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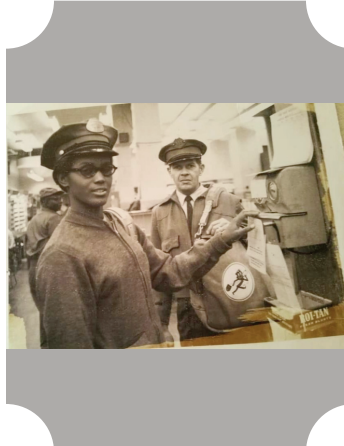
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Rural housing programs serve Texas' elderly and disabled. This federal bill could make the process easier.

Texas Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett introduced House Bill 7412 to fix administrative issues that have created hurdles for some in rural communities.

BY JAYME LOZANO CARVER



Homes under construction in a future neighborhood Wednesday, April. 26, 2023, near Wolfthorh in Lubbock County.
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LUBBOCK — As Texans spend more of their income on paying their rent than essentials like health care, food, and transportation, several bills filed this congressional session aim to make it easier for people in rural

communities to continue living there. Last week, Texas Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, a Dallas Democrat, introduced House Bill 7412. It would address administrative issues in the Rural

Housing Voucher program that prevent people in rural communities from using critical benefits like housing vouchers.

The bill would clean up some of the hurdles, such as making official notices about

housing assistance more readable and informing landlords of the program so they are more likely to accept vouchers from tenants. It would also direct the Rural

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Dallas City Council approves interim city manager

By FOX 4 Staff / Dallas City Council FOX 4



Kimberly Tolbert
Photo Credit FOX 4 News

DALLAS - Dallas City Council approved a new interim city manager while they look to fill the position permanently.

Kimberly Tolbert, the deputy city manager, will take charge of the city manager's office on June 3, when T.C. Broadnax departs.

Tolbert started with the city as an intern more than 30 years ago.

The transition comes at a critical time, with a billion-dollar bond election in May and a lot of existing priorities in the city's \$4.6 billion budget.

"At the end of all of this,

what our community simply wants is to make sure the water is running, the police are working, their fires can get put out, the dogs can get put up, the homeless can be taken care of. Now, that's just a few things," said City Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold.

ENTERTAINMENT



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Wendy Williams' Brave Revelation: Living with Progressive Aphasia and Frontotemporal Dementia

By Stacy M. Brown

In a press release, aides to Williams said her condition, including aphasia, has impacted her language and communication abilities, while FTD has impacted Williams's behavior and cognitive functions. Last year, actor Bruce Willis also shared his battle with the same form of dementia.

Wendy Williams' team has confirmed that the former daytime talk show host has been diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia and frontotemporal dementia (FTD). In a press release, aides to Williams said her condition, including aphasia, has impacted her language and communication abilities, while FTD has impacted Williams's behavior and cognitive functions. Last year, actor Bruce Willis also shared his battle with

the same form of dementia.

Known for hosting "The Wendy Williams Show" from 2008 to 2021, Williams has faced a myriad of health challenges leading to her departure, including Graves' disease and lymphedema. The show ultimately concluded in June 2022 after several guest hosts took over.

"Over the past few years, questions have been raised

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Trump's Sneakers Deal Has Taken Him To A New Level Is It Up Or Down?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



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The former president has gone into some uncharted waters. When you look at the former presidents in this country, you must admit that he is a bit different. A popular expression in today's lexicon is that he is "special". His legal troubles have distinguished him from other presidents. His need for constant attention and adulation is ever present. It appears at times the country can't get enough of his

unpredictable antics.

For example, his ongoing complaining to judges in his cases would have landed us in the jailhouse. He mocks them in ways that have certainly tested their patience. Can he stop? I don't think so because that is who he is.

He is a condescending character who has hoodwinked America and is a threat to our democracy. Mr. Trump is a pied piper of poison and pollution.

