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Fertilizer price surge squeezes Texas producers



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Texas producers are facing a sharp rise in fertilizer costs this spring, adding pressure to already tight margins as global instability continues to ripple through agricultural markets.

Tillers apply fertilizer in a farm field as rising input costs driven by global markets and

energy prices put pressure on agricultural producers. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

Fertilizer prices, which remained relatively steady early in the year, began climbing in March amid escalating conflict in the Middle East and rising energy prices, said Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Service economists.

“Fertilizer is a global commodity, so when disruptions occur anywhere, prices tend to rise everywhere,” said Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain economist and professor in the Texas A&M College of

Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics.

Nitrogen costs drive increases
Nitrogen fertilizers, which are critical for commodity crops like cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat and

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New lawsuit seeks to force Dallas County to use precinct voting again for runoff after messy primary

Natalia Contreras, Votebeat

Some Dallas County Republicans on Monday sued the county elections department in a bid to require voters to cast ballots for the May 26 primary runoff at specific polling places in their precincts rather than any location in the county. That precinct-based voting system on primary election day in March created chaos.

Local party leadership is trying to reverse a decision made by its former chair, who resigned last week after facing backlash for agreeing to use countywide voting on election day in the runoff. But early voting for the runoff election starts May 18, and Dallas County election officials say it's too late to change course.

The lawsuit, filed in the Texas Fifth Court of Appeals by Barry Wernick, a Republican precinct chair and a candidate for Dallas County Commissioner District 2, is asking the court to require the county to use precinct polling places for the runoff election.

Wernick is arguing the former party chair, Allen West, didn't have the authority to agree to the use of countywide voting. Thirty-one party members signed declarations supporting the lawsuit, according to the

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Texas can force schools to post Ten Commandments, federal appeals court rules

Jaden Edison, The Texas Tribune



The Ten Commandments in the foreground of the Texas Capitol, seen on June 30, 2025.

Photo Credit: **Ronaldo Bolaños**/The Texas Tribune.

Texas can enforce a state law requiring public schools to display posters of the Ten Commandments in classrooms, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

A 9-8 majority of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Texas officials' favor, concluding that the law does not establish an official state religion.

"It does not tell churches or synagogues or mosques what to believe or how to worship or whom to employ as priests, rab-

bis, or imams," according to the ruling. "It punishes no one who rejects the Ten Commandments, no matter the reason."

The court heard arguments in January after 16 families sued over the law, alleging that it amounted to state leaders promoting their interpretation of Christianity over other faiths.

All 17 active judges on the court listened to the case — Rabbi Nathan v. Alamo Heights Independent School District — alongside a similar challenge in

Louisiana, the first state to pass a Ten Commandments requirement for its public schools. The court cleared the way in February for Louisiana to fully implement its law.

After Tuesday's decision, the civil rights organizations representing the families expressed disappointment.

"The court's ruling goes against fundamental First Amendment principles and binding U.S. Supreme Court authority," the groups said in a

statement. "The First Amendment safeguards the separation of church and state, and the freedom of families to choose how, when and if to provide their children with religious instruction. This decision tramples those rights."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton celebrated the decision, calling it a major victory for Texas and its "moral values."

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Sherry Tucker Brown: Forging a Family Heritage Despite Being Denied Another

By **Lloyd B. Davis** | New York Amsterdam News



Sherry Tucker Brown (center) with friends Paula Peters (left) and Tanya Hart (right) Photo Credits: Courtesy **Sherry Tucker Brown** /NNAAP.

Sherry Tucker Brown's family roots run deep in New York, and also in a familiar brand of alcoholic spirits.

Her grandmother, Francis Dewar Tucker, who was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, was the daughter of John Dewar 2nd, the son of John Dewar, founder of Dewar Scotch Whiskey.

There is no known official record of Black family members who are descendants of the

Dewar dynasty, but Brown says she is acquainted with numerous Black Dewar descendants in Jamaica.

