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Grand Jury selection process could be a key to finding judicial equality

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

There is much criticism of the American legal system when it comes to the way it deals with members of the minority community. Particularly in recent months, the way it deals with young black men. On two sides of the issue, many condemn the lack of indictments in cases where white police officers shoot and kill unarmed black men.

Additionally, there has long been contention that minorities, being accused of the same crimes as whites, are more likely to be indicted and convicted. Black citizens are currently incarcerated in the country's jails at a much higher rate per capita, which only seems to solidify this contention made by the African American community.

Part of the equation as to whether or not indictments are brought against police, minorities or anyone else, is who is sitting on the grand jury which hears the case. In Texas, the last legislative session introduced changes to the process that might help alleviate the disparity.

House Bill 2150 dictates that in Texas the grand jury process will begin to look more like the process



The failure to indict police officers in the wake of shootings of unarmed blacks has led to criticism and massive protests across the country. Changes in the grand jury selection process in Texas is seen by some as a step toward a solution. (Photo: Amir Aziz / Flickr)

for jury selection in individual criminal cases. The opening of the statute reads, "The district judge shall direct that 20 to 125 prospective grand jurors be selected and summoned, with return on summons, in the same manner as for the selection and summons of panels for the trial of civil cases in the district courts."

A special town hall forum on the changes to the grand jury selection process will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Bill J. Priest Institute (1402 Corinth St., Room 2200). The event will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

and will feature former Dallas County First Assistant District Attorney Heath Harris and other local officials.

In the past, grand jurors have been appointed by commissioners, which led many to believe that such juries did not reflect the community at large, only the friends of the decision-makers.

"The new law mimics what I did for years and years," said John Creuzot, a former state district judge in Dallas. "I decided to stop doing

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Support for shooting victims and cops are not mutually exclusive

NDG's View

When there is an injustice, justice must always be met on both sides. Unfortunately, in the Black community, justice is only seemingly delivered when a police officer is involved. Over the past three years, the real identity of America has been revealed to the world. Leaving Black communities across America rocked to their cores. Repeatedly, videos and news

headlines showing White police officers take shoot first, ask questions later to the next level. The community continues to watch unarmed Black boys and men gunned down.

Public outcry, civil unrest, and protest became the moniker of the community, even across the world. However, police departments remained silent. Until on a Thursday night in downtown Dallas

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Gloria Mayfield Banks

(PRNewswire) What started as a small goal to make \$200 extra dollars a month turned into a record-setting accomplishment and extraordinary success story for Mary Kay Independent Elite Executive National Sales Director Gloria Mayfield Banks. The Detroit, Mich. native is the first African American woman to hold the number one position within Mary Kay's independent sales force in the United States based on year-to-date earnings.



Banks started her Mary Kay business in 1988 to earn extra money to pay for her children's daycare costs. For nearly two decades, the entrepreneur has blazed a trail within the global cosmetics company

by breaking numerous company records including achieving the status of Mary Kay Independent Elite Executive National Sales Director, a position held by only three women in the United States. A graduate of Howard University and Harvard Business School, Banks also holds an Honorary Doctorate from University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

"What it means to me to be the first African American to achieve the number one position within Mary Kay's independent sales force is hope and possibilities," said Banks. "Whenever someone you know or

someone that looks like you achieves something that no one else has done, it just opens up a possibility. I tell people that I joined Mary Kay for the money but I fell in love with the recognition. Being around ambitious women who kept God first, family second and career third was intoxicating because I didn't have that anywhere else."

As leaders within their industry, Independent National Sales Directors often mentor other Mary Kay business owners by sharing best practices, knowledge and guidance on running a successful business. Throughout her Mary Kay

journey, Banks has traveled the world to inspire and train future leaders within the company's independent sales force, which exceeds 3.5 million people in more than 35 markets around the world.

"Gloria has been instrumental in helping our company grow by enriching women's lives in the United States and throughout the world," said Darrell Overcash, President of Mary Kay U.S. "Her leadership, dedication and passion for Mary Kay has influenced and encouraged countless number of women."

Banks will be recognized

for her accomplishments at Mary Kay's annual Seminar in Dallas. The event, running July 24 through Aug. 6 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, is comprised of four back-to-back conferences and is one of the largest events in North Texas. The convention is focused on recognizing Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants for their achievements while also providing education, inspiration and motivation for the year ahead.

Banks resides in Baltimore, Md. with her husband, Ken Banks, and they share four adult children.

Genesis Davila

MIAMI – Miss Florida USA 2017, Genesis Davila, who was stripped of her crown by pageant officials was joined by her attorney Richard Wolfe during a press conference to declare her innocence and to announce a \$15 million lawsuit against the pageant owners and executive producer Grant Gravitt.



evidence was the posting a photo on her social media.

Gravitt accused Davila, 24, of breaking pageant rules by getting her hair and make-up professionally done. He claimed the

Wolfe filed a lawsuit in Miami-Dade Circuit Court, asking a judge to issue an emergency in-

junction restoring her title. The attorney presented an enlarged photo of the Instagram post that Gravitt cited as a violation of pageant rules.

The photo Wolfe showed in a Monday press conference was dated for July 9, 2016, eight days before the contest, according to the lawsuit. Wolfe said that Gravitt had cropped out the date on the Instagram post to falsely smear Davila's name.

"This is the smoking gun," said Wolfe. "No one is going to have their hair and makeup done nine

days in advance of a pageant."

Davila was crowned Miss Florida on July 16 after competing against 64 other women but she was dethroned six days later.

"I would first like everyone to know that I am innocent," said Davila during the press conference. "All of these false allegations have taken me completely by surprise. I have face many challenges in my life, but nothing like this. I am honest and a hard worker who was raised with ideals and principles. I am putting all

of my faith in my attorney and the legal system to prove my innocence and save my reputation."

According to the lawsuit, Gravitt also accused Davila of lying about her US citizenship forcing her to hire a lawyer to prove that she was indeed a citizen of the US.

Davila was born in Arroyo, Puerto Rico and is of Afro-Puerto Rican heritage. During her pageant career, she has competed in and earned several prestigious international titles.

Davila represented Arroyo at the Miss Universe

Puerto Rico 2013 pageant, where she finished as 1st Runner-Up. As first runner up, she represented Puerto Rico at Miss Intercontinental 2012 in Germany where she finished as 1st Runner-Up and won the title of Miss North America Intercontinental.

