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## Blurring racial lines in the Dallas City Council's 14-1 election model

By David Wilfong  
NDG Contributing Writer

For all its positive traits, Dallas has an underlying problem which has simmered -- and occasionally erupted from time to time -- throughout the city's history. Race relations have always been an issue, and while that issue is not as heated as it was when Dallas earned the moniker "the City of Hate," it is far from being put to rest. A big part of the struggle for Blacks in Dallas was gaining representation in local government.

The move to a 14-1 city council model (where 14 representatives are elected within their home district, and only a mayor is elected at-large) was seen as a significant step forward for the minority community in Dallas. For Black Dallas, the 1991 election was momentous, with four African-Americans taking seats on the Dallas City Council.

The upcoming elections are proving to be something of a follow-up to local elections in 2018; meaning there are a lot of new faces running and indications are there will be a bit of a shake-up in the local power structure. District 7, which was one of the original African-American seats in the 1991 restructuring (with



Dallas adopted a 14-1 city government model in 1991, which was seen as a major step in improving minority representation in local government. The council elected under the new system consisted of (back row, left to right) Paul Fielding, Don Hicks, Larry Duncan, Charles Tandy, Mayor Steve Bartlett, Glenn Box, Max Wells, Donna Halstead, Jerry Bartos, (front row, left to right) Domingo Garcia, Mattie Lee Nash, Chris Luna, Al Lipscomb, Lori Palmer, and Charlotte Mayes. (Photo: City of Dallas)

Charlotte Mayes being the first representative), has a strong Latino candidate on the slate in Adam Bazaldua.

Bazaldua is running to unseat sitting Councilmember Kevin Felder, who has faced legal troubles with a recent arrest for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident. Bazaldua has garnered what appears to be a strong base of support and recently received some strong endorsements as well, making him a front-runner in the

race. The possibility of his winning the election has some African-Americans asking if they are losing what was once considered a "safe Black seat." Worries of gentrification also compound concerns for Blacks losing representation in the years to come.

The answer requires some perspective, setting aside the fact district lines were tweaked in 2011 and any-

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### People In The News...



Beto O'Rourke



Je'Caryous Johnson

**NDG Quote of the Week: "Voter apathy is a civic abdication."**

— Charles M. Blow, NYT Columnist



## Beto O'Rourke

Paul Quinn College (Paul Quinn) announces Beto O'Rourke, 2020 presidential candidate and former U.S. Congressman, as commencement speaker for its 2019 graduation ceremony. The former congressman will address Paul Quinn's 130th graduating class on its campus in southern Dallas on Saturday, May 4, at 9:00 a.m.

Congressman O'Rourke's commencement address will be his third trip to campus over the last two years. He spoke at the opening of Paul Quinn's Summer



Bridge Program on June 10, 2018 and returned to campus to hold a town hall with students and the south Dallas community on October 6, 2018.

"We are thrilled to have Beto return to campus to

address our graduating seniors and help us send them to the next chapter of their lives," said Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College. "Beto has been a long-time friend to the Quinnite Nation and to HBCUs across the country, and we look forward to having him share this moment with our students and their families."

Paul Quinn College is the only Urban Work College in America, and the first minority-serving federally-funded work college in the Work College Consortium. By requiring residential students to work and allowing

them to use part of their compensation to defray the cost of attendance and cutting tuition and fees by almost \$10,000, Paul Quinn has created a model where its students graduate without accumulating insurmountable debt.

"It is an all-time honor to return to Paul Quinn College and join the inspiring graduating class who continues to be our example of the leadership, power and joy we see in young people across America who are already guiding us on every important issue of the day," said O'Rourke.

"We are smarter, stronger

and better able to meet the challenges ahead of us because of the bold, innovative, transformational work occurring at Paul Quinn College and HBCUs across the country."

A native of El Paso, Texas, O'Rourke graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Columbia University before starting a small technology business back home. O'Rourke served on the city council before representing Texas' 16th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives from

2013 to 2019 where he served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, the House Armed Services Committee and the House Homeland Security Committee.

He then ran an historic grassroots race for U.S. Senate where his campaign set a record for most votes ever received by a Democrat in Texas history. He is currently seeking the 2020 Democratic nomination for President of the United States and has already visited 12 states where he's held 103 town halls in 81 cities.

## Je'Caryous Johnson

(LOS ANGELES, CA) APRIL 23, 2019: Since its inception in 1990, Destiny's Child has sold more than 150 million records worldwide, won multiple Grammy Awards, served as an inspiration to many musical acts and garnered generations of fans. Now, for the first time ever, audiences will be treated to an honest, behind-the-scenes look at how the greatest girl group of all time was created – courtesy of the mastermind behind them, Mathew Knowles.

"I want to pull back the curtain," explains Knowles,



Diondre Jones

Destiny's Child co-creator and manager. "I feel it's time to give the world an opportunity to hear, see and feel the victories and failures that I've had as a husband, father and manager who risked every-

thing in pursuit of fulfilling dreams – those of mine and others."

Told from his perspective, Survivor: The Destiny's Child Musical will start its roller coaster tale at the point of humble beginnings and travel through a captivating storyline addressing the layers of evolution - good and bad - that Knowles faced during his pioneering climb into the music industry. Ultimately, the story shares the message that building a dream takes sacrifice, even at the cost of everything and everyone you love.

With a project of such magnitude and significance, Knowles knew there was no

storyteller better prepared to bring his vision to life than multi-hyphenate writer, producer, director, and Houston native, Je'Caryous Johnson.

A theater industry veteran, Johnson is one of the most prolific, commercial producers working today. Tallying nearly a quarter of a billion dollars in box office receipts, he has written, directed and produced more than 20 plays seen by millions of theatergoers. His recent stage productions include Redemption of a Dogg, an original bi-musical based on the life and music of rap superstar Snoop Dogg, and Set It Off Live, a dynamic stage adaptation of the 1996 Warner Brothers

cult film that starred Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett-Smith and Vivica A. Fox. Critics hailed Johnson's adaption – which starred Destiny's Child original member LeToya Luckett - as, among other superlatives, "groundbreaking."

"I am ecstatic to be working with Mr. Knowles on the development of Survivor: The Destiny's Child Musical," says Johnson.

Featuring a masterful mix of music, dance and beautiful imagery, Survivor: The Destiny's Child Musical promises complete transparency in dissecting the man who developed and navigated the careers of an iconic girl group as well as the legacy of one

of music's biggest superstars.

"It is my mission to tell the stories of our legends and cement their legacies in the history of our world," said Johnson, "but this one is very dear to me. As a native Houstonian, I have a special affinity for Destiny's Child because we are from the same city and it is one that breeds greatness! I can assure their fans, and mine, that I will give everything I have to this story and will make sure it is the greatest show they ever experience!"

For more details on casting news, tour dates, tickets and more, visit [www.JeCaryous.com](http://www.JeCaryous.com).

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

### Really Albert?

Black press should not expect any support from blacks until they start holding their conventions in black hotels and using black businesses to supply their services.

-- A Realist

### Black Mississippians twice as likely to be denied a home loan as whites, data show (Story shared via FB)

Another Racist report by newspaper !!!!