"I have met Black Dewars in Jamaica, and there are still Black and white Dewars who live in Jamaica," said Brown who turned 80 in January. Her grandmother, Brown says, was sent with her sister to New York, but they had other family members who could pass for white, and

were sent to Scotland. However, none of her family shared in the Dewar family inheritance. She said her whole family in New York grew up knowing this family history and a rule was instilled that no Dewar Whiskey was not allowed in their home.

"That was really the story of the United States," she said. "I wasn't getting any of the money, so why was I supporting them?"

Even without the inheritance,

the family made a prominent name for themselves. "Although we didn't inherit the Scotch whiskey money, the family, the Tuckers still did very well and did very well by their children and their children's children," said Brown.

Sherry's Uncle, Alfred Tucker, a World War I veteran became the eighth Black

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Are You Retired Yet? You Can Still Make A Difference In Today's World

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

I grew up in a neighborhood where most people had some type of job. Some were self-employed while others worked for a company or corporation. All proudly provided for their families.

There were also folks in my Winston-Salem, NC community who had worked for many years and were now retired. To be honest, the word "retired" wasn't in my vocabulary as a young boy. I would ask my parents about a particular person, and they would simply say he/she was retired.

They went on to explain to me the meaning of the word, thus my understanding of it.

When we would walk home from school or play in the street, we would see them sitting on the porch. We always spoke kindly and would sometimes run errands for them. There were occasions when they would tell us

about their working lives.

I found those moments of self-disclosure quite interesting. In a profound way, they were role models for us, and we didn't know it at the time. Their work experiences were varied and from listening to them fulfilling as well.

Over time, my friends and I realized that we were getting advice and counseling free of charge. Sometimes our street baseball games ended early because we were listening to them.

Mind you, these retired people were in their right minds and speaking clearly. There was no hesitation in their speech or in their opinions. I was admittedly mesmerized by them.

It made me wonder what they were doing at this point in their lives. Was sitting on the stoop and watching television all they did? I didn't know that we ever found out. You know the old expression, "that's grown folks' business".

Now, if you are retired, you have joined the ranks of the porch sitters and the television watchers. We can watch the cars go by and wave at everybody. In a way,

nothing gets by us.

As I was considering retirement some years back, I realized that I needed a post-work plan. My plan was interwoven with financial stability, emotional well-being, physical well-being and something else to do.

Retirement is nothing you can do suddenly. It is a process that is filled with apprehension, excitement and a lot of ifs. It is a period of our life that we have earned through hard work and dedication. Therefore, it requires some reflective discernment.

There was a song, at least for me, that was humorously guiding me along the road to retirement. Do you remember the hit song entitled, The Gambler by country crooner Kenny Rogers? I remember the lyrics, "you got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and know when to run". If you are nearing the closing of one chapter and opening another chapter, then listen to that song. It will make you smile.

I think one of the most important components of a

retirement plan is to have something else to do. Making sure you are engaged in something that brings you satisfaction is important. Equally important is that it is on your terms and conditions. Otherwise, it will be a form of work, just disguised.

Our experiences are needed during these times. In some ways, we are unofficial griots. We advise and do our best to help those coming after us. That is our calling.

According to reports, there are 54.1 million retired workers receiving Social Security benefits. Some say that 63 years of age is the best age to retire. Of course, that depends upon your retirement plan and timetable.

Those professionals who study retirement trends say that it can be a wonderful time in our life. Less stress and responsibility immediately come to mind.

Fred Rogers, professionally known as Mr. Rogers said, "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." Enjoy retirement and have fun.

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filing. In addition, the county party's executive committee voted Monday night in favor of using precinct polling places for the runoff election.

With countywide sites, voters can cast their ballots anywhere in the county on Election Day. Using precincts means voters would instead have to go to assigned polling places, though early voting would

still take place using countywide sites.

But Dallas County election officials are already deep into preparations for the election.