Last week, he revealed a new pair of sneakers made just for him. It's a gold-colored high-top and it looks a bit gaudy to me. The shoe sells for \$399.00 and only 1,000 pairs were made available. When announced, the shoes were gobbled up by his supporters.

The former president said that he had been thinking about the idea for several years, so this idea wasn't

hatched overnight. When I saw the sneakers report, I laughed without thinking. It was hilarious. His supporters would say that he is crazy like a fox. There is probably some truth to that statement. He does have a penchant for the bizarre and this is bizarre!

I just can't wrap my mind around a former United States leader having a sneakers deal. Why not a shirt or tie, or maybe even a cheeseburger named in his honor.

Are the folks who purchased them going to step outside in them? I hope not. Please don't go to the gym in them either.

Mr. T was at an event called "Sneaker Con" in Philadelphia. The event is billed as The Greatest Sneaker Show On Earth. It was a surprise that he showed up to personally

market the shoe. Of course, at his events, there was a mixture of cheers and jeers.

It's one thing to buy sneakers from a major brand. It is entirely another thing to purchase sneakers from a man who has 91 criminal charges against him.

Bridget Barrett, a University of Colorado professor said, "Plenty of politicians turn their reputations into a money-maker, but typically not at this level of politics. He is more akin to spokespersons and influencers."

Democrats had a critique on Trump's sneakers project as well. Biden-Harris 2024 Communications Director, Michael Tyler said, "Donald Trump showing up to hawk bootleg off-whites is the closest he'll get to any Air Force Ones ever again for the rest of his life."

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Housing Service office to develop a plan identifying at-risk tenants and ensure they have a fast approval process for vouchers.

Crockett's bill, along with a package of bills under the Rural Housing Service Reform Act, stand to update the housing landscape for people in far-flung areas around the country.

"We're talking about really critical and important housing," said Natalie Maxwell, managing attorney at the National Housing Law Project. "They are providing housing to the lowest income folks in rural communities, and there's still a need."

Still, the notices informing people they are eligible for assistance or renewal can be hard to read for the people

live that accepts the voucher, or being denied assistance before a rent increase.

"Even in an urban district like mine, people have families that have been devastated by rural housing instability," Crockett said. In some cases, this can force people to move away from their roots — leaving behind family, friends and their entire support network in hopes of finding more affordable housing. Maxwell said if the voucher program is working, this can be avoided.

"Part of the program working is that we have options for renters to stay in their communities, and that housing is affordable," Maxwell said.

To address this, the bill proposes a more proactive approach by reaching out to

landlords in areas where vouchers are needed. This would inform them of the program ahead of time, rather than when prospective tenants are trying to use it.

"It's what we see in urban markets, a list of possible places where people can utilize their voucher," Maxwell said. "And have the program already explained to those landlords."

Two other members of Congress, Reps. Jonathan Jackson of Illinois and Andrea Salinas in Oregon, are cosponsors for Crockett's bill. It has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services for consideration.

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at times about Wendy's ability to process information, and many have speculated about Wendy's condition, particularly when she began to lose words, act erratically at times, and have difficulty understanding financial transactions," her team said in the news release.

"The decision to share this news was difficult and made after careful consideration, not only to advocate for understanding and compassion for Wendy but to raise awareness about aphasia and frontotemporal dementia and support the thousands of others facing similar circumstances."

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce honored Williams in 2019 with the 2,677th Star on the World-Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame in the Category of Television. Born in Asbury

Park, New Jersey, Williams counts as one of the world's foremost media moguls, philyanthropists, entrepreneurs, performers, and best-selling authors. She became a household name thanks to her nationally syndicated talk show, The Wendy Williams Show.

The show was a powerhouse on daytime television, earning multiple Daytime Emmy nominations and boasting memorabilia in the Smithsonian Museum. Broadcasting in over 50 countries, The Wendy Williams Show consistently drew more than 1.6 million viewers per episode.

