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# Stacey Abrams says she'd serve as Vice President

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Correspondent

The overcrowded Democratic presidential field has a record six women seeking the nomination. But one prominent individual who isn't running for the top job has thrown her hat into the ring for vice president.

Former Georgia Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams said she would be delighted to serve under one of the 22 candidates.

"I would be honored to be considered by any nominee," Abrams told *The New York Times* on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

"I've just come to the decision that my best value add, the strongest contribution I can give to this primary, would be to make sure our nominee is coming into an environment where there are strong voter protections in place," Abrams told the Times.

"I would not have publicly raised the possibility if it was not a legitimate thought," Abrams said.

She said the current field, which includes former Vice President Joe Biden; Calif. Sen. Kamala Harris; New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker; and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, is talented.

Earlier this year when Biden entered the race, he was reportedly



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considering Abrams as a running mate.

*YAHOO! News* reported that Abrams dismissed those rumors, noting that at the time, Abrams was considering a run for president.

Earlier this year, Booker said he believed that a woman should be on the ticket.

Another candidate, former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, said he would find it "very difficult not to select a woman" as his running mate.

Earlier this spring Abrams published a new book focused on leadership, *Lead from the Outside*. Leadership is hard. Convincing others—and yourself—that you

are capable of taking charge and achieving more requires insight and courage.

*Lead from the Outside* is the handbook for outsiders, written with an eye toward the challenges that hinder women, people of color, the working class, members of the LGBTQ community, and millennials ready to make change.

Abrams uses her hard-won insights to break down how ambition, fear, money, and failure function in leadership, and she includes practical exercises to help you realize your own ambition and hone your skills.



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## People In The News...



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*NDG Quote of the Week: "Nothing will work unless you do."*

- Maya Angelou



## Hon. Pauline Medrano

Grace International Seminary for Women and Trinity International Seminar for Men are hosting a joint Summer Commencement Service on Sunday, Aug. 25. The guest speaker is The Honorable Pauline Medrano who serves as the Dallas County Treasurer.

The theme for the occasion is "Still They Rise" and is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. at the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church located at 1019 Big Stone Gap Rd., in Duncanville.

Medrano was re-elected Dallas County Treasurer in November 2018, and sworn



into office on January 1, 2019. She has served as the Dallas County Treasurer since January 1, 2015. Medrano brings over 10 years of administrative experience in State and Federal government and 10 years in

corporate management.

A former member of the Dallas City Council, she was elected in June of 2005, and re-elected in 2007, 2009, 2011. During her tenure she served as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem from 2009-2011 and as Mayor Pro Tem from 2011-2013.

While on the city council Medrano served as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair Dallas Conventions & Visitors Bureau, Vice Chair of the Quality of Life Committee, Transportation Committee, Housing Committee, Dallas Downtown Inc. and Chaired several Ad HOC committees.

Medrano was appointed

as Vice Chair of the US Census 2010 Advisory Committee by former US Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke. Also, she currently serves as Vice Chair of the City of Dallas Complete Count Committee appointed by the Mayor.

Her commitment is not only local, but she serves her community nationally as well. She is the immediate past President of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

A Dallas County native, raised in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas, and a graduate of Skyline High School. Medrano earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is a member of the Oak Cliff Lions Club, Dallas Junior Police Academy, Dallas Conventions & Visitors Bureau, and the Esperanza "Hope" Medrano elementary school Board of Friends.

Active in the community, Medrano has had a life of service and continues down that path as County Treasurer.

As County Treasurer, Medrano Chairs the County Financial Review Committee, serves on the County Bail Bond Board, and on the Employee Benefits Committee. She is a member of

the County Investment Academy with the Texas Association of Counties, and the County Treasurers Association of Texas.

The County Treasurer's Office serves as the chief custodian of county finances; responsible for receiving and accounting for all county funds in the county depository bank and paying, applying or disbursing all county funds in such a manner as directed by Commissioners Court and in conformance with law.

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## Dr. Lawana Gladney

Dallas resident Dr. Lawana Gladney's new book, "The Power of Attraction: Getting the Man You Need," is helping women across the country find the answer to their man troubles and shifting their focus. Known as the "Emotional Wellness Doctor," Gladney, also known as "Dr. G," is also a relationship strategist. She wants to put an end to the roller coaster ride that the single woman often experiences. She says women are often discouraged by disparaging statistics about the availability of single men as they consider getting the love that they want.



Dr. G found herself single in her 40's after the end of an almost twenty-four-year marriage. She wrote the book to encourage women that even in the wake of scary statistics about how there are many

more single women for every single man, that they can actually get what they need in a man; especially if they commit to shifting their energy.

"We need to get off of the emotional roller coaster - the ups and downs of the dating game, the highs and lows of meeting a potential partner, the break ups and sudden starts," Dr. G says. "Instead we have to go within, realize our true power as women to attract what we need and project that to the world. Doing the work is the only thing that will ultimately get us what we need."

In the book, Dr. G gives women the tools and infor-

mation they need to take control of their relationship destiny. Through guided exercises they will discover what is truly keeping them from the love they desire. "Taking control means to stop focusing on getting the man you think you can get. That is based on lack and a devaluing of the self. The ability to get the man you truly need comes with a deeper sense of self reflection and understanding," she says.

She says this self-reflection has empirical roots, however. The book is filled with information, practical movements, effective solutions, and actual data from sixty men who have shared

their inner thoughts about women with Dr. G. Armed with this information she created archetypes for different types of men so that women can recognize men who are not the men they need right away, and break repetitive cycles of dating the "wrong guy" over and over again.

"It is only when we change our perspectives and energy, understand who we are and what we really want and need, that we can draw the right person to us."

Dr. Gladney has a doctorate in Instructional Psychology and Technology focuses on emotional wellness and the science of the

mind. This degree not only focuses on human behavior but how the brain processes information that will lead to change.

She has spent almost two decades researching, writing, and creating behavior changing programs and products. She has worked with many of the nation's fortune 500 hundred companies and organizations.

The goal for Dr. G is to help create amazing employees and companies, through enrichment programs that will ensure engagement, wellness and inclusion, while increasing productivity and helping companies to elevate from good to great.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

**Despite loss in preseason opener, Jerry Jones not ready to panic about Ezekiel Elliott's holdout**

Teach Elliot a lesson. Sit him for half the season and play Pollard. He will get the message then that hes not the only running back.

- Charlie Love

**Dallas back-to-school shoppers plan to spend less**

No money for most. On the ground, things are not good despite what Chester Cheeto and his cro-

nies say. It's about to get bad for many people who live above their means and hard for those who don't

-Brandy Johnson

**Mayor Johnson launches Task Force on Safe Communities**

Thank you for the detail put into this piece.

I appreciate the inclusion of community leaders on the task force, as increasing police presence is simply not the answer - or at least not all of it. The root problems need to be addressed, and I hope that action will be taken once they finish the report.

- Tia Edwards

**Time for CFPB to 'Do the Right Thing': Enact Payday Loan Rules**

economic slavery

- Lenell Freeman

Any way we can get legislation passed to limit the number of these payday loan establishments too? I have no less than 3 within walking distance to my house that I pay \$12,000 per year in property taxes. Not to mention also 3 liquor stores, and 3 lavandarias. None of which are used by anyone in my neighborhood.

- Christopher Washburn

**Bishop Arts Theatre Center receives arts grant for Silver Stories Storytelling Circle**

Thanks @NDGEditor for the coverage on our grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (@NEAarts) for our Silver Stories Storytelling Circle program that engages our aging community in the arts. #BATCeducation #BATCsilverstories — Bishop Arts Theatre Center @TeCo\_BATC

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# Another Black man targeted, tasered and beaten by police

By Jeffrey L. Boney  
NNPA Contributor

Police brutality...Will it ever end?

