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Dallas prepares for thousands of Houston's Harvey evacuees

By Joe Farkus
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Dallas is preparing for thousands of evacuees from the Houston area due to the damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey and the wide-spread flooding and rainfall left in its wake. According to various local law enforcement agencies, at least 10 people have been killed due to Harvey – the worst storm to hit the Houston area in half a century. An Associated Press report lists tens of billions of dollars in property damage, and one of Houston's top energy providers, CenterPoint Energy, is reporting more than 90,000 of their customers alone in the Houston area are without power as of Tuesday morning.

As evacuees continue to make their way to Dallas, at least three Dallas recreation centers have begun taking in those in need of shelter: Walnut Hills Recreation Center, Samuell Grand Center, and Tommie M. Allen Center in South Dallas. All three are currently staffed by Red Cross and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. As of Tuesday, only Samuell Grand and Tommie



Activated personnel from the Texas National Guard evacuate residents from flooded neighborhoods in Houston. Dallas is receiving a large number of evacuees as part of the relief effort. (Photo: Texas National Guard / Flickr)

M. Allen are still taking in evacuees. "When you look at what happened in Katrina, we had 28,000 individuals come to the Dallas area, and they were here for months," Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings told C-SPAN Tuesday. "Making sure we integrate them into schools, making sure we integrate them into housing – and medical needs is going to be of the utmost importance."

The mayor tried to reassure immigrants to not be afraid to seek as-

sistance, concerned their legal status will be an issue.

"We are not asking for immigration status or papers from anyone at any of our shelters. We are using every resource available to assist evacuees. Our priority is protecting and sheltering our fellow Texans," Rawlings shared via his Facebook page on Wednesday.

Due to the thousands expected to

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PO-3 NaKenneth Brown

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FORT MEADE, Maryland - A 2012 L. G. Pinkston High School graduate protects America from cyber threats as a member of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command.

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class NaKenneth Brown is an information systems technician.

"When I decided to join the Navy, I read the descriptions of available jobs and I like computers so it made



sense to become an IT," said Brown, a Dallas native.

Information technology advances at a staggering pace. Practically all major systems on ships, aircraft, submarines and unmanned vehicles are networked to

some degree. This includes most combat, communications, engineering and navigation systems. While connectivity provides the military with speed, agility and precision, it also opens numerous attack opportunities for adept cyber adversaries.

Brown plays a crucial role in defending against cyber threats in support of the command's mission to execute command and control over assigned forces in support of Navy or joint missions in cyber/networks, information operations, electronic warfare, cryptologic/signals intelligence and space. U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, through its oper-

ational arm U.S. 10th Fleet, ensures Navy and Joint freedom of action and decision superiority while denying the same to our adversaries.

"The U.S. Navy's success in cyberspace is necessary for all missions that our nation expects us to be capable of carrying out including winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas," said Vice Adm. Mike Gilday, commander of FCC. "While The Navy continues to make great strides in maintaining its technological edge in the cyber domain, it is our Sailors and civilians who form the basis

of our success. Their drive and creativity are critical to winning in such a competitive environment."

Networks are under continuous threats of attack by a broad array of state actors, terrorist organizations, 'hactivist' groups, organized crime and individual hackers. Motivations include personal gain, information theft, discrediting the United States, sabotage, political gain, denial or degradation of the Navy's access to cyberspace.

The future of U.S. maritime power depends on the Navy's ability to achieve their vision for cyberspace

operations, which is based on careful consideration of the threats, trends, and challenges facing the Navy in cyberspace, according to Navy officials.

Brown said he is proud to serve at the forefront of technology innovation and cyber operations, helping to protect America from threats around the world.

"I think the Navy has set up a future for myself and helped me achieve my goals," said Brown. "I enlisted with my cousin, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jacoby Tutson, a logistics specialist. He said we should join the Navy. I'm glad we did."

Briana Gilchrist

(BlackNews.com) -- My college education isn't something I take for granted. Too many people - family, teachers, mentors - jumped through too many hoops so that I can be where I am today.

The old saying is true: "It takes a village." And my village made it possible for me to intern with the Eastern Region Community Banking president at Wells Fargo, study abroad in South Africa, gain experience in organizational leadership, and ultimately grad-



uate from Rutgers University with a double degree in Planning & Public Policy and Africana Studies. Coming from my village has also made me all too aware that not everybody has

these same opportunities.

I can't recall my K-12 years in Newark, N.J., without including memories of a friend whose path often ran parallel to mine, and whose ultimate divergence weighs heavy on the hearts of everyone in our community. In the fourth grade, we transferred together from a local district elementary school to Marion P. Thomas Charter School.

I still remember how upset we were to leave our friends and transfer to this new charter school where we had to come to school earlier, stay later, and wear

uniforms. We begged our parents to transfer us back so we could be with our friends. After months of trying to convince my mother, she was still completely against it. But my friend Taylor, whose name has been changed to respect the family's privacy, had that wish granted and returned to our old school.

In the seventh grade I began seeing how our paths began to deviate. After eighth grade graduation I went on to the top magnet school in the city, while Taylor matriculated in a local high school. After

high school I went off to college and Taylor went off to work. Fast-forward, six years later, and I am beginning my career in Washington, D.C. My childhood friend did not even make it to age 24 - from my understanding, Taylor passed away from a drug-related overdose.

As I write this story I am not attributing my friend's life-and-death circumstances to the fact that we made different educational choices. Rather, I hope I am illustrating how a school that is intentional in its approach to investing in its

students can make all the difference.

I cannot imagine where I would have been had I not had the support of MPTCS while I was in middle school. The people in my school became an integral part of my village: They did not let me fall through the cracks, they challenged me, they exposed me to new things, and they did not allow me to give up - no matter how difficult the road got. They valued me, saw the potential in me, and worked to invest in that potential. My school commu-

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Dallas ISD responds to concerns from Black contractors

When comes to revenue, they promise you ten dollars and give you a dime. Been happening for years. Where is the justice.

-- David Moss
via Facebook



doesn't surprise me a bit - in fact I've been wondering wtf is going on in Dallas as I had known it to be a cesspool of racism for generations but the city's image doesn't project that at all. glad to see someone is speaking up about this

and urging action. it's especially galling that white males would put their businesses in their wife's name in order to qualify, having been an electrical apprentice years ago. I put up with incredible abuse and discrimination during that time and know how

entitled those contractors probably feel.

They aren't going to give an edge to a black man - if progress is going to come - it's going to have to be taken, either by legal means or otherwise.

-- Linda Wasson
via Facebook

Screening for Crown Heights

Seems intriguing
-- Earnestine Williams
via Facebook

Every injustice should be aired out to the world. I want to hear this story.

-- Tony L. Carr
via Facebook

Black Men Cares making a difference one school at a time

Hey great need more info.

-- James Turknnett
via Facebook

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A Way Forward for Black contractors in Dallas

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One of the things that people are talking about is the Regional Black Contractors Association (RBCA).

In addition, one of the things that people are tweeting about is the RBCA’s bold and beautiful Board of Directors, measuring their determination, growth and partnering every step of the way. From an inside look, the RBCA has clenched trust, fame, and respectability, with leading global corporations in tow. On board from infancy was a mentoring icon. H.J. Russell Construction is one of the largest black owned and most recognizable construction companies in America. H. J. Russell was a key player in building several renowned structures including the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. What makes these projects even more meaningful is that H. J. Russell employed black contractors to complete the mission.

