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## Mayor Mike Rawlings, Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas and Commissioner John Wiley Price Publicly Endorsed City Councilman Tennell Atkins Candidacy for Re-Election



Councilman Atkins and Local Police



Former Representative Helen Giddings, Councilman Atkins, and Dr. Freddie Haynes

Economic Development, affordable housing, transportation needs of people employed at Inland Port and code enforcement are issues City Councilman Tennell Atkins says he will continue to push to dismiss the myths of a tale of two cities. "We can build one strong city, not a city with two communities," said Councilman Atkins at a Press Conference January 15th announcing his bid for re-election. This date was chosen in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Other issues he will continue to address in his community include programs for seniors, loose dogs, signal lights for safety, bulk trash pickup, complete the infrastructure at University of North Texas Dallas and ensure that Paul Quinn College and Cedar Valley Community College, which make up the educational corridor, continue to thrive. He also lends complete support to the police and fire fighters and to renovations at Red Bird Mall.

Mayor Mike Rawlings, Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas and Councilwoman Carolyn Arnold gave remarks and strongly endorsed Councilman Atkins at the event. Councilman Atkins' wife, Marshella Atkins, longtime civic leader and activist Edna Pemberton and Former Police Chief David Brown also gave an endorsement.

Councilwoman Arnold read a letter of support and endorsement from County Commissioner John Wiley Price, Dallas' longest serving county official. "Over the past year, Councilman Atkins and I have worked shoulder to shoulder along with DART and other public and private operatives to create the Transportation Management Association (TMA), establish a Board of Directors and secure funding for the first two years of operation," said Commissioner Price. "This deployment is integral to the continued growth of employment opportunities in and around the Inland Port area and Southern Dallas."

Dr. Freddie Haynes, Pastor Richie Rush, Former State Representative Helen Giddings, business owner Johnnie King (Pappadeaux at DFW Airport), Red Bird Owner Peter Brodsky and Homeowners Associations and Precinct Chairs from District 8 all showed their support for Councilman Atkins. City Council members, Rickie Callahan, Scott Griggs, Adam McGough and Lee Kleinman attended the event and also showed support.

### The IRS is recalling 46,000 workers to handle tax returns



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Internal Revenue Service is recalling about 46,000 of its employees furloughed by the government shutdown — nearly 60 percent of its workforce — to handle tax returns and pay out refunds. The employees won't be paid during the shutdown. The official start of the tax filing season coming Jan. 28th.

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### CONFEDERATE PLAQUE REMOVED FROM THE TEXAS CAPITOL



On Saturday, January 12, the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque was removed from the Texas Capitol, where it had been on display for the last sixty years. The plaque was originally placed in the Texas Capitol in 1959 and states that the Civil War was not a rebellion and its

underlying cause was not to sustain slavery. The plaque was removed after the Texas State Preservation Board voted unanimously on Friday, January 11, to remove the plaque from the Texas Capitol.

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### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR NAME TRANSITION

Martin Luther King, Jr., original name was Michael King, Jr. he was born 90 years ago on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA. In 1934, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther it was there he decided to change his name (and that of his eldest son) from Michael King to Martin Luther King.



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## CONFEDERATE PLAQUE REMOVED FROM THE TEXAS CAPITOL

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Members of the Texas State Preservation Board who voted in favor of the plaque's removal included Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, newly elected Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Citizen Board Member Alethea Swann Bugg, and Texas State Representative Jeff Leach (R-Plano).

Texas State Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) has

been the leading voice calling for the removal of the plaque. He first called for the plaque's removal in August 2017, shortly after the tragedy in Charlottesville, Virginia. In the months leading up to the plaque's removal, Representative Johnson met with Governor Abbott, solicited an opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, and sent multiple letters to the Texas State Preservation Board staff and governing board members.

Leading up to the vote, several prominent state leaders echoed Representative Johnson's calls for the plaque's removal, including Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and former Texas House Speaker Joe Straus.