Davila won Miss World Puerto Rico in 2014. She represented Puerto Rico at the Miss World 2014 in London, making her the first woman of predominantly African heritage to represent Puerto Rico at Miss World.

Jacob Pena

Collin College alum Jacob Peña was honored with the National Young Adult Man of the Year Award at the 87th Annual LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) National Convention, July 12-16 in Washington, D.C.



semester to pursue a degree in Government.

Peña, of Allen, was the vice president of Collin College's LULAC council last year and has been heavily involved in LULAC and in the community. He was recently elected as the Deputy Director for Young Adults for the state of Texas during the organization's state convention in early June. He will be transferring to The University of Texas in Austin for the fall

"Over the past few years, I have learned that when you do work like this; advocacy, organizing, and service, you cannot expect to be explicitly awarded or praised. The award you look for is in the work you do," Peña said. "It is in the changes you make

and in the lives you impact. Receiving this award from an organization that represents such valuable action and progress is an incredible honor, and I only hope that I can live up to what this award means with more action moving forward."

LULAC was founded in 1929 and is the oldest and most widely respected Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States of America. LULAC was created at a time in the country's history when Hispanics were denied basic civil and human rights, despite contributions to American society.

The founders of LULAC created an organization that empowers its members to create and develop opportunities where they are needed

most.

LULAC has considered education its number one priority since it was established in 1929. As part of LULAC's education efforts, the LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) was established in 1975 to provide scholarships to Hispanic students attending colleges and universities.

Under the LNSF program, local LULAC Councils, in partnership with local and national businesses, award scholarships to students in their communities. LNSF is administered by the LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc., a non-profit educational organization established by LULAC to provide educational programs for Hispanics and other youth.

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when a lone sniper, Micah Johnson, shot 14 police officers, killing five. Two shooting victims were civilians.

First and foremost, the *North Dallas Gazette* does not condone the actions of Johnson. We do, however, support our living and fallen officers. But we must ask why can't public officials – including police department across America – publicly reach out to the grieving families to condemn the action of rogue police officers who caused this mess? Why do only the police officers receive the support and love, but not the families who lost their loved ones at the hands of police officers who abused their power to protect? There can be no real atonement and reconciliations without acknowledging the pain inflicted on the African American families by bad cops. Far too many times everyone has watched the news and made too many demands for change. Frequently calling for change addressing the cops who are abusing their civil duties to protect and serve. Within weeks or even days, another unarmed man is shot.

For example, an unarmed Black man in Miami was on his back holding hands extended in the air saying “don’t shoot” before he was in fact shot. All too often fatal shots are flushing out black lives. With no validity. No cause.

Then to add insult to injury, these victims are criminalized through the mainstream media as if on trial for being murdered. Then the real victim’s families feel called upon to defend their loved one’s reputation,

while they grieve their loss. This media coverage and social media speculation leave family tormented even further. No continual public apology is offered. Meanwhile, the fallen officers are decorated and remembered in vast dedications and valor, while Black families are left holding the bag.

In the death of Philando Castile, a 4-year-old girl was placed in the back of a police car after witnessing the death of her mother’s boyfriend. Then she had to bear the responsibility of consoling her grieving mother. The same happened in Baton Rouge, La., when a 15-year-old son was left to console his grieving mother.

Certainly, no one advocates denying the officers due process. But in this age of social media, the public is far more aware of these incidences of police shootings. Many times the reports include a video of the encounters. After watching it unfold, following an investigation the public remains disappointed. Not a single officer received an indictment. With a continual lack of justice in the courtroom, concerned citizens are left to turn to the streets to demand justice. But we cannot forget our other tool: the ballot box.

The silence is deafening
In the famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

With all due respect to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, State Senator Royce West and police associations across America, your words are tone deaf without

a public apology and outright condemnation of cops shooting and killing of Black citizens in America. When was the last time you heard a police department publicly condemn one of its own for the unnecessary killing of a citizen?

Black parents spend many restless nights worrying about the safety of their children. The easiest response is, “Teach them how to act.” But what if we have, but the officers lack training or have a racial bias or both? Then what? Does that mean your cops still are right to treat us unfairly?

Any healing process must include officers speaking out on what sometimes feels like open hunting season on people of color. It would go a long way to helping the community feel heard and understood if other elected officials followed the lead of Minnesota’s Governor Mark Dayton.

Dayton stepped outside of his comfort zone and called the tragedy in Minnesota for what it was: racism and murder. Why are we not offering the Dayton more public support and why has his voice faded away? Our community should applaud his efforts and lend our support to him. No elected official is perfect, but he stood up and spoke an uncomfortable truth – and will likely pay political consequences for it unless we demonstrate he has our support.

Where will our leaders take us?

Now, what is the city of Dallas going to do, Mayor Rawlings? You pledged to tackle the issues of racial division. You have called on our society to take on and seek justice in cases where police officers behave in unlawful ways against citizens. At the same time, you are asking the community to support “the 99 percent of good officers” who do their jobs well. We agree, but we also believe it should start by weeding out the wrongdoers, regardless of race.

“We can address this issue,” West said. “We don’t

need to continue to be divided. Past generations have addressed issues of divisiveness in this country and in this world and were successful. Our generation must now step up, stop talking the talk, and walk the walk.”

To you State Senator West, what are you going to do? You believe that it’s time to end the talk and begin the walk, right?

Sounds good, Senator West, a good start is when the 2017 Texas legislative session kicks off What laws will you put on the agenda to address our concerns? Will you address better testing and screening to identify rogue cops who perhaps are more inclined to shoot first and ask questions later, as we witnessed in Miami earlier this month?

West can we address the secret grand jury process which behind closed doors, unidentified to the public, men and women continually let these police officers go? Is it not the time to put a face on the members of these proceedings? At the very least we could dialog with them learn more of how they arrived at decisions which we so vehemently disagree. If the public saw at least a few of these cops face a jury of their peers, the frustrations would not run so deep and would likely serve as a deterrent. The continual lack of judicial accountability has weakened our faith that we are participating in a fair game.