The RBCA started with a dream, momentum and a strategic location, a truly intuitive move to an address on

Martin Luther King Blvd., so the world would be fully aware of ‘who we are.’ In NDG’s recent cover story Black contractors addressed their concerns regarding contracting opportunities with Dallas ISD.

The RBCA board consist of a dedicated team of “Dallas makers” with a set goal to decrease crime, wipe out the high unemployment rate and stabilize the community. Being cognizant of the high percentage of black men incarcerated in the greatest nation on earth, most important on the radar was a way to put ex-offenders to work beyond a pilot program.

Once in a lifetime, you will possibly witness a mecca construction makeover of a major United States city. It is affectionately called many things. A historic opportunity, turning challenges into opportunities, keeping pace with the rapidly changing business climate, setting industry benchmarks, an era where you can literally ‘bring your dreams.’ But at the top-of-the list is coalition building with college interns on deck. Without inclusion and fair play there is definitely chaos personified.

Let’s briefly share some of the coalition building. For the first time in history RBCA black engineers, and EJES, Inc., are building a freeway. Webber Construction, a strong supporter, and member, wholeheartedly joins the RBCA in their quest to hire black contractors and ex-offenders on the upcoming S.M. Wright US175 Freeway. Webber Construction has provided scholarships for youth in South Dallas and has set a high standard with other essential community programs. An alliance now co-exists with the black community and prime contractor through a Texas Live and Texas Ranger partnership on the new stadium.

Gerald Alley, principal with Con Real, a general contractor is honorably mentioned by the RBCA. Alley has personally raised the bar and the ability to hire, i.e., hauling, demolition and janitorial. Con Real has demonstrated the commitment of a higher calling and more general contractors will certainly start to emulate his style. To round out the coalition building by the RBCA, we mention Dallas ISD, where the previously incarcerated is already at work on construc-

tion sites, State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth SubCounty Courthouse and the massive International Inland Port, which is a story all by itself.

The RBCA has another side, that of giving back to the communities they work in. Their brand is part of the X-Offender Program in South Dallas partnering with the Community Development Project. Ask about individuals with felonies and the RBCA have answers to make you smile. This year they hosted the 14th Annual CLASSIC Golf Tournament. The home repair for senior citizens and disabled veterans is a high profile community act, especially for inner city residents. And with seniors living longer in their own homes, this act of kindness is near genius, because it is a pure promotion of RBCA’s image in addition to increasing public interest.

Follow the moves of the RBCA online (www.regional-bca.org) or drop by for a good cup of coffee.

Regional Black Contractors Association, can be reached at 2627 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., in Dallas or by phone at 214-565-8946.

Sharpton, clergy push for social activism

By Dorothy Rowley
The Washington Informer
NNPA Member

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Thousands of people, including a cadre of faith leaders from the Reconciled Church Movement (RCM), that represents various faith-based communities, joined the Rev. Al Sharpton and members of his non-profit National Action Network (NAN) in Washington, D.C. to rebuke President Donald Trump and recommit themselves to the fight for social and economic justice.

The longtime civil rights activist said the turnout of about 3,000 people, who participated in the Ministers March for Justice marked one of the largest-ever in-

terfaith gatherings in protest of racism in America.

“[Just] as [Martin Luther King Jr.] marched for 54 years ago, we are still marching for voting rights, health care, criminal justice reform and economic justice,” said Sharpton, who marched Monday alongside the likes of Martin Luther King III.

Prior to the peaceful gathering, Sharpton had expressed disdain over how the Trump administration has sought to undo much of the progress of the country’s civil rights era.

The nearly two-mile march, which began shortly after noon at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and stopped briefly for prayer outside the Trump Hotel before moving to the

Justice Department building, coincided with the 54th anniversary of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

Johnnie Green, senior pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Harlem, New York, thanked Sharpton for organizing the march before taking shots at Trump and other GOP lawmakers.

“We’re here today, because many of those who sit in the seat of power — the president, the Republican Congress and the Republican Senate—they’ve once again written us a bad check,” Green said. “The check written to millions of Americans—Black, brown, Jewish, Muslim and many others—has come back

stamped with insufficient funds.”

Rev. Marshall Hatch, co-chair for the Chicago-based Leaders Network, also gave a fiery speech, blasting Trump for what he said is an attempt to stop an investigation of “foreign meddling into our election.”

He went on to say that neither Trump’s recent pardon of former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio nor his “threatening of nuclear war and rumor of war,” via tweeted messages, pointed toward normalcy.

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Surpass Senior Living partners with ridesharing service

For many seniors in America, preserving their independence is vital to living a full, active and healthy life. This includes the ability to visit friends and family, get to medical appointments, and attend cultural and religious events when they want or need to, without depending on others. Surpass Senior Living, owner and operator of eight senior living communities in the United States has entered into an innovative partnership with Envoy America, the national ridesharing service for seniors, to augment its transportation services and provide residents with more of the independence they desire.

“For many seniors, preserving their independence is vital to living a full, active and healthy life,” said Sevy Gambbs, vice president



Tyler Hodgson

of operation for Surpass Senior Living. “Because of this, using a ridesharing service like Envoy America is becoming less foreign to them, and they now see it as a way to enhance the quality of their lives on so many levels including promoting family, social and community engagement to sustain and grow a positive and healthy mental outlook. We are delighted to be among the first senior living com-

panies in the country to bring Envoy America to our communities.”

Surpass Senior Living is piloting the Envoy America program at three communities, including Mariposa Point of Gilbert, in Gilbert, Arizona, Mariposa Point of Surprise, in Surprise, Arizona, and the Heritage at Twin Creeks in Allen, Texas.

Residents, their family members and caregivers

can utilize the safe, reliable, convenient and affordable transportation option at their convenience by simply requesting a ride through their in-house concierge staff. With resident safety a paramount priority at all Surpass Senior Living communities, Envoy America’s unyielding emphasis on passenger safety through detailed driver background checks, zero tolerance policy, exceptional customer service, unparalleled driver training programs and more was critical to deciding to partner with the ridesharing service. Envoy America can also offer significant cost savings for residents with rates that are on average 25 percent less expensive than taxi or other ridesharing services.

For Andi Dice, a resident of the Mariposa Point of Gilbert senior living com-

munity, the new partnership with Envoy America gives her more flexibility and freedom to take care of herself. “In the past, I’ve had to rely on more expensive and unreliable taxis to shuttle me to and from the grocery store or medical appointments,” said Dice. “Using Envoy America will likely save me hundreds of dollars each year and the added independence of being able to get around town when I want or need to has made all the difference in how I plan my days.”

“Our mission at Envoy

America is to help seniors stay independent, healthy and socially active – all without getting behind the wheel of a car,” said K. C. Kanaan, CEO of Envoy America. “Persons 65 years or older represent about one in every seven Americans — far too often this population can live in isolation and lack mobility and independence due to little or no transportation options. Our partnership with Surpass Senior Living is aimed at helping to improve the overall quality of care and lifestyle for their residents.”