At the show's heart was a diverse mix of interviews with celebrity guests from television, film, music, and sports. Williams and the show have been recognized with Daytime Emmy nominations for "Best Talk Show Host" and "Best

Entertainment Talk Show."

Before conquering daytime television, Williams spent 23 years building a devoted fan base on the radio with "The Wendy Williams Experience," a top-rated daily radio show. Syndicated nationally, it aired on WBSL in New York, captivating an audience of more than 12 million people. In recognition of her contributions, Williams was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in November 2009, a prestigious honor held by only a handful of women.

Her versatility as a performer extends beyond the airwaves, with TV, Broadway, and film credits to her name. She has graced the screen in various roles, from playing herself on NBC's 30 Rock to competing on Season 12 of ABC's Dancing with the Stars. Her hosting stint on Game Show Network's original series

Love Triangle, along with featured guest appearances on ABC's One Life to Live and Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva," showcased her diverse talent. Additionally, Williams took on significant roles in the major motion pictures "Think Like a Man" and "Think Like a Man, Too," as well as a memorable turn as "Mama Morton" in the Tony-winning revival of the musical "Chicago."

In 2014 Harper Collins published "Hold Me in Contempt," Williams' seventh book and debut romance novel. The book skyrocketed to New York Times Best-Seller status on its first day of release, solidifying her influence across various forms of media.

Adding another feather to her cap, Williams ventured into the world of fashion

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Paul's Presentation of the Preeminence of Jesus Christ Colossians 1:15-29

Part II



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In this section of Colossians (1:15-29), Paul writes to disclose that Jesus Christ is fully God (Deity). Not only is Christ portrayed as fully God, but He is uniquely qualified to reconcile a lost world to God the Father. Jesus Christ reconciled a fallen, sinful world to God through giving His life on the cross. Paul rejoiced in being able to suffer for Christ and be a servant of God, declaring God's great mystery.

Our text Colossians 1:15-29 may be outlined as follows:

I. Christ, Our Exalted Saviour – Colossians 1:15-23; II. Paul's Commission and Revelation of the Mystery – Colossians 1:24-29.

II. Paul's Commission and Revelation of the Mystery – Colossians 1:24-29

In verse 24, as a minister of the gospel, Paul suffered as he labored to bring the gospel to people. Instead of complaining or resenting their persecutions, Paul rejoiced in

them. As Christ suffered, so Paul, as a member of Christ's body, continued Christ's suffering as he took the message of salvation to the world. In verse 25, as a minister of the gospel, Paul had received a specific commission and responsibility from God. Paul did not invent his own message, and he did not design his own course of action. Rather, he lived under God's authority and completed the task that God had given him.

In verse 26, from the beginning, God had not

revealed His eternal plan all at once. Glancing from the lens of Old Testament time up until the New Testament, we can gaze better that God's plan of salvation would also include Gentiles. During the Old Testament times, this was not clearly seen. It was a mystery, a secret that awaited clearer revelation after Christ's death.

In verse 27, being commissioned by God as the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul related to Gentile believers as well as Jewish believers that they are

blessed with having Christ in them. The indwelling Christ is the first installment of God's glorious gifts to His children. Because Christ dwells us, we can be certain of a great future ahead.

In verse 28, Paul's desire was to bring people to spiritual maturity in Christ. At times, Paul's preaching consisted of warning and admonition. Three times in verse 28 Paul emphasized that his ministry was directed to "every" person. His message was not limited to an

elite few; it was intended for all.

Paul preached the "fullness" of the gospel so that believers could have the fullness of life Jesus promised (St. John 10:10). To this end in verse 29, Paul exerted all his God-given strength. Developing maturity in believers took great labor or wearisome toil and even struggling or agonizing like an athlete in an arena. The power for this struggle came from Christ (Philippians 4:13).

May God Bless!