-- James Brewer

This is another reason to vote and encourage others

to vote as well!

-- Maryellen Hicks via Facebook

### Texas Senate approves limit on property tax rate hikes

I'm not seeing anything in the bill requiring property owners to provide the actual "fair market value" of their property. Many property owners avoid providing this necessary information to the local appraisal district, requiring said district to "estimate."

-- Christopher Barton

### Monday Night Politics forum focuses on Dallas

### council races outside the southern sector

This is awfully confused. I know that David Blewett and Warren Johnson are running for District 14, so I assume that Laura Miller, &c. are running for District 13.

-- D. Muller

(Editor's Note: Our apologies, you are correct, Gates vs. Miller is for District 13.)

### NDG endorses Rodwaan Saleh for Irving City Council, Place 2

This is a totally biased article. I have never missed

a pre-council briefing or work session. I am one of the most active council members in the community as far as attending cultural events throughout our city. I appreciate that in NDG supporting me in the past, but we all know the candidate that you support each year has brought to you by a local activist it's whoever he supports. So before you write an article you need to check your facts. I hope in the future your articles are checked and state facts not political statements from opponents.

-- Allan Meagher

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# NDG endorses Rodwaan Saleh for Irving City Council, Place 2

NDG's View

Election season is upon us for our local county and city offices. While many believe elections, such as these are not as important as the presidential election, they actually have a stronger impact on the daily lives of residents.

The North Dallas Gazette (NDG) has always worked to ensure we bring your quality information on candidates we feel will become an asset to a particular seat or warn if they will become a deterrent. NDG believes it is in the best interest of our readers to research and report the facts regarding a candidate's capabilities to bring fair practices to all they will serve upon their election to office.

That is our mission and our goal – fair reporting regarding candidates.

For the upcoming May 4 election, the North Dallas Gazette is endorsing Irving City Council, Place 2 candidate Rodwaan M. Saleh. We appreciate his determination to keep all citizens informed with ongoing city matters, which include the ever-looming gentrification of lower-income communities, speaks to the growing concern of Irving citizens.

Also, NDG likes Saleh's recommendation to explore increasing the number of community centers available to provide a safe recreational environment for the youth. This is vital in getting the youth of Irving off the street corners while allowing them to have fun, as well as learn and grow. At the same time, Saleh seeks to protect the core values of Irving and the youth,



*“My reason for running is to take Irving forward. As a public servant, I will always work towards public safety and infrastructure. However, I also want to take Irving to the next level in development and innovation. If elected, I will work with the Mayor, City Council, Staff and concerned Citizens to boost South Irving, enhance Valley Ranch, and create opportunities throughout for local jobs. Irving is a thriving city that embraces diversity.”*

-- Rodwaan Saleh

as well as, protect local businesses and homeowners disrupted by unfocused youth.

Saleh, a 10-year resident of Irving, understands the growing pains from the consistent growth the city has experienced in recent years. His objective is to work with staff, colleagues and the business community to develop more international opportunities. This will provide an additional avenue for tax base growth, as well as jobs, thereby assisting those in South Irving seeking better employment.

Married with three children, Saleh is a devout Muslim. In Irving, Muslims represent a growing segment of the community, as their numbers have grown considerably, reportedly between 30,000 – 40,000. The city is the home of The Islamic Center of Irving, one of the largest mosques in

Texas. Therefore, they deserve representation at the city council level, to voice their unique concerns. Recognizing that as with any ethnic minority or faith-based group, they are not a monolithic group, but NDG believes Saleh can work with the community and serve as a conduit for their differences and concerns, thereby providing a cohesive voice. NDG thinks he has the skill set to help the city develop a plan which most of the elements of their community can support.

Saleh understands the need for better employment and economic opportunities as his career involves being a regional director for a major corporation. NDG endorses him because he is willing to include all of Irving, not just those areas currently enjoying the benefits of a better Irving.

Saleh stands out from his

opponents in this race, with a willingness to meet the people he wants to help. Incumbent Allan Meagher, who NDG has supported in the past, has held several seats in Irving's political system. We are concerned he is resting on his laurels to retain his position. Some members of the community have suggested he does not consistently participate in the pre-council briefings. There were suggestions his effort to stay connected to the community is dwindling. The residents of Irving want to provide input and to hear new ideas, inclusive to all, from their elected officials.

Meagher was encouraged to provide a response to the survey because while a reply is a critical factor in gaining an endorsement from NDG, it is not the only criteria. The 2019 Candidate Surveys provide everyone running for office a chance to share in their own words, responses to the same set of questions. This provides voters an opportunity to reach their own conclusions. As of April 24, Meagher has not responded.

Meagher has not addressed the concerns of South Irving to the satisfaction of some residents, particularly on the topic of gentrification threatening hard-working families of all race, faith, and creed. They merely want assurances they can maintain their piece of the American Dream in a safe, thriving community.

Saleh is NDG's choice, and we encourage voters to support him on May 4, Election Day for Irving City Council, Place 2.

## NDG endorsements for Dallas and Irving City Council candidates appearing on the May 4 ballot

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Irving City Council  
Place 2  
Rodwaan Saleh