After the vote on Friday, Representative Johnson released the following statement:

"While I'm glad the State Preservation Board voted to remove the 'Children of the

Confederacy Creed' plaque from the Texas Capitol, none of us in state government should be high-fiving each other or patting ourselves on the back today. The plaque should never have been put up by the Legislature in the first place, and it certainly shouldn't have taken sixty years to remove it. And that's on Republicans and Democrats alike, to be perfectly honest," stated Representative Johnson.

## The State of Our Union

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

On January 29th President Donald J. Trump will stand before a joint session of Congress, members of the United States Supreme Court, members of his cabinet and invited guests to deliver his State of the Union Address. The televised remarks will be witnessed and evaluated by millions of Americans, and by multitudes throughout the world.

I have never been, nor aspire to be, a fortune teller, and am unable to predict the substance of the president's remarks. Yet, I am able to say that the state of our union at the moment is fractured, and in need of herculean repair.

As a nation we find ourselves

in an untenable and sad predicament. We are in the midst of a government shutdown in which some federal employees are working without being paid, and others are simply being asked to stay at home.

The president seems immune to their realities, their cries of pain and anguish. Many of those affected are unable to pay their mortgages, their rents, their car notes or fees for childcare. It is as if they do not exist.

This crisis that we are facing is not simply about a wall. It is the result of a campaign promise that the president made during the 2016 campaign. His recalcitrance surfaced when extremely partisan members of the media and others informed

him that he had to insist on the construction of a wall on the nation's Southern border if he wanted their support for a 2020 reelection effort.

The State of the Union Address, mandated by the U.S. Constitution, has in the past been used by presidents to present the nation with messages laced with hope, vision and plans designed to lead to prosperity and wholeness for our nation, and its people.

One of the greatest such addresses was given by former President Lyndon B. Johnson who in his annual message spoke of a nation in which all people had an equal place, were treated fairly, with respect and decency. One writer, after listening to the president's remarks, proclaimed that he

"aimed high."

Now more than ever, as our nation lies divided and uncertain, we need leaders who aim high, who are willing to work in a bi-partisan manner for the good of our country and not simply for the next election cycle.

All of us, including elected officials, need to look to the words and deeds of President Johnson as he aimed high. It is my hope that the current occupant of the White House will join us as we do so!

**@Congresswoman Johnson represents the 30th Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.**

## "Dallas' Curfew was Community Driven"

My Day  
By Dr. J. Ester Davis

First of all, Dallas does has a curfew. And what are your thoughts on a Dallas curfew?

On Monday, January 14, 2019, a briefing was held at City Hall concerning the expiration of the Dallas curfew for our citizens under the age of 17. The curfew has been in existence for about 26 years in the City of Dallas. On January 18, 2019, the curfew will expire. In short order, the Dallas Curfew is in effect from 11PM to 6AM Sunday through Thursday and after midnight Friday and Saturday. Parents can be fined up to \$500 for violations.

At least 500 U.S. cities have youth curfews. Cities with populations of 180,000 or more have enacted curfews to ensure the safety of our youth. There

is, of course both pros and cons about this growing trend in our cities. Officials and cities overwhelming cite the "breakdown of the family" as the need for these safety precautions for our youth.

However, in the City of Dallas, in 1991, the curfew was 100% community driven.

Edna Pemberton, a decorated community leader, led the charge for a curfew in Dallas. I can remember it well. A meeting was held at Concord Baptist Church with about seven (7) people. As added support for the curfew, early supporters did one-on-one opinion polling, made visit to apartment owners, businesses, community centers and home owners meetings. At this time in our city's history, there was a highly popular Dallas Community Television (DCTV) channel from

Time Warner. Three (3) show host, Roy Williams, Jan Sanders and Ester Davis along with the press, concerned citizens and clergy created awareness and the need to protect our children. Several months later, the Dallas City Council adopted an ordinance with a 10-1 vote.