All eyes across the nation have been on the city of Baytown, Texas, ever since an unarmed Black woman, 44-year-old Pamela Turner, was shot to death on video by Baytown Police Officer Juan Delacruz back on May 13, outside of her apartment complex on Garth Rd. in Baytown.

Since the incident, no charges have been filed against the officer, although the killing was squarely caught on video. Nothing has been done about the police killing of Turner since that time, except that Officer Delacruz returned back to work after being on paid leave for three days.

Fast forward a few months later, and another high-profiled incident was also caught on camera, not too far from where Pamela Turner was fatally shot at close range by Officer Delacruz.

Slightly before midnight on the evening of July 6th, an unarmed Black man, Kendrick Crawford, 45, is seen on camera being unsuspectingly and undeservedly assaulted by Baytown Police officers that left him having to be treated at Ben Taub Hospital for significant injuries to his face, chest, right eye, head and hands.

Crawford states that he pulled into a local H-E-B parking lot on Garth Rd. to put an address into his GPS navigation app to get directions on his cell phone. As he was parked, he states that Baytown Police officers pulled up and approached his vehicle. After being confronted and questioned by police after claims that he looked suspicious while sitting in his parked vehicle, Crawford says that he gave police permission to search his vehicle upon their request.

In the video, released by the Baytown Police department and obtained from the dash cam video of one of the

officers, you can hear Crawford tell the officer that he had insurance and whatever else they needed to verify his identity and legitimacy, to which the officer is heard on camera responding, "And what does that have to do with anything?"

After the officers' response, Crawford then asks the officer, "So when am I free to go?" to which the officer responds, "Whenever man!"

Crawford then asks a clarifying question to confirm that the officer told him that he was free to go whenever he wanted to, and as he continues to look on in confusion as to why he was stopped, five seconds later, the officer who told him he was free to go, comes up behind him and commands him to "put your hands behind your back."

The officer, seemingly hostile, sternly notifies Crawford not to resist and emphatically makes a threatening statement saying, "I will drop you!"

According to a statement released by the Baytown Police Department, officials described the encounter as justified, proclaiming that Crawford's "demeanor changes as he becomes increasingly nervous even though officers are being polite and cordial."

In looking at this disturbing video footage, it is clear that Crawford is visibly confused and extremely unaware of why he is being treated this way by the officers.

Crawford then is seen on the video continuously asking the officers "What is going on?" until out of nowhere the officer is heard screaming out that he is about to use the Taser on him.

In the video, you hear Crawford screaming and emphatically crying out that he was going to get killed, while continuing to profess his innocence, along with a plea to the officers to be told exactly what he did wrong.

One of the most shocking things about the video foot-

age, is when a third party in civilian clothing (blue shirt and blue jeans) is seen on the video appearing to place Crawford in a chokehold while wrestling with him on the ground.

The Baytown Police officers do nothing to stop this individual from physically interacting with Crawford, nor do they identify the person in the video as being a member of law enforcement. To date, that person's identity has not been publicly disclosed.

After a few minutes of Crawford being tasered and beaten, the officer's body camera goes dark, where at this point, all you can hear is audio of him continuing to scream and demand answers.

After the incident, Crawford reached out to nationally-recognized civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump to take on his case. Crump is already representing the family of Pamela Turner.

"We are here to make this plea and this demand, that this pattern of abuse by the Baytown Police Department on minorities must cease immediately," said Crump. "Baytown, you cannot continue to attack American citizens just because of the color of their skin."

According to a released statement by the Baytown Police Department, they state that, "at one point the officer searching the vehicle locates several small pieces of plastic bag, each of which contained several pills. Recognizing this to be consistent with narcotics packaged for sale, officers attempted to place Mr. Crawford in handcuffs at which time Mr. Crawford began resisting by pulling away from the officer."

Crawford states that the items found in his car were actually antibiotics prescribed to him and not drugs for sale. Crump states that Baytown Police Department has not provided any proof of their claims to justify the instantaneous ramped up attack on Crawford.

"Remember, he (Craw-

ford) committed no crime," said Crump. "So the question is, how can you justify doing him (Crawford) like this after you just told him that he was free to go? It is unjustifiable and they (Baytown Police Department) haven't offered anything to justify that because they cannot."

The Baytown Police Department acknowledged the physical claims brought forth by Crawford in their released statement, saying that "due to Mr. Crawford's persistent resistance, and the fact that the Taser failed to momentarily incapacitate Mr. Crawford, one of the officers delivered a series of elbow strikes and a closed fist strikes to Mr. Crawford's head area in an attempt to disorient him so they could get him into custody."

Crawford was subsequently arrested and charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer, to which the Harris County District Attorney's Office ironically has chosen to accept those charges.

The Baytown Police Department says its Internal Affairs Division is still investigating the incident.

All in all, Crawford states that he is just happy to be alive after seeing many other incidents like his end up with the loss of life, but remains focused on continuing his quest for justice due to the assault committed against him by the Baytown Police officers.

"First of all, I am grateful to God that I'm still alive," said Crawford. "I was, and I am, hurting all over my body. My chest is bruised. My ribs hurt. My face was all messed up. All you have to do is watch the video to see what happened to me. I just don't know why they did this to me."

Both Crump and Crawford are calling on the federal government to look into this matter.

Jeffrey Boney is a political analyst and frequent contributor for the NNPA Newswire.



# New invention from Black tech company helps manage diabetes

MIAMI (BlackNews.com) -- Freddie Figgers, founder of Figgers Health Systems, has released a unique SMART glucose meter featuring real-time accountability and monitoring with one simple touch.

"I believe in people over profit. Healthcare should be for all. I wanted to help others through accountability," said Freddie Figgers, CEO and president of Figgers Health.

Compatible with iOS/iPhone and Android systems, this FDA Approved and Patent



Courtesy photo

Pending device gathers information from test results and immediately uploads to the EHR (Electronic Health Records) for real-time, patient centered records (making information available

instantaneously and securely to authorized users). The entire unit with strips can be purchased directly from the company's website at FiggersHealth.com or ordered through his/her primary care

physician.

With more than 1.5 million new cases of Americans diagnosed with diabetes every year it has become imperative for the health community to find avenues of accountability and treatment. The Figgers Health Smart Blood Glucose Monitoring System is designed to quantitatively measure the glucose concentration in fresh capillary whole blood samples drawn from the fingertips.

Accuracy of each test result is the priority of Figgers

Health; so where traditional testing strips may only contain 3 or 4 electrodes, the Figgers Health glucose test strips has 8 electrodes to eliminate various interference during the testing process ensuring the best of results.

All results are secure and shareable and only with the patients permission. Once uploaded, the results are then distributed to his/her physician/healthcare provider, relatives and their personalized web portal. Along with being electronically shared,

this pocket-sized device can also export one or all reports. "There are tons of options on the market, but none of them communicates with those important groups the way that the Figgers Health Smart Blood Glucose does," Figgers stated. "Everything about my device is not only user friendly, but sized to go anywhere and be used at anytime. Paired with a smartphone, love ones can be updated in real-time with just a click of a button." Learn more at <https://figgershealth.com>.

# Bishop Arts Theatre receives grant for Silver Stories Storytelling Circle

The National Endowment for the Arts is awarding Bishop Arts Theatre Center a grant of \$10,000 to support Silver Stories Storytelling Circle. This program is an arts education initiative combatting social isolation and loneliness that negatively affects the health of senior's citizens. This is accomplished by actively engaging the seniors in art workshops led by the organization's

teaching artists.

