Industry

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The movie you've been waiting for is finally available.

Sure, you saw it in the theatre, but you're happy to watch it again. It has adventure, a little romance, and plenty of action - plus, it features your favorite actor, so what's not to love? Better question, asks author Maryann Erigha in her book "The Hollywood Jim Crow": what color is the cast?

The movie industry's awards will be given out soon, and there's something about it that you may notice again: the faces you'll see at the awards show could be



predominately white. This issue is old but it came to a head in 2015 with the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite, and it still hasn't changed much.

Racism in Hollywood started when Hollywood itself began: from the outset, Black directors were

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boyfriend). Work humor (the creative meetings skewer office dynamics). Love interests: Luke James (Star) as Jordan's constantly shirtless boytoy Trevor; Tone Bell (Whitney) as April's unrequited love; and Justin Hart-

ley (TV's This Is Us) as the school teacher being ogled by a kid.

All the elements of a decent comedy are in place and director/co-writer Tina Gordon is quite adept at working this female-driven story into

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competition online and open the competition to individuals all across the United States," said Conard.

"As a millennial and the winner of two small business pitch competitions, I am looking forward to helping creative and innovative entrepreneurs, who are willing to invest in themselves, jump start their ideas," said Keyaries Davis, owner of Legacy Social Media Management. "FeverPitch showcases the new generation of entrepreneurs, provides them with feedback on their ideas, and exposes them to resources to take their businesses to the next level," said Davis.

Ten semi-finalists will be identified to move forward

in the competition for a chance to win \$1,500 to help fund their business expansion or start-up. A prize will also be given to the entrepreneur with the most engaging pitch video. Black Connect members will have a voice in choosing the winners of FeverPitch. A Guide to Winning FeverPitch is available on Black Connect to help entrepreneurs prepare for the competition.



"barred" from directing stuers still struggle to land dio films. That led to a twofold issue: so-called "race movies" had to be without studio made money; and because there was no one to advocate for them, few African Americans landed roles in major movies. In those early years, producers did manage to make limited-run films with Black casts and crew, and audiences saw the occasional Black performer here or there, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that a Black director landed a job in a mainstream film. As many actors, ac-

tresses, directors, and movie-goers have seen, today's Black movie-mak-

Though what's on view is

sexy at times, it never reaches

the outer limits of Girls Trip.

Though some may deem this

as a paint-by-numbers film,

it's a bit less predictable than

the similar but inferior What

Men Want, which also had a

female executive character

experience.

a pleasant

jobs. Like their predecessors, they fight Jim Crow laws within the industry, and the same old reasons have a few twists: the assumption that white audiences won't pay to see a movie with a Black cast means that fewer "Black" films are given big budgets or green lights. Fewer "Black" films mean fewer jobs are offered to African Americans, from behindthe-camera crew to the director's chair to the cast. Hollywood insiders further believe that all-Black casts will not make any money in overseas theatres, which limits African American moviemakers even more.

who lived in Atlanta.

The normal background white-noise music (Germaine Franco) seems dull. However, when real songs kick in, the musical choices seem hip. Don't know how Danielle Hollowell picked or created the over-the-top and This leads Black films and directors to receive the label of "unbankable," despite that there are obvious exceptions to that dubious belief.

And it's all happening through "completely legal practices....'

Movies make us happy. They put us in another mood, another country, or another planet. After reading "The Hollywood Jim Crow," they may make you angry.

Though there's a good bit of repetition inside here, even occasional moviegoers will be clear on (and shocked by) how deep the racism goes in Hollywood and how it affects what we

brightly colored costumes, but they are a standout. Particularly Martin's over-sized, window-paned pink suit and Rae's borrowed gold skirt. The outfits scream contemporary Atlanta. Also of note, the cinematography by Greg Gardiner (Girls Trip, Night see at the cinema. That makes for a meaningful and solution-driven read in this book. Still, there are times when it's about as easy to follow as a foreign-language film without subtitles: author Maryann Erigha presents some information in ways that could fluster fans who go to the movies to be entertained, not to keep records.

Still, like most movies, the book is better. This book, specifically, especially if you've noticed #OscarsSoWhite and it bugs you. For cinema fans who want to see what they want to see, "The Hollywood Jim Crow" is a reel good read.

School) lights the cast's divergent complexions perfectly. Everyone looks great, like they should be doing a magazine spread.

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