"We're going to continue preparing for the election

under the contract that we have, and that's the countywide vote center model, unless otherwise directed by a court," said Nic Solorzano, a spokesman for the Dallas

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Our Voices O'Neal: Understanding the Great Divide

By Charles O'Neal



Photo Credit:
Charles O'Neal

I've been scratching my head, searching for the right framing for Black/white interracial relations in Dallas/Texas/America, without much success, then BOINGGGG!!! Leave it to iconic Brenham, Texas' Blue Bell ice cream to provide the absolute PERFECT metaphor... the Great Divide! A solid chunk of chocolate and vanilla, frozen in perpetual yinyang. A hundred and thirty or so years ago,

ol' Rudy Kipling - in his tepid ode to British imperialism in India - kinda captured this dilemma in his line "East is East and West is West, and never the Twain shall meet..."

I don't think, however, it's as black and white as the situation always seems to be. What does always seem to be the case, though, is that the hopes, dreams, aspirations, and OPINIONS of Black Texans/Americans still - after all these years - merit such little consideration from white folks. The quandary stretches from the micro to the macro... Here in Dallas, the opinions of Black Dallasites mean absolutely NOTHING to the imperialist aggressions of basketball team owners and the phalanx of supporters committed to shaping "our" city in their image. It's exhausting.

As tiresome/tiring as this local "tempest in a teapot," the abject dismissal of any consideration of Black Texans/Americans in state and federal policy-making is particularly galling. When the federal government trumpets budget cuts designed to make life more miserable for Black America... when state government works its damndest to mirror the pus-filled inhumanity festering in federal policy - well, you'd think everyone could see what's happening.

But, nope! On one side of the Great Divide, it makes perfect sense to mandate - under penalty of law - to REQUIRE Turning Point "clubs" in EVERY Texas high school. It makes sense to fight "woke indoctrination" by excising Black people from history

books, stealing taxpayer money from public education, and issuing "special rules" to nullify laws created to level the economic playing field. Any voice raised in protest is unpatriotic, unreasonable, angry, socialist/communist, or dumb. Ain't that pathetic? It's 2026. Black folks have been here longer than many of the folks who cause these troubles in Washington, Austin, and City Hall, yet Black people are treated like newcomers, interlopers, or DUMMIES who don't understand what's happening TO US! JEEZ! Y'all better hurry up - ice cream melts!

Charles O'Neal is the President of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC) and a well-respected former journalist.

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The Victory in Obeying God's Commandments

I John 5:1-21

Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



As the Apostle John brought his letter to a close, he asserted the theme of I John that is found in I John 5:13, which reads: "That ye may know that ye have eternal life." This beloved writer wanted his readers to know with assurance that eternal life came only through Jesus Christ. The Apostle John has constantly affirmed that God has demonstrated sacrificially His love for us in the dispatching of His Son to atone for our lost condition and that we should express that agape love to one another. John will stress unto us that victory in our Christian sojourn comes only as we remain obedient to God's commandments.

I John 5:1-21 may be outlined as follows: I. Loving Obedience in Relation to New Birth – I John 5:1-17; II. The Believer's Committed Stance of Obedience – I John 5:18-21.

I. Loving Obedience in Relation to New Birth – I John 5:1-17

The Apostle John begins verse 1 by declaring that the new birth is believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One. When one believes in Christ, he or she places total trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord that is expressed in obeying His commands. True faith is also expressed in one's willingness to love others who are born again.

In verses 2-3, as believers we attest that we love each other "when we love God, and keep His commandments (v. 2). Obedience is evidence of saving faith and the

new birth. In expressing true love for God, we will come to know that His commandments are not "grievous or burdensome" because we have the Holy Spirit in us (v. 3). Another sign of the new birth is the believer's ability to overcome the "world" (vv. 4-5). John expressed in verse 4 that our faith is the means through which we can overcome (vanquish) the world. We also gain the victory by believing that Christ was God Incarnate (v. 5), a belief that was in opposition to the false prophets (Gnostics) who were unwilling to confess Christ as having come in the flesh.

In verse 6, biblical scholars are not in agreement to the gist of what John was saying in this verse. Maybe, "water and blood" might refer to two significant events in the life of Christ by which He was identified as Messiah: His baptism and His death. John is offering a polemic argument against the damnable heresy of the Cerinthus that asserted that the divine Christ came upon Jesus the man at baptism but left before the crucifixion at Calvary! Such an argument by the Cerinthus was simply ludicrous and distorted the truth of His incarnation! To deny that Christ came by both "water and blood" would be contrary to the testimony of the Holy Spirit. Verse 7 is certainly one of the clearest references to the Trinity in the New Testament. Scripture reveals that God has revealed Himself as "the Father, the Word (Christ), and the Holy Ghost.

