

“Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.”

~ Will Rogers



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## Dallas ISD students find a future in music through a summer of jazz



Photo Courtesy: Dallas ISD

DALLAS — Jazz filled the classrooms of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School of Innovation as student musicians spent part of their summer break learning improvisation and exploring the rich history of an art form deeply rooted in Dallas ISD's legacy.

Now in its second year, the Roy Hargrove Summer Jazz Camp continues to honor Hargrove, one of the district's most celebrated

alumni, while preparing the next generation of musicians.

Leading the camp are two music educators, Kermit Gray and LeManuel Williams.

“We teach elements of swing, playing in different modes, and then we really focus on improvisation and teaching the kids how to solo with confidence,” Gray said. “We also prepare students for the jazz region

auditions that begin when we come back from summer break. Band never stops for us, and we hit the ground running as soon as school starts. The camp gives students the tools to be successful at that as well.”

For a week in June, students spent time learning the art of improvisation, the history of jazz, and a series of jazz standards that were showcased in a final per-

formance at the end of the week.

“It means so much to facilitate all these young musicians this summer, especially at my home campus,” Gray said. “There's a lot of history that the students don't know about that this camp is able to share with them firsthand. It means a lot to continue that legacy with these students.”

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## Battle over East Texas water rights heats up after Dallas millionaire files federal lawsuit to lift moratorium

By **Jess Huff**, The Texas Tribune

Two companies tied to a Dallas investor filed a federal lawsuit to lift a moratorium in an ongoing East Texas water dispute, alleging a groundwater district has illegally blocked their efforts to extract water from beneath land they own.

This is the latest legal action taken in a growing battle over groundwater resources in East Texas.

Kyle Bass, a venture capitalist and owner of Redtown Ranch Holdings LLC and Pine Bliss LLC, is seeking to end a moratorium on large-scale water extraction projects in East Texas imposed by the Neches & Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District. The lawsuit, filed through Redtown Ranch and Pine Bliss, argues that the conservation district violated the constitutional rights of Bass and his companies by denying access to water beneath the land and also seeks an undisclosed amount of compensation.

Redtown Ranch and Pine Bliss, both funded by Bass' private equity firm Conservation Equity Management, filed permits with the Neches & Trinity Val-

leys Groundwater Conservation District to drill 43 water wells across two counties that, when fully operational, could extract billions of gallons of water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer.

“What we're trying to do here is just prevent the district from weaponizing its regulatory power to strip my clients of their property rights,” said Mollie Mallory, an attorney with Tillotson Patton, the law firm representing Redtown Ranch and Pine Bliss LLC. “The whole purpose here is just to hold them accountable and to get them to follow their own rules.”

Bass said he hasn't been treated fairly by the district despite following its rules for years. He said the roadblocks enacted by the district, such as the moratorium, prevented his company from testing the groundwater beneath land he owns.

“This is bigger than just what happened to me,” Bass wrote in a statement to The Texas Tribune. “My lawsuit is about protecting

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## Supreme Court Strikes Down Birthright Citizenship Order

By **Clint Combs**

Source: Black Press USA Wire

Supreme Court Strikes Down Birthright Citizenship Order, Advocates Link It to Voting Rights Fight

Contributing writer Clint Combs reports on the Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling upholding birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment, striking down Trump's executive order. Justice Clarence Thomas dissented, arguing the amendment has been “repurposed,” while Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson warned his reasoning pits Black Americans against immigrants. Civil rights leaders, immigrant advocates and first-time voters weigh in on what the ruling

means, and why many see it as connected to a larger fight over voting rights.

On June 30, the Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's executive order declaring that children born in the U.S. to parents who are in the country illegally or temporarily are not U.S. citizens.

The 6-3 ruling upheld a long-settled understanding that the 14th Amendment, adopted after the Civil War, guarantees citizenship to anyone born in the country. Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch dissented.

In his dissent, Thomas wrote that the 14th

Amendment “was designed and understood to secure equal rights for the freed blacks but has instead been repurposed for political projects that the Reconstruction Congress did not support.”

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to serve on the high court, warned of “an even greater threat” posed by Thomas' dissent and what she described as the Trump administration's bad-faith interpretation of the Constitution.