Who will step forward and encourage not only dialogue, because talk is cheap? We want real action on these issues. Or will those who ask questions continue to be villainized for not supporting the police officers? We believe it is possible to support absolutely the police who put their lives on the line to protect us daily. But in a free society, do we have the right to acknowledge there must be change when we clearly see a broken system?

What steps are we taking now?

Medicaid will pay for mosquito repellent to fight Zika

AUSTIN – Texas Medicaid will cover the cost of mosquito repellent for women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant, HHS Executive Commissioner Charles Smith announced this week.

The decision is in response to the possibility of local transmission of the Zika virus, which is spread primarily by mosquito bite. Zika can cause severe birth defects in unborn children whose mothers are infected while pregnant.

"The best way to protect

yourself from Zika is by avoiding mosquito bites," Smith said. "There is currently no vaccine to prevent the disease or drug to treat it, making it essential that people use mosquito repellent to protect women and unborn babies."

To be covered, a doctor must prescribe the repellent and the client must pick it up at a pharmacy. Clients can present their Medicaid prescription card just like they would with any prescription.

Women in the following

programs are covered: Medicaid, CHIP, CHIP-Perinate, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning.

Eligible women can get up to two cans per month through Oct. 31. Patients can call doctors to ask for a prescription, and the doctors may call it in to a pharmacy. Office visits should only be required if there is a medical necessity. All the protocols and procedures are expected to be in place to allow clients to begin picking up the repellent on Aug. 9.

HHSC has previously determined the following Zika-related items are covered under current Texas Medicaid benefits: Family planning services, Contraceptives, Diagnostic testing, Targeted case management, Physical therapy, Long term services and support, Acetometophin and oral electrolytes for Zika symptoms, Potential coverage for additional ultrasounds for pregnant women.

For more information about the Zika virus, visit TexasZika.org.



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Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil, may aid healing after heart attack

Giving heart attack patients a high dose of omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil, daily for six months after a heart attack improved the function of the heart and reduced scarring in the undamaged muscle, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal *Circulation*.

The heart's shape and function can be altered after a heart attack, a condition known as post-heart attack remodeling and it is linked with poor patient outcomes and could lead to heart failure. Therapies that can improve healing of the heart or prevent adverse remodeling, remain

scarce.

A previous study found that omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil were associated with improved survival for heart attack patients, but the role of omega-3 fatty acids in improving the structure and tissue of the heart in patients receiving current guideline-based therapy after a heart attack was unknown.

In the new OMEGA-REMODEL randomized clinical trial, researchers found compared to those taking a placebo, patients taking a dose of 4 grams of omega-3 fatty acids daily for six months:

- experienced a 5.8 per-

cent reduction in left ventricular end-systolic volume index: a clinical marker that can predict patient outcome after a heart attack; and

- had a 5.6 percent reduction in a measurement of scarred connective tissue (fibrosis) formation in the non-damaged heart muscle.

"Heart failure is still a major problem after a heart attack despite all the therapy we have and the advances in interventional care," said Raymond Y. Kwong, M.D., M.P.H., senior author of the study and director of Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Brigham and Women's

Hospital and an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. "Our findings show that omega-3 fatty acids are a safe and effective treatment in improving cardiac remodeling, so it may be promising in reducing the incidence of heart failure

or death, which are still major healthcare burdens to patients who suffer a heart attack."

Researchers said these results suggests that omega-3 fatty acids allow the heart to contract better, and also reduces the fibrosis in the region that is not damaged.

The researchers also observed a reduction in biomarkers for inflammation, suggesting that omega-3 fatty acids have some anti-inflammatory properties.

The study involved 360 heart attack survivors, half were given a high dose

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Stay cool in summer and avoid costly AC break-downs

Dallas summers are like grueling marathons for your air conditioner: They're always running. Of course, this increases your utility bills (that's a colossal understatement). But it also increases the chances that your A/C will break down costing you time, money and most importantly your safety. A recent study by wallet.com revealed that 40% of American's household budget is spent on energy bills, the peak season is summer.

- Check the drain line (unless you like floods in your home)

- Visual Available : One cup of this will keep your AC running for under a \$1.00

- Change your air filter (how this causes major issues)

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- Clean the air conditioner's outside unit (4X4X4 space all around the unit)

- Visual Available: Foliage that is good & bad

When it Overheats Air conditioners can also overheat. When they do, they usually trip the circuit

breaker. But many homeowners will just flip the circuit switch back on without another thought.

Big mistake! The circuit breaker's job is to protect your home and appliances by shutting off the flow of electricity when the current flow gets too high. If it keeps tripping, it's usually due to other problems and there are safeties in place to shut the compressor down independent of the circuit breaker. Otherwise you could cause your air conditioner to break down from constantly overheating.

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Youth groups from Dallas alumni chapters of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta hosting joint youth open house

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The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Kappa Zeta Chapter's youth groups (Pearlettes ages 4-8 years old, Amicettes 9 to 13, and Archonettes ages 14-18) will partner with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Theta Mu Sigma Chapter's Sigma Beta Club (Ages 8-18) will host their annual Joint

Youth Open House on Saturday August 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lakewest Family YMCA located at 3737 Goldman St., Dallas, Texas 75212.

The mission of the Zeta Youth Auxiliaries is to help young females grow culturally, socially and educationally by providing a carefully designed program of activities, aimed to enhance the mind, body, and spirit as

they work within their various communities to help others.

Sigma Beta Clubs offer unique opportunities to exemplify wholesome values, leadership skills, educational enhancement, business training and development, and social and cultural awareness to male youths at a most critical stage in their personal development. Members learn

the importance of serving others and establish lifelong friendships as well as meaningful relationships

To RSVP for this event visit: <https://2016dallas-youthopenhouse.eventbrite.com>. Please email for questions or more information:

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Antioch Christian Church to host its annual Community Fest and Special Back To School Bash

IRVING – Antioch Christian Church will host its Community Fest 2016, Saturday, August 13, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This day of celebration is designed as an outreach effort to serve all residents of the DFW Metroplex. The day activities will feature Live Christian music, bounce house fun, free food, free clothing give-

aways, summertime cool treats, and more.

This year's event will feature a special Back To School Bash that will include face paintings, balloon fun, and a Special School uniform giveaway including school backpacks.

Norris McGill, Senior Pastor of Antioch Christian Church said, "The mission

statement of our church is building people to reflect Jesus. Jesus is our ultimate example of caring for others. It is my heart's desire to serve the people of this local community and share with them the love and heart of Jesus through the simple act of giving back.