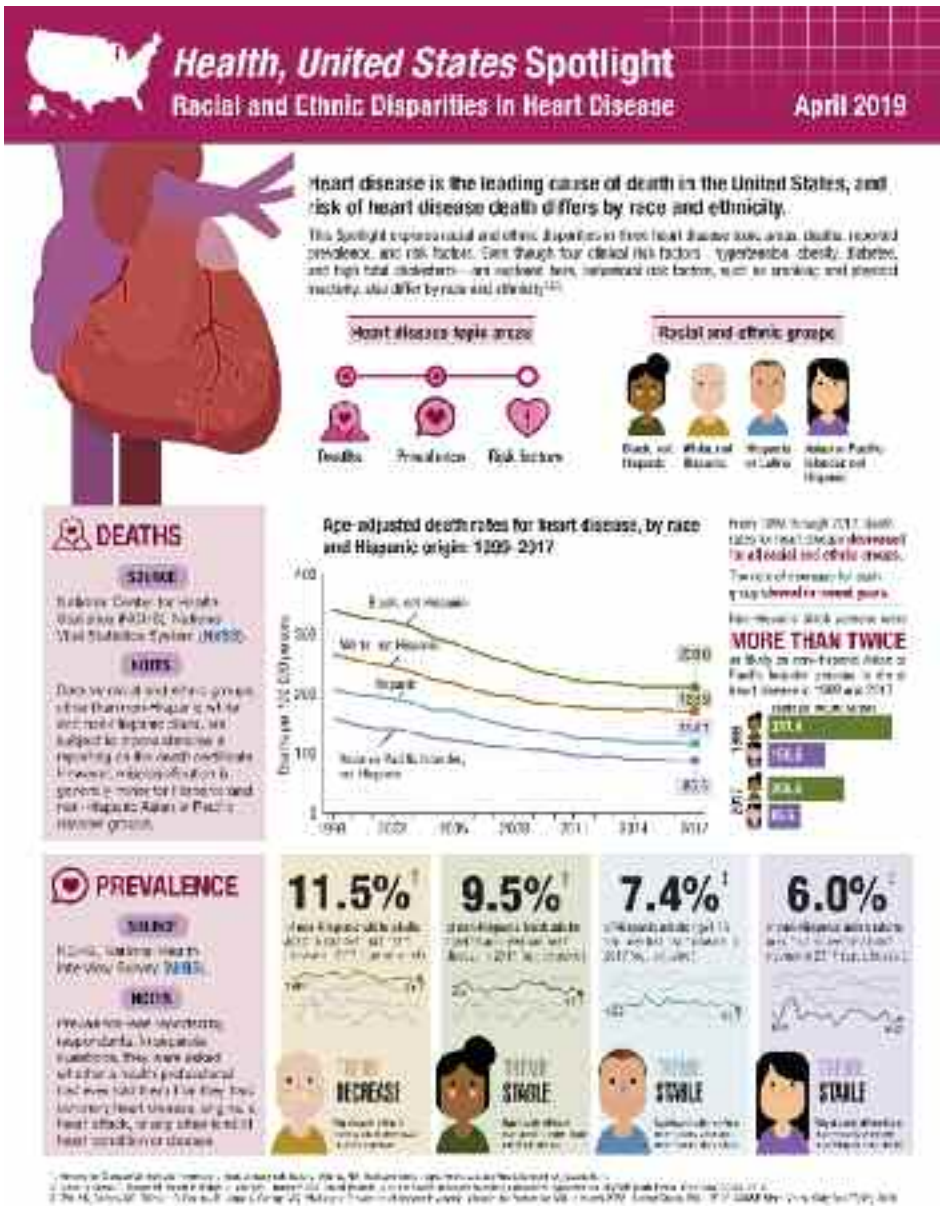


Dallas City Council  
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Carolyn King Arnold



Dallas City Council  
District 10  
DeDe Alexander





This infographic released by the National Center for Health Statistics explores racial and ethnic disparities in heart disease using data from the Health, United States annual report, including: Heart disease deaths, Reported heart disease prevalence, Heart disease risk factors (diabetes, obesity, hypertension, high cholesterol)

## Researchers hope a blood test will encourage more colon cancer screenings

By Nathan Collins  
Stanford University

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. and a growing problem around the world, but not because it's a particularly difficult cancer to detect and halt. The problem, doctors and researchers believe, is that not enough people are being screened for early signs of the disease, either because they do not know the recommendations or because they are avoiding getting a colonoscopy, which many perceive as an unpleasant procedure.

The current alternatives, said Shan Wang, a professor of materials science and engineering and of electrical engineering, aren't exactly

more pleasant – most of those involve gathering and testing stool samples.

But Wang, his graduate student Jared Nesvet and Uri Ladabaum, a professor of medicine, may have at least a possible solution: a blood test to detect colorectal cancer, which in principle would be less expensive, less invasive and more convenient than colonoscopies and other current tests, the researchers said. Wang and Nesvet have already developed a test that works in the controlled environment of a materials science lab, and now, with help from a Stanford ChEM-H seed grant, the trio are working to validate their approach in the real world of clinical medicine.

“There’s a barrier for

compliance” to colonoscopy recommendations, Wang said. “The driving force for a blood test is really to improve compliance and detect cancer early.”

### Falling short on screening

Current recommendations suggest that everyone between the ages of 50 and 75 get a colonoscopy, but only around 60 to 65 percent of people do so, according to recent studies.

“We’ve put a lot of effort into getting people screened and, so far, have fallen short of the goal to match screening rates for breast and cervical cancers,” Ladabaum said.

Part of it is the ick factor. Whether a colonoscopy ac-

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## Lawmakers lead bipartisan, bicameral recognition of April as National Minority Health Month

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.), along with Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30) and Congressman J. Luis Correa (CA-46), are leading a bipartisan, bicameral coalition introducing a resolution to promote minority health awareness and to bring attention to the discrepancies in health care faced by minority populations including American Indians, Alaska Natives, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Hawaiians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. These groups have historically suffered from high rates of chronic disease and inadequate access to health care. Without programs that specifically address health disparities and increase the numbers of health professionals in underserved areas, these inequities will not change.

“Addressing the inequities in health care access and outcomes must be one of our highest priorities as we explore ways improve our health care system. We cannot accept the status quo in

which African-American children have a 60 percent higher prevalence of asthma than white children, or one where Native Americans and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to have diabetes as white individuals,” said Senator Cardin. “It is simply unjust that different

racial groups face such starkly different health outcomes.”

“When all of America is healthy, we are a stronger nation. Time and time again, we find that minorities historically have higher rates of chronic disease and lower ac-

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# Who we support and why for 2019 Irving and Dallas elections

The candidates have spoken, and given the number of mayoral and city council forums, the voters have had plenty of opportunities to hear their pitch. Now, it is time for the voters to have the final say. The *North Dallas Gazette* (NDG) recommends the voters consider the following three candidates.

**Carolyn King Arnold (Dallas City Council District 4)** has earned an opportunity to continue the work

she began last December. After prevailing over more than a dozen opponents, Arnold reclaimed the seat she held before losing to former Mayor Pro Ten Dwaine Carraway. Last fall, NDG endorsed Arnold because of her experience at a time the district needed stability. Also, NDG believes the community deserves an opportunity for her to continue the work she pledged to the voters:

Developing smart eco-

nomics such as better housing and transportation;

Creating workforce and education opportunities through vocational training; and

Establishing an overall quality of life with safe and clean neighborhoods and quality healthcare.

**DeDe Alexander (Dallas City Council District 10)** has earned the right to represent the growing progressive movement in Dallas. She

spent countless hours working for other candidates in 2018. She personally held voter registration drives, including at unique places to reach the younger voters where they were. Also, Alexander partnered with RideShare2Vote to help produce the record turnout for the 2018 Midterms.

As a counseling professional, serving individuals in the criminal justice arena, Alexander can provide a dif-

ferent perspective to the mental health challenges which contribute to the city's growing homelessness crisis. Alexander can also work with law enforcement as the community needs to continue to bridge a widening gap. She wants to deliver solutions to the lack of affordable housing facing working families and address the infrastructure needs in the area of transportation.

Alexander has worked

hard to get others to the table, now is her turn to provide a voice for District 10 on the Dallas City Council.

**Rodwaan Saleh (Irving City Council Place 2)** will provide a needed voice for a growing and thriving community in the North Texas suburb. His commitment to focus on protecting the rights of homeowners against encroaching gentrification and alternatives for youth. Read more in our full endorsement

## Spotlighting the council races in DeSoto and Cedar Hill

By Angela Loston  
NDG Special Contributor

Working on behalf of working class people is a goal of Candice Quarles, councilmember of DeSoto City Council's Place 6. During her tenure, she successfully advocated for city employees to receive three weeks of paid maternity and paternity leave, ensuring that new parents can stay out longer with their infants without rushing back to work. As a three-year member of the council, she has kept working class people at the center of the policies she has created.

"We have a state legislature that's working against local government every day and not supporting working class people," Quarles said.