"All Americans should have access to the arts," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Grants such as this one to Bishop Arts Theatre Center are an important part of the National Endowment for the Arts' work to ensure people in communities both large and small across the nation have the opportunity to experience the arts."

Launched in 2018, the program is designed to stimulate the body, minds, and souls of senior citizens through creative writing, improvisation, visual art, and storytelling. Silver Stories brings senior citizens from different communities to the theatre to interact positively with each other.

Studies show social isolation and loneliness are associated with increased mortality in older adults

and has been linked to adverse health effects, including dementia, increased risk for hospital readmission, and increased risk of falls. Research consistently shows that feeling connected and involved benefit both mental and physical health. Bishop Arts Theatre Center believes staying socially active helps slow cognitive decline and improve happiness for seniors in the Dallas area.



Bishop Arts' Silver Storytelling Circle brings seniors together to continue the opportunity for them to stay engaged by learning and sharing during art workshops. (Courtesy Photo)

# DFW organizations serving veterans awarded more than \$2 million in grants

AUSTIN – The Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) this week presented \$2,225,000 in grants to nine organizations for providing services to over 1,173 Dallas area veterans. These FVA grants support a wide range of services for veterans in this area including housing, financial aid, mental health and Veterans Treatment Court.

TVC Commissioner Kimberlee Shaneyfelt presented the ceremonial checks to each organization. The grant recipients and their services include:

- The Salvation Army - Grayson County - \$75,000 General Assistance Grant.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star - \$100,000 General Assistance Grant for family services serving 70 veteran dependents.
- City of Dallas -



(L to R) Colonel Kimberlee Shaneyfelt, USAF (Retired) and member of the Texas Veterans Commission; Beth Mond, Program Manager for Rebuilding Together North Texas; and Dallas City Councilwoman Cara Mendelsohn were excited to receive the \$100,000 grant on behalf of Rebuilding Together - Greater Dallas. The nonprofit will use the funds for Home Modification Assistance serving eight veterans and surviving spouses. (via Facebook)

\$100,000 Veterans Treatment Court Grant for Treatment Court serving 85 veterans in Dallas County.

- Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas - \$100,000 Housing 4 Texas Heroes Grant for Home Modifi-

cation Assistance serving eight veterans and surviving spouses.

- 22Kill - \$150,000 Veterans Mental Health Grant for Clinical Counseling Services serving 150 veterans, veteran dependents

and surviving spouses.

- Citizens Development Center dba Achieve - \$200,000 General Assistance Grant for employment serving 275.

- NPower, Inc. - \$300,000 General Assistance Grant for employment serving 120 veterans and their families.

- Collin County - \$150,000 Veterans Mental Health Grant for Clinical Counseling Services serving 35 veterans in all 254 Texas counties,

- \$400,000 Veterans Treatment Court Grant for Treatment Court serving 100

- Dallas County Community Supervision & Corrections Dept. - \$150,000 Veterans Mental Health Grant for Clinical Counseling Services serving 130 Veterans and Veteran Dependents in Dallas County,

- a \$500,000 Veterans

Treatment Court Grant serving 90 Veterans in Dallas County.

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Commissioners approved these

Dallas area grant awards as part of an overall grant program funding 102 organizations across Texas with grants totaling \$23,340,000 for 2019-2020.

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# Mayor Eric Johnson launches Task Force on Safe Communities

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

The death of 9-year-old Brandoniya Bennet last Wednesday, shot while sitting in her East Dallas apartment admiring her back-to-school freshly painted nails, broke the heart of many.

Local and national headlines were filled with the news of how she died when allegedly an Instagram argument between two teens who considered themselves rappers took a tragic turn.

City of Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson stated that because of her death and that of many others, he formed a task force with a described mission of “curbing violence in communities throughout the city.”

Earlier that morning on the first day of school for Dallas ISD students, the mayor with his wife and youngest son, together took his oldest son to class for his first day of kindergarten.

“It was not lost on me young Brandoniya should have started school too,” the mayor reflected at his afternoon press conference.

The Mayor’s Task Force



City of Dallas

on Safe Communities should gain community and stakeholder input; combine this with data to build consensus on next steps. The goal is to stop and prevent violent crime in Dallas without exclusive reliance on law enforcement action.

“I believe in the Dallas Police Department,” Mayor Johnson said. “And I believe that the Dallas Police Department’s focus on guns, gangs, and drugs is both smart and necessary to help reduce violent crime in our city.

“But we can’t ask or expect law enforcement to do it all. To paraphrase one of our former police chiefs, we already ask cops to do too much. Police have to be social workers. They have to deal with mental health and drug addiction and cycles of abuse. And we’ve asked law enforcement to

do all of these things in an environment where illegal guns are far too easy for criminals to obtain.”

The mayor is seeking an official report with recommendations by the end of the year.

### Trio selected to lead the task force

To lead the task force, the mayor introduced three co-chairs:

- Pastor Michael Bowie, senior pastor at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church;
- Rene Martinez, a longtime educator and community activist; and
- Alan Cohen, President & CEO of the Child Poverty Action Lab.

“I’m grateful to all three of these dedicated community leaders for their service,” Mayor Johnson said.

More members of the task force are to be named later.

The co-chairs did not speak during the brief City Hall press conference, issuing statements individually to the press.

“Ending this scourge of violence will start with taking steps in our communities and being willing to carry each other’s burdens.

The work ahead will be challenging, but I am confident the collective wisdom and spirit of this task force will serve this city well,” Pastor Michael Bowie stated.

“I have seen over many years the ups and downs of crime in Dallas over many decades. I have always tried to be part of the solution. In my lifetime of community public service and leadership, I have learned how much we can accomplish when we unite around a cause. So I’m honored that the mayor has asked me to once again serve my community by helping make Dallas a safer place to live in,” Rene Martinez said.

“I am honored that Mayor Johnson has asked me to co-chair this Task Force. To achieve lasting impact on issues as complex as crime and public safety, I believe strongly in taking an inclusive approach that combines the use of data-

driven insights with the lived experience of community members. So I look forward to hearing from citizens and stakeholders seeking actionable solutions to improve safety for all Dallas residents,” Alan Cohen shared.

### Recent deadly headlines

Shortly before Mayor Johnson’s June election, Dallas witnessed 41 murders during the month of May. As a result, Governor Gregg Abbott sent Texas State Troopers to the city to help support the efforts of a short-staffed Dallas Police Department.

The involvement of the Troopers has been a subject of debate in the Southern Dallas community. Recently, City Councilman Adam Bazaldua at the request of residents in District 7, called for their removal. In about seven weeks, they claimed to have between 9,000 – 12,000 traffic stops, which resulted in the dis-

covery of 70 illegal guns, and hundreds of arrests.

Over the weekend, the Troopers shot and killed a suspect who reportedly aimed a gun at them after resisting their attempts to pull him over for a traffic violation.

The formation of the task force follows daily headlines for nearly a week filled with announcements of more shooting murder victims.

In addition to the death of young Brand Thursday, Christopher Whitfield Johnson, the son of Dallas ISD Trustee for District 5, Maxie Johnson died following an overnight shooting.

Last night 59-year-old Gerald Wayne Harris was killed shortly after midnight. The suspect then stole Harris’ bicycle as he died from his wounds in a shopping center parking lot.

## DART announces scheduling changes for Labor Day routes

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) rail replacement work resumes in downtown Dallas on Saturday, Aug. 31 to Sunday, Sept. 1., and will be operating a modified schedule on Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day.