"We are not asking for anything from anyone, but ready to just reach out to

help those that may need a helping hand. All items are being distributed for free!"

Since its inception, The Annual Community Fest has served persons from all ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds. Community resources from various agencies will join us to offer valuable infor-

mation and services including blood pressure screenings, The Texas Workforce Commission, mental health awareness information, the Irving Independent School District, the local Fire and Police Departments and more.

"Community Fest 2016 will be an experience of

FREE family fun for everyone. This event is open to the city of Irving and the entire DFW Metroplex Community.

For more information about Community Fest 2016 and our church, visit our website at www.antiochchurchfamily.org. or call 970-756-0010.

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omega-3 fatty acids and half placebo, beginning within a month of the heart attack. Because the study participants were given high doses of omega-3s in addition to their other medications, patients were under a physician's care and observed for any potential adverse outcomes by study authors throughout the study.

The treatment was found to be safe and effective. Both groups received treatment based on guidelines issued by the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association. Blood tests were used to confirm that patients in the omega-3 fatty acids group were taking the treatment.

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Booker T. Washington High string quartet to join the pros for Aug. 2 performance

When the touring show "Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Shoot Out" comes to the Arlington Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 2, the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts String Quartet will join the professional musicians on stage to add some orchestral texture to the evening.

The show pits Rolling Stones tribute band Jump-

ing Jack Flash against rival Brit boys Abbey Road in an all-out musical showdown for rock dominance. The string quartet will perform seven songs with the bands.

Booker T. Washington High students Messiah Ahmed (Violin I), Diana Zavala (Violin II), Damian Garcia (Cello) and Molly Martinez (Viola) will join the bands for the songs "Eleanor Rigby," "Yester-

day," "A Day in the Life," "Hello Goodbye," "Hey Jude," "As Tears Go By," and "Ruby Tuesday."

In addition to performing with the school's Varsity String Orchestra, all quartet members play with the Dallas Symphony Young Strings Program and the Dallas Regional All-Honors Orchestra. The young musicians have received consistently superior ratings at the

state level of solo and ensemble competitions.

The producers of "Beatles vs. Stones" approached Booker T. Washington High Director of Orchestras Michael Jacko looking for a talented ensemble which could hold their own with a rock band in front of an audience. The show commonly uses a local quartet to augment the production while on tour.



The Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts String Quartet from left, Damian Garcia, Diana Zavala, Molly Martinez and Messiah Ahmed. Photo courtesy of Michael Jacko.

Richland resurrects wrestling program after decades-long hiatus

After a three-decade absence, Richland College will revive its wrestling program in the fall of 2016. As a result, Richland will become the only two-year college offering a wrestling program in Texas and, for the first time, also will include a women's team.

An opportunity for high school wrestlers and women

"We're one of only three two-year schools in the Southwest region with a wrestling program," said Bill Neal, physical education faculty member and wrestling coach at Richland. "A lot of kids in this area can't afford to go to a four-year school and don't have the grades to go to a university, so we're an option for them which they didn't have before."

Wrestling has experienced a revival at the high school level, and those student-athletes are looking for colleges where they can compete. Neal pointed out that 21 schools in the Dallas Independent School District have wrestling programs; most of them have girls' teams, too. More than 11,000 boys and 4,000 girls wrestle in Texas High schools.

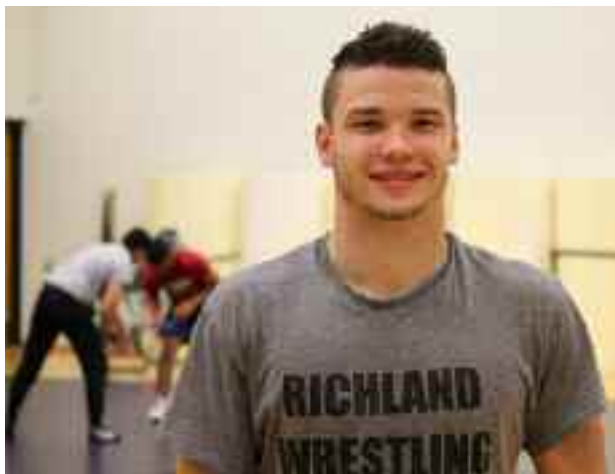
"In the past, I had to recruit kids from El Paso, Oklahoma City and Baton Rouge," he added. "Restarting the program here was a no-brainer. These kids had no place to go, so we cranked up the program again."

According to Neal, about

32 institutions in the U.S. have women's wrestling programs.

Neal said before the program was resurrected that he organized a wrestling club called "Wounded Ducks" (the school's official mascot is the Thunderduck), and kids were able to compete in tournaments as individuals. Three women were club members, and at least one is coming back in the fall.

"The women wrestlers were older. They wanted to get into it because it helped their martial arts. Most of them are mixed martial arts,



and wrestling helped their leg take-downs and that sort of thing. I hope to get more girls into the program," Neal stated. "If they're good enough, they could go to the

Olympic Training Center."

Olympic dreams

Dustin Basham, a sophomore who is studying kinesiology, said he plans to train with Neal at Richland for as long as he can, but his dream is to go to Olympic trials and represent the United States in the future. "Once I get to that point, I want to go into coaching," he said.

The 19-year old coaches

"Team Punisher," a squad of wrestlers ages 4 to 16 years in a Dallas-area wrestling club. "I just love the opportunity to teach kids. I feel like I've learned from them, and I feel like I can share my knowledge with kids and hope to motivate them to get to higher levels than I did. That's my whole goal: to see

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North Champion Trail reopens in Irving for residents, visitors use

Irving Parks and Recreation Department wants to welcome back joggers, cyclists and nature lovers to the northern section of Champion Trail.

The Army Corps of Engineers announced in late July it is limiting floodwater releases into the Trinity River. For months, these releases from Lakes Lewisville and Grapevine into the Elm Fork of the Trinity River created varying levels of flooding along north Champion Trail. The Corps' new lower-level releases allowed the City of Irving to reopen portions of the trail quickly once the areas were cleaned.

However, the intermittent heavy flooding caused infrastructure damage, and some sections of Campion



Trail will remain closed at this time. Park patrons should be aware that some damaged sections and amenities are not yet safe for use. These areas have been isolated, and signs are posted to warn visitors to keep out.