Candice Quarles (Photo: City of DeSoto)

"So we need strong people at the local level that are going to represent working class values."

Along with being a voice of the people, Quarles encourages young people to vote through her YouTube channel, Candid with Candice. Her channel features videos on voting and is shared on her Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

Although she is not running for city council this year, Quarles wants local voters—young and old—to participate in the elections.

The *North Dallas Gazette* has spotlighted a few of the candidates running in the DeSoto and Cedar Hill elections for 2019:

### DeSoto City Council, Place 3

**Al Moten Jr.** – As part of his campaign, Moten would like to spur economic development in DeSoto by bringing healthy food stores, better restaurants and family-friendly entertainment to local residents. He also wants to tackle homelessness in DeSoto, address homelessness amongst veterans and try to lower the city's tax rate.

**Nicole Raphiel** – Raphiel



Nicole Raphiel  
(Photo: City of DeSoto)

is seeking reelection with plans to enhance the city's cultural arts program and tying it with DeSoto's economic growth. She would like to attract and maintain quality businesses that will lower the tax burden on area homeowners. Raphiel will continue to engage with her constituents in Place 3 through her tele-townhall conference calls. If reelected, Raphiel would like to expand the local library's outreach and do a needs assessment to address the concerns of local seniors.

### DeSoto City Council, Place 4

**André Byrd Sr.** – As a candidate, Byrd proposes to strengthen the local economy and support policies that will stimulate a diverse

population. He also plans on building a strong alliance between the city and the local school district.



Dinah Marks  
(Photo: Courtesy photo)

### DeSoto City Council, Place 5

**Dinah Marks** – For her campaign, Marks is aiming to spur economic development in the city and allocate funds to enhance the local school district. Public safety is a priority for Marks, and she would like to encourage more community involvement.

**DeSoto, Mayoral Race**  
**Mayor Curtistene S. McCowan** is running for reelection this year, but she has two contenders for the race, **Councilmember Rachel L. Proctor** and **Byron D. Sanders**. Read more about all three candidates in the April 17 issue of the *North Dallas Gazette*.



Curtistene S. McCowan  
(Photo: City of DeSoto)



Rachel Proctor  
(Photo: City of DeSoto)  
**Cedar Hill City Council, Place 1**

**Shirley Daniels** – For her campaign, Daniels is focusing on protecting residential areas from large commercial developments, increasing diversity in city government and employment, promoting Minority and Women Business Enterprises and supporting city tax exemptions for senior citizens.



Michael H. Lewis  
(Photo: Facebook)

**Michael H. Lewis** – A former commissioner for the Cedar Hill Planning and Zoning Commission, Lewis will promote economic development and heavily invest in infrastructure and public safety. Lewis wants to balance both residential and commercial growth and work to optimize the city's tax rate. His other interests include attracting other businesses and jobs to Cedar Hill, looking at alternatives to better enforce single-family dwelling landlord code compliance and preserving green and open spaces within the city.

### Cedar Hill City Council, Place 3

**Valerie L. Banks** – Banks has dedicated more than 20 years of public serv-

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## Dallas receives federal grant to complete floodway projects

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson received funding to complete the Dallas Floodway Projects. The key infrastructure project was first authorized by Congress in 1965 and the latest funding will be di-

rected to the Cadillac Heights Levee.

"As Chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment more than 10 years ago, I made addressing this growing concern a priority.

This final funding will complete a major undertaking and move us closer to our ultimate goal of achieving maximum protection from flooding in the North Texas region," said Congress

This latest funding of \$55

million for the Cadillac Heights Levee was included to extend the Army Corp's current working estimate to \$82.25 million for the project. Designed to increase flood conveyance, the floodway project will also

provide for environmental restoration to enhance ecological value.

The project will also establish protection for downstream areas such as Rochester Park, the Lamar area and Cadillac Heights.

Also, this project reduces recurrent flooding for approximately 12,500 structures, and increases flood protection for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.



## A Little Motivation Goes a Long Way



**Joyce Foreman**  
Dallas ISD  
District 6  
Trustee

Elementary students in District 6 got an extra boost as they prepared to take the STAAR exam this month. Kimball High School cheerleaders and band members visited 6 feeder pattern elementary schools to motivate students to ace the state test. It's heartwarming to see students encouraging students to excel in education. It's even more special when upperclassmen inspire younger learners to do their

best in the classroom. The Kimball cheer squad and band members are getting it right - reminding us all that we're in this together.

### Better Together

Nothing sparks the sense of togetherness like partnering with volunteers from our communities to support the goal of educating our students. With April being National Volunteer Recognition Month, it's the perfect time for me to thank the countless volunteers, community members and partners who regularly donate their time, effort and resources to ensure the success of District 6 schools.

The impact they make is greater than words can express and will be most noted as the student's they've supported move on to lead successful careers and productive lives. I strongly encourage community members, leaders and stakeholders to consider volunteering in District 6. To learn how you can help support our schools, visit <https://dallasisd.voly.org>.

### Rising Together

A main objective of my service to the families in District 6, is to partner in the work of making Dallas ISD a more inclusive district. This goal is increas-

ingly becoming a reality as the needs of students with diverse interests, abilities and career paths are being thoughtfully considered. The outworking of this collective effort is on full display through the launching of two career institutes in August 2019. The new program will target highly motivated students who want to enter the construction trades and earn a living wage right out of high school. The institutes are a response to the construction industry and families who have asked schools to increase vocational education options.

I'm especially excited that one of the two new career institutes will be housed in District 6, at Village Fair. It's a perfect location, making this opportunity accessible to families in the southern sector. The school will service the needs of students who will join the workforce immediately after graduating high school, as well as students who may need to work while they attend college or pursue postsecondary education.

Information/recruitment sessions are being held to register interested eighth-

graders. Families can go here to view the dates and locations of the sessions.

### An Historic Win

Kimball High School's Destiny Miles made her mark by becoming the third female state wrestling champ in Dallas ISD history. Miles called winning the state championship a dream come true. Destiny is an example of the stellar student-athletes that rise from the ranks of District 6. I celebrate her athleticism and congratulate her on representing the Dallas ISD with great skill and integrity.

## Irving ISD Aviation program earns national award

The School of Aviation Science at Irving High School is among the best career and technical education (CTE) programs in the nation! Last week, the program was named one of eight winners - the only from Texas - in the prestigious Excellence in Action

award, which recognizes the best CTE programs of study across the country.

"The programs of study that we are honoring share a steadfast commitment to the highest expectations for CTE," says Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE. "This

dedication to quality and equity ensures each learner has access to opportunities that prepare them for future success in their education and career of their choice. Today's honorees serve as national models of what

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ice to Cedar Hill. She wants to continue working on behalf of local residents by boosting economic development, working with fellow leaders to improve local schools and enhancing public safety. Banks also will be transparent with residents, look at ways to bring industries to Cedar Hill and reduce the tax burden on area residents.