### Modified Labor Day Schedule

- DART bus, light rail and Dallas streetcar services will follow a Sunday schedule.
- The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail will not operate.
- DART’s administrative offices, Customer Care Center and Lost and Found will be closed.
- Customers with questions about schedules can



contact DART’s Customer Information Center at 214-979-1111 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

• DART Paratransit services for customers with disabilities will operate on a Saturday schedule. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed on Labor Day. Customers may call Thursday, Aug.29, to book their trips through

Monday, Sept.2, and Friday, Aug. 30, to book their trips through Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Customers may call Tuesday, Sept. 3, to book trips through Thursday, Sept. 5. X-Press Booking, Web Booking and voice-mail will also be available.

DART route and schedule information can be found at [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org).

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## Dallas County Community College District to offer Cloud Computing degree

Dallas County Community College District students will soon be able to earn an associate degree all for having their heads in the "cloud".

Four of the district's colleges, Brookhaven, El Centro, North Lake and Richland will offer an associate of applied science degree in cloud computing.

The degree designs a career pathway for students in the high-tech field of computer technology, effectively preparing students for industry certifications in Salesforce Cloud, IBM



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Cloud and Azure. Also included is Amazon Web Services, an area where DCCCD already has apprenticeships.

"This is just another way DCCCD is setting students

on the path toward success," said Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor.

"Cloud computing is revolutionary technology and we are excited to offer a degree in this high-growth

area that is also experiencing significant job demand in the Dallas/Ft. Worth workforce."

Cloud computing is the delivery of on-demand computing services from applications to storage and processing power through a cloud services platform via the internet with pay-as-you-go pricing.

"This is an area that is desperately needed, not only here, but around the country," said Mark Hays, DCCCD's vice chancellor of workforce and economic

development.

Students will receive a foundation for knowledge and technical skills for entry-level employment opportunities in the cloud computing field. Cloud-related jobs include software engineers, software architects and data engineers.

The cloud computing degree will be offered beginning Spring 2020.

As the nation's workforce moves toward a new era, with new challenges and skill needs, more and more students are opting

for specialized instruction which can often be found at community colleges and trade schools. Careers in technology are at the forefront of this trend, and Texas is one of the states with the highest level of demand.

DCCCD is a network of seven college campuses in Dallas County. Founded as Dallas County Junior College District in 1965, the district now serves a student population of over 86,000 with an administrative staff of nearly 4,000.

## Collin Corporate College welcomes Disney Institute to Frisco Campus

Disney Institute is bringing its renowned professional development course, Disney's Approach to Leadership Excellence, to the Collin College Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge) on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Sponsored by Collin

Corporate College, the one-day course will help area professionals explore how they could begin to identify the personal and organizational values that drive them as a leader to carry out their organization's vision and their role in opera-

tionalizing culture-building and team support.

Disney's Approach to Leadership Excellence gives participants the chance to explore how leadership insights and time-tested examples from Disney parks and resorts

worldwide can provide relevant illustrations and engaging stories to help organizations deliver the type of long-term results they are capable of delivering.

Registration is \$600 per person and includes

all course materials, complimentary parking, Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages, and a completion certificate.

Register before Oct. 11 and receive a price break

for either early bird, alumni, or group registration.

For more information or to register, email corporatecollege@collin.edu or visit [www.collin.edu/CorporateCollege/Disney/](http://www.collin.edu/CorporateCollege/Disney/).

## Mom who taught her 3-year old son to read launches course for other parents

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) -- Andrea Stephenson was a full-time working mom who thought her son would learn the alphabet by the age of 3 or 4. However, by utilizing fun and playful in-depth learning methods, her son spoke in full sentences at 18 months, started spelling and reading at 21 months,

could write the alphabet and numbers by 27 months, and do multiplication by 36 months.

Now, she wants to show parents that all children are capable of doing this in a natural, playful environment without flashcards. Andrea is often approached by parents asking about her son's abilities. So, she has

created an online course called "Teach Your Toddler to Read Through Play".

In this course, she reveals how her son was able to read on a third-grade level at the age of 3. She shows the books they read, the toys they played with, videos they watched and danced

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# Let the play begin! Irving Golf Club opens Aug. 31

The Irving Golf Club, 2000 E. Shady Grove Road, opens 7:30 a.m. Aug. 31 at 2000 E. Shady Grove Road. Beginning 7 a.m. Aug. 21, reservations will be accepted for Aug. 31 and later tee times on a first-come, first-served basis by calling (972) 457-0772.

The city hired golf course architect Colligan

Golf Design to remodel the former Twin Wells Golf Course. The remodeled 18-hole course winds along the Trinity River and offers a sweeping view of the Dallas skyline.

The renovation included rerouting eight holes and installing a new irrigation system. Architects reshaped the greens and built

them to United States Golf Association (USGA) specifications.

They reconstructed and leveled the tees and re-contoured the fairways to improve drainage and increase strategic interest.

The front nine holes now sit where the former back nine were. The newly designed back nine were re-

structured to give players a more challenging game.

The city is remodeling the clubhouse, as well as enhancing the food and beverage selection. The clubhouse and pro shop are open. The club will offer food and beverage options while construction wraps up on the kitchen.



City of Irving

## Carrollton holds Paws on the Square event to benefit local pets

Bring the family (both furry and otherwise) to Downtown Carrollton (1106 S. Broadway Street) for a tail-wagging good time and learn how to keep the community safe and friendly for pets. The City of Carrollton will host its fourth annual Paws on the Square: Play, Shop, Learn, Adopt event on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. The free event brings people, pets, animal welfare organizations, and pet-friendly

companies together.

Browse the pet-focused vendor booths where you'll find everything from pet accessories to people food. Chow & Tabby will be selling fun fashion dog clothes and 78 Doggery will be selling fruit and spice-infused dog brew along with hand-sewn dog bandanas.

Pamper your pet at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a calming DOGA (dog yoga) session. Dog owners can experience a unique way of practicing non-traditional

yoga with their pets while building a better bond with their animals.

Two caricature artists will also be available to capture a pet's best pose. Visit the "paw-ty" photo area and have a friend memorialize the occasion with a photograph of dog and owner on the Carrollton Square.

Pet Love mobile pet groomers will provide either a free nail or face trim on a first-come, first-served basis until the end of the

event. This service is intended as a small touch up and does not include baths, full haircuts, or anything that would replace an actual grooming appointment.

On-site adoptions will be provided by Operation Kindness. Come out to meet your new best friend and add a canine kid to the family. Six lucky dogs found their forever homes through Operation Kindness' mobile adoption program at this event in 2018.

Low cost \$5 vaccinations

will be provided by the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Attendees must be in line by 1 p.m. in order to be seen. The event will also include free City registration with proof of rabies vaccination for Carrollton residents. Pet registrations are not only helpful in reuniting lost pets with their owners, but are also required by City ordinances.

Stop by the Carrollton Animal Services (CAS) booth to find out about

Animal Services' many programs. CAS will be accepting both monetary and material donations.

"If you are looking to share another great memory with your pet, we encourage you to come out to Downtown Carrollton for a good time," said Carrollton Animal Services Manager Carl Shooter. "There are few opportunities each year that focus on the special relationships between

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**Carrollton**

**Awesome August: Splash Zone** – Preschool-aged children are invited to Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road) on Tuesday, August 27 at 10:15 a.m. for Awesome August. This program features an array of activities designed to engage with and entertain preschool-aged children. This is the last Awesome August session, and the program is going out with a splash. Dress to get wet as you play in the Splash Zone and don't forget to bring the sunscreen and towels as there will be both indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy. For more information on this and other children's programming at the Library, visit [cityofcarrollton.com/library](http://cityofcarrollton.com/library) or call 972-466-4800.

**Dallas**

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## Police less proactive after negative public scrutiny, study says

(UT Austin) Public safety officers know that their profession could draw them into the line of fire at any moment, as it did recently for six officers wounded in

a shooting standoff in Philadelphia.