Trail sections that will remain closed until repairs are completed include:

Sam Houston Trail: A

500-foot section of the trail collapsed when a retaining wall succumbed to flood waters. Safe portions of Sam Houston Trail have been opened. See Map

T.W. Richardson, Bird's Fort, California Crossing and Spring Trail parks: A number of river overlooks and nature trails were subjected to repeated flooding, which eroded the Trinity

River banks and caused substantial damage and/or unsafe conditions at these locations.

T. W. Richardson Park: The canoe launch remains closed to the public. See Map

Bird's Fort Park: A damaged sewer line at the park has not been accessible until now to facilitate repairs. Until further notice, this section will remain closed.

Parks crews continue to clean the trail, facilities and

other infrastructure as waters continue to recede and more sections dry out. These areas will open for recreational enjoyment as soon as possible. Visitors are advised to pay close attention to posted signage.

Irving hosts second annual Play Ball Event

Residents are invited to cheer on Irving's young baseball stars 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5 during the Second Annual Mayor's Play Ball: Whiffle Ball Game at Northwest Park Recreation Center, 2800 Cheyenne St.

Irving Parks and Recreation campers, ages 5 to 12 years old, will be learning

the rules of baseball and playing catch with police officers and recreation center staffers. The event also will feature several guest speakers who will talk about the importance of fitness, teamwork and leadership.

When: 10 - 11:30 a.m., Aug. 5

Where: Northwest Park Recreation Center, 2800 Cheyenne St., (972) 721-2529

Plano ArtFest set to debut in September

The Art Centre Theatre is pleased to partner with The Plano Arts Coalition and The Historic Downtown Plano Association to announce Plano Artfest, the newest event coming to the Arts District, in Plano.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, they, along with other area organizations will present the Plano Art Fest. The festival is a free community event for families and art lovers of all types.

Come between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to see excerpts from ACT's presentation the Tony Award Winning Musical "In The Heights" brought to you by the Art Centre Theatre.

All the events of Artfest week will lead up to the

one-day festival held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the new McCall Plaza.

Food trucks will be on site and beer and wine available for purchase in McCall Plaza next to Artist Village. Festival attendees can also experience any of the award-winning restaurants in the Historic Downtown Arts District.

Local artists and vendors are encouraged to participate in the festival either with a booth reservation in Artist Village or booking a performance timeslot for the McCall stage. All interested artists and groups can fill out the online artist vendor application located on the event's website.

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UniverSoul Circus set to play Dallas at SW Center Mall

A big top spectacle of global proportions, the 2016 production of UniverSoul Circus takes fans of all ages on an unforgettable journey of light, sound and soul.

Get ready for electrifying, edge-of-your-seat performances. Hailed as the most interactive circus in the world, UniverSoul Circus opens in Dallas at Southwest Center Mall, August 16-21, 2016. Tickets went on sale July 8 via Ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000.

As has become its trademark after 23 years, UniverSoul Circus will present a multicultural/multinational cast of rock-star performers in 2016. Only under the UniverSoul Circus one ring big top will you be lucky enough to wit-



ness the Comedy Dog Act from Chile, Aerial Duet from Colombia, Pagoda Bowl Acrobats from China, Airborne Motorcycles from California, Caribbean Dance and Limbo from Trinidad and Tobago, Russian Bar from Cuba, Contortionists from Ethiopia, Magical Tigers and disco dancing Elephants from the United States.

“Just like the circular ring in which it sits, UniverSoul celebrates cultures from around the world and brings them together under the big top,” said Founder and CEO Cedric Walker.

“At this time in our history we need to come together, to embrace and learn from each other. I believe the circus naturally brings people together. In 23 years

of searching for talent, I have journeyed to every continent to find a multicultural, multinational mix of talent to showcase.”

Leading the charge this year as Ringmaster for UniverSoul Circus is the multi-talented Lucky Malatsi of Johannesburg, South Africa. Lucky, 27, has been performing in front of an audience for 23 years. In 1999,

while performing in South Africa, Lucky caught the attention of Cedric Walker.

By 2000, at the age of 10, he was performing a popular duo contortionist act for UniverSoul. Married with two young kids growing up in the back lot, Lucky brings new meaning to the term, multi-talented. He has been an acrobatic hip hop dancer, acrobat, contortionist, trapeze artist, teeterboard flyer, trampoline artist and an acrobatic-dunking whiz kid with basketballs.

The circus in its current form is the result of more than two decades of innovation and improvement.

The first UniverSoul Circus show took place in 1994 in the parking lot of the old

Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta. From the very beginning, the circus received rave reviews from critics and fans alike.

The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* dubbed it “Cirque du Soul,” when it debuted. Circus Report, a trade weekly, called it “a masterpiece of production, staging and promotion.”

The overwhelmingly positive initial response inspired Walker push forward and to turn his dream of running away with the circus into reality.

Southwest Center Mall is located at 3662 West Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, TX 75237.

Visit www.universoulcircus.com for more info, show times, and schedules.

This Weekend in Dallas: Dress up and fan out

By McKenna Wierman
NDG Special Contributor

We’ve all got the secretly slightly-embarrassing thing we are crazy fans of. Some people are totally obsessed with Batman, others know the name of every single Pokemon. For me, a childhood fear of Harley Quinn developed into a fascination with the character. And I’m HUGE fan of Hayao Miyazaki, a.k.a., one of Japan’s greatest animation directors of all time.

This weekend, embrace your inner nerd. Whether you’re just a casual fan of comic books, or you know enough about your favorite super hero you should have a PhD. in Marvel, this is the weekend to be free. Time to ditch your work clothes and bust out your super hero cape! This weekend in Dallas embrace your inner fan and geek out at one of these alternate universe inspired events happening around town.

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Constellations coming to Dallas Theater Center

Dallas Theater Center announced this week complete details for the mind-bending love story, *Constellations*. Directed by Wendy Dann, *Constellations* will begin with a Pay-What-You-Can performance on Wednesday, Aug. 24 and will run through Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre Studio Theatre. Press Night will be Sunday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to *Constellations* are on sale now at www.DallasTheaterCenter.org and by phone at (214) 880-0202.