In verse 8, the three that bear witness on

earth would be the Spirit, the water, and the blood; these three in effect bear witness to verify His Divine Messiahship. As humans, we often receive the "witness of men"; however, sometimes their witness may be a lie or a distortion of the truth. With that said, "the witness of God is greater," for it is impossible for Him to lie (Hebrews 6:18). The testimony that we have received concerning Christ is the testimony of God (v. 9) "This is my beloved Son: Hear him" (Luke 9:35).

Should we reject the record that God gave His Son (v. 10), we are declaring God to be a liar. In verses 11-12, eternal life is a free gift from God that cannot be earned or bought. To have the Son of God is to have life. However, to refuse the gift of salvation will result in one spending eternity apart from God (Revelation 20:14-15). John wrote these things so that believers would know that they had eternal life, for eternal assurance rests in Jesus Christ (v. 13).

In verse 14, one who believes in the name of Jesus Christ has an assurance in approaching God in prayer. Requests made in accordance with God's will are heard by Him, and a believer can be certain of receiving answers to them (v. 15). Verse 16 brings out the fact that a Christian may sin so seriously that God judges that sin with swift physical death: "a sin that leads to death." Ananias and Sapphira are classic examples in point (Acts 5:1-11). But most of the sins which one sees a Christian com-

mit are not of such a nature.

A believer ought to pray, knowing that any sin is a threat to a fellow Christian life (James 5:19-20; Proverbs 10:27, 11:19, 13:14, 19:16). Thus, the restoration of a brother may secure a prolonging of his physical life. There is a sin "that does not lead to death." Simply put, that sin is not punished by death. When we see another Christian sin in a way that is not fatal, we are instructed to pray for him, and God will give him life. Verse 17 states that all wrongdoing is sin, but there is a sin that does not lead swiftly to physical death.

II. The Believer's Committed Stance of Obedience – I John 5:18-21

John affirmed that anyone born of God is one whose true inward nature is sinless. A believer's new nature is fundamentally opposed to sin and hence the evil one, Satan, does not touch him (v. 18). As believers assured that we are of God, we should realize that the whole world is under the control of the evil one, Satan (v. 19).

As believers we have been granted an understanding which makes possible a knowledge of God. We are abiding in God and know that Jesus Christ Himself is the true God (v. 20). The Apostle John closes this epistle with an admonition: "Little children keep yourselves from idols. Amen (v. 21).

May God Bless!

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Sherry Tucker Brown: Forging a Family Heritage Despite Being Denied Another

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in America, and the second Black CPA in New York City, working in an office on Lenox Avenue and 125th Street. He later went on to work as an accountant and field auditor at the New York State Transit Commission.

"No matter what was

going on in the United States then, I mean the total segregation, he still went to law school and he graduated from Columbia [a] a CPA."

Brown, the youngest daughter of five girls, all born in the Bronx, attended the historically Black University Central State Uni-

versity in Wilberforce, Ohio. She later went to work for the New York Urban League Street Academy and also for the City of New York as a counseling department manager for a vocational training program located in what is now the Theresa Towers on 125th Street.

She is now co-principal of The Tucker Brown Group, a Cape Cod based consulting firm.

Brown was excited about sharing her family's story and wanted to let people know of her family's contributions to the fabric of New York and Harlem. Despite her

family not inheriting anything from the Dewars, she said they did build a name for themselves and helped to enrich their communities.

"It's actually a part of African American history. Some of us know where we came from and some of us don't."

~ THEME: THE 1970s (Solution will appear in April 29 edition)

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Don't Guess- Call and Ask the STI Hotline Today

Finding out you might have a sexually transmitted infection (STI) can be alarming. Many people feel embarrassed, unsure who to talk to or afraid to even ask questions. But getting answers and care should not feel uncomfortable or judgmental.