A Presentation of the Supremacy and Sufficiency of the Person and Works of Christ Colossians 2:1-23

Part I



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In chapter 2 of the book of Colossians, Paul is denouncing the false teachings that had invaded the Colossian church in Asia Minor. The false teachings that Paul combated consisted of a mixture of ideas that offered deeper wisdom, a strict moral code, and contact with the spirit world. To combat the false teachers of Asia Minor, Paul unfolded a magnificent presentation of the supreme Person and works of Jesus Christ.

Our text may be outlined as follows: I. The Supremacy of the Person of Christ – Colossians 2:1-10; II. Steadfast in the Sufficiency of Christ over False Teachings – Colossians 2:11-23.

I. The Supremacy of the Person of Christ – Colossians 2:1-10

In verse 1, Paul's concern expressed in his love was not limited to those he personally knew; however it reached to all who had not met him personally. In combating error in Colosse, Paul was greatly concerned that the believers would not be led astray by the false teachings prevalent in the Lycas River Valley. The churches in the Lycas River Valley needed to withstand error in order to achieve the maturity Paul desired for them, and this brought great anxiety to Paul.

In verse 2, there are two things Paul desired for these believers. First, he desired "that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love." Comfort will come as believers are united in love, which is "the bond of perfectness" (Colossians 3:14). To combat false

teaching, which thrives on disunity, believers must be joined in love and purpose. Second, Paul desired that the Colossian believers abound in spiritual insight. This insight will bring solid confidence, even in the face of false teaching. A church unified by love and equipped by discernment can withstand any false teachings! The ultimate goal of this insight is a genuine knowledge of the mystery of God, that is, Christ Himself.

The false teachers of Colosse claimed to have superior knowledge; however, Paul assured the believers that in Christ they enjoyed full knowledge; they needed nothing the false teachers offered. Mystery in the New Testament unfolded truth previously hidden in the Old Testament, but has now been revealed in the

New Testament to those spiritually equipped to understand it. What Christ did for us through His death and resurrection unfolded God's final revelation of Himself. The value of knowing Christ is incalculable, for He is the One "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (v. 3).

In verse 4, Paul was vitally concerned that there were some false teachers that desired to deceive the Colossian believers with enticing arguments. They were trying to lead them away from the truth by faulty reasoning. In verse 5, Paul assured the Colossian believers that although he was absent from them physically, he was with them in spirit. Despite the persuasiveness of the heretics in the midst of the believers, Paul rejoiced

that they were still standing firm in the faith.

In verses 6-7, Paul admonished the believers to be steadfast in the teaching about Christ that they had received when they were converted. Believers become more stable in the faith in which they have been taught. As believers are nurtured in their faith, they are to remain on alert. Paul alerted the believers not to let anyone carry them away as plunder or as captives by means of philosophy and empty deception. The heretics sought to plunder the church through "philosophy and vain deceit." Philosophy followed "the tradition of men and the rudiments of the world" (v. 8). Tradition is merely what has been handed down from one to another. Rudiments are the elementary principles of the

world. Philosophy based on the tradition of men and rudiments of the world have no value for a child of God because they are not derived from Christ!

In verses 9-10, Paul expressed that all "fulness of the Godhead dwells in Christ alone. The term "fulness" is a significant term because heretical teachers used it to describe the totality of angelic beings occupying heavenly realms and allegedly sharing divine essence. Deity is not distributed among angelic beings; it resides as a totality in Christ (v. 9). As believers, in verse 10, we are "complete in Him", who is Head over all powers in the universe, including angelic ones – even those that serve Satan (Romans 8:38-39; Ephesians 6:12).

"May God Bless!"

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design, achieving the status of a #1 selling brand with HSN through her Wendy Williams collection.

The announcement about her health arrives just days ahead of the premiere of the two-part documentary, "Where Is Wendy Williams?" airing on Lifetime on February 24 and 25. Williams herself produced the documentary, which candidly examines her experience with Graves' disease and other

topics. Contrary to the portrayal in the film, Wendy's sister, Wanda Finnie, reassured the public that Williams is now in a much better place emotionally and is in greater shape.