“What is more, this alternative account pitches Black Americans against

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## Don't Let Fraud and Scams Ground Your Summer Vacation

By **JPMorgan Chase & Co.**

Source: Black Press USA Wire



Photo Credit: NNPA Files

As you make your summer travel plans this year, or perhaps you've already hit the road or you're on your way to the airport, one thing to keep in mind – without putting

too much of a damper on your trip – is to stay financially vigilant when finalizing your vacation plans.

The travel and events sector is especially sus-

ceptible to fraud and scams as people are looking for deals in locations that might be unfamiliar, with bad actors savvier than ever when it comes to separating travelers from their money. Once travelers figure out their plans, they're ready to hand over the funds to make their dream vacations happen – and scammers are more than happy to take it.

Aja Clark, a community manager in D.C., offers these tips to help you avoid the latest and most common travel scams so you can relax and enjoy your trip.

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# Republicans Can't Seem to Get Former President Barack Obama Out of Their Minds

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

There were men and women in my community who, growing up, provided exceptional service to our neighborhood. The city of Winston-Salem, NC, was a better place because of them. Men like Carl Russell and women like Louise Wilson were stalwart leaders who created opportunities for others.

Both left lasting legacies and are still talked about today. I was coming of age back then, and I remember them quite well. Segregation was a way of life during that time, yet it didn't stop them from believing and achieving.

Both were activists who created avenues for others to improve and help their families. Mr. Russell and Mrs. Wilson were visionaries before the term was popular. They saw things coming before they happened.

As we gauge our political landscape today, we can say without question that Barack Obama was for the people. Of course, he was the 44th president of the United States of America.

President Barack Obama had major legislation passed that changed Americans' lives. Records show that "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act enacted a \$787 billion economic stimulus plan in 2009 to pull the U.S. out of the Great Recession, extending unemployment benefits, creating jobs, and investing heavily in infrastructure."

Prior to the passage of this law, the United States of America was almost down and out, with no plan to move forward. Over his eight years in office, President Barack Obama had a propensity for bringing both major political parties together for the greater good.

General Motors and Chrysler were struggling mightily and had a bleak future. His direct lobbying and intervention saved over one million American jobs.

His first major legislation was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. According to reports, this legislation made it easier for employees to have more individual rights, such as appeals, in their workplaces.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act that he signed in 2010 created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to help everyday consumers like you and me.

President Obama's recognition of the need for healthcare reform led to the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. Reports say, "The ACA expanded health insurance to millions of Americans, established a patient's bill of rights, protected individuals with pre-existing conditions, and allowed young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans."

He believed in the potential of all Americans. His spirit was caring, his actions were timely, and his character shone throughout his tenure in office. His honesty made him the envy of his political opponents. Republicans were always 3 steps behind. He withstood the personal attacks with aplomb and grace.

President Obama was well thought of by world leaders. They respected him and admired him. He built bridges of understanding and compassion. During his time, America was in good hands, and the polls showed it. As a former president, he still holds influence. People still want his leadership and counsel.

Why do challengers compare themselves to champions? Why are jealousy and meanness central to comments that many members of the opposition party make? Maybe the bar is too high for them to scale.

Let's be clear. Not all from the GOP are tied up and twisted up in a movement to keep Americans from Americans. Destroying democracy and the rule of law are their only goals. You can identify them easily because they constantly talk about President Obama, albeit in a negative way. For example, every commercial that this extreme group makes includes his name or his picture. Some of them disparaged President Obama so badly and still got fired from their jobs. You know who they are, and there will be more of them to go. Sometimes, being uninformed and critical of others is habit-forming. President Barack Obama continues to defeat them even now as a private citizen.

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# The Two July 4ths: Which Did You Celebrate

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher  
San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper  
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Dr. John E. Warren

It was like a "Tale of Two Cities": The best of times and the Worst of Times.

It was the best of times for the hundreds of immigrants who were sworn in as U.S. naturalized citizens across this great land. Their swearing-in was a manifestation of the provisions of the 14th Amendment, creating citizenship status for persons not born in this country; a provision of the 14th Amendment to the

Constitution just as important as citizenship by birth. This is the provision that President Trump tried to get the U.S. Supreme Court to nullify, the Birthright Citizenship case, which the Court rejected.