The need for trusted guidance is growing. According to the 2025 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), HIV cases continue to rise, with more than 21,727 reported in Dallas County in 2023 alone. As infections increase, access to clear information and care becomes even more important.

That's where Parkland Health's STI Hotline comes in.

"We help people in distress because they are concerned of having an STI or they currently have an STI," said Cornelius Brewer Bell, MHA/Ed., RN, CHNA Comprehensive Care Coordinator with the STI Prevention & Testing team. "The biggest portion is connecting with patients when they test positive, getting them screened, getting them in for treatment and educating them about sexual health."

Launched in 2022, the hotline connects callers with experienced nurses and providers who can answer questions, offer education, support and help with next steps for testing and treatment. Whether someone has symptoms, tested positive or simply has questions, the hotline serves as a one-stop resource for testing, treatment and sexual health education.

"The goal is to reach people from all walks of life, whether by providing education or connecting them to a clinic where they can get the care and support, they need," Bell said.

The hotline can even schedule same-day testing appointments. Just as important, Bell emphasizes the need to create a space for every caller to feel heard, respected and comfortable.

"What they can expect are healthcare providers with a friendly voice, non-judgmental, who are ready to take care of them," Bell said. "The important thing is to call and take care of your sexual health, just like you would with diabetes, cancer or any other chronic disease."

Your health matters, and help is just one call away. Don't guess – call and ask the STI Hotline at 214-266-7837 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NEWS

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County Elections Department. "We are equipping more than 200 Election Day locations, training thousands of poll workers — all of that is a massive operation that's already underway."

The office has already programmed voting equipment in accordance with the plan to use countywide vote centers, Solorzano said. Logic and accuracy testing — a public test required by state law to check the accuracy of election equipment — has been done and would have to be done again if the plan changes. And mail ballots have been sent out, which means election officials are tied up handling those and other necessary tasks.

This article was originally published by Votebeat, a non-profit news organization covering local election administration and voting access.

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rice, have seen some of the largest gains.

Anhydrous ammonia prices rose from about \$840 per ton in late January to roughly \$1,100 per ton in early April, significantly increasing per-acre costs for producers, Welch said.

Other products have followed similar trends. Urea prices have increased about 48% since the beginning of the year, while prices for urea ammonium nitrate solutions are up more than 30%.

"These are significant increases, especially when commodity prices are flat or declining," said Luis Ribera, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

"That creates a real squeeze on profitability."

Energy, global markets drive volatility

Fertilizer production is closely tied to natural gas, making prices highly sensitive to energy markets.

Rising oil and gas prices, combined with supply disruptions and transportation uncertainty, have pushed fertilizer costs higher despite strong domestic production.

"We're more self-sufficient than we used to be, but we're still tied to global markets," Ribera said.

Timing matters for producers

The impact of rising fertilizer prices could vary depending on when producers secured inputs, Welch said.

In South and Central Texas, many producers had

already locked in fertilizer purchases before the latest price increases. However, producers in later-planting regions, such as Texas' High Plains, may still be exposed to higher costs, Welch said.

"If inputs were purchased early, some producers may have avoided the worst of the increases," Welch said. "But those still buying are facing much higher prices."

Unlike crop prices, fertilizer costs offer limited risk management options.

"Producers are price takers when it comes to inputs," Ribera said. "There's very little they can do to hedge against these increases."

Outlook remains uncertain

Economists do not ex-

pect fertilizer prices to decline quickly, even if geopolitical tensions ease.

"Prices aren't likely to fall overnight," Welch said. "There are longer-term impacts that will keep costs elevated."

That uncertainty is raising concerns for the 2027 crop year, when producers may face even higher input costs from the outset. With rising input costs and uncertain crop prices, many producers are expected to face tighter margins, and potentially increased borrowing and delayed investments.

"Most producers are not at a break-even point under these costs-versus-crop price conditions," Ribera said. "That means more debt or using savings to get through the season."

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Quinn Minute

Health maintenance

By Rix Quinn

Did you ever have a perfect day, 24 hours when everything went right? I had one yesterday, and it scared me.