**Alan E. Sims** - As part of his campaign, Sims is focusing his energy on public safety, building strong neighborhoods by interacting with residents directly, economic development, striving for educational excellence and preserving the green space in Cedar Hill. Formerly the city manager of Cedar Hill, Sims will encourage the city council to have the city manager to meet with the police and fire departments to create a

long-term plan on public safety.



Gregory Glover  
(Photo: Facebook)

### Cedar Hill City Council, Place 5

**Gregory Glover** - Glover said he will gather residents' feedback on improving the city and encourage the council and the local school district to work together to respond to citizens' concerns about the school district. He would seek partnerships with com-

panies to come and work with the local community. He also would look at ways to ease the congestion on city streets.

### Cedar Hill, Mayoral Candidates

**Stephen Mason** - Mayor Pro Tem Mason is ready to become the next mayor of Cedar Hill. If elected, Mason would like to strengthen neighborhoods, continue to improve the city's infrastructure and work with constituents and businesses alike. He wants to enhance public safety and support small businesses and economic growth. First elected to Cedar Hill's city council in 2010, Mason is running against Councilmember Jami McCain in this year's mayoral race.

Elections for both cities are set for May 4 with early elections starting this week.



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**Dallas**

The annual **EarthX Expo** will take place on April 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Fair Park, in Dallas. Earthx2019 will bring together an international gathering of concerned environmental citizens, educators, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and thought leaders to celebrate global sustainability. The ninth annual Earth Day celebration will include three days of exhibitions, a film festival, music, entertainment, learning experiences, discussions, forums, and conferences making it, once again, the world's largest gathering to positively discuss achievable solutions for environmental change. Tickets are \$5. For



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more information visit [earthx.org](http://earthx.org).

The **USA Film Festival** will be held from April 26 to April 28, at Angelika Film Center and Cafe, in Dallas. Highlights include salutes to Constance Towers, Udo Kier, Timothy Busfield and Ed Asner, all of whom will be in attendance. Opening night films are Halston, which will be released next

year; American Woman, which will be released June 14; and The White Crow, which will be released May 10. Other films include documentaries, narratives, student films, shorts and features.

For tickets and information visit [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) [www.ticketmaster.com/usa-film-festival-tickets/artist/1027734](http://www.ticketmaster.com/usa-film-festival-tickets/artist/1027734)

Don't miss the **Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo** on April 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DeSoto Civil Center, in DeSoto. Mega teen event will enrich the lives of teenagers by connecting them with valuable resources, services and pro-

grams specially designed for them. The event is organized largely by teens from the cities of DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Lancaster and Duncanville.

The one-day event will feature workshops, motivational speakers, entertainment, giveaways and more. Admission is free and teens may register online. To register visit [www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1710/2019-Everything-Teen-Expo](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1710/2019-Everything-Teen-Expo)

**Fort Worth**

The **5th annual Hops and Props** will take place on April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Worth Aviation Museum, in Fort Worth. The Fort Worth Aviation Museum presents the fifth annual Hops and Props,

a family friendly celebration that salutes veterans and showcases military warbirds and local craft beer. Enjoy live music, living history reenactors, vendors, food, craft beer tastings from 15 local brewers and more. Additionally, the Fort Worth Aviation Museum celebrates its 21st Anniversary this year. Festival admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 for children 6-16, \$15 for families. Beer tasting is \$25 in advance, \$39 at the gate. Festival opens at 9 a.m., beer tasting starts at noon. Parking is \$6. For information visit [exit.com](http://exit.com)

**Grand Prairie**

Experience **Grand Prairie Main Street Fest** from April 26 to April 28, at

200 W. Main Street, in Grand Prairie.

The 8th annual Main Street Fest celebrates the fun, festive, family atmosphere of Grand Prairie with three nights of live music, novelty shows, carnival rides, arts & crafts, a business expo, food and beer gardens, farmers market, Earth Day KidZone and more. Music headliners include the Casey Donahew Band (Friday 10 p.m.), Tyler Farr (Saturday 10 p.m.) and Grupo Siggno (Sunday at 6:30 p.m.) Also performing are Jason Boland & the Straggler, Kody West and the Tejas Brothers. Admission to Main Street Fest is free. There is a fee for some activities.

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tually is that unpleasant – Ladabaum said that many patients wake up from the procedure saying, “Are we done? Really?” – the perception is there and prevents some people from getting screened. Whatever the rea-

son people avoid the procedure or whether it's just a lack of knowledge, Ladabaum said there's a gap to be filled in detecting early – and more treatable – signs of cancer.

The team thought a blood

test would be more convenient and appealing, and might increase screening rates.

**From the lab to the clinic**

Wang and Nesvet have tested their idea in the lab, and it works well so far, Nesvet said. Now, with help from Ladabaum and the

ChEM-H grant, they'll start testing it on blood samples from real patients. Among the questions they'll address are practical ones about how to identify the right people to study, when to draw blood or how to handle the samples.

“That's where we as clin-

ical researchers can help,” Ladabaum said.

Wang cautions that a new screen for colon cancer is still a ways off, and that it could involve hundreds, if not thousands, of blood samples before they can be confident their blood test really works. “I expect this

will be a five- to 10-year study to bring this technology to fruition,” Wang said.

But if it does work, it could be a significant advance. The test is in principle less expensive and less invasive, “so hopefully more people will get it,” Nesvet said.

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**Early voting begins Monday, April 22.**





# End of summer TLC concert slated at Toyota Music Factory

Music icons TLC and special guests to be announced have announced they will be hitting the road together for an epic tour across North America. The Billboard chart-topping hitmakers will join forces to bring a show like no other to outdoor amphitheater stages all summer long. Fans can expect an incredible, non-stop party with each artist delivering hit after hit all night long.

Produced by Live Nation,

the 21-city outing will kick off July 23 in Tuscaloosa, AL at Tuscaloosa Amphitheater and make stops in Atlanta, Toronto, Detroit, and Irving at the Toyota Music Factory on Aug. 25 before wrapping up the tour on Aug. 31 in Irvine, CA.

One of the greatest legacies in music history can be summed up by just three letters—TLC.

Those characters merely hint at the talent of Tionne “T-

Boz” Watkins, Rozonda “Chilli” Thomas, and the late Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes, but they immediately evoke an unparalleled journey nonetheless. That journey encompasses immortal anthems such as “Waterfalls,” “Creep,” “No Scrubs,” and “Unpretty,” to name a few, as well as sales of 70 million records worldwide, four GRAMMY Awards, two RIAA diamond-certified albums among a total of four multiplatinum albums, ten

Top 10 singles, and four Number 1 singles. Meanwhile, the VH1 original film *CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story* chronicled their rise and broke records as the highest-rated television film premiere of 2013 and the highest-rated original premiere on the network between consistent touring.

Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at LiveNation.com.



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Courtesy photo

## Fifth annual Taco Libre Fest slated for this Saturday

Dallas’ favorite taco festival returns for its fifth year, April 27 at The Shed at Dallas Farmers Market. With its highly curated selection of taquerias personally selected by taco expert and food writer, Jose Ralat, Taco Libre stands apart from other local

festivals.