While many recited the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence words stating that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...." Many among us are being denied those very rights today, as evidenced by armed troops on the streets of our cities and Fed-

eral agents killing and imprisoning immigrants, citizens, and anyone who appears to be out of step with this administration.

The celebrations, parades and millions of dollars spent on fireworks left many of us to remember to question those events with the immortal words of Frederick Douglass when he raised his rhetorical question during the 1852 76th anniversary celebration of America's independence; "WHAT TO THE NEGRO (BLACK PEOPLE) IS YOUR FOURTH OF JULY....? TODAY ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS LATER, the question is still all too real. For those of us concerned about the police state and kingship that Donald Trump would establish, let us take heart in the fact that today

we have tools that Douglass did not have. In addition to the Constitution, with its 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, the only thing we lack to effect change is the will to get involved and act. Let's start right where we live. Let's start with ensuring that each of us can vote, register, and prepare to do so. Let's take another look at how we are spending the few dollars we have. Let's take another look at who we can help as part of our collective and prepare to use our numbers like never before in all that we do. Let's create our own fireworks that will last all year long with our involvement and collective agreement to help ourselves before we expect others to do so, and in all this, let's make a lasting reality out of the change that Frederick Douglass envisioned.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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with the Perot Museum  
June 25 | 12-2 PM
- Shark Family Fun Day  
July 9 | TBD
- Creature Teacher  
July 25 | 1-2 PM
- Back-to-school Event  
August 8 | TBD

- Gardening Week
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- Juneteenth Week
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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## The Apostle John's Letter to the Church at Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

The Apostle John's letter to the church at Thyatira may be outlined under six headings: Destination (2:18), The Lord (2:18), Commendation (2:19), Condemnation (2:20-23), Exhortation (2:24-25), Promise (2:26-29).

### Destination (Revelation 2:18)

The city of Thyatira was located about forty miles southeast of Pergamos. This city was famous for the purple dye it produced. The church of Thyatira is representative of church during the period from A.D. 500 until A.D. 1500.

### The Lord (Revelation 2:18)

Christ is identified as the "Son

of God," having "eyes like unto a flame of fire." This emphasizes that He is able to search out evil with His eyes and exercise righteous judgment.

### Commendation (Revelation 2:19)

Christ commends this church for their work accompanied with love, and He also noted the believers' faith, which motivated their service.

### Condemnation (Revelation 2:20-23)

Despite what was good with the church, there were some serious problems that needed to be addressed. The church was guilty of allowing a woman to lead many into sexual immorality and

of the eating of food sacrificed to idols. This self-proclaimed prophetess had a great and evil influence on the church. This woman is perhaps named after Jezebel, the evil wife of Ahab, who seduced Israel into great idolatry and immorality (I Kings 16:30-33; II Kings 9:7). By calling herself a prophetess, the woman in Thyatira claimed to speak for God! Christ had graciously given the perverted woman sufficient time to repent, but there had been no change and no desire to repent. It was now time for judgment! Sudden and severe judgment was promised by Christ for the unrepentant Jezebel. Her bed of pleasure would become a bed of sickness and death. The ways of Jezebel would definitely be punished. When He put to death the chil-

dren of the false prophetess, it would confirm that He searches the "reins and hearts" (Revelation 2:23). "Reins" literally refers to the kidneys, which in that day were considered to be the seat of the emotions. "Heart in this context refers to the intellect and thoughts. Christ searches and weighs every emotion and every thought. All things are open to His discernable gaze (Hebrews 4:12-13). This fact assures that Christ recompenses to every individual exactly what his deeds deserve.

### Exhortation (Revelation 2:24-25)

Christ turns His attention to the "rest," those who did not follow Jezebel's teaching of compromise with the world. They

had not become involved in the so-called "depths of Satan." Christ admonished these believers to simply continue resisting evil, and also telling them: "That which ye have already hold fast till I come" (Revelation 2:25). They were admonished to be obedient to Christ even in a culture in which political and economic pressure was extremely overwhelming!

### Promise (Revelation 2:26-29)

To the overcomer (I John 5:4-5 – the true believer), is promised the Morning Star -Jesus Christ, and the right to reign with Him in the Millennium (II Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:4-6).