"I spoke with her yesterday, and she is, from what I understand, in a wellness, healing environment," Finnie stated. "We cannot reach out to her, but she can reach out to us. And she is in a healing place emotionally. She's not the person that you see in this film."

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HEALTH

An extra day to put your heart health first this year

Leap into heart health with these tips from a Parkland cardiologist

DALLAS – This year, we aren't just celebrating American Heart Month in February, but another leap year. Giving everyone an extra day to make heart-healthy decisions or simply learn more about taking care of your heart, which is central to overall health. While leap year may add an extra day to the calendar, maintaining good cardiovascular health can help add years to your life.

Although an estimated 80% of cardiovascular disease is preventable, one person dies every 36 seconds of heart disease in the United States, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). Heart disease is also the leading cause of death in Dallas County, according to the 2022 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment.

Parkland cardiologists say that lifestyle changes can reduce your risk of heart disease, but first, it is important to know the basics of heart health and how these diseases come into play.

"The most common type of heart disease in the United States is coronary artery disease (CAD), which causes heart attacks. Fortunately, coronary artery disease is very preventable with lifestyle changes and medications," Jose Joglar, MD, director of cardiology at Parkland Health explained.

A buildup of cholesterol plaques in the walls of the heart artery causes CAD. Over time, this can limit the blood flow to the heart, causing chest pain or "angina." The more feared complication of CAD is a heart attack, where part of the cholesterol breaks off in the artery, a blood clot forms and blood flow in the artery is blocked.

Cholesterol is a waxy substance your body needs to build cells, make vitamins and produce hormones. But too much of it can pose a problem. Your liver produces all the cholesterol you need while the remainder comes from your diet. For example, meat, poultry and dairy products all contain dietary cholesterol.

"It takes years if not decades to build up enough cholesterol in the arteries to cause disease, but during that time most people don't have any symptoms. That's why it's so important to think about heart disease prevention early, to prevent the cholesterol from depositing in the arteries in the first place," said Dr. Joglar.

High blood pressure, or hypertension, can be a major contributing factor for heart disease. Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. have hypertension, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is defined as

a systolic blood pressure (top number) higher than 130 mmHg and a diastolic blood pressure (bottom number) higher than 80 mmHg.

"Hypertension is often referred to as a 'silent' disease or the 'silent killer' because many people with high blood pressure have no symptoms from it, and many people with hypertension don't even know they have it," said Dr. Joglar. "Even without symptoms, high blood pressure increases someone's risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease."

Parkland cardiologists recommend checking your blood pressure at home regularly and keeping track of the numbers to share with your provider at each visit. Following a heart-healthy diet, managing stress and staying active are great ways to make regulating your blood pressure part of your daily routine.

Once you understand heart disease, it's time to understand your own risks. Some elements could increase an individual's risk for coronary artery disease, according to Dr. Joglar:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Smoking
- Obesity and diet quality
- Diabetes
- Not exercising regularly

- Environmental factors, like air pollution
- Genetics, more specifically having a first-degree family member with a heart attack or stroke before the age of 55 in men or 65 in women.

But putting yourself first and making the time for your health is the best place to start. Make the most of this extra day by scheduling a doctor's appointment. Parkland cardiologists emphasize the importance of regular checkups to identify and treat other risk factors for heart disease, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Dr. Joglar adds that there are safe and effective medications that can be used to treat these risk factors and lower a person's risk of heart attack or stroke.

Sharing this information with your loved ones is a great way to keep spreading the love this February. And remember, there are signs that signal something isn't right. According to Dr. Joglar, the most common sign of a heart attack is chest pain or pressure. Sometimes that pain can radiate to the back, neck, jaw or down the arm. If you or someone you know is experiencing these signs of heart attack, call 911 immediately.