Mrs. Pemberton, explained the history of the Dallas curfew at the briefing on Monday. The highlight of her comments was one. . . "Our curfew was community driven . . . not police driven." Continuing. . . "It started with a rape in the community", she began, "and the community took charge". Another speaker advised the council that our city is in need of homeless shelters for youth. So many youth simply do not have a place to stay. (Please Google "Homeless Athletes" an article in Sports Illustrated for an eye

opening look at this awful situation).

Council Members Casey Thomas and Jennifer Gates had comments centered on the short notice especially to the community and supporting statistically data which was nonexistence. I plan to poll more council members that may have some relative supporting statistics.

Fast forward to today's society the curfew should be reinstated, reinforced and improved to include homeless teens. What's your position? What do you want in your community? Feel free to also contact your city council member.

**Ester Davis can be reached 214.376.9000 [www.esterday.com](http://www.esterday.com)**

## Government Shutdown Hits African Americans the Hardest

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA  
NewsWire Correspondent  
@StacyBrownMedia

With over 50,000 federal employees, the fourth congressional district in Maryland represents the fifth largest number of workers, and Maryland likely counts as the third-largest impacted state by the government shutdown, according to Democratic Rep. Anthony Brown.

"So, I'm hearing about this, like my colleagues, each and every day from my constituents while this shutdown is set to become the longest in the nation's history," said Brown, who joined Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-Calif.); Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), on a media conference call on Friday, Jan. 11.

The CBC members said they were calling for an end to the shutdown so that workers can again begin to collect their paychecks and critical government services can resume.

During the call, the members discussed the debilitating effects of the ongoing government shutdown as thousands of federal employees are unable to collect their pay-

checks.

They also denounced President Donald Trump's threat to declare a state of emergency if Congress refuses to fund a border wall — one in which the president claimed during his campaign that Mexico would pay for.

"This shutdown and the whole issue of the wall is a fake crisis," Bass said.

"At the end of the day, even if he had all the money, it would still take eminent domain to build his wall. That process will take years. This is further evidence that this is a fake crisis and, in my opinion, just an attempt to change our attention away from the numerous impending investigations," she said.

Thompson, the chair of the Homeland Security Committee, said the shutdown is taking its toll on workers and government operations.

"It is a challenge for us in Homeland Security. We have 80 percent of the workforce not being paid. That goes from TSA employees in airports, to the Coast Guard, to the Secret Service, to Custom Border Protection individuals, and all of those individuals who have sworn to keep us safe, are not

being paid," Thompson said.

"That's not fair and we are compromising our national security strategy by reducing the morale of the employees."

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the shutdown entered its 22nd day, a record.

NBC News and other outlets estimate that 800,000 federal employees are furloughed or working without pay because Trump and Congress cannot reach a deal to reopen the government.

They are at an impasse over \$5.7 billion for construction of a wall along the southern border.

The number of furloughed employees does not include federal contractors, according to a report by NBC News.

It's unclear how many contract or grant employees are affected by the shutdown — or even how many there are in total — but a Volcker Alliance report estimated that nearly 5.3 million worked as contractors in 2015.

Unlike furloughed federal employees, who have received assurances that they will be paid once the shutdown ends, contractors are not owed back pay and that has left them in an even murkier economic posi-

tion. Further, communities of color are probably the hardest hit by the shutdown, said Lee, who co-chairs the Steering and Policy Committee and serves on the House Committee on Appropriations.

Black people comprise 12 percent of the country's population but are 18 percent of the federal workforce, according to the Partnership for Public Service.

"We know that communities of color are disproportionately affected by this irresponsible Trump government shutdown. And today is especially painful for so many workers because it should be payday," Lee said.

Without these paychecks, many federal workers are hanging on by a thread, she said.

"I know there are hundreds of thousands of families out there who are grappling with the anxiety, and really fear, of not being able to pay the bills as this shutdown drags on.

"Let's be very clear: what's happening here is President Trump is holding this government hostage and holding people hostage in order to get his useless, wasteful wall," Lee said.

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Learn more about Dallas ISD STEM: [www.dallasisd.org/stem](http://www.dallasisd.org/stem).