*May God Bless!*

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immigrants when the advocates who promoted the Fourteenth Amendment did no such thing," Jackson wrote. "Freed Blacks fought for the shared humanity of all people."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh suggested in his opinion that Congress, not the courts, could decide whether to change birthright citizenship through legislation.

Reaction to the ruling came quickly from civil rights and immigrant advocacy groups, many of whom connected the fight over birthright citizenship to broader efforts to restrict voting rights.

Rod Adams, executive director of the New Justice Project, speaks outside Mercado Central on Lake Street in Minneapolis, June 30. Credit: Clint Combs/MSR

New Justice Project Executive

Director Rod Adams said the ruling reflected a promise won through Black resistance.

"The 14th Amendment was never about legal language. It was a declaration that America could no longer decide who was fully human or fully American based on race or circumstances of birth," Adams said. "That promise was purchased with Black blood, Black courage and Black resistance."

Adams argued that Trump's push to end birthright citizenship is connected to the SAVE Act, a restrictive voting bill that would require Americans to produce a passport or birth certificate to register to vote. Last week, Trump refused to sign a bipartisan housing affordability bill until Congress passes the SAVE Act.

"The same forces attacking birthright citizenship are attack-

ing voting rights," Adams said. "The same forces targeting immigrant families are attacking Black communities. The same forces trying to erase our history are trying to silence our voices at the ballot box."

Hamsa Hussein, a Somali American rideshare driver and leader of the SEIU Local 26 Drivers Organization Committee, joined Adams after the ruling and said attacks on birthright citizenship are also attacks on workers' rights.

"Instead of attacking migrants who are our neighbors, we should stand up to the billionaires, the big corporations," Hussein said.

Unidos MN Executive Director Emilia González-Avalos said efforts to end birthright citizenship amount to voter suppression.

"When they move to erase birthright citizenship, they move to erase your vote before you

ever cast it, to make sure you could never hold them accountable for a mass deportation agenda tearing families from their homes right now," González-Avalos said. "Make no mistake, this was voter suppression dressed up as immigration policy, but they miscalculated, because you are here, you are citizens, and your power is real."

Thomas Wolf, director of democracy initiatives at the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law, said the ruling doesn't offset the damage he believes the court has done this term.

"The Fourteenth Amendment guaranteed citizenship to everyone born here over 150 years ago. The Supreme Court affirmed that 20 years later in Wong Kim Ark," Wolf said. "Meanwhile, the court has been on an anti-democratic rampage. In just the past few

weeks alone, the court further undermined the Voting Rights Act, encouraged more aggressive partisan gerrymandering, dangerously expanded presidential power over federal agencies, and further depleted protections for immigrants."

Emily Rodriguez, a first-generation American, speaks outside Mercado Central on Lake Street in Minneapolis, June 30. Credit: Clint Combs/MSR

For some young people, the ruling is personal. Emily Rodriguez, a first-generation American born prematurely with a weakened immune system, said her parents came to the U.S. seeking a better life after leaving behind poverty and violence.

"Having health insurance meant that we could go to the doctor, get medication and get the

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### - THEME: ROM-COMS (Solution will appear in July 16 edition)