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Quinn Minute

Wild animals as pets

By Rix Quinn

Many towns now prohibit citizens from housing jungle animals.

What, exactly, is a "wild pet?" That depends on your town and what its council considers more dangerous than a roving bachelor's party.

For instance, some communities term boa constrictors "wild." In others, they're considered "non-poisonous reptiles with a lethal hug." That reminds me of my great aunt, who visited us on holidays.

Coyotes, wolves, and

hyenas are also wild, even though they disguise themselves as loveable, giant-fanged dogs. My neighbor Charlie once owned a wolf, and it ate four parakeets and two of Charlie's toes before he wised up and sold it to the sister he never liked.

Extremely large animals, like elephants or rhinos, don't fit well in backyards. Also, walking an elephant is awkward, and cleaning up after it might require that pet owner to pull a wagon, too.

How about chickens? One community outlawed them, even though few are aggressive, and most are toothless.

They were banned not for aggression but for crowing. No city person wants to hear anybody's mouth off at dawn, especially a birdbrain. (Maybe that's why they forced my friend Dave out of town, too.)

Bottom line: If you want to view carnivorous animals, visit the zoo. If you want to pet a loud ani-

mal, invite my friend Dave to dinner.

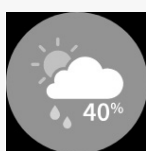
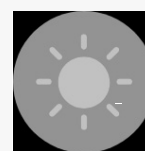
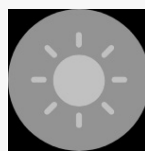

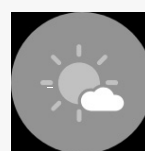
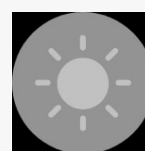
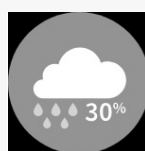
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In Celebration of Black History Month PGA of America Golf Professional Ira Molayo Leads by Example

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In Celebration of Black History Month, PGA of America Golf Professional Ira Molayo Leads by Example

Newly elected Vice President of Northern Texas PGA Section is the first Black Officer of the Section.

FRISCO, Texas — Ira Molayo was introduced to golf at seven by his mother at Cedar Crest Golf Course in Dallas, Texas. Today, 40 years later, he is a PGA of America Golf Professional, Director of Golf at Cedar Crest, and the newly elected Vice President of the Northern Texas PGA Section (NTPGA).

He's the first Black PGA of America Golf Professional to serve as an Officer (Secretary, Vice President, President) for the NTPGA. He's in line to become President in 2026.

His focus on and off the course is based on inclusion.

Molayo started getting more involved in the NTPGA in 2013. He joined the teaching & coaching committee, which led to his involvement in the junior golf, education, awards, and PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) committees.

“When I got on committees and started working with other PGA of America Members, it made the sport bigger in my head,” Molayo said. “It wasn't just me and my facility, it was other talented people trying to do the same thing, all because we love golf.”

When he ran for NTPGA Secretary in 2016, he lost.

“I was shocked I lost, because I don't like losing,” he explained. “When I lost, it was really a good thing because it made me realize that I do love it. I wasn't doing it because I wanted notoriety, I really enjoyed serving and felt like I had something to contribute.”

After serving three terms as an At-Large Director and working on various committees, Molayo ran again in 2022 and won. After two years as Secretary, he was elected Vice President on February 5, 2024, during the NTPGA Annual Meeting.

“You don't get elected Secretary, honestly, if your peers don't see you as President. Those are telling moments in my life. The membership electing me means they see me as an equal; they see me, period. In golf, that hasn't always been the case. To elect me



Ira Molayo PGA (at left), with I AM a Golfer Foundation participants / Photo Credit: NNPA Files

and give me the opportunity to be a steward in this position makes me feel included.”

On the course, he's helping youth in South Dallas learn to play golf, work in golf and earn scholarships to receive higher education.