Taco Libre is excited to bring back past favorites, such as Azucar, Café Momentum, Casa Komali, Chile Pepper Grill, El Come Taco, El Padrino, Halal Mother Truckers, Holy Frijole, Ki’Mexico, La Botana Taco

Bar, La Norteña Tortilleria, Resident Taqueria, Revolver Taco Lounge, Taco Heads, Tacodeli, Trompo, and Urban Taco. First-time participants include Cuates Kitchen, José, Frezko Taco Spot, Magdalena’s, Rise Above Elotes Cart, Tacos and Art, and

Rusty Taco.

This year’s event will also feature its strongest vegan and vegetarian offerings ever, as the fest welcomes El Palote Panaderia, Nuno’s Tacos & Vegmex Grill and Soulgood. All taquerias will be serving at least one \$2 taco.

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# Five extra things to enjoy at the AT&T Byron Nelson tournament

Just because it is a golf tournament does not mean it is all about golf.

The AT&T Bryon Nelson returns for the second year to their new home in Southern Dallas at the lovely Trinity Forest Golf club. Over the last 51 years the PGA TOUR event, hosted by the Salesman Club of Dallas, has raised more than \$160 million. These funds support the work of the nonprofit Momentous Institute, which serves more than 5,500 children and family members annually.

These are a few highlights of what guests can look for at the 2019 AT&T Bryon Nelson (and yes we added a bonus fun fact):

On-Course Patio Bars:



The Katy Trail Ice House Pavilion is located in the middle of all the action during the iconic golf tournament, and is only one of the many perks for attendees. (Photo: AT&T Byron Nelson)

The AT&T Byron Nelson is partnering with Katy Trail Ice House to offer spectators a brand-new pavilion experience. The Katy Trail Ice House Pavilion (all ages) will be located in the middle of the action at the corner of 4 green and 5 tee and remain complimentary with all tick-

ets. The open-air, beer garden-style venue will include outdoor patio games, Katy Trail Ice House menu favorites, and areas to watch golf, emulating one of Dallas' favorite hot spots with nearly 20 trees from Fannin Tree Farm shading the patio deck. Fans can also enjoy

complimentary access to the Grey Goose 19th Hole (21 and over) located at 13 green, 14 tee.

Forest to Fairway 5K: This year they are hosting their inaugural Forest to Fairway 5K presented by Baylor Scott & White Emergency Hospitals on April 27 at Trinity Forest Golf Club. This 5K provides runners the unique experience of running through Dallas' Great Trinity Forest (the largest urban forest in the U.S.), as well as the tournament's home course, Trinity Forest Golf Course - combining the elements of a traditional 5K with the elements of an easy trail run. Full registration details here.

Complimentary Admis-

sion for Tournament Preview Day: The Hilton Anatole Pro-Am is played Wednesday, May 8, and is complimentary for all spectators.

Complimentary Shuttles: In addition to the complimentary shuttles provided to general public parking at the State Fair of Texas, complimentary shuttles will also be provided from the main entrance to the Happiest Hour and the Katy Trail Ice House in Uptown at the end of each day. Happiest Hour is the official after party of the AT&T Byron Nelson.

KidsZone presented by Momentous Institute: Families can take a break inside the air-conditioned family favorite, KidsZone, presented by Momentous Insti-

tute while enjoying free games and crafts. Activities will include putt-putt, and one of Momentous Institute's favorite tools in teaching children their brain is important, and that they have control over their brain - the "Brain hat". Momentous Institute School students will caddy for the pros Wednesday morning as well as marshal on Saturday from 1-3.

Bush Institute's Warrior Open Presented by AT&T: The Bush Institute's Warrior Open at the AT&T Byron Nelson will be held May 5-6, 2019. The Bush Institute's Warrior Open began in 2011 for United States military personnel seriously wounded or injured since September 11, 2001.

## NDG Entertainment Guide: Go for a run, enjoy pancakes, and party with Snoop Dogg

By Tiffany Gilbert  
NDG Entertainment

The **Healthy Kids Day Color Run** - Oak Cliff YMCA will take place on April 27, at 10 a.m. at Oak Cliff YMCA, in Oak Cliff. Register now for the 2nd annual Kids Color Run! In conjunction with our annual Healthy Kids Day we 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. The event is free to the public. You will need to bring an extra shirt as you will get dirty. We will also be highlighting our Y programs and our vendors will be performing health screenings. To register visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

Enjoy the **Dallas Pancakes & Booze Art Show** on April 27, starting at 8 p.m. at 2513 Deep Ellum, in Dallas. As the nation's premier pop-up art show, The Pancakes & Booze Art Show provides art lovers an opportunity to explore more than 500 pieces of artwork created by some 100+ artists local to Dallas's unparalleled art scene. Alongside an immensely wide variety of pop art, fine art, and

photography; show goers can sip on some of the dankest craft beer or signature cocktails while consuming free pancakes over and over again. To learn more visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

Don't miss **Al Green** perform live on April 26, starting at 8 p.m. at the Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory, in Irving. Ages 2 and up will require a ticket. Seating is subject to change due to production. To purchase tickets visit [Livenation.com](http://Livenation.com).

Experience the **Snoop Dogg's 25th Anniversary Tour** on April 28, starting at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory, in Irving. Snoop Dogg, Warden G, G Funk Supreme, and Tha Dogg Pound will be performing live during the tour. To purchase tickets visit [Livenation.com](http://Livenation.com).

Presented by Ace Metaphor Productions the **I Love Me: The Self Love Summit** will take place on April 28, at 4 p.m. at Dallas Marriott City Center, in Dallas. This event features a panel of the biggest influencers in love, life and relationships - Ace Metaphor, Derrick Jaxn, Stephan Speaks. The Self Love Summit is an amazing op-



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portunity to interact with and glean advice from social media's preeminent re-

lationship gurus. This is a summit for men, women and couples alike. This is the opportunity that could change your love trajectory! Must be 18 and older to attend. To purchase tickets visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

The **Watercolor Workshop: Mother's Day Tea**

will take place on May 5, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at North Haven Gardens, in Dallas. In a month that has a day celebrating nurturing, we will find artistic inspiration in the plants and seeds that get tucked into our gardens. The colorful flats of annuals and packets of seeds are the springboard

for this garden still life in watercolor. The class will have guidance in color selection, paint application and the fun of painting the plants and tools. Students can jump right into painting with the provided pre-drawn layout. For more information and tickets visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

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one living in a district can run for office.

Current African-American Councilmembers Casey Thomas and Carolyn King Arnold now occupy seats which were held by White representatives on the 1991 council. Districts 5 and 6, which were won by African-American candidates in 1991, are currently held by White and Latino councilmembers. The only two seats which were held by African-Americans in both 1991 and the current council are Districts 7 and 8. Both councils contained four African-American representatives, but they did not come from the same districts.

Also, in District 5, current Councilmember Rickey D. Callahan is not seeking reelection. That seat will return to minority representation as Latinos Jaime Resendez, and Ruth Torres join African-American Yolanda Williams on the ballot. Also of note is the race in North Dallas' District 10, where African-American candidate DeDe Alexander is chal-

lenging incumbent Adam McGough along with Sirrano Baldeo. Alexander cited the congressional success of U.S. Rep. Colin Allred in what was perceived as a White district as part of her inspiration to run.