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Morning Worship  
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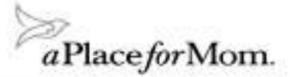
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## Prisons Without Bars: How Our Thoughts Keep Us Locked Up

Khalil Osiris knows all about prison - he spent the first half of his life in one and was finally released when he was 40 years old. But he says anyone can be incarcerated in their own lives because imprisonment is much more about a state of mind than a time and place.

"It took me being in prison for me to find my freedom," says Osiris, author of the book *A Freedom That Comes From Within* ([www.khalilosiris.com](http://www.khalilosiris.com)). "When I finally understood that my thoughts and values were the source of my imprisonment, then I was free. With inner work and soul-searching, I learned that I could have faith in myself again."

It was a long, hard road to get to that realization.

Osiris' path to prison started when he was 17 years old and was arrested for armed robbery. He spent a few years in prison, was released and committed another robbery before he turned 21. He was sentenced to up to 75 years in prison. He did not know if he would ever get

out.

"Prison was like gladiator training with each person reduced to full-on survival mode," he says. He was stabbed by members of a white supremacist group, and while he was lying on the floor in blood, he heard one of the guards gleefully say Osiris would soon be dead.

"I realized it was not racism or injustice or a mistake that led me back to prison," Osiris says. "Instead, it was the effect of my many choices. I was the one who had chosen this path."

Osiris decided to change his life after he had a life-altering experience; he heard his son's voice for the first time during a phone call in prison. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees while incarcerated and became pen pals with Makaziwe Mandela, the oldest daughter of Nelson Mandela. The foreword of his book is written by Dumani Mandela, the grandson of Nelson Mandela and a South African author.

After his release, Osiris

dedicated the rest of his life to helping people stay out of jail, whether it's a physical jail or the prison of misguided thinking. Osiris says these are the prisons that keep people from living their lives to the fullest:

A prison we construct by using our doubts, fears and limitations as prison bars.

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The prison that deludes us into thinking nothing more is possible for us than that which we see right now in our own life.

A prison that robs us of our dreams, of our belief in possibilities, of the motivation and inspiration to recreate our life and change it for the better.

Osiris says it was only through his prison journey and subsequent transformation that he realized that anyone can incarcerate themselves by limiting their potential.

## Coming to America Again: Eddie Murphy to Star Again in Blockbuster Hit

By **Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor**

Eddie Murphy will once again play crown prince Akeem Joffer in a sequel to the 1988 hit movie, *Coming to America*. The film's plot centered around a Prince who travels to New York to find an independent woman who loves him in spite of his royal title. The sequel will have Prince Joffer returning to America after he finds out he has a long-lost son who is heir to his throne. The screenplay will be written by Kenya Barish, who is the creator of the ABC show "Black-ish." Craig Brewer, who produced "Hustle and Flow" has been selected to direct the film.

Murphy is one of the most successful actors in Hollywood history in terms of box office. As of 2014, his films have grossed over \$3.8 billion in the U.S. and over \$6

billion worldwide. Murphy remains in the top ten of highest grossing actors in the U.S., a list that includes Samuel L. Jackson, Tom Hanks, Harrison Ford and Morgan Freeman.

Murphy has also starred in films that elevate the image of African Americans. *Coming to America* and *Boomerang* were examples of films that were before their time as they broke through stereotypes of African Americans in movies at the time. *Coming to America* (1988) featured an African prince and *Boomerang* (1992) explored the relationships of two professionals at an African American-owned and -operated corporation.

"After many years of anticipation, I'm thrilled that *Coming to America 2* is officially moving forward. We've assembled a great team that will be led by Craig Brewer, who

just did an amazing job on *Dolemite* [is My Name], and I'm looking forward to bringing all these classic and beloved characters back to the big screen," said Murphy in a statement on January 11.