Can this new painkiller evade the flaws of opioids?

Scientists have discovered what they say is a powerful pain reliever that acts on a previously unknown pain pathway.

The synthetic compound, known as UKH-1114, is as effective at relieving neuropathic pain in injured mice as a drug widely used for pain relief called gabapentin, but it works at a much lower dose, with longer duration of action.

Neuropathic pain, or chronic pain, arises from damage to nerves in the central nervous system. Among other things, it can result from chemotherapy, diabetes, and injuries to the brain or spinal cord.

If the researchers can demonstrate that the drug is safe, effective, and non-addictive in humans — a process that typically takes years—the discovery could be instrumental in addressing one of today’s biggest public health challenges: the opioid abuse epidemic.

Nearly a third of Americans suffer from chronic pain, yet the most effective pain relievers — opioids — are addictive and often re-

quire increased dosing to maintain efficacy. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, about 2 million people in the US suffer from addiction to prescription opioid pain relievers. Alternatives to opioids have their own drawbacks—for example, gabapentin (sold as Neurontin) can cause cognitive impairment in certain individuals.

“This opens the door to having a new treatment for neuropathic pain that is not an opioid,” says study co-leader Stephen Martin, a professor and chair in chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin. “And that has huge implications.”

The pain drug they found binds to a receptor on cells throughout the central nervous system called the sigma 2 receptor. Although it was discovered 25 years ago, scientists still did not know what sigma 2 did until now.

Theodore Price, associate professor of neuroscience at the University of Texas at Dallas and an expert on chronic pain, tested UKH-1114 on mice with nerve

damage and found that it alleviated pain as well as gabapentin did, but at a much lower dose (one-sixth as much) and was effective much longer (lasting for a couple of days, compared with 4 to 6 hours). This research is the first to demonstrate that the sigma 2 receptor may be a target for treating neuropathic pain.

Results appear in ACS Chemical Neuroscience. An earlier paper, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, describes the molecular cloning and identification of the sigma 2 receptor.

The researchers have filed patent applications on the new compound.

Much work remains to be done before UKH-1114 can enter the market. More studies are needed to demonstrate safety, efficacy, and oral bioavailability. In the meantime, the scientists are working to understand, on a fundamental level, how activating the sigma 2 receptor relieves neuropathic pain.

“We started out just working on fundamental

chemistry in the lab,” says study co-leader James Sahn, a research scientist in the UT Austin chemistry department. “But now we see the possibility that our discoveries could improve the quality of people’s lives. That is very satisfying.”

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Haynes appointed to task force on Confederate monuments

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings has announced via Facebook, the members of the Mayor's Task Force on Confederate Monuments. The group will be chaired by Frances Waters, J.D., of FCW Strategic Consulting and a former United Methodist pastor and church strategist. Ken Luce, of LD-WWgroup is listed as the Communication Advisor and Jennifer Scripps will serve as the city staff liaison for the task force.

The first public meeting is scheduled for Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Dallas City Council chambers. It will be recorded and broadcast in the

same manner as the other public meetings.

Task force Committee Members

Dr. Frederick Haynes, Senior Pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church was appointed to serve on the committee, who made news this week calling for a boycott of the NFL because of the fact Colin Kaepernick, former quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers. He appears to be blackballed by the league because of he kneeled in protest during the national anthem.

The task force list appears to include members of the business community, representatives from the historical community as well as art. Other members include:

- Buddy Apple, Attorney and Preservationist
- Jesse Hornbuckle, Photographer and Business owner
- Marilyn Mayse, Attorney
- Rene Martinez, Education Consultant
- Norma Minnis, Mortgage Broker
- Sara Mokuria, Associate Director for Leadership Initiatives, the University of Texas at Dallas
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- Dr. Ervin Seamster, Jr., President, Southwestern Christian College and Pastor
- Jo Trizila, President & CEO, TrizCom Public Relations
- Bravo Walker, Sculptor
- Bryce Weigand, Architect, Weigand Art & Architecture



Dallas continues to mull the removal of monuments commemorating Confederate figures such as a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Dallas' Lee park. (John / Flickr)

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nity supported me from the time I entered their doors, and the community stayed with me even after I left those doors.

When I wanted to go to a boarding high school, the founding CEO and superintendent of MPTCS took her personal vehicle to drive me and my mother to Connecticut for the interview. When I was ready to apply for college, the staff at MPTCS was more instrumental in my success than my high school guidance counselors. When I expressed that I wanted to be a doctor, the CEO flew me out to New

Orleans to visit Xavier University, because she knew this school helped get the highest number of students of color into medical school.

I stayed there for the weekend, and she showed me what life would be like if I went to school there. Not only did my MPTCS CEO - whom I now consider my mentor - show me what college was going to be like, she showed me what life would be like outside of Newark. It was because of my school and my village that I could have these experiences, and these

new expectations for myself.

When I ultimately enrolled at Rutgers University for college, MPTCS still supported me: I was a recipient of the Marion P. Thomas Charter School Foundation Scholarship for every year of my undergraduate experience. This was a part of their Crayons to College initiative to help their scholars to and through college.

The scholarship came with more than just monetary support: My alma mater held me accountable, monitored my grades and extracurricular activities, and helped me maximize

my college experience. They coached me through picking my major and understanding the real-world implications of choosing a major. They showed me different ways to buy or rent books, or how to exchange books with upperclassmen who had already taken the course. They helped me complete my financial aid documents, a process that was really confusing to me as a first-generation college student.

They showed me how to network and dress for interviews. They showed me that college was much more than just going to class. They helped me secure my

very first internship under the Eastern Region Community Banking president at Wells Fargo & Co.

And in 2016 when I graduated from Rutgers, they helped me find a job. It is because of my charter school that college became an expectation and a reality for me.

Motivation is what helped me complete school, and motivation is what I hope to impart to the next generation. So after I earned my bachelor's degree, I returned to MPTCS to give back to the village that gave so much to me, just like many of the other alumni. We volunteer at the school

annually to keep encouraging the students to apply to college. We help prepare them for the MPTCS Foundation Scholarship interview process. And we work with them along the way to make sure they have support as they continue through college. It's my small way of paying it forward in the village that has done so much to help me succeed.

Briana Gilchrist is a graduate of Marion P. Thomas Charter School and Rutgers University. She is the press assistant at the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

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arrive in Dallas over the next week, the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center's parking garage became a "mega shelter" Tuesday - able to house 5,000 individuals at one time. Some officials are concerned that simply won't be enough and are exploring other options, as upwards of 9,000 people are expected to arrive at the Convention Center this week.

"Right now, we're just focused on getting this cen-

ter opened, and then the state has asked us to start lining up other mega-centers. We may have as many as we had in Katrina again this year, and so we want to be prepared for those tens of thousands of people who come in," said Rawlings.

As the city prepares to welcome evacuees, various organizations in Dallas are doing their part to assist in the effort. The Perot Museum of Nature and Science near downtown Dallas is currently offering free ad-

mission to any family in Dallas due to the storm damage from now through September 30. All that is required take advantage of the Perot Museum's program is a photo ID and proof of residency proving one's residency in one of the counties affected by the storm.