Yet, in an age when cell-phone videos of police misconduct can go viral, the new social phenomenon of

“cop shaming” is causing performance problems in police departments nationwide.

According to new re-

search from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, published in *Organizational Behavior and Human*

Decision Processes, public safety officers' proactivity declines when they perceive negative public scrutiny, even if they are deeply mo-

tivated to help people.

The study, “‘I Want to Serve but the Public Does

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to, footage of her son from a baby to preschooler learning to read in a playful manner, and much more.

Andrea has also written two books called *Teach Your Toddler to Read Through Play and Fun* and *Easy Ways to Teach Your Toddler to Write*. Each book contains over 130 activities, tips, and resources to expose your

child to reading and writing in a fun way. Both books are available on Amazon.

Andrea believes all children are born creative geniuses. She says parents just need the right techniques to foster it. She invites parents to make the world a learning playground for their children.



Andrea Stephenson, founder of the Simply Outrageous Youth course. (Courtesy photo)

Association of Black Journalists invites guests to a Reception in Honor of the **National Association of Black Journalists 2019 Award Recipients**, Leadership and Salute to Excellence Awardees.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. at The Attache Luxury Cigar Lounge at 4099 West Camp Wisdom Road #101 in Dallas.

Registration is now open on Eventbrite for the **4th annual Mental Health Symposium** hosted by St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church. The symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 5, 2019, at the church at 5710 E. R.L. Thornton Fwy. in Dallas. The event theme is Navigating the Path to Liberation and Healing. Community members looking to learn more about the causes

and treatment of a mental illness are encouraged to register and attend the event. It is free and open to the community.

**SOC Community Park Community Input Meeting 3** is scheduled to be hosted by South Oak Cliff Parks Projects and For Oak Cliff on Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 4478 S. Marsalis Avenue in Dallas.

**DISD Community Meeting** hosted by Audrey Pinkerton, former Dallas ISD Trustee on Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will feature current Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foreman, representing District 6. She will discuss latest innovation schools planned, new Career Development Center, the new TAG program and more. The meeting is being held at Justin F. Kimball High School.

**Dallas CORE House Meeting & Training** is scheduled for Aug. 29 starting at 6 p.m. at the Bachman Rec Center.

**Labor Day Breakfast** hosted by Dallas AFL-CIO and Texas New ERA Center/Jobs with Justice at 8:30 a.m. at Eddie Deen's Ranch at 944 S. Lamar St. on Sept. 2.

**22nd Annual Labor Day Picnic at DCDP HQ** Hosted by Dallas County Democratic Party at their headquarters located at 1414 N Washington Ave from Noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 2.

**Winning With Women** hosted by Regina Montoya on Wednesday, Sept. 4 Dallas County Democratic Party at their headquarters located at 1414 N Washington Ave., 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Garland**

Volunteers, **Code Cares** program help residents in need. Spared from a fine and a court date for code violations, a Northeast Garland homeowner called from his hospital bed on Saturday, Aug. 10, to thank those who had come to his property's rescue.

“I can feel your heart, what you're doing for me,” he said.

It's the kind of love the Code Cares program has been spreading for years.

Code Cares is the City of Garland Code Compliance Department's volunteer program that started in 2005 and has grown to serve hundreds of residents.

**Noon Exchange Club Labor Day Car Show** hosted by Unique Karz Car Show events & Awards on Monday, Sept. 2 in the Downtown Garland Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Richardson**

Friends of the Richardson Library is sponsoring an **Intro to Watercolors** class in the Basement Program Room Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Laura Lester will help adults and teens learn about watercolor and paint a bluebird, in honor of the title of the 2019 Richardson Reads One Book selection, “Bluebird, Bluebird” by Attica Locke.

Admission is free and all materials are provided. Registration is required—call 972-744-4376 to sign up.

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# Dak Prescott impressive in preseason win over Rams

By Dwain Price  
NDG Sports

Another preseason game netted another perfect outing for Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott.

A week after completing all four of his passes during a loss to the San Francisco 49ers, Prescott was 5-of-5 for 64 yards this past Saturday in helping the Cowboys to a 14-10 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in a game played in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Cowboys (1-1) will return to the field on Saturday at 6 p.m. when they host their home preseason opener against the Houston Texans at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Prescott was flat-out brilliant in his only series against the Rams. Starting a pulsating drive at the Dallas 3-yard line, the fourth-year veteran marched the Cowboys 97 yards to paydirt, with the 12-play excursion climaxed by a 14-yard touchdown scamper from rookie running back Tony Pollard.

Needless to say, coach Jason Garrett was more than pleased to watch Prescott engineer a drive – from the shadows of his own end zone – which consumed more than six minutes.

“It’s always a challenge coming off your own goal line,” Garrett said. “We call that a ‘coming out situation.’”

“One of your goals is to get a first down and change field position. To be able to have a 12-play drive and cash it in for points was big for us.”

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“Very excited for that young cat. He’s got a good head on his shoulders, so it should be fun.”

Owner Jerry Jones even had some fun – at Elliott’s expense – when discussing Pollard. Asked if Pollard is his best negotiator with Elliott, Jones jokingly told reporters: “Who? Now Zeke who?”

Jones then looked at a TV camera and, as if he was talking directly to Elliott, said: “We’re having some fun – not at your expense.”

Adding his praise for Pollard, Jones said: “If he continues this through the next several weeks, he’s going to be right in the middle of it early. And that’ll really compliment what we’re doing with Zeke.”

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Indeed, like Elliott, Pollard has proven that the NFL’s bright lights aren’t too bright for him at this early juncture of his career.

“Tony is very poised,” Garrett said. “He plays with maturity beyond his years.”

“We’re only a couple of preseason games into it and not a lot of plays into it. But it kind of follows with what

we’ve seen in practice and just how he handles himself.”

The game against the Rams was the first for long-time Cowboys tight end Jason Witten since he retired following the 2017 season to pursue a career as a television analyst. Witten caught one pass for 10 yards and felt like he was opening his favorite present on Christmas morning.

“I was very anxious to get out there and play,” said Witten, who is in his 17th season with the Cowboys. “It is just the next step in the comeback.”

“I worked really hard to get back in shape. I hold myself to a high standard,

so I can say it was not perfect. I got a little antsy early, but had a big third-down conversion on an option route.”

As far as the race for the backup quarterback spot goes, Cooper Rush once again out-played Mike White. Rush was 10-of-16 for 83 yards, and also tossed the game-winning touchdown – an 8-yarder to Devin Smith with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter that erased a 10-7 deficit.

White, meanwhile, struggled for the second straight game as he finished 7-of-13 for only 30 yards, and also hurled an interception.

Overall, the Cowboys had 251 total yards, with 94

coming on 24 rushing attempts. They also held the Rams to 270 yards, including just 67 rushing on 22 carries.

Afterward, a lot of the talk centered around the poise and precision Prescott displayed for the second consecutive week.

“It is a small sample size, and we’re not going crazy about him being 9-for-9, but what he’s done well though is play well,” Garrett said. “He’s played well in practice, he’s played well in preseason games, he’s handled himself well, he’s making good decisions, making good throws, and that follows with how he prepares.”

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# Labor Day weekend filled with jazz and more at TBAAL's annual Riverfront Jazz Festival

Academy award winner Louis Gossett, Jr. and Grammy winner and Dallas native Erykah Badu are co-chairing The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) 3rd Annual Riverfront Jazz Festival.

"I'm glad to be a part of this annual festival," Badu shared, "As a hometown artist, I'm also thrilled to be a co-chair of this year's festival with one of the greatest actors of our time, Louis Gossett, Jr."

