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Black Men Care meet and greet a success at South Oak Cliff High School

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

"It takes a village to raise a child," is an African proverb South Oak Cliff (SOC) High School, a public school of Dallas ISD, knows and understands far too well.

Black Men Care, a mentoring program designed for high school students, certainly has met the qualifications of becoming that "village" for South Oak Cliff High School. SOC is home to approximately 1,319 students comprising a 100 percent minority student body, with African Americans serving as the largest minority group on its campus.

Black Men Care, a diverse group of predominately African American business leaders, owners and citizens with a passion to mentor youth, showed up in great numbers to welcome the students of SOC as they kicked off the new school year. The students were greeted with high fives and applause as they entered the campus, a Meet and Greet initiative started by BMC to show the students of SOC that they are important and that they matter.

"It went very well and it was well attended. It was people there from all walks of life, it was a beautiful thing. I want these kids to recognize



(Left to right) Judge C. Victor Lander, Taylor Tyones and Rev. Horace Bradshaw greet students as they enter the halls of South Oak Cliff High School, along with other members of Black Men Care. (Courtesy Photo)

that we do care and that they have positive role models to look up to," commented C. Victor Lander, founder of Black Men Cares and Municipal Judge for City of Dallas Municipal Court, about the event.

"There were politicians, lawyers, educators, judges there; and to see those people lined up as there were over 60 people in attendance and for all of them to be there to let students see an image of success was powerful," states Derrick Battie, SOC educator and School Community Liaison.

son. The faculty and staff at South Oak Cliff High School have seen firsthand the positive impact BMC's presence had on its students.

"It is important for students to see and touch what success looks like and to see successful individuals who look like them and who have walked their same path," shares Dr. W.F. Johnson, South Oak Cliff High School Principal.

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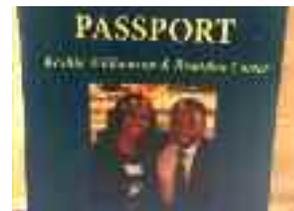
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James Page

James Page, President and CEO of Page after Page Office Solutions (PAP), recently became a member of the 2015 Society for the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. to help bolster the organization's mission to provide those who are interested in African American culture to explore and revel in this history through interactive exhibitions.

The Museum is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It



was established by Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the Museum has collected more than 36,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000

individuals have become charter members.

"African American history is a central part of the American experience," said Page. "I made a significant contribution to the museum because it is critical for us to share our story and our culture while highlighting the achievements of our ancestors."

Page has been building a nationwide and global presence for more than 30 years and has extensive experience in helping private clients and charitable organizations better identify and manage their business equipment and maintenance needs. His company has generated more than \$70 million in revenues

through equipment; supplies and maintenance contracts with hundreds of local governments, and nationwide Fortune 500 businesses.

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years at IBM, where he received the "Cut Complexity Award" for matching market demand to IBM's production schedules to ensure adequate supply without excess merchandise. He was then recruited by Minolta to spearhead the opening of a DC-area sales force.

Through his success, Page has cultivated relationships with the industry's biggest players, including IBM, AT&T, Hewlett Packard, Konica-Minolta, Canon, Sharp, Ricoh and Xerox representatives. He received Harvard University's "ICIC" (Inner City 100) (36) Fastest Growing Business Award, the Smart CEO Award (2010), and the Presidential

"Call to Service" Award (2012).

Active in the community, Page spearheaded job and Entrepreneur programs for returning vets. In addition to coaching Arlington County Little League Baseball, he has been active in Mason's Lodge #16, "P.O.W.E.R (People Organized to Win Entrepreneurial Rights)," and the financial literacy program for the underprivileged, a volunteer businessman for "Entrepreneurial Organization" (E.O.), a global business executive membership group.

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Patricia Williams

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

I don't often write about comedians, but the recent passing of my friend Dick Gregory reminded me of the very important role that comedians play in our lives. Not that Gregory was simply a comedian. He was so much more than that—a civil rights activist, leader, amazing speaker, holistic health practitioner, and so much more. It was in thinking of him that I picked up the book "Rabbit: The Autobiography of Ms. Pat."



Ms. Pat, also known as Patricia Williams, is a hot, relatively new comedian, who uses her dysfunctional, early life as fodder for her comedy.

Ms. Pat says that her

daughter frequently threatens to put her in an old folks home; she adds that because her daughter is only 14 years younger than she is, they will be in the old folks home together. Funny? Maybe. Tragic? For sure. After all, Williams had her first child by a married man, eight years her senior, when she was 14 years-old, according to her bio. By 15, she had two children, a daughter and son, by the married man, who was a habitual cheater.

While her story is not typical, it is also not unusual and it could serve as the foundation for some so-

ciologist's tale of pathology in the African American community (consider the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's controversial 1953 report on "The Negro Family"). Ms. Pat's story bears retelling, not because of its pathology, but because she has been able to find the humor in it. Ms. Pat's book tells her story so effectively that you don't know whether to laugh, cry, scream, or shake her. It's a redemptive story of a woman who, by 20, had been to jail for drug dealing (but not for using), had held jobs as a waitress, factory worker, gas station worker,

and then moved up to a house near a pond in an Indianapolis suburb, earning her living as a comedian ("They don't check your background for doing standup," she says).

While I haven't had a chance to catch Ms. Pat's comedy act, my half-hour conversation with her makes me certain that it's a hoot, just like her book. She tells her story, and she tells it raw; her first 12 years of life will break your heart. She spent her earliest years growing up in her grandfather's "liquor house," but when her grandfather was incarcerated for killing a

woman, she began living a near-nomadic life with her mother and her siblings. Moving every few months, her belongings in garbage bags, she endured hunger at home, ridicule at school, and, but for a couple of dedicated and giving teachers, she lived a rather lonely life.