I woke up at seven, feeling great. That's crazy, because if I breathe normally before my morning coffee, something's not right.

My Dad lived a long life because he constantly monitored his health. He insisted that "Feeling good is the first sign of feeling bad."

When I was in my 20s, 30s, and 40s, every day

was sunny with no chance of storms. At age 50, I began to look for tornadoes everywhere, including in my nose and throat.

I started dropping into a local coffee shop to check on neighbors who were a couple of decades older. They appreciated my thoughtfulness... but mostly I was looking for which diseases might attack me next.

During my 51st year, I entered a nearby clinic and made appointments with every specialist there. I got

a decent report from everyone but the obstetrician. He said, "You're a male, and you can't get pregnant. You don't need to come back again."

One doc told me I needed exercise. A second one found tennis elbow. A third said I had athlete's foot.

So, today I play tennis until either my arm hurts or my feet itch.

There's one guy in our neighborhood who decided he would feel better if he modeled his dog's lifestyle.

So, he barks at anybody who comes to his front porch, and occasionally rushes out into the yard to chase a squirrel.

His wife finally insisted he quit this program, because last week he got stuck in the dog door.

Why have fairy tales been so popular for so many years? Why do we remember them? Order Rix's essay on this subject:

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Troy Aikman and Dak Prescott Lead Historic \$4 Million Raised at Children's Cancer Fund's 36th Annual Gala



Jakyrin Jones and Dak Prescott.

Photo Credit: Press Release

DALLAS (April 21, 2026) – Children’s Cancer Fund’s 36th Annual “Unbridled Courage” Gala, presented by Dillard’s, brought together more than 1,000 guests at the Hilton Anatole Dallas on Friday, April 17 for an evening defined by courage, community, and impact. The sold-out event raised a record-breaking \$4 million to benefit pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at Children’s HealthSM and UT Southwestern. The night was led by Honorary Chairs Troy Aikman and Dak Prescott, alongside Gala Chairs Kasey Lemkin and Bina Palnitkar, and brought together patient families, survivors, and supporters to celebrate the strength of the children at the heart of the mission.

The evening began with a VIP reception sponsored by the Texas Stock Exchange and a lively silent auction, setting a celebratory tone. Following dinner, guests turned their attention to the runway for the night’s most anticipated moment, an inspiring fashion show featuring 18 pediatric cancer patients, ages 5 to 15, showcasing their strength and sense of style in outfits provided by Dillard’s. Joining them on the runway were special guests including Tony Romo, Kenny Cooper Jr., and Bridget Bahl, among others. The evening also marked 27 years of dedicated support from Aikman and Prescott’s fourth year serving as Honorary Chair, a reflection of their enduring commitment to Children’s Cancer Fund.

“This year’s theme of ‘Unbridled Courage’ is more than a theme — it’s a reflection of the extraordinary strength these children and families show every day,” said Children’s Cancer Fund Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Ar-

thur. “To see our community come together and raise a record-breaking \$4 million is both humbling and inspiring, and it brings us one step closer to funding life-saving research and providing critical support for those facing pediatric cancer.”

Troy Aikman and Dak Prescott carried forward the “Quarterbacks for a Cure” tradition, first established by Roger Staubach in support of Children’s Cancer Fund. Staubach served as Honorary Gala Chair from the event’s inception before passing the torch to Prescott in 2022.

“Being a parent now, you empathize with the parents,” Dallas Cowboys Quarterback Dak Prescott said. “Before, my perspective was just through the eyes of the kid — can I make them happy, can I lighten their day, give them a moment outside the adversity they’re going through? Now it’s the parents, too. When I meet them, I try to give them just as much love, because losing my mom to cancer, I understand that sometimes the parents need the same support as the patients. Whether it’s a hug, a smile, a donation, or just being there — it all matters.”