"I am thrilled to launch our new season with *Constellations*," said DTC Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty. "Constellations explores deep questions about love, time, our infi-



nite universe and how each choice we make in our daily lives, both large and small, sets off a chain reaction of events that ultimately determines our personal destiny. I'm immensely happy to welcome my dear friend and colleague, Wendy Dann, back to Dallas Theater Center to direct this beautiful, thoughtful and emotionally resonant play."

Written by Nick Payne, *Constellations* introduces audiences to a theoretical physicist and a beekeeper whose spellbinding, romantic journey breaks the boundaries of the space-time continuum. Selected by the New York Times as one of the 10 best plays of 2015, *Constellations* will have the audience swimming in a sea of infinite possibilities with this

wildly entertaining, gripping drama that confronts the difference between choice and destiny.

"Constellations shows us two perspectives on time: the vast and the intimate, the universe and the hive, the cosmos and the bee," explained Dann. "In *Constellations*, these two perspectives and people collide, fall in love, divide, reunite, and marry in multi-

ple universes. The smallest choice they make changes the outcome of the next minute, the next hour, and the rest of their relationship. If every encounter has millions of potential outcomes, this play asks: is there one outcome that is inevitable? One outcome we all share? And how do we use the time we have together before the inevitable happens?"

Starring in the two-person play is Diane and Hal Brierley Resident Acting Company member Alex Organ (*Dreamgirls*, *All the Way*, *Sense and Sensibility*) and Dallas-native Allison Pistorius (*Sense and Sensibility*, *Clybourne Park*).

Set in the round within the Studio Theatre, *Con-*

stellations will come to life with set and lighting designer Steve TenEyck making his DTC debut alongside costume designer Melissa Panzarello and sound designer Ryan Rumery. Anne Schilling (*Sense and Sensibility*, *Stagger Lee*, *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*) returns to DTC as the dialect coach along with Laurel Whitsett (*Clybourne Park*) as the British Sign Language consultant.

DTC's Come Early sponsored by Wells Fargo will take place one hour before every performance and will be led by Organ. DTC's Stay Late will take place after each performance and will be led by Pistorius.

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Four things you should know before you sign that car loan

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Wire Columnist

It's that time of year again when days are longer, temperatures are higher and auto dealers advertise some of the most tempting deals. And while there's nothing new about new car fever or the annual ad blitz, there's a good deal of news on how consumers are choosing and paying for their cars.

For example, new car sales increased more than 5 percent from a year ago. At the same time, the average credit score for a new car loan dropped to 710 and even lower to 645 for a used vehicle.

These data points pro-

vided by Experian, a major market intelligence firm, also recently reported that today the average monthly car payments are also at an all-time high: \$503 for a new car and \$376 for a used one. Car loan terms are also longer and the amounts financed are both larger too. On average, both new and used car loans are respectively 68 and 66 months. The average new car loan is now an all-time high at \$30,032.

"The continued rise in new vehicle costs have kept many consumers exploring options to keep their monthly payments affordable," said Melinda Zabritski, Experian's senior direc-

tor of automotive finance. "As long as vehicle prices continue to rise, we can expect leasing rates to grow along with them."

Consumers short on savings for a down payment, but anxious for a new or nearly-new car may opt for a lease rather than a purchase – a very complex transaction with pitfalls of its own. During the first quarter of 2016, nearly a third of all new car transactions were leases.

For consumers, the really 'good deal' is tied not only to the cost of the car, but also to the terms of the sale as well. Sale or lease prices, interest rates, length and other items are also important to the art of 'the deal'.

Unfortunately, all too often consumers of color – especially Blacks and Latinos – consistently try to negotiate a 'good car deal,' but often wind up paying more than others. The practice of car dealers adding extra interest to a car loan has a long history of discrimination that has led to a series of multi-million dollar settlements with finance arms of major auto manufacturers and other ones with banks.

Fortunately, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently developed a series of consumer resources that can better inform those making decisions. Topics included in the series cover: how to plan for

a purchase; loan options and how to better negotiate a car loan. A consumer guide available for download can also serve as a handy reference, providing greater detail on the process from determining how much to bor-

row to closing the sale.

Most importantly, CFPB provides specific steps to take before going to dealers. The CFPB strongly encourages consumers to get an

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kids succeed," Basham said.

Basham had scholarship offers from several universities while he was in high school, and he is expecting more in the future, but he won't transfer until fall 2017. "I feel like my wrestling went from pretty good – I thought I was decent – to really confident in everything I do. Every time I step on the mat, I feel like I'm light years ahead of anyone I wrestle."

George Haskins, who went to high school with Basham, also would like to compete in the Olympic trials. He took a year off after high school, but he saw Basham at a tournament, and that got him interested in going to Richland. He said he has trained with wrestler Andre Metzger, who has won world championship medals and also has competed in Olympic trials.

"If I'm not able to be on Team USA, I'd like to be a science teacher and coach wrestling," Haskins said.

Discipline, history are important

Neal said wrestling helps students outside of the gym as well. "Wrestling is a strong, disciplinary sport. Student-athletes are very disciplined in most cases because it takes a lot of work," he added. "Wrestling pro-

vides a good life lesson – that life's not always fair, but you can take that and learn from it."

"It disciplines you in your school work, and it keeps you on task. It's determination, basically. You have to be determined in wrestling, and you can transfer that to your school work," said John Paul Robledo, who just graduated from high school and will attend Richland this fall. Robledo, who is planning to study business, also practices jiu-jitsu, a type of martial art. Once he's finished with his business studies, he said he hopes to open his own gym and coach jiu-jitsu and wrestling.

Neal said Richland's teams of the 70s and 80s won multiple state collegiate championships, and they finished second twice. But the school had to drop the program in the mid-1980s because the team had to travel to Kansas nearly every weekend for competitions, and that was too much for the students.

Now, as the program returns, Richland's teams will have to compete against four-year schools in the Southwest, including the University of Texas at Austin, UT-Arlington, Texas A&M University, the University of North Texas and

other community colleges in the Southwest.

Recruiting has become easier because some students are just showing up at the college, according to Neal. "More and more just walk in the door," he added. "One of our kids comes all

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For more information about the wrestling program at Richland, please email Bill Neal at BNeal@dcccd.edu.



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that grand jury commissioner thing, and go down to the central jury room and select people just on a random basis. I had much, much better minority representation that way than I did before.”