The festival is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, Friday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 1 at The Kay Bailey Hutchison Conven-



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tion Center, 1309 Canton Street in Dallas.

The 2017 and 2018 festivals attracted over 28,000 attendees from as far away as California to Connecti-

cut. The montage and varied styles of Jazz, Pop, Neo-Soul, Soul, Hip-Hop, Blues, R&B and Contemporary music is "just the kind of Festival Dallas has

always wanted," said Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas. "The Festival organizers continue to do a magnificent job to incorporate an array of artists that reflect the growing diversity of our city," Casey continued.

This year's lineup of over 25 major musical acts includes: Badu, Jennifer Holliday, Raheem DeVaughn, Avery Sunshine, Will Downing, Hiroshima, Leela James, Jonathan Butler, Oleta Adams, Mark Felton, Tom Braxton and Keith Anderson; The Dallas Hot Band, Dallas Jazz Collective remembering Jazz Legend Nancy Wilson

featuring Mike Phillips, Cassandra Wilson and The Nasty Brass Band.

Members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will close the Festival with a special guest artist to be announced.

For two and one-half days, Festival goers will enjoy day and nightly concerts on three stages: Visit

Dallas Jazz Stage, TBAAL Pop/Blues/Soul Stage and the Office of Cultural Affairs' Promising Young Artists stage. Also music lovers and can attend free after-festival entertainment at several nearby Dallas hotels. Festival partners include: Aloft Dallas, Hotel Indigo, Magnolia Hotel, and The Statler.

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## Tito Jackson takes vocal lead on new single titled, 'One Way Street'

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) -- Legendary guitarist, Tito Jackson, considered the quieter member of perhaps the greatest musical family in the history of music - The Jacksons, has stepped out on vocals with the release of his new single "One Way Street."

In just one week, the Rock & Roll Hall of Famer's cut was the second most added song at radio stations across the country.

"One Way Street" features the remix from hot producer Gregg Pagani, who also worked with hit-makers Charlie Wilson ("Uncle Charlie," "Just Charlie," "In It To Win It") and Johnny Gill ("Game Changer," "Soul Of A Woman"), and is considered one of the hottest producers today. The track is the tale of a bad romance, with finger pops and a haunting background leading into a memorable hook, and Tito's lead.

"Performing beside my



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brothers on stage has been a wonderful blessing for me, for decades. Introducing "One Way Street" at this time, in my career, is an ideal platform for me to share my solo project with our loyal fans, and hopefully gain new ones along the way," stated Tito.

On working with Gregg Pagani, Tito says, "It was an honor working with Gregg. I thanked him for his magical

touch on 'One Way Street.' It takes a special talent to take the music of seasoned, veteran artists like me, Charlie and Johnny and make the song relevant and popular to a new generation."

"One Way Street," distributed by Beat Root Music, on Tito's independent label Play It Right Entertainment, is now available on iTunes and all digital music platforms.

## Let us hear from you!

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## City of Irving to host Minority/Women Owned Business Workshop Aug. 29

### Learning How to Connect with Prime Vendors as an M/WBE Subcontractor

The City of Irving will host a how-to workshop Aug. 29 to show subcontractors ways to connect with prime contractors by using previously bid con-

tracts, bid tabulations and other resources to identify potential bidding opportunities. Subcontractors will be able to use this information to reach out and estab-

lish relationships to receive bid requests from the prime contractors.

The title of the workshop is "Doing Your Homework: How to Connect

with Prime Vendors as an M/WBE Subcontractor". Registration will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Irving City Hall, City Council Chambers; 825 W. Irving Blvd.

Presentations are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to ask questions during the presentation.

The city encourages ev-

eryone interested to RSVP with MWBE program administrator Deborah McVean at (972) 721-3753 or [dmcvean@cityofirving.org](mailto:dmcvean@cityofirving.org).

## Time for CFPB to 'Do the Right Thing': Enact payday loan rules

By Charlene Crowell

For most people, life feels better when there is something to look forward to. Whether looking forward to graduation, the arrival of a new baby, or retirement that affords a few years to just enjoy life — these kinds of things make going through challenging times somehow more manageable.

For payday loan borrowers and consumer and civil rights activists, this Aug. 19 was supposed to be the end of payday lending's nearly inevitable debt trap. No longer would consumers incur seemingly endless strings of loans that lenders knew they could not afford. Nor would lenders have unlimited and automatic direct access to borrower checking accounts; only two debits could be drawn on an account with insufficient funds. The days of unrestrained businesses recklessly selling payday and car-title loans as short-term financial fixes that grew to become long-term debt was set for a shutdown.

Let's say these borrowers were looking forward to financial freedom from the endless cycle of loan renewals and costly fees generated by triple-digit interest rates. In practical terms, the typical, two-week \$350 payday loan winds up costing \$458 in fees.

But just as seasons and circumstances can and do



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change, under a different administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has functioned more recently to help predatory lenders than to fulfill its statutory mission of consumer protection.

Last summer, then-CFPB head Mick Mulvaney, joined the payday loan industry to challenge and win a delay in the implementation of the long-awaited payday rule. Mulvaney also withdrew a lawsuit filed by the CFPB against a payday lender ahead of his arrival.

Months later in a West Texas federal court, U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel granted a 'stay', the legal term for a court-ordered delay, to allow the current CFPB Director the chance to rewrite the rule adopted under the Bureau's first Director. Even earlier and under Acting CFPB Director Mick Mulvaney, a lawsuit filed by CFPB against a payday lender was withdrawn.

In response to these and other anti-consumer devel-

opments, consumer advocates chose to observe the August 19 date in a different way: reminding CFPB what it was supposed to do on behalf of consumers.

"[S]ince its 2017 leadership change, the CFPB has repeatedly failed to support the August 19, 2019 compliance date the agency established for these important provisions," wrote Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, National Consumer Law Center, Public Citizen, and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). The August 12 joint letter to Director Kraninger called for "timely implementation" of the rule's payment protections. While the CFPB continues to push for a stay of the rule's ability-to-repay requirements, it has failed to offer any basis for its anti-consumer effort.

It took years of multiple public hearings, research, public comments, and a careful rulemaking process before Director Cordray, delivered a rule that would provide financial relief

from one of the nation's most heinous predatory loans.

Similar sentiments were expressed to the CFPB by 25 state attorneys general (AGs) whose jurisdictions included California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In written comments on CFPB's plan to rewrite the payday rule, these state officials also expressed serious issues with the Bureau's anti-consumer shift.

"[T]he Bureau's proposed repeal of the 2017 rule would eliminate an important federal floor that would protect consumers across the country, including from interstate lending activity that is challenging for any individual State to police," wrote the AGs. "Extending credit without reasonably assessing borrowers' ability to repay their loans resembles the poor underwriting practices that fueled the subprime mortgage crisis, which eventually led to an economic tailspin and enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act."

A 2019 CRL research report found that every year, payday and car-title loans drain nearly \$8 billion in fees from consumer pockets. Although 16 states and the District of Columbia have enacted rate caps that limit interest to no more than 36%, 34 states still allow triple-digit interest

rate payday loans that together generate more than \$4 billion in costly fees. Similarly, car-title loans drain more than \$3.8 billion in fees annually from consumers in the 22 states where this type of loan is legal.

Texas leads the nation in costly payday loan fees at \$1.2 billion per year. Overall, consumers stuck in more than 10 payday loans a year represent 75% of all fees charged.

Car-title loan fees take \$356 million out of the pockets of Alabama residents, and \$297 million from Mississippi consumers. And among all borrowers of these loans, one out of every five loses their ve-

hicle to repossession.