How you can help Hurricane Harvey evacuees

There are also several ways Dallas residents can assist the effort to care for evacuees.

- The non-profit Trusted World is receiving donation items at their donation center

located at 15660 N. Dallas Parkway between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the week. Items needed include baby food, wipes, and diapers, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and non-perishable food.

- Dallas ISD is now receiving donations and accepting volunteers and is asking prospective donors and volunteers to contact Usamah Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Initiatives and External Relations, at 972-925-5477 or harveyvolunteers@dallasisd.org. Volunteers

are encouraged to first register online at <https://dallasisd.voly.org>.

- The United Way of Dallas is accepting monetary donations at <https://unitedway-dallas.org/harveyrelief/> and the Dallas Convention Center is accepting volunteer applications at <https://www.voly.org/>.

- For those looking to volunteer at the three recreation centers currently taking in evacuees, the City of Dallas is requesting people to contact 211 or the individual recreation centers themselves to find out what sup-

plies are currently needed.

- The Humane Society of the United States Animal Rescue Team is accepting donations at humanesociety.org/harvey or by texting LOVE to 20222, to donate \$10 to its Disaster Relief Fund according to Dallas CultureMap. The SPCA has set up a temporary animal shelter near the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center so evacuees can relatively close to their pets. If you are interested in serving as a short-term foster family for any Houston pets, please visit www.sPCA.org/foster.

Parents call for renaming Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee elementaries

By Joe Farkus
NDG Special Contributor

The debate over what to do with schools named after Confederate leaders came to the forefront during the Aug. 24 Dallas ISD School Board Meeting. Five Dallas schools are currently named after Confederate figures with Robert E. Lee Elementary and Stonewall Jackson Elementary serving as the most notable.

Many of the parents in attendance on Thursday applauded District 5 Board



Mary Parrish spoke at the Dallas ISD School Board Meeting on Aug. 24, pressing trustees to move forward quickly with renaming schools named in honor of Confederate heroes.

Trustee Dr. Lew Blackburn for successfully getting the issue of renaming these

schools on the agenda for next month's Dallas ISD Board Meeting. Blackburn has made his position clear on the issue: not only is he open to changing the name of schools that bear the names of Confederate leaders, but he is also open to changing the name of any school named after a former slave owner – that could include Thomas Jefferson High School.

"Kids have an amazing sense of justice," Dallas ISD parent Mike Koprowski told the trustees

Thursday evening. He went on to suggest that the schools in question were only named to "glorify and rebrand" the history of the Confederacy.

Dallas ISD high school teacher and parent of a Robert E. Lee Elementary student Adam Bazaldua echoed Koprowski's statement, suggesting the schools could be renamed after the 5 fallen police officers killed in last summer's deadly shooting downtown. To do so, Bazaldua recommended changing

the current procedure for renaming schools.

The current process requires schools to submit name change proposals by next April – and if approved by the Trustee Board – would result in a June 2018 vote over the proposed name changes. Some parents think that simply isn't soon enough.

"The time is now," Mary Parrish, a woman whose online petition to rename Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee has gained

more than 3,200 signatures in just over a week, stated. "The emotional cost to African American children is far greater than the financial cost [of renaming the schools]."

With apparent support from the trustees for the name changes, the real question is whether the board will favor an expedited process over the current one. Trustee Board President Dan Micciche has publicly stated he is open to either option.

Dallas ISD responds to Harvey by opening its doors to storm evacuees

In response to the challenges created by Hurricane Harvey, Dallas ISD is committed to serving any students from Houston and the surrounding areas. As soon as tomorrow, the district could begin to enroll students from the southeast Texas impacted by the unprecedented weather events.

Campuses will immediately enroll students who have been displaced and are housed with family, friends, in shelters and hotels. Uniform assistance and school supplies will be also be provided.

The Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center has been designated as a Mega

Shelter for flood victims. Students who have evacuated to this location and wish to attend school while they are in Dallas, will receive bus service to and from John F. Kennedy Learning Center, Alex W. Spence Talented/Gifted Academy, and North Dallas High School, depending on their grade

level.

Dallas ISD will not turn away students who may not have the required enrollment

documentation, including immunization records.

Of particular note, counselors, social workers, and

psychologists are ready to provide assistance to students who are in need of their services.

Cedar Valley College launches year long celebration of 40th anniversary

Cedar Valley College is celebrating a key milestone and invites the community to participate in special events scheduled throughout the 2017-18 school year. CVC first opened for classes in the summer of 1977. By the following year, Cedar Valley had its first graduating class – of three students.

"From those humble beginnings, and thanks to the first CVC president, Dr. Floyd Elkins, and subsequent leadership, Cedar Valley College is now a beacon for education in our region," said Dr. Joe Seabrooks, who is the fourth president in the history of the college. "So many people have contributed to where CVC stands today, and we are proud to be known as the place where the sun never sets on your possibilities."

The CVC celebration – denoted by the social media hashtag #CVC40 – began with the CVC graduation



Image Courtesy CVC

ceremony in May 2017. As the first ceremony presided over by Dr. Seabrooks, graduates received a special surprise – a Golden Ticket they could pass along to a family member or friend that can be redeemed for one three-credit class at Cedar Valley.

"Passing along the gift of an education is so very important," he added. "It's a gift that can translate into making a real difference in our community where poverty and other barriers

continue to act as deterrents to an education. We are committed to impacting the income disparity throughout our community and serving as the primary provider in the talent supply chain throughout the region."

The theme for this celebration is: "Celebrate. Empower. Educate." It was chosen to reflect the celebratory nature of the milestone while also emphasizing

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Operation Kindness provides support to the SPCA's Harvey relief

Hundreds of pets have been displaced following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall northeast of Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, Aug. 26, as a Category 4 hurricane. To help as many animals as possible, Operation Kindness is offering their support in conjunction with the SPCA of Texas and The Humane Society of the United States.

The main goal is to prevent overcrowding in affected shelters, as well as collecting food for the Operation Kindness Pet Food Pantry at their main location at 3201 Earhart Lane, Carrollton.

"We have teamed up with



A Texas National Guardsman prepares to load a dog into a military vehicle during a search and rescue mission following massive flooding by Hurricane Harvey in Cyprus Creek, Texas, Aug. 27. (Army National Guard photo by Capt. Martha Nigrelle)

the SPCA of Texas and The Humane Society of the United States to help ensure

that pets displaced by Hurricane Harvey will have space in local shelters to become

reunited with their families," said Jim Hanophy, CEO of Operation Kindness. "Our aim is to initiate our network of foster families to help relieve overcrowding in the affected shelters and to help find forever homes for the animals that are currently available for adoption."

Animal shelters in disaster-affected communities are seeking the help of North Texan neighbors in safe zones across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to provide shelter for adoptable pets coming from shelters in the affected areas -- specifically to make room for the influx of pets displaced by the storms and during evacuations. To help with this mat-

ter, Operation Kindness is mobilizing its network of trained foster volunteers to take in pets for two-to-four weeks, enabling them to relax and recover from trauma in a loving foster home.

Each animal brought to the no-kill animal shelter will receive a medical exam and behavioral evaluation before it is paired with a foster family. Animals that have a clean bill of health and are prepared for adoption will be available immediately.