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price expressed a bit of cynicism in terms of the new law and what he expects it to accomplish.

“The more things change, the more they basically remain the same,” Price said. “It doesn’t change really the power source. It only gives them a little better opportunity to involve (minorities). But they could have done that all along. I always found it curious when they’ve got to have legislative parameters to do what they should be doing for the right thing. So while it’s being forced legislatively, they could have been doing it all along. There is nothing that precluded them from doing what the legislature is now, basically giving them guidance to do it.”

Creuzot said that not only did his method of picking grand jurors in the past lead to more minority representation, it also solved a host of other problems in the process.

“The other thing that was more important to me was that people didn’t have agendas,” Creuzot said. “They were total strangers,

and they came in there to do a job for three months, and they seemed to enjoy it more. Under the old system we had people who wanted on every year. And they almost became professionals. Plus, you had agendas as I said, and it just didn’t work out as well as just a random selection of people.”


He recalled many jurors being there because they didn’t have anything else to do, or because they were friends with commissioners, and often if two commissioners didn’t get along, that could result in bickering on the grand jury.

“Whereas once I started doing the random selection, all of that went away,” Creuzot said. “I had no more internal controversy. People got along better. They showed up more often, more on time, and things just turned out so much better. So I’m actually glad to see the law change the way it is. It makes political favoritism, takes political patronage and all that out of the grand jury system.”

Regarding the disparity in indictments and sentencing for minority defendants, Commissioner Price is skeptical as to whether or not the current changes in legislation will be sufficient to achieve judicial equality.

“You’re always hopeful, but there’s nothing that’s ironclad,” Price said. “I

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mean, if you let me choose the grand jury, I can almost predict the outcome. So what’s different now? That’s my point. They could have been doing this all along. I just find it peculiar that all of the sudden, because we now have some legislation that says there’s different composition and make-up, etc., that all of the sudden it’s going to be a different outcome? I don’t hold out a lot of hope for that.”

Creuzot seems to concur, saying that most people don’t realize the quantity of cases being heard by grand jurors, and that most likely

when police present cases nine out of 10 will result in indictments. But says moving forward there could be some improvement.

“In the early 90s I ap-

pointed African Americans to grand juries (and) there was a different outcome in the types of cases that were indicted. And that caused a big uproar in the system. And what the system did was they re-submitted those cases at the next session, so now they’re virtually an all-white jury and they got them all indicted. Unfortunately that was the outcome. It didn’t make much difference.

“I think by and large, cases are going to be indicted, but I think there are some certain circumstances where more minorities on a grand jury can make the difference, generally speaking, but I think when you have diverse people and you ask them to take a particular case and look at it, it may be helpful to have people that are diverse, from different walks of life, to weigh in on whether a case should be indicted or not.”

Getting more participation on grand juries is a start, but Price persists in his belief that the key for African

Americans is more involvement in all aspects of the system. Boards and commissions are great, but improvements are needed in actions as simple as voting.

“If people want to have impact with regards to boards, juries – the real issue is public policy,” Price said. “And you can’t do that when you’re not voting and participating in the system. In Dallas County, we’ve got 1.8 million people out of 2.5 million people who are 18 years of age and older. We’ve got 1,250,000 people registered to vote.”

At the end of the day, Price said he feels that more energy needs to be directed at an overall level of political engagement.

“The more things change, the more they stay the same, because we have not fundamentally understood public policy and that happens at a voting booth,” Price said. “What people need to know is, the power is already in their hands. All they’ve got to do is use it.”

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school-related needs, the Mayor’s Back to School Fair is a collaborative effort between the City of Dallas, Dallas ISD, Dallas area schools, the public health department, state agencies, nonprofits, corporations and volunteers.

Although pre-registration has closed, eligible families can still register at the fair to receive free school supplies. The free school supplies are available only to those who meet specific eligibility requirements (must

be public school students pre-K through 12th grades who reside in the City of Dallas or attend a Dallas ISD school, and meet the 2016 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines). A photo id, proof of residency and proof of income are required to qualify.

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Dallas Police, Fire push for better pay

By Lucas Franco de Siqueira
NDG Special Contributor

Dallas Police officers and firefighters gathered at the Dallas City Hall this morning. They gathered to attend the city's budget meeting with the intent of calling attention to their need for more remuneration. According to a statement issued by the Dallas Police Associa-

tion (DPD) has been attempting to negotiate with the city manager, A.C. Gonzalez, without success for the past six months.

Now, after the tragedy of July 7, the Dallas police officers and firefighters believe it is the right time to push city leaders towards better salaries and benefits. The President of the Dallas Police Association, Don

Pinkston told WFAA reporters, "The Mayor and the city manager haven't made a commitment to public safety, so we have to go to the council and the citizens."

The city manager offered a plan to hire more officers and increase payments. However, the plan of better salaries are limited to apply only to a select group of officers and not to veterans.

Pinkston said the proposed payment plan would not contribute significantly in the present scenario, and Dallas police officers would still be behind many North Texas cities with it.

The starting salary of a police officer in Dallas is \$44,659, while the starting salary for Fort Worth and Plano are \$52,176 and \$63,757, respectively.

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offer from a bank, credit union or other finance source before setting foot in the dealership.

According to the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL):

- 80 percent of car loans are financed through dealers;
- At more than one trillion dollars, outstanding car loans are the third highest amount of consumer debt, surpassed only by mortgages and student loans; and
- Although borrowers of

color report trying to negotiate loan terms more than other consumers, they wind up paying more for financing.

A fact sheet on how to avoid a predatory car loan is available on CRL's web.

"Car prices are rising faster than incomes, so consumers are faced with taking on longer loans," said Chris Kukla, CRL executive vice president. "The CFPB's new guide rightly puts the focus on the overall cost of the car.

Lenders are taking big chances when making loans for 7 or 8 years – borrowers should think long and hard before taking one."

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As you face new challenges, especially with the condition that our world is in today, the fighting, killings, bad attitudes, hatefulness, road rage, etc., think of this story.

A woman died after living a long life. She met God and asked, "If man was created in Your image and created equal, why do people treat each other so badly?"

God replied that each person who enters his/hers life has a unique lesson to teach or learn. It is through those lessons that we learn about life, people, relationships and God. Then God explain.