*Coming to America* featured an all-star cast that included Murphy, James Earl Jones, Samuel L. Jackson, Cuba Gooding Jr, Arsenio Hall, John Amos and Eriq LaSalle. The film was directed by John Landis and made \$288 million at the box office. It also has become a popular and often-referred to cultural classic that has been remembered over the last three decades.

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## Super Bowl planners: Shutdown brings 'uncharted territory'

ATLANTA (AP) — A day after travelers waited nearly 90 minutes in snail-speed security lines at the world's busiest airport, Atlanta's mayor is concerned about the waits that could result when the city hosts the 2019 Super Bowl.

The ongoing partial government shutdown is "uncharted territory" amid planning for one of the world's biggest sporting events, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said Tuesday.

"Obviously, we are in uncharted territory with the shutdown that's gone on this long, and we are preparing as best we can from our vantage point," Bottoms said.

The mayor and others at a Tuesday news conference said two years of planning have them well-prepared to protect the public.

"Our goal is for our officers to be visible, for the public to feel safe, be safe, and be able to position ourselves so that we can react immediately to whatever scenario we are confronted with," Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields said. "I think that with anything you can go in with a spirit of confidence if you have prepared, and we have prepared well."

But the government shutdown is a wild card that arose relatively late in that planning process.

"Certainly there are factors that we don't control such as what's happening with our federal government shutdown and with the long TSA lines," Bottoms said. "We are continuing to encourage people to get to the airport very early."

The expected crush of travelers is significantly more than normal.

On a typical day, 60,000 to 80,000 passengers are screened at Atlanta's airport before departing, airport statistics show.

On Feb. 4, the day Bottoms calls "Mass Exodus Monday," about 110,000 passengers are expected to be departing from Atlanta's airport one day after the Super Bowl.

The partial government shutdown has meant missed paychecks for Transportation Security Administration screeners at airports nationwide.

TSA workers have been calling in sick at a rate that's been more than double what it normally is, the agency has said. That's led to a shortage of screeners at some airports



across the country.

No-shows among screeners jumped Sunday and again Monday.

The TSA had a national absence rate of nearly 7 percent Monday, compared to 2.5 percent on a comparable day a year ago, the agency reported Tuesday after getting complete numbers on the absences.

A chaotic scene unfolded at Atlanta's airport on Monday, the first business day after screeners did not receive a paycheck for the first time. Mondays are typically busy for the airport as Atlanta business travelers depart for the work week, and some security lanes went unstaffed as lines backed up.

"Please plan ahead and give yourself 3 hours to clear

security," Atlanta airport officials on Monday advised passengers via the airport's Twitter account.

Atlanta passengers led the nation Monday in terms of longest screening delays: The "maximum standard wait time" was 88 minutes, the TSA reported. Passengers who went through TSA PreCheck — an expedited screening program which is typically faster than regular lines — waited 55 minutes, statistics showed.

Friday could be the next big test for the nation's airports, as holiday travelers get away for the upcoming long holiday weekend (Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday). Friday is also typically a busy day for airports as business travelers head home for the weekend.

## Parkland's RISE program brings together burn survivors

DALLAS — About every 20 minutes in Texas, someone is hurt or killed in a vehicular crash involving alcohol, according to the Texas Department of Transportation website. While many DUIs involve college students, news accounts show that people of all ages and walks of life — from pastors and priests to politicians and PTA members — are cited for driving while intoxicated.

Cindy Grimes knows all too well what impact a drunk driver can have on a life — she has lived with the consequences for nearly five decades.

Grimes was just 19 when she and her husband Michael became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Catherine Michelle. "My life went from one of the happiest days in my life, the day I was released from the hospital to start my life and family with my first daughter, to being alive and crushed inside a burning car unable to escape," she said.

Hit by a drunk driver, the Grimes' car exploded in a fiery ball of flames trapping the two young parents, their 5 day old daughter and Grimes's mother inside. Instead of trying to help save the family, the driver fled the scene. Despite the raging inferno, Grimes's brother who was driving behind the young family raced against time to save his loved ones. Though burned on his hands, arms and face, her brother never stopped trying to rescue his family. Sadly, Grimes's mother and tiny Catherine Michelle died from their injuries.