The Operation Kindness Pet Food Pantry is collecting donations of pet food and kitty litter which they will

provide to people who evacuated from Southeast Texas to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and have their pets remaining with them. Current needs include:

- Puppy Food
- Kitten Food
- Puppy and Kitten Formula
- ID Wet
- KD Wet
- Cat litter

Citizens can drop off donations at Operation Kindness, located at 3201 Earhart, Carrollton, TX 75006.

For more information and to help Operation Kindness provide relief, please visit www.operationkindness.org.

AT&T Byron Nelson announces record net proceeds for Momentous Institute

The Salesmanship Club Charitable Golf of Dallas announced that the 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson raised a record \$6.8 million. Proceeds from the tournament will help continue building and repairing social emotional health for kids and families through Momentous Institute. The tournament has raised over \$155 million for Momentous Institute since 1968, helping to transform more than

100,000 kids and families' lives.

"This year we set out to make the AT&T Byron Nelson's final year in Irving our best yet, and to celebrate our long relationship with the Irving community and the Four Seasons," said Tim Costello, 2017 Tournament Chair. "We are grateful to the countless people who came together to make sure we raised the most we could for the kids and families we

serve through Momentous Institute."

The Salesmanship Club of Dallas has owned and operated Momentous Institute since 1920 and began operating the PGA TOUR event in 1968.

Momentous Institute directly serves more than 6,000 kids and family members annually through therapeutic and educational services. In order to change the odds for far more children

than could be served directly, the organization extends its social emotional health expertise by investing in research and offering training nationwide.

The 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson will be held May 14-20 at its new location at Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas. Find more information about the new course

and next year's tournament here.

The AT&T Byron Nelson is a premier PGA TOUR event, hosted by the Salesmanship Club of Dallas since 1968. The tournament has raised more than \$155 million over the past 50 years, making it the most financially successful charity event on the PGA TOUR.

All proceeds from the tournament benefit Momentous Institute, the nonprofit operated by the Salesmanship Club since 1920. Momentous Institute directly serves 6,000 kids and family members each year through its nationally acclaimed Momentous School, innovative therapeutic services, and research and training.

Construction delays at Irving Music Factory force changes or dates, venues

Due to construction delays in completing portions of the development on time and the assessment of the present status of the project, Live Nation has been forced to delay the opening of the Pavilion until Saturday, September 9. It is with regret that we apologize to our patrons; however, it is important that we deliver a first-class venue experience. We look forward to opening September 9, 2017, with a performance by ZZ Top.

Thu. Aug. 31 Dave

Chappelle changed to Thu. Oct. 26 at Irving Music Factory

Fri. Sept. 1 Dave Chappelle changed to Fri. Oct. 27 at Irving Music Factory

Sat. Sept. 2 Brad Paisley now TBD

Mon. Sept. 4 Lifehouse & Switchfoot changed to Mon. Sept. 04 at the South Side Ballroom

Wed. Sept. 6 Goo Goo Dolls changed to Wed. Sept. 6 Starplex Pavilion

Original tickets for Dave Chappelle dates will be honored at rescheduled

dates. We regret Brad Paisley could not be rescheduled at this time and more details coming soon. Tickets for the Lifehouse & Switchfoot event will be honored at the South Side Ballroom (General Admission/Standing). Tickets for the Goo Goo Dolls event being moved to Starplex Pavilion in Dallas will be reissued by Ticketmaster Customer Service or can be exchanged at the Starplex Box Office. Refunds will be available at point of purchase.



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Dino time in McKinney

From September 2, 2017 through February 18, 2018, visitors to Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, Texas will be able to let their imagination run wild as they travel back in time along a half-mile nature trail with ten life-size

animatronic dinosaurs.

During the 12th Annual Dinosaurs Live! Life-Size Animatronic Dinosaurs exhibit, these animatronic dinosaurs will move and roar, providing an experience sure to captivate visitors. This exhibit is included in general admission and free for Heard Museum members. Heardmuseum.org

PLANO
Plano residents reminded to be prepared

Hurricane Harvey is a vivid reminder you can never be too prepared. September is National Preparedness Month. Put a plan in place and be prepared for the day disaster strikes closer to home.

Here's a weekly road

map:

Week 1: Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends

Week 2: Plan to Help Your Neighbors and Community

Week 3: Practice and Build Out Your Plans

Week 4: Get Involved! Be Part of Something Larger

It's also a great time to build or update your emergency kit. Get instructions on what to put in your kit at ready.gov.

Win tickets to the State Fair Classic

As we say hello to September this week, football begins to take center stage.

The North Dallas Gazette will begin providing coverage of the Dallas Cowboys in our next edition with weekly reports from Dwain Price.

So, while that is new, it is also time to kick off an annual NDG tradition, an annual ticket giveaway for the State Fair Classic featuring Prairie View A&M vs. Grambling State University.

The game kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Cotton Bowl.

Since the 1980s, Grambling State Tigers and Prairie View A&M Panthers have traveled to Dallas during the State Fair to go head-to-head on the



grass of the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. The Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic is filled with great football for four quarters and a stunning battle of the bands during halftime.

For the last several years, NDG readers have had a chance to win free tickets to the game.

Keep your eye on North Dallas Gazette's Facebook and Instagram profiles for details on how you can enter to win tickets to the annual fall football classic featuring Grambling vs. Prairie View.

VA North Texas nursing team departs for Houston

The staff of Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center has been on the job continuously treating Veterans since Hurricane Harvey landed on August 25th. Help for this dedicated group of professionals is on the way.

Twenty VA North Texas nursing professionals are heading to Houston on Aug. 30 to relieve their peers in Veteran patient care.

The VA North Texas nurs-

ing contingent includes seasoned Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) from emergency, acute, intensive care, orthopedic, surgical, mental health, geriatric, extended living and spinal cord disciplines. The diverse group volunteered for the relief mission that will require service and selflessness within and around the austere conditions of the hurricane's

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CityLine's Free Yoga in the Plaza returns for the Fall season

Join CityLine for free outdoor yoga classes from Reef Point Yoga every Saturday at 9 a.m. in September and October, and a new Wednesday evening class at 6:30 p.m. throughout the year.

Classes will take place in the CityLine Plaza, located at 1150 State Street. Bring a mat and a friend! Children are welcome to attend as well. Classes are weather permitting, so be sure to check the CityLine and Reef Point Yoga Facebook pages for updates. Please arrive 15 minutes early and enjoy free parking in the CityLine garages.

Yogis are invited to participate in class themes and donation drives each week including:

- Saturday, Sept. 2: Labor Day Kick Off
- Wednesday, Sept. 6: Collecting donations for One Love
- Saturday, Sept. 9: Accepting book donations for Friends of the Library Richardson
- Saturday, Sept. 16: Collecting donations for One Love
- Saturday, Sept. 23: Ok-

toberfest - \$4 specialty cocktails at Tricky Fish after class

- Saturday, Sept. 30: Wear your favorite football team swag
- Wednesday, Oct. 4: Participants receive a free taco from Taco Diner in honor of National Taco Day
- Saturday, Oct. 7: Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Saturday, Oct. 14: Participants receive free doughnut holes from Top Pot in honor of National Dessert Day
- Saturday, Oct. 21: Wear fall colors
- Saturday, Oct. 28: Wear a Halloween costume
- Wednesday, Nov. 1: Accepting canned good donations for the food bank at Network of Community Ministries, Inc.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13: Cold yoga in the Plaza. Accepting hoodie donations for Hoodies for Homeless.
- Saturday, Dec. 16: Party at Taco Diner following class. Accepting hoodie donations for Hoodies for Homeless.