When someone lies to you, it teaches that things are not always as they seem. The truth is often beneath the surface.

Look beyond the masks people wear if you want to

know their heart. Don't forget to remove your own mask to let people know yours.

When someone steals from you, it teaches that nothing is forever. Appreciate what you have; you never know when you might lose it.

Don't take your friends and family for granted; today is the only guarantee you have.

When someone inflicts an injury upon you, it teaches that the human state is a fragile one.

When you encounter people who are different from you, don't judge them by how they look or act; base your opinion on the contents of their heart.

When someone breaks your heart, it teaches that loving someone do not always mean that the person will love you.

When someone holds a grudge against you, it teaches that everyone make mistakes. When you are wronged, the most virtuous thing you can do is forgive the offender without pretense.

Forgiving those who have hurt us is the most difficult and courageous thing man can do.

When a loved one is unfaithful to you, it teaches that resisting temptation is man's greatest challenge.

When someone cheats you, it teaches that greed is the root of evil. Aspire to make your dreams come

true. Do not feel guilty about your success; don't let an obsession with achieving your goals lead you to engage in malicious activities.

When you are ridiculed, it teaches that nobody is perfect. Accept people for their merits and be tolerant of their flaws.

Hearing the Lord's wis-

dom, the woman thought that there were no lessons to be learned from man's good deeds.

God replied that man's capacity to love is the greatest gift he has. At the root of all kindness is love; each act of love teaches us a lesson.

God once again explain: When someone loves us, it teaches that love, kindness, charity, honesty, humility, forgiveness and acceptance can counteract all evil.

For every good deed, there is one less evil deed. Man has the power to control the balance between good and evil, but the lessons of love

are not taught often enough, the power is often abused.

When you enter someone's life, whether by plan, chance or coincidence, consider what your lesson will be. Will you teach love or a harsh lesson of reality?

Will your life have results in loving or hurting; in comfort or pain; more joy or sadness? Each of us has power over the balance of love in the world.

Use it wisely. Everything happens for a purpose; we may not see the wisdom of it all now, but trust in the Lord that everything is for the best!



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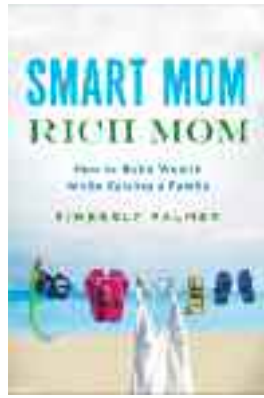
NDG Book Review: *Smart Mom Rich Mom* provides a fresh outlook

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Back-to-school time is almost here, which means back-to-school bills.

Your first-grader needs all-new everything. Your third-grader needs a certain kind of crayon. Middle-school requires three different notebooks, and everybody wants new clothes. You're not sure how that's going to happen this year, but with "Smart Mom Rich Mom" by Kimberly Palmer, you'll learn how being financially savvy can help your future.

Some years ago, when two editors of "a prestigious investing magazine" told money expert Kimberly



Palmer that women didn't read financial publications, she was taken aback. Women, she says, and "moms especially," make the majority of today's consumer purchases. Within the coming years, we'll "control two-thirds of the country's wealth..." You're

pretty wise, financially, but can you better harness that power?

Your first thought might be couponing. That's fine, Palmer says, but it's not all. Don't forget to take advantage of bigger financial boons, like signing up for flex accounts at work or putting money toward better-yield savings. Make goals, figure out how to set aside funds for long-term and short-term needs, and get to know your "beautiful old lady" self. "That lady is going to need some money" in coming years, which might mean "extra sacrifices today."

But, by the way, there's no need to be Draconian;

just be smart about little splurges.

Remember that kids cost money – more in the beginning, less later on – and babies don't care about designer clothing. As your children grow, teach them simple but valuable lessons by giving them an allowance and insisting they save some of it. Show them by example that happily-delayed gratification is possible.

Ask your employer if you can take advantage of flex-time. Know if opting out of work altogether is right for you, or if entrepreneurship is better. Educate yourself on investing by reading everything you can find on

the subject. Don't let your husband or partner take over financial reins completely; be aware of what's going on with your accounts. Talk to your parents about house-sharing. And above all, consider your kids: their financial security may someday depend solely on you.

No doubt about it: there's a lot to take away from reading "Smart Mom Rich Mom." Each page, it seems, is packed with useable, reliable information and good advice.

That is, as long as you have a well-paying job in place.

If you don't, author Kimberly Palmer doesn't seem

to have much to offer except that you need to "make slow and steady progress out of the troubles" you have, which isn't very helpful. Yes, you can learn how to manage money and cut costs with this book but if you don't have much money to begin with, you'll have to patch something together from what you'll learn here. Sigh.

Admittedly, that might be frustrating and though this book could still help, I think I'd have been happier with it, had it been more inclusive. Still, if you need a boost, an idea, or a fresh financial outlook, "Smart Mom Rich Mom" is a start for a good education.

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gather to celebrate the DC Universe at Valley View Mall before the midnight showing of one of the most highly anticipated movies of the summer. Come dressed as your favorite DC hero or villain, enjoy DC movies playing in the lobby, games, a photo booth and much more. If you can't make it to Valley View, check with your local theater – chances are they are having a midnight release party of their own. Just grab your squad, and bask in the awesomeness of the DC Universe.

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Saturday – 12 – 3 p.m. – Pokemon Go! In the Park – Firewheel Town Center

You've been hearing about Pokemon Go! non-stop now for the past couple

of weeks, and if you haven't already jumped on the bandwagon, now is your chance. Firewheel Town Center will be hosting a Pokemon Go! In the Park event this Saturday afternoon. Besides tons of pocket monsters to capture, there will be food trucks, cosplay, fun activities for kids and prizes for the team with the most participation. So whether you're an experienced trainer, or are just downloading the app to find out what everyone has been talking about lately, join in the fun at Firewheel. More details are available through the event Facebook page.

Saturday August 6 - 20th – Various Times – Anime at the Modern 2016 – The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Anime: it's not for everyone, but those who love it can't deny that it truly is a magical thing. Starting this weekend the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth will be screening a collection of family friendly Japanese

anime films in the Modern auditorium. If you are familiar with the genre, this is a great way to get the kids, your friends or significant other to come out and see what it is that makes you love this breath-taking style

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