In the end, African-Americans could end up with more, or slightly fewer representatives at the horseshoe, depending on how these races play out. Latinos also stand to gain seats at the council, but there is undoubtedly solid grounds for that to happen as well. Latinos are growing as a percentage of the population, period. According to the Texas Tribune, Hispanics are set to become the largest population group in Texas by 2022. If the government is to represent the population, it can only be expected that Latinos in government will follow the population trend.

It is also worth remembering the shared paths Latinos and Blacks have walked together. Both were relegated to lower-class status for many years after the official

end of slavery, but the example need not go that far back.

The effort to move Dallas to a 14-1 model was not an African-American effort alone. The 1991 election also brought Domingo Garcia (now president of the League of United Latin American Citizens or LULAC) and Chris Luna onto the council. Hispanics were heavily involved in the effort to bring the 14-1 council system to the city, joining African-American advocates every step of the way. In a 2010 Op-Ed, Garcia recalled the leaders of the protest movement celebrating together at a Mexican Restaurant in Oak Cliff when the decision to change the election model was announced.

Garcia's seat is now held by White councilmember Scott Griggs (though that district's lines have changed since then), who is among the slate of candidates currently running for mayor. There could be a White or Latino successor to that District depending on the election outcome. Luna's seat is now held by Latino Deputy

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, who faces both White and Black challengers in the upcoming election.

There is another aspect which will continue to affect the racial makeup of city leadership over time. Neighborhoods are becoming more racially diverse. Younger African-Americans and Hispanics are becoming more likely to move into areas previously viewed as White. This trend was noticed as far back as the 90s.

"The number of households, both White and Black, living in integrated communities grew markedly between 1970 and 1980 and even faster between 1980 and 1990," noted Ingrid Gould Ellen in a piece writ-

ten for the Brookings Institute in 1997. "Most strikingly, the share of white residents living in overwhelmingly white census tracts — those in which blacks represent less than 1 percent of the total population — fell from 63 percent in 1970 to 36 percent in 1990."

Writing for the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, authors Shannon Rieger and Jonathan Spader discovered this trend accelerated nationally for the period of 2000 through 2015, but caution part of it may be the temporary result of gentrification.

"While some of these neighborhoods may become stably integrated areas, it is not yet clear how many of

the newly integrated neighborhoods will become stably integrated and how many will eventually become non-integrated areas," the authors noted.

The 14-1 council design was heralded by both Blacks and Hispanics as being an improvement, and a stepping stone for getting more minority voices into government. But it has never provided a "safe seat." Today there are four African-Americans and two Latinos on the council just as there was in the first 14-1 election of 1991, but their seats have shifted over time; and if the composition of candidates in the upcoming election is any indication, seats will continue to shift in the future.

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cess to quality care," said Senator Scott. "As we continue with conversations regarding our healthcare system, it's imperative that we advocate for legislation that not only lowers costs but increases access for all people."

"As we work to improve health care across the country, we cannot ignore the specific needs communities of color have. It is vital for us to understand that minority communities oftentimes feel the brunt of both communicable and non-communicable diseases because of insufficient access to health care. This can have disastrous consequences on our collective public health," said Congresswoman Johnson. "By acknowledging these significant disparities, we can counteract the negative trends that adversely affect health care among minorities and ensure adequate resources are available for all."

Rep. Lou Correa stated, "Many communities across the nation are facing inequities in health care, which is why it is imperative that

we address the disparities different socioeconomic groups face within our health care system. This resolution will help us close the gap and get better care back to our communities."

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# Upcoming DFW area job fairs

## May 1 Multi-Profession Diversity Job Fair of Dallas

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They will be looking for positions in the following areas: sales, customer service, call center, management, general business, marketing, retail, administrative, insurance, banking, engineering, accounting, finance, education, law enforcement, government, military, hospitality, human resources, technicians, tele-marketing, healthcare, it, and more. To RSVP visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). For questions contact 815.308.5426.

## May 1 5th Annual Health Care Hiring Event

The 5th Annual Health Care Hiring Event will be held on May 1, at 10 a.m. at Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, in Irving. Be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress professionally. RSVP now and get connected. Multiple employers will be available to meet you and conduct on-site interviews. Attendance and Parking are free. You can register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or [Working-Texas.com](http://Working-Texas.com).

## May 2 Dallas Veterans Job Fair

The Dallas Veterans Job Fair will be held on May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at AT&T Stadium, in Arlington. Be sure to pre-register, dress professionally, bring plenty of resumes, and keep an open mind. To register visit [success.recruitmilitary.com/events/dallas-veterans-job-fair-may-2-2019](http://success.recruitmilitary.com/events/dallas-veterans-job-fair-may-2-2019).



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May 30

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**May 4, 2019 General Election Ballot Order**

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**April 28, 9:45 am**

Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

**May 1, 7 pm**

Join us for Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner and others as we complete the study of the book "Boundaries" when to say yes or how to say no by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

**May 4, 10 am**

Ladies, you are invited to join us at our first Saturday monthly Women Ministry Women of Restoration, Truth and Hope (W.O.R.T.H.) We are completing the study of the book Boundaries.

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**April 28, 9:45 am**

You are invited to join us in our Sunday Morning Services as we praise and worship God in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall, followed by our Worship Services; and bring someone with you, you will be blessed. It's for God's glory and honor.

**May 1, 7 p.m.**

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

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All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

**April 28, 10 a.m.**

Please join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we cel-

brate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**April 29, 7 p.m.**

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

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**April 28, 10 a.m.**

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

**May 1, 7 pm**

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

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**Ladies & Gents Tea, April 27**

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**April 28, 8 and 11 am**

You are invited to our Worship Services as we honor God for His goodness and faithfulness.

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# Great Possessions



**Sister Tarpley**

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*"But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions." Genesis 15:14*

Whenever God brings you through a time of great adversity, you can expect to come out of that experience with great possessions, if you have been faithful through the trial. This is a universal truth. Wisdom comes from obedience, not knowledge. When we have been tested and proven, the reality of our faith results in possessions from God that we would never receive if we had not gone through those trials.

These are precious in His

sight and should be valued greatly. Those who know you will be amazed at the wisdom that comes from your mouth. It is one of those mysteries of the gospel that only those who experience incredible testing and hardship can explain.

God kept the people of Israel enslaved 400 years, but when the time came to free them from the bondage of slavery, they came out with great possessions. These physical possessions symbolize the spiritual possessions we receive when we come out of being enslaved to those things that have hindered us all our lives. These possessions are to be shared with others so that they also can know how they might become free.

What has God freed you from that allows you to share your possessions with others? Share what God has done in your life with

someone you work with today and someone you know in your community. It may be the possession they need most in their life.

God, who created mankind in Your image, You made a colorful world of people! As I stop and watch and reflect on the people I see, I notice that everyone is unique. Sometimes I'm frustrated by others' personalities and ac-

tions; other times I am blessed; still other times I am amused.