This spring before a Capitol Hill hearing, Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP and Director of State Policy summarized the choices now before the nation: "Policymakers have a choice: siding with the vast majority of voters who oppose the payday loan debt trap or siding with predatory lenders charging 300% interest rates."

As Spike Lee advised years ago, "Do the right thing."

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### PETS, from Page 7

pets and their human companions like Paws on the Square does."

A DJ will be on-site or the entire event, so owners can sit and enjoy the tunes while their dogs sniff out a

personalized doggy snack-bag at the doggy goody-bag bar.

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vaccination (or are about to receive one), and be accompanied by someone 18 years or older.

Attendees will receive a doggy trash bag dispenser in the shape of a fire hydrant while supplies last.



# Want employees to love what they do? Four ways to get there

Bosses might want to take notice if employees view their jobs as “the daily grind.”

A disgruntled and disengaged workforce can undermine production and harm customer relations, while a happy, engaged workforce does the opposite.

“If you take care of your employees, they will be better prepared and far more motivated to take care of your customers,” says Shawn Burcham (www.shawnburcham.com), founder and CEO of PFSbrands and author of Keeping Score with GRITT: Straight Talk Strategies for Success.

“Ideally, you want employees who think and act like owners.”

Burcham says one of the first steps toward cultivating such an environment is to communicate openly with employees. And that may be even more crucial today because newer generations entering the workforce want to know the “why” of what they are doing.

“Millennials value truth and honesty,” Burcham says. “They also are looking for personal growth, education, and continuous learning. If companies want to scale, then they need to embrace millennials and work to create an environment where they are engaged.”

He suggests four ways leaders can help their employees love what they do:

- Have fun at work.

People spend more hours at their jobs than doing just about anything else, Burcham says, so the time might as well be enjoyable rather than drudgery. Some simple ways people can have fun at work include cracking jokes, decorating their work areas, or celebrating employee birthdays. For Burcham, the work itself is fun. “As a leader, I want to provide an environment conducive to having fun,” he says. “I also let our employees know that it is up to them to make having fun a reality within their job and their department.”

- Coach them up. All employees must be willing to learn at a pace consistent with the company’s growth,

Burcham says. “Usually, we hire people with a skillset that enables them to scale with us,” he says. “Sometimes, though, we have employees who are challenged to ‘make the leap’ with us. When that happens, we work with them to find a role on our team where they can excel. We want to provide them with every opportunity and tool we can to help them adapt.”

- Maintain a positive attitude. Most successful people exude a positive attitude, are optimistic, and have a never-quit personality, Burcham says. “Who wants to work in an environment of doom and gloom?” he asks. One way to cultivate an upbeat workplace is to strive to

hire only “A” players, people who want to be the best at their jobs and take pride in making positive contributions. “But anyone can be or become an A player,” Burcham says. “It simply revolves around having a positive attitude along with a desire to learn and constantly improve.”

- Show appreciation. Employees want to know that the bosses – and their co-workers – appreciate them, so it’s important to find ways to show them. Burcham says at his company new hires are welcomed by dozens of emails from their team members before they even arrive for the first day of work. When they start, two or three dozen

employees gather to greet them with a high five. “For our team, it’s all about gratitude,” Burcham says. “It’s not, ‘I have to go to work today.’ It’s, ‘I get to go to work today.’”

“I think the real key,” Burcham says, “is to hire people who are already motivated and then put them in an environment where they can excel. Engaged employees are fun to work with and they will go the extra mile for their customers as well as their peers.”

Shawn Burcham (www.shawnburcham.com), author of Keeping Score with GRITT: Straight Talk Strategies for Success, is the founder & CEO of PFSbrands.

# Tax planning should include a Paycheck Checkup

Year-round tax planning is important for everyone. Just because a taxpayer already filed their tax return doesn’t mean they don’t need to think about taxes for the rest of the year. In fact, what they do now may affect any tax they might owe next year. It could also affect the refund they expect.

Since federal taxes operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, taxpayers need to pay most of their tax during the year as they earn the income. Taxpayers should make sure they’re having the correct amount of tax

withheld from their paychecks. It’s a good idea for taxpayers to do a Paycheck Checkup for these reasons:

- Having too little withheld could lead to a smaller than expected refund.
- Having too little withheld could even lead to an unexpected tax bill.
- Employees who have too much tax withheld will see less money in each paycheck. Having more money in each paycheck may be more helpful than getting a large refund when they file.

Taxpayers can use the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator to check their with-

holding. All taxpayers should use this tool to do a Paycheck Checkup ASAP if they haven’t already done so in 2019. Some taxpayers should do another Paycheck Checkup even if they already did one this year. This includes anyone whose personal or financial information changes due to a life event. Some life events that can affect withholding are:

- Marriage
- Having a baby
- Getting a new job
- Getting a raise at work

Taxpayers who want to change how much tax is

withheld from their paychecks simply need to submit an updated Form W-4 to their employer.

The IRS has several digi-

tal tools taxpayers can use to stay updated on important tax information that may help with tax planning. In addition to visiting

the IRS.gov website, they can download the IRS2Go app, watch IRS YouTube videos, and follow the IRS on Twitter and Instagram.

## POLICE, from Page 8

Not Understand:’ Prosocial Motivation, Image Discrepancies, and Proactivity in Public Safety,” by McCombs Assistant Professor of Management Shefali V. Patil and R. David Lebel from the University of Pittsburgh, found that officers are less likely to proactively build relationships with community members and help solve their problems if they feel that the public does not understand the difficulties of their jobs.

“In the vast majority of jobs, it is really difficult for other people outside to

understand your job, but people don’t realize how much this misunderstanding can actually influence the behavior of police officers,” Patil said.

The researchers asked 183 police officers across six agencies and 238 firefighters across eight stations in the southern United States about whether they believed the public understood the difficulties of their jobs. The researchers also surveyed the officers’ supervisors about their proactivity.

The police officers and firefighters who said the

public did not understand their jobs were significantly less likely to be rated as proactive by their supervisors, even if their reason for doing their jobs is to help others.

“When proactive officers see something that’s happening in a local neighborhood, they get out of the patrol car and go to help somebody even though they don’t need to and nobody’s actually watching them,” Patil said. “But being less proactive would mean taking a less active role while on a shift and basically only doing what your boss tells you.”

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### Ongoing House of Blues

Want a cool job in live music? House of Blues Dallas is hiring! Spruce up your resume and join us on Monday, August 26th for a Job Fair in our Cambridge Room from 1-5PM. All departments are hiring. View job openings at <http://livenationentertainment.com/careers>.

### Through Aug. 31 Work at the Y

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\*\*Must be 18+ years old with a high school diploma or equivalent.

Work With Kids at the YMCA Site: <https://www.ymcadallas.org/workwithkid>.

Sept. 6

### #FirstFridayFair

Monthly #FirstFriday-Fair Business, Data & Tech (Virtual Event) - Dallas (#DFW) is Friday, Sept. 6 The data science and software development focussed career fair is delivered right at your desktop. No need to travel anywhere, just signup and wait for TAO.ai to organize your interactions. We've taken all the inefficiencies from the career fair and added everything that makes career fair a successful event. Just signup and experience the future of hiring delivered via TAO.ai.

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3. Attend #FirstFriday-Fair and provide your feedback and TAO.ai ensures it keeps bringing you in front of best opportunities it finds.

Sept. 10

### Raytheon Event

Raytheon IIS is holding a career fair to find top IT & Engineering professionals on Tuesday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 7:00pm to discuss opportunities with experienced professionals for open roles in Richardson, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Dulles, VA; State College, PA; and Aurora, CO.