Molayo's I AM a Golfer Foundation, was established out of necessity in 2018 to be a catalyst for community renewal and transformation in South Dallas.

In 2015, Cedar Crest had

the largest First Tee program in Dallas, working with junior golfers six days a week. Then the First Tee program was moved to nearby Trinity Forest Golf Club, leaving juniors wanting to stay at Cedar Crest in need of help.

“I had kids who could afford to pay for golf instruction and I had a group of kids who couldn't. I would always use the First Tee program to introduce golf to them. When that didn't

exist, I did not have a way to engage those youth.”

Molayo took action to create his Foundation to provide lessons, clubs and access for those who couldn't afford golf. It's grown exponentially ever since.

The Foundation additionally helps preserve Cedar Crest and promotes the game through events like the Dallas Amateur Championship and the Southwest Airlines Showcase at Cedar Crest—

a Black collegiate tournament televised on Golf Channel.

The Foundation's youth programs have three pillars: I AM a Golfer, I AM an Intern, and I AM a Scholar.

Since the Foundation's inception, over 900 juniors have participated, 115 paid internships have been provided, \$300,000 college scholarships have been awarded, and over \$1 million has been invested in Cedar Crest.

Straight Talk from Dr. Stephanie Elizalde

BY THE HUB



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Early voting is underway for the March 5 primary—perhaps the most important for public education in Texas history. Please exercise your civic responsibility and vote in this election, especially in races for the Texas House of Representatives and State Senate.

Only 18 percent of registered Texas voters participated in the state's last pri-

mary in March 2022. Because of the way legislative district lines are drawn, the primary elections usually determine who will be representing us in Austin. It is our state lawmakers who decide how much funding local schools will receive, whether salaries will be increased for teachers and other district team members, and if state dollars

will be re-directed to help parents pay for their children to attend private schools.

Texas has “open” primaries, meaning you can request either a Republican or Democratic ballot, regardless of how you plan to vote in the November general election.

Please forward this email to everyone you know (spouses, friends, siblings, college roommates, relatives, parents, grandparents, significant others, etc.) who is eligible to vote in the March 5 Texas House primary. Do not think that others will “do the right thing” on your behalf, or on behalf of our students. Remember—kids can't vote so they need us to vote for them.

Let's get out the vote, Dallas ISD!

Movie Mogul Tyler Perry Stops Production on \$800M Studio Expansion After Seeing Video AI Model

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor



Tyler Perry (Photo: AMFM Studios, LLC / Wikimedia Commons)

Tyler Perry was planning an \$800 million expansion of his studio in Atlanta. Now the plans are on hold. Why? Because of a new text-to-video artificial intelligence (AI) model. The new AI model by ChatGPT entitled “Sora” creates video from a text prompt.

In an interview with the Hollywood Reporter on Feb. 23, Perry, who is worth over \$1 billion, said that the new technology will cause job loss in the movie industry. The question of how artificial intelligence technology will impact employment across fields is a growing concern.

In the creative fields around special effects and animation design, artificial intelligence is all but certain to cause impact and create job loss. But there are other jobs that are likely to be impacted.

With the rise of e-commerce and automated checkout systems, traditional retail roles may diminish. Cashiers: Similar to retail salespersons, automated checkout systems are reducing the need for human cashiers. Telemarketers: AI-driven chatbots and voice

recognition systems are increasingly handling customer inquiries. Data Entry Clerks: Automation tools can handle routine data entry tasks more efficiently. Bookkeepers and Accounting Clerks: AI can automate many financial tasks, potentially reducing the need for manual bookkeeping.

Over the years, Tyler Perry has expanded his talents in filmmaking, television production, and writing. He established Tyler Perry Studios, one of the largest film production studios in the United States, located in Atlanta, in 2006. Perry's films often explore themes of faith, family, and resilience, resonating strongly with Black audiences.

Some of Perry's notable films include: "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005), "Madea's Family Reunion."

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