"The only picture I have of her is the one taken through the nursery window," she said.

Four days after the crash, Grimes was transferred from a Tyler hospital to Parkland Memorial Hospital's Regional Burn Center where she spent the next several months. Suffering severe burns, multiple broken bones and a severed foot that had to be reattached, Grimes vividly remembers the debridement process whereby nurses would remove the dead skin from her body.

"I begged them to stop," she recalled. "Little did I know this was just the start of months of begging them to let me just die."

But she added, "The Parkland nurses were so sweet and caring and how they continued to do their job is beyond me. I knew this whole thing was just a nightmare and if I

screamed as loud as I could for as long as I could, I'd wake up and this wouldn't be happening."

But it was happening.

Grimes's injuries occurred long before Parkland began its efforts to help burn survivors with not only their physical scars but emotional scars as well. Despite the compassionate care she received, Grimes said she often felt isolated and alone.

"Severe burn injuries are thankfully quite rare. But that means that sometimes our patients go home feeling like no one else around them understands what they are going through," says Stephanie Campbell, MS, RN, CCRN-K, Burn Program Manager, Parkland Regional Burn Center. "We've come a long way in the 40-plus years since Cindy was injured, and one area of burn care that is getting more and more attention is the support that survivors need beyond discharge from the hospital. The connection that burn survivors and their family members feel when they share their experiences and provide support to each other is extremely powerful. We are figuring out that sometimes the best medicine is simply bringing people together."

Over the decades, Parkland's burn survivor aftercare program has grown to include an annual reunion, an adult retreat, support group, a peer support program and other social events for survivors and their families. In 2017, Parkland created the RISE (Resources Inspiration Support Experiences) Program for Burn Survivors and Families to pull all aftercare resources under one comprehensive umbrella.

"Part of the RISE program includes formally identifying patients who might benefit from getting involved in our burn survivor community and ensuring that they leave the hospital understanding the resources available to them," Campbell said. "We actually visit with them at their bedside and start the conversation about aftercare before they go home. We explain to patients how many of our burn survivors feel that meeting others has helped them through challenging times in their recovery."

During RISE visits experienced burn nurses provide information to patients and families about local resources such as the burn survivor support group, peer support program and any upcoming events. Other topics include going back

out into public with visible scarring and how to cope with staring and questions from strangers. National online resources for burn survivors are also reviewed and patients take home a packet with RISE information. Patients can sign up for RISE communications so they always know when the next event or support group will occur.

"We already had an amazing network of burn survivors wanting to help others, so we created RISE to continue to build this strong sense of community. Since creating RISE, we have added more events to help our patients and families find each other. We've had an ice cream social, a Burn Awareness Week party and even an outdoor challenge day for adult burn survivors," Campbell noted. "A wonderful and unexpected outcome of creating RISE is that we are finding more and more patients who were injured years or even decades ago who want to be a part of the RISE community."

Grimes first heard about the support group through a fellow burn survivor from her area. Recently she has attended a RISE burn survivor party held in East Texas and the adult burn survivor retreat.

As tears welled, Grimes looked at those seated nearby at a recent burn survivors retreat and said the support groups were the first time she felt as if she "fit in." Describing the isolation she experienced over the last 40 years, she said not only did she lose her mother and first-born child in the fiery crash, but she "lost Cindy, too."

"Yes, I have hard days. Yes, I get depressed. Yes, I hate being covered in grotesque scars. Yes, I've thought about suicide. But, yes, I've had a good life because I decided I was going to have a good life," Grimes said. "I have a loving family and friends, and I have a Lord who is always there for me at any minute of any day to talk to."

"I've tried doing it alone, but that's not possible. It takes your faith, your family and friends, but it also takes guts and determination and sometimes telling yourself every hour on the hour that you can handle this because you are bigger than any scar that covers you."