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- A minimum current/active Secret in the last two years is required to attend.
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Sept. 17

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Sept. 19

### UD Job Fair

The University of Dallas Job & Internship Fair hosted by the Office of Personal Career Development is scheduled for Sept. 19. Students and alumni from the undergraduate and graduate programs will be in attendance.

These candidates will be seeking internship, part-time, and full-time opportunities that will provide professional industry experience.

If you are an employer and would like to be invited to the next job fair held by the University of Dallas, email Christina Nguyen at

[mnguyen1@udallas.edu](mailto:mnguyen1@udallas.edu).

ter at 2015 Market Center Blvd. in Dallas.

Sept. 19

### Champions of Diversity Job Fair

I Heart Radio Dallas Champions of Diversity Job Fair on Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DoubleTree Market Cen-

Sept. 20

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*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

(Philippians 2:4).

It's rewarding to get a good return on an investment. In business we invest money, time, and people resources into promoting a product and service in hopes of a return.

We make financial investments in hopes we can gain a return on our money invested. The apostle Paul understood another kind of investment. It was an investment in the spiritual

lives of people.

Paul invested his life in a man named Epaphras, who was a man deeply impacted by Paul's investment in him. He makes reference to Epaphras when writing to the Colossians: *"You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit"* (Colossians 1:7-8). It can be very rewarding to invest in other people's lives.

The story is told of a day a man that received this note from a friend into whom he had made an investment: *"You have had a tremendous influence on my life. For that, I will be forever grateful and love you as well."*

Sometimes we don't re-



*Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Lillie) Lawrence celebrates their heavenly 64th Wedding Anniversary today. They moved to Carrollton 42 years ago August 1977. They are original from North Little Rock, Arkansas. They have one son, Charles F. and three daughters, Charlander Parker, Cynthia Lawrence and Colette Grant. Charles retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the Air Force and Lillie retired after working for the Federal Government for 26 years. After Lillie retired she worked as a substitute teacher for the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD for 28 years retiring May 2019. After retiring from active duty Charles worked as a supervisor for DSC and Alcatel for 17 years.*

alize the difference we can make in another life. For us, it can seem a natural

way of operating. We may not even think we are doing anything unusual. Until

one day, you receive a note like this one.

In the marketplace we can often get very focused on the projects we are called to promote and gain a return on. However, we each need to be making an investment in other people as well.

Are you investing in lives that may be in your sphere of influence through your workplace call? The returns on this investment are considerable.

Ask God to help you get wisdom in how to deal with difficult people. Ask for help to understand why they are being difficult. See if it is a personal problem? Are they experiencing something that has them irritable? Have they been abused or betrayed by someone?

Do they have physical or mental health problems? What can you say or do to help the situation? Ask for help to speak and act in the way that will show your love in action.

Ask for help to be the example and to do what is right, in whatever circumstance arises. Ask God to anoint you, to give you strength, to give you words to say--or keep you from saying things that you should not.

Ask God to work through you to defuse the situations and bring peace to all. Pray that the outcome will be God's will. Thank God for His power and presence in your life...and in facing the challenges to come. Ask in the name of Jesus Christ and our Savior.

## I Sure Do Miss St. Sanity

Dr. James L. Snyder

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and me recently celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary. It sure does not seem we have been married that long. I guess, as you get older, according to my grandmother, time goes faster. If that is true, I must be getting older.

We met in September, became engaged in February of the following year and in August of that year we had our "I Do" ceremony.

We have had quite a trip down through these years.

There have been children, then grandchildren, and then great-grandchildren. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage keeps these birthdays all up to date. My responsibility is buying the birthday card.

In spite of all the wonderful things we have experienced through the years, one thing I really miss.

The thing I miss today is good old St. Sanity.

I am old enough to remember the time when St. Sanity ruled the day. I must say that I sure miss him a lot today.

It is not that I have not looked for him. I have but to date I have not found him.

Of course, when I was younger we did not even have TV let alone Internet and cell phones. I spent a lot of time in that place quite unfamiliar today called the library. I had wonderful memories of time in the library. For those who do not know, a library is a place where they had books.

Looking around at the

culture today, all I see is Ms. Insanity and boy is she popular.

One night the wife and I were watching a late TV show that had a contemporary comedian. I never heard of the person and as I was listening to him, I was not hearing him. I could barely make out the sentences and none of it really made sense. If that was humor, I am not laughing. I would like to share an example but I cannot remem-

ber anything that he said.

People laugh at Ms. Insanity because that is the

expected thing to do.

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**NDGtv** North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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# NDG Book Review: *Sandy Feet! Whose Feet? Footprints at the Shore*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The sand feels funny, squishing between your toes.

It sticks to the bottom of your feet, the bottom of your hands, and the bottom of your swimsuit, and it's fun to leave footprints in it, so you can see where you've been. It's always a good day when you're at the beach, but in "Sandy Feet! Whose Feet?" by Susan Wood, illustrated by Steliyana Doneva, who else is there with you?

It's sunny, the water's warm, and yay! You're at the beach. The waves are perfect for splashing and the sand is wet in some places and dry in others. Who could resist making all kinds of footprints?

Not the dog, whose fat, furry paws make footprints in the sand. You can see his toe-marks and his clawprints as he runs around and splashes.

A sandpiper is a bird that lives at the beach and he runs back and forth on his quick little legs. He jumps and skips and you can see his toes in the sand, too, but they're very small. The sandpiper's footprints are from little bird feet.



The seagull, another bird, also leaves footprints on the sand.

If you watch over the water, you might see a pelican, as he dives for dinner. He's a hungry guy, ready for a few fishy snacks.

Over there, right at the edge of shore, you can see a footprint that looks like someone dragged their feet. That's the print of the crab, who "scuttles on its way" back to the water. Watch out for his claws! The footprints that look a little like a star are from a starfish who doesn't want to be caught – and that other shuffle-mark is a turtle who might be ready to make her nest. Baby turtles are the cutest!

Pretty soon, it's the end of the day and almost time to go home – but wait. Look at those long prints with five little round toes. Who do you think made those footprints in the sand?

The towels, toys, swimsuits and sunscreen are all piled up and ready to go. So are the kids; they're so excited, they can barely sleep and "Sandy Feet! Whose Feet?" is the perfect pre-vacation, before-bedtime treat.

Inside this book, author Susan Wood offers a simple rhyme that's short on words and light on action, and illustrator Steliyana Doneva matches the tone with muted colors in her drawings. That means a quieter, more relaxing story for your little beachcomber, but it's one they'll remember as soon as they hit the sand.

Wood's tale gives kids something to do while it imparts a different sort of lesson: they're subtly challenged here to look for marks in the sand made by the beach's wildlife. More importantly, the children inside this book are respectful of the water and are shown having fun and being safe.

For 4-to-8-year-olds, that's just-right, and "Sandy Feet! Whose Feet?" may help parents make memories. If you're heading to the beach for what's left of summer, step out and get it.

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Ms. Insanity has taken over the comedy industry.

I am not a big fan of politics. There was a political program on the other night my wife and I were watching. At first, I thought it was a comedy routine and my wife and I laughed and laughed.

As my wife was laughing she said, "Nobody is that stupid to say something that stupid." She laughed hysterically along with me.

Ms. Insanity has taken over politics to the point

that sanity has been voted out.

As we were watching this political program, it occurred to me that this was not a comedy routine. What these people were saying was exactly what they believed. At least what they wanted me to believe they believed.

"You know," I whispered to my wife, "these people are not trying to be funny."

Looking at me rather weirdly, my wife said,


"Oh, you silly boy, yes they are."

As we were laughing together, I could not help but think of what Jesus said. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).


There may not be many sane people in this world today, but that is not going to stop me from hungering and thirsting after the things of God.

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