After yoga, stick around for brunch at Fernando's or

Tricky Fish. Breakfast is also available from Tom+Chee and Top Pot Doughnuts. Other fitness

class offerings at CityLine include Baby Boot Camp's STROLLFIT, a 60-minute class format for mom and

baby offered every Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Plaza, weather permitting.

For more information, visit citylinedfw.com or follow CityLine on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Labor Day weekend offers options for Dallas residents

By Joe Farkus
NDG Contributing Writer

With summer coming to a close, Labor Day weekend will feature a variety of different events for Dallas residents this year.

Dallas' first annual Riverfront Jazz Festival is probably the best entertainment value and star studded event of the holiday weekend. It starts this Friday, Sept. 1 and lasts through Sunday, Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day at the Texas Horse Park at 811 Pemberton Hill Road in Dallas. The festival will feature more than 30 live music acts in genres ranging from jazz, R&B, soul, and blues to neo-soul on two main stages. The event is sponsored by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters



Performers at TBAAL's Jazz Festival includes Ruben Studdard (Courtesy photo), Mary Wilson Sings in London at U.S. Embassy (Flickr/U.S. Embassy Photographer) and Najee By William Henderson aka darkfiber22 @ Flickr (Najee), via Wikimedia Commons

(TBAAL) with pre-sale tickets currently on sale for \$50, available at the door for \$60, \$125 for VIP seating, and general admission tickets \$135 for a comprehensive

weekend pass allows you to see as many of the 35+ performers as you schedule and preferences permit.

The Dallas County Democratic Party is hosting their annual Labor Day Picnic again this year at its traditionally held location – 4930 Military Pkwy in Dallas from Noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 4. While the Party will provide chicken and iced tea, participants are being asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert potluck-style. The event will feature Democratic candidates, elected officials, and clubs and is sponsored by a variety of Democratic politi-

cal figures including State Sen. Royce West and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

This year, the Dallas Arboretum is hosting a Labor Day-themed celebration over the course of three days. From Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Arboretum is offering \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats at its Terrace Café. Live music will also be featured including a performance by musician Corey Breedlove between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All events are free with general admission which starts at

\$10 with kids ages 2 and get in for free.

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science is also hosting a three-day celebration starting Saturday. In addition to extended summer hours and other exclusive discounts on offer, the museum will have on display daily science demonstrations and activities and as well the limited-time Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed exhibit. Through Labor Day, active and retired U.S. military personnel and first responders will receive free admission plus a \$3 off discount for members of their immediate families.

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NDG Book Review: Truth Doesn't Have a Side (plus Playing Hurt)

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Everyone you meet has an effect on your life.

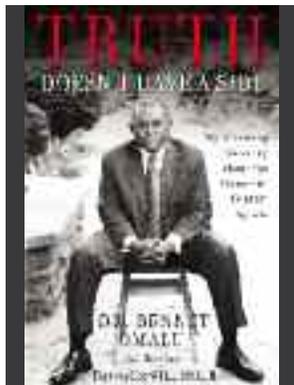
Somewhat, in some way, others change you: a stranger's smile lifts your mood. Kindness makes you happy. An injustice spurs you to action, making you someone else's change. Clearly, as in the new memoir "Truth Doesn't Have a Side" by Dr. Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb), a chance meeting could alter your path.

Sometime toward the end of 2002, Bennett Omalu met Mike Webster.

More specifically, Omalu met Autopsy A02-5214.

That was Webster.

It was a meeting that Omalu later said he wished had never happened...



Omalu was born in the midst of a bombing raid on the small Nigerian town in which his parents had taken refuge. Civil war didn't last long but it left its mark: Omalu says he was always physically small for his age, due to wartime malnutrition, but it didn't affect his mental abilities. Omalu's father, a self-made man with a college degree, insisted that his children be-

come educated; Omalu started school at age three.

He was an introverted child, a dreamer, and "lazy," but Omalu knew he could get good grades if he wanted them. The problem was, he didn't want them, until an older sister enticed him with money. His grades rose and he became a star student who dreamed of becoming a pilot – but Omalu's father had other ideas. He wanted another doctor in the family.

Unwilling to disappoint his father, Omalu entered medical school at age sixteen, with an eye toward going to America. Med school revealed to him that he was uncomfortable with caring for living patients so, by the time he emigrated, he'd shifted his focus to a

career in research. Later, he reached for a fellowship in pathology.

His first autopsy was unsettling, he says, until he recognized the humanity of the remains before him. As he does even today, he asked the deceased to help him understand.

And then he met Mike Webster...

So you've seen the movie, Concussion. You may've even read the book. So why read this one, written by the guy the other book and film are about?

If you've always felt that the book is better than the movie, you know why: in "Truth Doesn't Have a Side," author Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb) offers his own tale, first-hand, with a different focus. Omalu tells

readers more about himself, explaining how faith protects and drives him, and laying his success at God's feet. This, along with his detailed story, gives a clearer picture of the man who confronted the NFL.

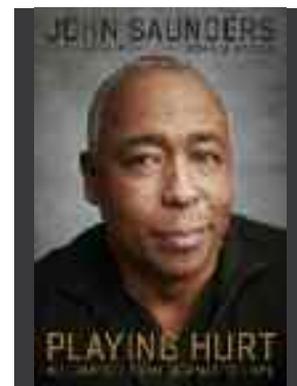
And that's where the second half of this book takes you: to Omalu's discovery, uncovering, his opinions and conclusions, and his battle for recognition, both in findings and out. It's this second half that may disturb football fans. It may shock parents.

It could change your weekends.

If you can handle that, then grab this elegantly graceful, informative bio-wrapped-in-science and have a seat. "Truth Doesn't Have a Side" is good, so

settle in and meet your next favorite book.

For another side of the subject, check out "Playing Hurt: My Journey from Despair to Hope" by John Saunders. It's a story of football and depression – something, coincidentally, that Omalu says he suffered from, too. Together, these books will have you glued to your seat.



Dallas GMWA Chapter takes show on the road to Atlanta

One hundred thirty-five members of the Dallas Chapter of the Gospel Music of America (GMWA) traveled to Atlanta, GA to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Convention of the Gospel Music Workshop of America July 22-29. During the weeklong celebration, eight songwriters who are members of the Dallas Chapter presented original songs in Mass Choir, Women's Division, Contemporary Adult Division and the Youth Division and four members participated in the Academic and



Administrative Divisions.

The Dallas Chapter was recognized at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet and received an award

for Exceptional Service in Ticket Sales.

Both, the Dallas Chapter's

Adult Choir and the Contemporary Adult Choir ministered during the Convention to the more than 6,000 attendees.