The children who walked the runway on gala night included: 15-year-old Briana Nathalie Adame of Dallas; 15-year-old Sophie Deslatte of White Oak; 11-year-old Annamarie Emerson of Reno; 12-year-old Liam Yoel Eugenio Lara of Mesquite; 7-year-old Ivory Green of Rowlett; 7-year-old Leone Hernandez Pinnacle of Plano; 5-year-old Lincoln Jones of Dallas; 14-year-old Jakyrin Jones of Forney; 7-year-old Everly Kurek of Dallas; 7-year-old Christian Leo Lopez of Greenville; 11-year-old Stella Luna of

Corsicana; 7-year-old Addison Molden of Frisco; 9-year-old Adeline Neinast of Longview; 10-year-old Raegan Parker of Coppell; 9-year-old Tamara Reyes of Grand Prairie; 9-year-old Victoria Roca of Allen; 6-year-old Wyatt Vaughan of Royse City; and 6-year-old JJ Vuchansu Jr. of Anna.

“I think being the Cowboys quarterback, being an NFL player, puts you in a position to help others,” Hall of Fame Quarterback Troy Aikman said. “There are so many players around the league who give back to their communities, and they take that responsibility seriously. There’s a legacy with Cowboys quarterbacks, especially with this event and the Children’s Cancer Fund. Roger was the right guy. I hope I was when he asked me. And I know Dak is. He represents himself, the organization, and everything good about it — and I’m thrilled he’s carrying that legacy forward.”

“Serving as Gala Chair for ‘Unbridled Courage’ was an incredible honor,” said Bina Palnitkar, 2026 Gala Chair. “The night was a powerful reflection of what can happen when a community comes together in support of such a meaningful cause. Seeing it all culminate in a record-breaking \$4 million raised is incredible, and a true testament to the generosity and compassion behind Children’s Cancer Fund.”

“‘Unbridled Courage’ was a celebration of the strength and resilience of the children and families we serve,” said Kasey Lemkin, 2026 Gala Chair. “It has been a privilege to be part of an evening that not only raised a record-breaking \$4 million, but also brought hope and awareness to the fight against pediatric cancer.”

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Guiding the path to college

By Jirah Fleming



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For students at South Oak Cliff High School, planning for life after graduation begins with the guidance of the counseling team.

Leading this effort is Gala Smith, a school counselor who is setting the tone for a collaborative and compassionate environment that supports students.

Smith understands firsthand what it takes to guide students toward their goals. She has served as a high school counselor at SOC for six years and credits much of her success to the strength of her team.

“Counselors are patient, caring, and they have consideration for others,” she said. “We have great leadership skills and the ability to

motivate our students.”

Before transitioning to high school, Smith spent 18 years as an elementary and middle school counselor. Since her time at South Oak Cliff, she has built on that experience while developing strategies tailored to the unique needs of high school students.

Each year, students at South Oak Cliff earn college scholarships with the support of counselors like Smith. Through intentional guidance at every stage of the application process, she helps students while they craft essays that are strong, reflective, and most importantly, complete.

A graduate of Alcorn State University, Smith earned her master’s degree

in secondary education with a focus on school counseling.

Each Thursday, she proudly wears her school colors, Alcorn gold and purple, sharing her school pride with students and encouraging them to explore colleges that can serve as the foundation for their academic, athletic, and social success.

“I just want to make sure that students are successful in the next stage of their lives,” Smith said.

Community service is another key focus within the counseling program. Smith regularly meets with parents to help students stand out in this area on their scholarship applications.

At South Oak Cliff, the

counseling team prioritizes strong relationships with parents and families to prepare students for college, but also to support their social-emotional well-being.

“As counselors, we stand in the gap between the parents and students, helping families understand what is necessary for their child to be successful and to graduate from high school,” Smith said.

For Smith, becoming a counselor was a lifelong dream. After not feeling fully supported by counselors during her own high school experience, she knew that she wanted to help students in ways she once had to navigate on her own, alongside her parents.

That experience sparked a passion for education, and she spent the past 24 years in Dallas ISD helping prepare generations of students for success.

“I hope that I’m inspiring them. I hope that they gain confidence that they can carry with them,” Smith said. “Whether they plan to go to college or enter the workforce, my purpose here is to inspire them to imagine more.”