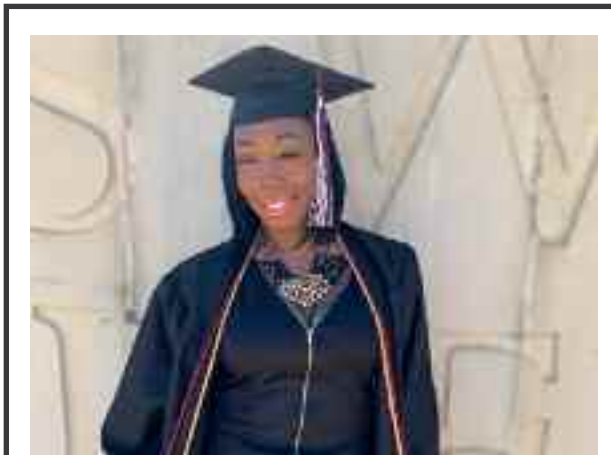
The fact is, though we were made in Your image, You gave each one of us a will of our own and You instilled different gifts, personalities, and potential within us. How boring it would be if we were all just alike! The "spice" of life is made up of all those different people, with different

ideas, and various contributions.

Thank you for caring enough that we are not Your puppets, but are unique individuals, each called to fill special places in Your great plan for our lives. I pray that You will keep my eyes open, my mind alert, and my will in tune so that I will

use all You have given me--gifts, personality, skills, desires--to the best of my ability, for the edification of the saints, reaching the lost, and glorifying You.

Please forgive my past failures and empower me today for all You want to do through me. In the precious name of Jesus, our Savior.



Christina Carletta Jones, a 2019 college graduation from TWU in Denton with a Business Administration Degree, with honors, she wears her honors with pride.

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The School of Aviation Science received the award in the Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Career Cluster® from Advance CTE as a result of their commitment to preparing learners in a high-demand sector through real-world, hands-on experiences, industry-recognized credential attainment opportunities and dual enrollment offerings. Last year, all learners graduated high school, and 94 percent enrolled in post-

secondary education. 60 percent of learners in the program also earned an industry-recognized credential.

This is Irving ISD's third Excellence in Action award. The School of Law and Public Service at Singley Academy won in 2014 and the School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality at Singley won in 2017. Irving ISD is the only district in the nation to have won three Excellence in Action awards, and this award is the only national recognition for out-

## CHURCH, continued from Page 14

May 1, 7 pm

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**Women's Day - May 19**  
Mark your calendar, Shiloh's Annual Women's Week celebration will be

the week of May 13-19. This year's theme is "Women Called and Prepared to Serve." Ladies are asked to wear white attire with turquoise scarves.

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

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# NDG Book Review: *Before We Were Wicked* is hot, violent and a good read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

They said it would never work.

He married up too high. She was a gold-digger and he didn't realize it yet. She wanted a Daddy figure; he was Mama's Boy. Neither was good enough for the other, so they said it wouldn't work. And in the new novel, "Before We Were Wicked" by Eric Jerome Dickey... they were right.

When Ken Swift first spotted Jimi Lee, he wasn't looking for a woman.

He was looking for the man his boss, San Bernardino, had sent him to



punish, because that man hadn't paid his loan. San Bernardino didn't mess around.

When it came to women, neither did Ken Swift.

Jimi Lee was gorgeous, an

Ethiopian in a white skirt who could dance like nobody's business. She came to the club with another guy but she left with Ken Swift, who took her to his condo. She told him her birth name, told him that she was headed for Harvard in the fall, said her parents were very strict and would be angry at her audacity. Then she said she was a virgin.

She learned about love-making fast. Jimi Lee and Ken Swift broke all her parents' rules and some her parents didn't even know about, and they were purposefully careless about birth control. Even so, her pregnancy

came as a surprise.

Jimi Lee's parents kicked her out of their house. Ken Swift married her at the L.A. courthouse. She was nineteen and her dream of Harvard was gone; he was twenty-two, a husband, father, and an enforcer who busted skulls to pay for diapers for his baby girl and clothes for his increasingly unhappy wife.

And then, while on a job for San Bernardino, Ken Swift murdered a man in self-defense. Jimi Lee knew it, which only increased her discontent: she started sleeping around, drinking, leaving home the second Ken Swift

arrived. Eventually, Jimi Lee told him what she wanted out of a divorce, which was everything he owned.

And that was fine with Ken Swift; things were not important. He'd never miss them, but could he ever give up Jimi Lee?

What you'll need to know about "Before We Were Wicked" is this: there are bedroom scenes in this book. Lots of them.

There's also a lot of dialogue here, which may seem like overkill and can be confusing but it's important to read it all, to set the moods of love and anger. It's through that dialogue that

author Eric Jerome Dickey lets readers watch the unfolding of a fast-paced, passionate relationship that really has no future. To shake things up, then, in the midst of our voyeurism, we glimpse the Elephant in Swift's Room, which is his work for San Bernardino, who doesn't appear in this novel but who acts as an irritant that prods the marriage until it explodes.

That all makes this the tightest of novels but with lots of spice, so beware. This book is hot and violent and if you can handle that, "Before We Were Wicked" will work right fine.

# Time to wake America up from its student debt nightmare

By Charlene Crowell

Higher education has always offered opportunities to learn and earn a better quality of life. But in the 21st Century, higher education has also become synonymous with ever deepening debt. More than 44 million consumers of varying ages and occupations struggle with \$1.5 trillion in student debt.

The nation's nagging racial wealth and income gaps translate into Black families borrowing more than others to finance college costs. If a combination of scholarships, grants, student loans, and work-study jobs cannot meet the costs of an academic term, the only option remaining is for parents and other relatives take on debt too.

From 2006 to 2016, aggregate student loan balances nationwide rose 170 percent. This debt burden worsened the nearly \$1 trillion of lost wealth that Black and Latino families also bore due to the foreclosure crisis.

Today the average student loan balance among baccalaureate graduates is \$34,000. For those who continue to graduate studies, their indebtedness often surpasses \$100,000.

As high as these debts incurred by students are, additional loans taken out by parents and other relatives are often necessary. Some parents, grandparents or other relatives have also taken on student loan debts, trying to close the gaps that remained after students borrowed the maximum amounts allowed.

It's a costly cycle that begins anew each academic year, often with higher interest rates that lead to higher and longer repayments. No parent should be forced to choose between their own financial stability and a college education for their children.

Yet the reality of the student loan crisis is that often multiple generations of the same family struggle with loan repayments.

Student loan defaults degrade credit scores, lowering them by as much as 50-90 points, according to the Urban Institute, a Washington, DC-based nonpartisan research group. As credit scores drop, the cost of any future credit goes up, making it even harder for affected consumers to manage their personal finances.

With Congress and the Trump Administration both agreeing that the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act cannot be further delayed, multiple ideas have been offered on how to manage the deepening college debt crisis with no consensus yet to emerge.

Central to the public policy debate should be the future of the nation's economy. Students need to acquire skills and knowledge that lead to stable careers and incomes that enable graduates to earn their way into the middle class.

For many education advo-

cates, the current college federal aid system is simply unsustainable, nor is it in the best interest of the nation.

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