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Anti-seniors sentiment	1. Without further ____, pl.
6. Ingested	2. Departed
9. "Lights out" tune	3. Hip bones
13. "Sweet" villa (2025)	4. *Actor Foley of #13 Across
14. Leo, in Moscow	5. Kind of block
15. Mood disorder	6. Healing gel producing plant
16. Blooming bulb	7. *How many days to lose a guy? (2003)
17. *It happened on how many nights? (1934)	8. 0 and 2, e.g.
18. Follow up on (2 words)	9. Diplomat's forte
19. *Sleepless where? (1993)	10. ____-perspirant
21. *Certain London Hill (1999)	11. One quark plus one antiquark
23. "____ Te Ching"	12. Spilled the beans
24. Future J.D.'s hurdle, acr.	15. Dull surfaces
25. Chips accompaniment	20. Fertile topsoil, pl.
28. Tibetan monk	22. Boat propeller
30. Celebrity	24. Army bathroom
35. Please do not delay, acr.	25. *Fifty of these, to jog her memory (2004)
37. S.A.T. section	26. Newton of science
39. Polynesian island country	27. Dissect
40. Scarlet O'Hara's home	29. *AOL delivery (1998)
41. Singing femme fatale	31. Org. with a mission
43. Rig or truck	32. Last letter, to Homer
44. Artist's support	33. *Pretty one (1990)
46. Italian money, 1861-2002	34. Nigerian money
47. Petri dish gel	36. Part of a hammerhead
48. Like a longer route?	38. Villain's rival
50. ____ Scotia	42. *When has she been kissed? (1999)
52. RNs' org.	45. Books, in Paris
53. Morally reprehensible	49. Langley, VA org.
55. Ensign, for short	51. Fauna member
57. *Not a wedding (1994)	54. Peruvian beast of burden
61. *They were reaping benefits (2011)	56. Rive Droite and Rive Gauche separator
65. Silly	57. Hand-to-hand combat weapon
66. Gone by	58. Unconstitutional and uncommon have it in common
68. Generational divide	59. Indian flatbread
69. Oodles	60. Odds' partners
70. Each one for himself?	61. Arial, e.g.
71. Ouzo flavor	62. Naive, alt. spelling
72. A whole lot	63. Olden days "do", second person singular
73. Pertinent	64. Files suit
74. Not rights	67. Fall into it

### Statepoint Crossword Puzzle

Theme: ROM-COMS

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# SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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### Former NFL Player Adrian Phillips Headlines L.A.K.E. Foundation's Inaugural Day of Impact in Garland

**WHAT:** Join former NFL player Adrian Phillips and his L.A.K.E. Foundation for their inaugural Day of Impact at Hawaiian Waters Garland for a full day of water park fun and community giving. Guests will enjoy water slides, the lazy river, and family-friendly activities while supporting the Foundation's mission to uplift and serve the local Garland community.

Attendees can purchase discounted admission for \$23.99 using promo code LAKEGIVE online. Guests are also encouraged to bring school supplies or nonperishable food items to benefit local families in need.

This first-ever Day of Impact blends summer fun with meaningful impact, bringing the community to-

gether for a day of giving back. To learn more or purchase tickets, please tap here.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 8  
**WHERE:** Hawaiian Waters Garland | 4550 N Garland Ave, Garland, TX 75040

- SCHEDULE:**
- 10:00 am – Water Park Opens
  - 12:30 – Media Interviews with Phillips
  - 1:00pm – L.A.K.E. Foundation Program
  - 6:30 pm – Water Park Closes

**INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:**  
If you are interested in interviewing Phillips at the Day of Impact event, please contact Peyton at [peyton@capture-se.com](mailto:peyton@capture-se.com) to be added to

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**About the L.A.K.E. Foundation**

Adrian Phillips and his wife, Camille, are dedicated to lifting up others. They established the L.A.K.E. Foundation in 2023. They recognize the importance of giving back and have committed to helping their community.

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**Vacation rental scams**

So you've found a great house on a vacation rental website and email the property through the website. You might have received a call back from the "owner," who asked you to send your deposit through Zelle or another peer-to-peer app. The "owner" will often pressure you into sending a deposit to hold the property, saying there's a lot of demand for the location, and may ask to move the conversation from the official website to a private messaging app.

As your trip gets closer, you might reach out to confirm the details or assume all is well and travel to the property at the start of your trip. That's when you discover the location is already booked, not available to rent, or doesn't exist at all.

The listing you saw could have been fake, or a fake phone number was

posted to a real listing, and the true owner has no idea about your reservation. Either way, you're stuck without lodging and your payment, with little chance of getting your money back.

Most major property rental sites offer fraud guarantees, but only if you pay and communicate with the owners through the site. To avoid lodging scams, try to see properties in person if possible, read reviews from other travelers, and pay through the official platform. Sending deposits through wire transfers or P2P apps is like sending cash — once you send it, you may not be able to get it back.

**"Free" trips**

Unless you've won a legitimate contest or sweepstakes — and even those should be examined — there's no such thing as a free vacation. If you get a call, text, email or other

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Statepoint Crossword Puzzle  
Solution: July 2 - BEVERAGES

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care that we needed," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez, 18 and college-bound, said she was devastated when she learned Trump had signed the executive order denying birthright citizenship to people like her. She'll carry that memory with her when she votes for the first time this year.