"I was thrilled to see so many Dallas Chapter members in attendance and actively involved in this year's convention. In the 22 years I've attended the National Convention, this was one of the best. The music was great and the opportunities to minister, fellowship and network were exceptional. If you have a love for gospel

music, I welcome you to join us at the next rehearsal on Saturday, September 9th," said Samuel C. Britt, Dallas Chapter Representative.

The Chapter's Adult Choir rehearses regularly on the first Saturday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Cedar Crest Cathedral CME Church, 1616 E. Illinois in Dallas. The Contemporary Adult Choir's next rehearsal is Saturday, September 9th at 2pm at Greater Peoples Missionary Baptist Church,

1300 Bonnie View Road in Dallas.

The Dallas Chapter is a nonprofit interdenominational multicultural association of gifted singers, musicians, songwriters, clinicians and music directors in the genre of gospel music. It also includes ministers, educators and business professionals who are joined together to preserve the heritage of gospel music.

For additional information, please visit dallas-gmwa.org.

Third annual Collard Green Cultural Fest set for next Saturday

The Collard Green Cultural Fest of Texas is coming to the South Dallas Cultural Center on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Started in 2015 and organized by Kwini Souleimane,

the festival intends to promote living a healthier lifestyle within the African American community by encouraging people to eat

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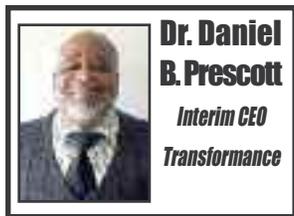
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Back-to-School tips for teaching kids much-needed money skills



Dr. Daniel B. Prescott
Interim CEO
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It's that time of year again: Increased traffic on your way to work, frantic parents searching for the right-sized uniform pants or the right-colored folder at the store, and sightings of yellow school buses, orange-vested crossing guards, and schoolchildren with backpacks in every color of the rainbow.

School is back in session, and soon we'll be back to familiar routines and old habits. What a great opportunity to make some new habits and start a conversation with your children about money. And you can even

use the cost of going to school and recent purchases as a way to kick off that conversation!

According to the Huntington Backpack Index, an annual report from Huntington National Bank and Communities In Schools, parents should expect to pay \$662 for elementary school children, \$1,001 for middle school children, and nearly \$1,500 for high school students in the 2017-2018 school year. In most cases, that's an increase in expenses of 68 to 88 percent from the previous decade. Tighter schoolroom budgets and higher prices of supplies are thinning everyone's wallet.

Of course, school expenses are only part of the issue. Simply raising a child, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, can

cost between \$12,350 and \$13,900 annually, money mostly spent on food, clothes, healthcare, toys and entertainment. While those figures are lower than two years ago, it's still a lot of money as you consider households with multiple children.

So where to begin? Well, the certified coaches at Transformance offer some sage advice to all the parents who walk through our doors or stop by an event booth. We talk about using a monthly budget or opening a savings account or enjoying interactive tools we've been creating for the past few years.

In one of our online workshop videos, "Kids and Money," our team offers three things parents should do when it comes to their children and money issues:

1. Avoid temptation

Yes, this is easier said than done, but if you can't show a little discipline, how will your children learn? The key here is to know going in that we're all hit with advertising messages whenever we turn on the radio or TV, open a newspaper or magazine, or drive to and from work. Our children see it even more through video games, YouTube videos, and online websites. Ideally, we should all try to find time to "unplug" and remove those temptations. But when they come up – and they will – here's a great opportunity to talk about the value of things, to find out what items in their lives do they feel are the most important, and how best to put a price tag on the stuff we see and use every day.

2. Face financial deci-

sions together

In the grocery store or at the mall, talk to your children about the differences in prices between items, the value of items they want versus items they need, or what items they see that might be worth saving up for down the road. Families that face financial decisions together often strengthen the knowledge of each individual for generations to come. Parents, talk to your children about goal-setting and use your experience to show what works and what doesn't. This ongoing conversation can often minimize disagreements over money issues and increase confidence in young consumers.

3. Teach good spending habits

Even if you're not always spending wisely, you know right from wrong and can

pass that on to your children. Encourage them to track where their money goes and think about how you both can make better decisions. Our coaches often talk to their clients about dividing monthly expenses into three categories: Keep, Reduce and Eliminate. The more of your expenses you can reduce or eliminate, the more money you'll be saving.

In addition to the tips and tools I've outlined here, you can also visit our website, www.transformanceusa.org, or check out a financial education program we have especially for younger audiences, Pocket Change Kids. Students all over Dallas are learning how to spend, save, and manage their money with this educational tool and you can learn more when you visit our website.

New York Life reaches \$50 billion empowerment goal in the Black community

By Freddie Allen
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NNPA Newswire

The New York Life insurance company recently hosted a panel discussion on bridging the racial wealth gap in Washington, D.C.

New York Life agents were in town for the company's empowerment plan summit and to celebrate achieving their goal of reaching \$50 billion in life insurance plans in the Black community.

The panel featured Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association; Reverend Delman Coates, the senior pastor of Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in Clinton, Md.; Darryl De Sousa, the

deputy commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department; Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad, an assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Howard University; Eugene Mitchell, the African American Market Manager for New York Life; and Jeff Pegues, the justice and homeland security correspondent for CBS News.

Mitchell said that he wanted people to know that New York Life and its agents take economic empowerment in the Black community very seriously, because economic disparities breed lack of opportunities.

"The root problem in our community is not crime, it's not drugs, it's not non-nuclear households, it's the economy," said Mitchell.

"Wealth equals opportunity and the lack of wealth creates hard times."

Mitchell continued: "We're bringing this tool of life insurance into the Black community so that we can use it like other [communities] have used it for hundreds of years and to create an inheritance and generational wealth beyond covering the cost of the funeral."

Mitchell said that, with the right policy, when a family member passes away and leaves \$100,000 or \$250,000 or \$1,000,000 that money can be used as an investment to help purchase a house, to fund college education, for start-up capital to start a business or even charitable giving.

"The understanding and conversations in the past have only been around bur-

ial policies and not tied to your value and worth," said Mitchell.

Coates said that now that New York Life has reached the \$50 billion-dollar goal, the Black community desperately needs a macroeconomic strategy that will help to preserve the value of that investment.

"We would be remiss if 20 years from now the value of that \$50 billion is \$5 billion," said Coates. "If we're going to address the racial wealth gap, we must address the macroeconomic mechanisms that causes money to be controlled by people who don't look like us, by institutions that don't represent us and that ultimately issue money as a debt in society."

Chavis said that if we want to bridge the wealth

gap, if we want to replace poverty with wealth, it first starts in the mind; it first starts in the consciousness.

"The problem is we don't adequately utilize the blessings that all of us have," said Chavis. "The truth of the matter is, our children are not born hopeless, they become that way. It does take a village to raise a child, but the problem is not the child, it's the village."

Chavis said that with the \$50 billion dollar economic

empowerment campaign, Eugene Mitchell and New York Life have shown that the Black families can instill wealth building into our mindset.

"We not only have to talk about building wealth, we have to show our people how to build wealth," said Chavis. "We have to express wealth building in our community in a way that people feel the emotional impact of pooling [their] resources."