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“My office was proud to defend SB 10 and successfully ensure that the Ten Commandments will be displayed in classrooms across Texas,” Paxton said. “The Ten Commandments have had a profound impact on our nation, and it’s important that students learn from them every single day.”

The case is playing a central role in the national debate over whether the laws violate the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause, which prohibits governments from endorsing or promoting a particular religion. The civil rights organizations said they plan to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the decision.

Here’s what we know.

Background: The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 10 in 2025, with Gov. Greg Abbott signing it into law that June. It requires public schools to display donated posters of the Ten Commandments, sized at least 16 by 20 inches, in a visible space on classroom walls.

The families — represented by a coalition of civil rights organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas — sued 11 school districts to block what their lawyers called “catastrophically unconstitutional” legislation.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery agreed, blocking the law from taking effect in the districts named in the lawsuit: Alamo Heights, North East, Lackland, Northside, Austin, Lake

Travis, Dripping Springs, Houston, Fort Bend, Cypress-Fairbanks and Plano.

Biery concluded the law improperly favors Christianity over other faiths and said it would likely interfere with families’ “exercise of their sincere religious or nonreligious beliefs in substantial ways.”

Paxton asked the 5th Circuit Court to overturn Biery’s ruling and allow all 17 active judges on the court to hear the Texas and Louisiana cases together.

A federal judge blocked Louisiana’s Ten Commandments law from taking effect in 2024, a decision unanimously upheld last year by a panel of three judges on the 5th Circuit Court. Twelve of the appeals court’s judges were appointed by Republican presidents. The court is considered one of the most conservative in the nation.

The arguments for the case did not include two other prominent Texas lawsuits challenging the Ten Commandments law.

One lawsuit resulted in a federal judge blocking 14 more school districts from complying with the law. The other asks a federal judge to block all Texas schools from following the law and is pending.

Why the families sued: They argued that the law subjects children to a state-imposed Protestant version of the Ten Commandments that many religious and nonreligious Texans do not recognize.

Appeals Court will continue in our next Edition, April 30.

Addressing Intimate Partner Violence and Firearm-Related Harm as a Public Health Crisis

A statement from the NMA following the Shreveport, Louisiana incident and recent nationwide tragedies

The tragic killing of eight children in Shreveport, Louisiana, by their father is a devastating reminder of the deadly intersection of domestic violence and firearm access. This unimaginable loss comes amid a troubling rise in intimate partner violence across the country, including the recent deaths of Cerina Fairfax, Nancy Metayer Bowen, and Ashlee Jenae.

The National Medical Association (NMA) has long recognized gun violence as a public health crisis, particularly within the context of intimate partner violence. Black women are disproportionately impacted, with intimate partner violence remaining one of the most pressing threats to their health and safety.

Firearms are used in more than half of intimate partner homicides. Ensuring that individuals with a history of domestic violence are prohibited from accessing firearms, and that

those weapons are removed, is essential to preventing further loss of life. Domestic Violence Protection Orders must be consistently enforced.

“We are witnessing the devastating health consequences of intimate partner violence compounded by easy access to firearms,” said Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., President of the NMA. “These situations too often escalate into preventable, lethal outcomes that devastate families and communities. Preventing individuals who pose a risk from obtaining and keeping firearms is a critical public health intervention and an essential step in protecting families, safeguarding communities, and saving lives.”

“Intimate partner violence and firearm access together create a predictable and preventable pathway to lethal outcomes,” said Dr. Michael McGee, Chair of the NMA Violence Prevention Council. “As physicians, we see the health

consequences of this intersection far too often. Strengthening prevention strategies, ensuring effective enforcement of protection orders, and integrating firearm safety into clinical care are essential steps to protecting patients, families, and communities.”

Physicians play a critical role in prevention. As trusted voices, the NMA believes physicians must engage patients in conversations about safe firearm storage, recognize the signs of abuse, conduct routine screening, and apply trauma-informed care to support those experiencing violence. Building trust in clinical settings is key to helping patients feel safe enough to seek help.

These tragedies demand more than acknowledgment. They require sustained action to protect vulnerable individuals and address domestic violence and gun violence as the urgent public health crises they are.

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