"That is something that I don't think is a given," Rodriguez said. "My voice

matters, because this country recognizes me as an American. Every young person deserves that same certainty about where they belong and what future they can build."

Ali Bella, who turns 18 this October, will also be eligible to vote for the first time in the midterm elections.

"A child doesn't choose where they're born. A child does not choose where their parents were born. So why

should any child have their rights taken away because of circumstances they never chose," Bella said. "I'll be able to vote. Imagine taking that voice away from millions of people simply because of who their parents are."

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For your afternoon, switch things up and go to Reveler's Hall for some afternoon jazz, featuring the venue's excellent house band along with other performers. The jazz club is an easy walk from the Bishop Arts Stop along the Dallas Streetcar line. (You can board the streetcar at the Union Station Stop in downtown, which is close to EBJ Union Station.) After 5 p.m., the music continues into the night

– or you can head to Deep Ellum, the heart of the Dallas music scene.

Legendary blues musicians once called Deep Ellum home – Blind Lemon Jefferson, Lead Belly, and Lightnin' Hopkins all performed on its storied streets. Today, you'll find that live music is still the district's heartbeat, while well-known restaurants serve up local flavor. Some neighborhood favorites include:

- Adair's is a classic Texas honky-tonk with live country music and legendary cheeseburgers.
- Three Links is a haven for live music enthusiasts and nightlife seekers, with an eclectic mix of performers.
- The Twilight Lounge features a variety of live acts with no cover charge.
- The Nines is your spot for R&B-heavy DJ sets.
- Sons of Hermann Hall's Wednesday swing-dance nights feature live music, dance lessons, and a lively crowd. Every Thursday, enjoy a Campfire Acoustic Jam.

Get to Deep Ellum by taking the

Green Line to Deep Ellum or Baylor University Medical Center stations. They're only a stop or two west of Fair Park.

Don't miss these other musical options near downtown Dallas:

- Sandaga has an intimate indoor stage and a high-energy outdoor patio, both featuring soul music, jazz, and reggae. It's near the Green Line's Fair Park Station.
- Lee Harvey's is a classic dive bar with picnic tables, great burgers and frequent live music (there's a great jukebox when there's not). It's walkable from Cedars Station, just south of downtown along the Red and Blue lines.

Find out about more music venues, listen to a Dallas playlist, and learn more about Dallas music history here.

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notification that you've won a free vacation, it may be a scam, especially if you don't remember entering a contest.

Watch out for automated calls or texts offering free vacations or "vacation deals." There may not be a vacation package available at all, or you'll be asked to pay processing fees, taxes, and other costs to claim your "free" trip, which might include substandard accommodations.

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If you did enter a contest and are told you're the winner, you won't be asked to send money to claim your prize. The Federal Trade Commission is a good resource for information on recognizing legitimate versus fraudulent contests.

**Flight scams**

If you hear about a charter flight or other private flight deal to a destination, sometimes including a tour or hotel stay, be extra careful. Too

many would-be travelers find out after paying their money that the flight, and sometimes the entire trip, is nonexistent.

The U.S. Department of Transportation maintains updated lists of approved charter flights so you can make sure the company you're considering is legitimate.

**Concert/event ticket scams**

The event ticket industry is ripe for scammers. You might find an amazing deal for a sold-out

show on social media, send money to the seller, and never hear from them again. Not only do you not have concert tickets, but there's also no way to get your money back.

While some social media sellers might be legitimate, the best sources for ticket deals are verified resale sites that handle transactions and guarantee authenticity. If something goes wrong, there's a digital "paper trail" that can help you get your money back.

**Reminders**

While even the most prepared consumers can fall victim to a well-executed scam, remember these tips to protect your vacation plans.

Zelle and other P2P payment apps should be reserved for family, friends and businesses you know and trust. Treat your transactions like cash — once scammers get the money, you may not get it back.

Scammers are advertising on social media and

social marketplaces. Whenever possible, shop through official websites and be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true before sending any money.

Scammers can make caller ID, emails, and texts display as messages from your bank or other businesses. If you are unsure, end the conversation and reach out to the company directly through their official website or call the number on the back of your card.

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