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more vegetables and showcasing Dallas' best cooks and chefs. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Inspired by Atlanta's own Collard Greens Cultural Festival, the Dallas festival will also showcase local live jazz

music alongside African dancing and crafts. Music acts include Gospel rapper COC, The Coalition Band, R&B artists Stephanie B, Sandy P, Seven, and comedians T Bone and Michael Detroit Bowers. The MC for the event will be athlete and

actress Crystal Manning. The festival will also feature activities for children.

The festival's main attraction – the Mean Green Cook-Off – is a festival-wide competition for who can cook the best collard greens with the winner named either the Collard Greens King or Queen and awarded \$100.

All greens are to be prepared on-site at the South Dallas Cultural Center – not in advance of the event.

Participants can register for the competition at www.ckwinsouleimane.com/collard_green_festival.html or contact Souleimane at 972-897-3736 or cmekwini@gmail.com.

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The Confederate statues are falling, but economic racism still lingers

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Cheers to New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, one of the first mayors to take Confederate statues down and to make the strong point that these statues represent nothing but oppression. You should check out the speech he delivered, in May, at MarketWatch.com.

More cheers to Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh who had statues removed in the dead of night to avoid Charlottesville-type confrontations between racist White supremacists (also known as “good people” according to “45”) and those who oppose them. And though he does little that I agree with, in the interest of equal praise, I must lift up Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, who had the statue of Roger Taney removed from the Maryland state house. Taney was an especially vile racist who authored the Dred Scott decision in 1857. He wrote that Black people had no rights that Whites were bound to respect, and provided justification for enslavement, even as many in the rest of the nation were clamoring against the unjust institution.

As the statues are falling, economic racism is not fading. African Americans still earn just 60 percent of what Whites earn. We have just 7 percent of the wealth that Whites have. The unemployment rate for Black workers is double the unem-



Dallas is just one of many cities looking at removing monuments to the Confederacy. (Photo: QuesterMark / Flickr)

ployment rate of White workers. Even with equal incomes, Blacks find it more challenging to get mortgages or other access to capital and our economic rights are being challenged every day.

It is important to note that these statues were not erected immediately after the Civil War. Of course, Southern Confederates—a bunch of losers—were too broke to build statues. They were still trying to recover from the devastation of the Civil War. How did they plan to recover? They needed a captive labor force to work their fields, just as enslaved people had before the war. So they ensured quasi-captivity through intimidation. That need was partially responsible for the emergence of the KKK. They inspired fear, sup-

pressed resistance, and, through Black Codes and Jim Crow, engineered the near-re-enslavement of Black people.

Black people who wanted to leave the South after the end of Reconstruction had to do it in the dead of night. Black people, who had land, were often forced to concede it or be killed. The Emergency Land Fund, a now-defunct organization that documented the Black loss of land, indicated that Black folks lost as much as 90 percent of their accumulated land by 1970, at least partially due to trickery and intimidation.

The origins of the wealth gap lie in this loss of land, and in the intimidation that kept African American people in near-slave status in the South. Confederate statues,

and Klan activity appeared wherever there was resistance—during and after the reconstructions, in the 1920s, after the Red Summer of 1919 and the return of Black men from World War I.

Again, we saw the rise of this activity, these statues and these flags, in the 1950s as the Civil Rights Movement pushed hard for equality. When people talk about taking “their” streets back, what they really mean is they want Black people (and other people of color) in their place; in their economic place and that place, for them, is subordinate.

So while Confederate statues are falling (not quickly enough—there are more than 700 of these odious symbols still standing), and Confederate flags are waving less frequently, the economic racism the Confederacy established is alive and well. Just ask the young Black couple redlined away from a banking opportunity, or the innocent arrested person who can’t pay bail. Ask the Black student whose loan burden is nearly twice that of her White counterpart, or the Black woman who pays more, and at a higher interest rate, for a car loan.

Sure, we have come a long way since those ugly days of enslavement or stark segregation, but some power comes from the Benjamins. And, according to some estimates, it will take more

than 200 years to close the wealth gap. The statues may be falling, but economic racism is alive and well.

While I commend Republicans Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, John McCain and so many others for condemning their president for his abject and ugly racism, I wonder if any of them would be so forceful in condemning economic racism, or in advocating for reparations. Absent their willingness to do that, they can earn style points for their remarks, but they do not seem prepared to change the harsh realities of Black life in our country today.

I challenge those who would tear down the statues and take down the flags to show equal zeal in tearing down the walls of economic racism.

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Please see the following list of official CVC events associated with the anniversary celebration. It will culminate with the CVC 40th Anniversary Gala scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the college.

- October 13, 2017 - Gala Performance of "Cats" presented by the CVC Family Music Theatre (the start of a three-week run)
- November 3, 2017 -

Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) Sustainability Summit

- February 13, 2018 - "Tribute to CVC" 40th Anniversary Party
- February 28, 2018 - National Signing Day and CVC Baseball MAC Conference Game
- April 12, 2018 - Evening of Music
- May 5, 2018 - 40th Anniversary Gala
- May 10, 2018 - CVC Graduation
- Cedar Valley College’s

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- Dr. Suryakant Desai, professor of accounting, re-

ipient of the national William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award in 2015, presented by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Dr. Desai was the first faculty member from a Texas institution to win the award since its inception in 1982.

• National finalist in the Student Success and Corporate Partnership categories for the Awards of Excellence presented by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in 2015 and 2016.

Upcoming DFW area job fairs

Sept. 7 Arlington Career Fair

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the spot, and dress to impress. The fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Dallas Suites at 7800 Alpha Rd, Dallas, TX 75240.

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Sept. 13 Dallas Career Fair by CareerIntro

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Avoiding conflict



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Then Joab went to Geshur and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem. But the king said, "He must go to his own house; he must not see my face." So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king. 2 Samuel 14:23-24.

Many people hate conflict to the point they will never confront a wrong. Taking this path will only

lead to later hardship. Such was the case for Absalom and his father King David.

Amnon, also a son of David, raped his sister Tamar. When this happened, David was furious but he did not punish Amnon for his actions.

Absalom saw this as a terrible injustice for his sister. So, Absalom plotted to kill Amnon at the right time. He patiently waited for two years before he set up a situation to have him killed.

David was heartbroken over the death of Amnon and held Absalom responsible. At the same time.

David still desired to have a relationship with Absalom, but because he failed to address the situation with

Amnon when it happened, it led to more serious consequences in the family.

Absalom was banished for three years because of David's anger towards him which allowed seeds of resentment to grow in his heart. Absalom then conspired to overthrow David's kingdom.

It is imperative to confront problems when they arise no matter how uncomfortable it might be.

We are called to speak the truth in love. "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4:15-16.

Failure to confront in

love allows the enemy to sow greater seeds of conflict.

Is there someone in your life that you need to confront in love?

Make plans now to get with this person and work through the issues that divide you.

Ask God to let you feel His peace in your life today. God has promised peace, and you can experience God's perfect peace beyond all understanding in times of life that are just plain hard.

There is so much going on in this world, in our country, in our community; so many prayer requests and needs in my church

family; and needs in my own family.

Ask God to continue to touch us, have mercy upon us, guide us and protect us. Please help us to feel Your presence and experience Your peace in the midst of it

all. Thank God for being a loving and merciful God. In the name of Jesus Christ we should pray because He is The One who paid the price with His precious blood.

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