For information about services available at Parkland, visit [www.parklandhospital.com](http://www.parklandhospital.com)

# WELCOME TO DALLAS RECEPTION FOR SEKOU LEWIS, GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DALLAS MAVERICKS



Sekou in the middle with co-host Jill Louis of K&L Gates LLP (right) and Theodora Lee of Littler Mendelson P.C. (left)

On January 10, 2019, Jill Louis, Esq. and Theodora Lee Esq., hosted a Welcome to Dallas Reception for Sekou Lewis, the new General Counsel for the Dallas Mavericks at the fabulous home of Jill Louis and Randy Bowman. The reception was attended by many from the business medical, non-profit, academic and legal communities.

Sekou Lewis is a former collegiate and international professional basketball player, and college/NBA player development specialist for a division of global sports management leader, IMG/IMG Academy. Lewis played basketball professionally for Caudillos de Morelos in Mexico after receiving his BA from American University, where he played on the Division I Men's Basketball Team. He obtained his JD from the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law. Before being appointed General Counsel, Lewis was an associate at Schnader Harrison, representing private and public companies, nonprofit organizations and municipalities in real estate and corporate matters. He also served as vice chair of the firm's Sports Law practice group.



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**Rep. Travis Clardy files Sam's Law**

*House Bill 648 honors student Samantha Watkins and promotes seizure awareness*

AUSTIN- State Representative Travis Clardy filed House Bill 684 (HB 648), Sam's Law. Named after Samantha Watkins, a Kilgore ISD student who passed away after experiencing a seizure in December 2016, Sam's Law will ensure school district employees receive training and education about seizure recognition and first aid.

"I am grateful for the outpouring of support from constituents and my legislative colleagues as we address this important issue," Rep. Clardy said. "As we focus on school safety for our children, we need to raise awareness and take steps to protect Texas students who have epilepsy."

With Sam's Law, school nurses would complete a Texas Education Agency-approved training on treating students suffering from epileptic seizures. The Epilepsy Foundation of Texas is providing educational training videos to the Texas Education Agency for approval and use.

"The Epilepsy Foundation of Texas is excited to work on behalf of Sam's Law because we need to ensure students with epilepsy are safe and have proper medical care when they are at school" said Sindi Rosales, CEO of the Epilepsy Foundation Central and South Texas. "Currently, very few people know how to perform first aid for children who have an epileptic seizure, and this legislation will help provide potentially life saving training. We are pleased to serve as a resource to Texas schools and the public."

HB 648 calls for the implementation of a seizure action plan that would ensure public school nurses and other school employees are prepared to support students who have a history of epileptic seizures and to provide aid to students who experience seizures at school. Rep. Clardy hopes this initiative will be a guide for national legislation to protect students who suffer from epilepsy.

"I am proud and optimistic we can use the loss of Sam to yield a positive change and outcome. Hopefully, Sam's law will create a blueprint to address this issue rationally, and Sam's memory and legacy will save lives here in Texas and in other states far into the future."

Representative Clardy is currently serving his fourth term as the State Representative for House District 11, which includes Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Rusk counties.

## Judge Orders Trump Administration To Remove 2020 Census Citizenship Question

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Trump administration cannot put a question about citizenship status on the 2020 census, a federal judge in New York ruled Friday in a boost to proponents of counting immigrants.

In a 277-page decision that won't be the final word on the issue, U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman ruled that while such a question would be constitutional, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross had moved to add it to the census arbitrarily and had not followed proper administrative procedures.

"He failed to consider several important aspects of the problem; alternately ignored, cherry-picked, or badly misconstrued the evidence in the record before him; acted irrationally both in light of that evidence and his own stated decisional criteria; and failed to justify significant departures from past policies and practices," Furman wrote.

Among other things, the judge said, Ross didn't follow a law requiring that he give Congress three years notice of any plan to add a question about citizenship to the census.

The ruling came in a case in which a dozen states or big cities and immigrants' rights groups argued that the Commerce Department, which designs the census, had failed to properly analyze the effect the question would have on households where immigrants live.

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