She got into selling drugs because her baby's daddy sold them and got busted; at 15, she felt that she had no other way to support her two children. For a time, she lived large, but says she "grew up some" when she

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Confusion over Dallas City Council vote riddles Mayor's Confederate task force

what are the qualifications of the individuals on the committee? have any of them had historical training/education? are they going to keep an open mind or like Dwayne Caraway and the others on the council have they already decided that the statues are to be removed?

- PeterK

You want to know real "sanitizing"? The real purpose of this "Task Force" is to "sanitize" the foregone conclusion of all the misin-

formed members of the Dallas City Council.

Even the far-Left DMagazine points out that the KKK was down to a handful of members by 1926 – a decade before the Lee Park statue went up:

– Total waste of time and money.

-- Terry Hulsey

'Truth Doesn't Have a Side' may disturb football fans and parents

Question: Given that it's a scientific FACT (1) that too much ammonia exposure can cause #encephalopathy, and a scientific FACT (2) that the physicality of football increases blood ammo-

nia levels, and a FACT (3) that#AmmoniaInhalant use is rampant in sports (especially in the NFL, and especially to recover from traumatic hits/#concussions), why wasn't the ammonia connection ever seriously considered before determining that concussions, by themselves, are causally responsible for #dementia in ex #NFL players? Remeber, the "E" in "CTE" stands for "encephalopathy". And like I already said, it's a scientific FACT (1) that ammonia can cause encephalopathy. Soo...?

And can anybody name any other disease where it only took one patient with the condition in question to

both establish 1) that there's a new disease, distinct from similar conditions, to be studied and 2) how the disease was caused?

Good luck with that.

Even if you CAN think of one (I sure can't), can you name a disease that's relevantly similar where just the cause was so determined? Not Parkinson's. Not Alzheimer's. Not ALS. Not Huntington's. Not Minamata's. Not...

Get the picture?

#TruthDoesntHaveASide
-- Sean Murphy
via Facebook

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Dallas sleeps because it's good for business



Ed Gray
NDG
Columnist

In recent weeks there has been a lot going on in Dallas, regarding the Confederate monument removal. The cities response has been of a can do spirit. The reality is its businesses usual. If it's good for Dallas business we will move to act otherwise it's not on the business agenda.

Let's look at some city issues first let's be honest, the Dallas is about making money. The feelings and concerns of its underclass are irrelevant. If it will sell at the Dallas Citizens Council, or in the business corridors of Dallas, we can sell it elsewhere in Dallas. Whether it's privatizing Fair Park or removing a statue in a park, if it don't make no dollars, it don't make no sense, and I mean cents. Meanwhile, Dallas slept.

The Confederate Monument removal was not on the public radar when myself, researcher Edward Seabasta, and Dr. Michael Phillips called for the community to start a mass action to remove the equestrian statues. In stirring oratory on December 31, 2016, we called for Dallas to act. Three people showed up if we include the two police officers it was five. Meanwhile, Dallas slept.

Meanwhile, Dallas slept as it normally does. In a fitful slumber, it was awakened by other cities such as New Orleans, Baltimore, and Charlottesville. Meanwhile, General Robert E. Lee led a lonely vigil in Lee Park defending the Lee Park from modern day Yankees intent upon freeing African immigrants from getting married in the replica of General Robert E. Lee's Arlington House. Meanwhile, Dallas slept.

You see in Black Dallas truth be told it's not on the radar. The statues at Lee

Park and at the Pioneer Cemetery were not bothering the folks down south. The people down south were interested in other things, according to Facebook they were interested in fixing potholes. Never mind the potholes are basic maintenance and should be repaired anyway. Meanwhile, Dallas slept.

Dallas black politicians did not put it on their radar to address, while other black city officials across the country took a stand. How do I know? I asked them. It appears if their constituents do not make it a priority, they wouldn't either. Meanwhile up north, white liberal activists took a stand. Prior to Charlottesville, then after Charlottesville, they were really fired up. The Confederate Monuments would have to go. Meanwhile, Dallas slept.

Charlottesville occurred and then the bandwagon was assembled. We then saw our earnest politicians

take a stand. Great speeches, Great suits, Great words! No Action! We got to do something. I know what! Let's get a committee. A committee that will no doubt conform to current public opinion, a committee we will get behind because we can't lead from the front. Dallas are you awake!

Alas, Dallas has spoken, all the speeches have been done! All the editorials read, all the television commentaries viewed. Public opinion is what drives business in Dallas! If it's good for the bottom line, we will put our votes and hearts behind it! Dallas finds itself in the 21st Century. The Dallas City Council has voted 14 to 1 to remove statues from Lee Park, because after all Dallas has awakened, and it's good for business.

This is Ed Gray and this is straight talk.

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Another Side of an Important Question

By Joyce Foreman (Trustee District 6), Bernadette Nutall (Trustee, District 9), and Dr. Lew Blackburn (Trustee, District 5)



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These are the words that are inscribed on the old *Dallas Morning News* building.

On Friday, Aug. 18, there was a critical vote by the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees about raising the property tax rate, and ordering a tax ratification election to raise additional funds for Dallas ISD. Four options were made: a .02 cent "swap", with no overall tax increase, .13 cent tax increase, .06 cent tax increase, and a .02 cent tax increase.

The .02 cent "swap" was

the only one having been formally presented to the Board by the administration prior to the Board approving the 2017-2018 balanced budget in June. The tax "swap", which the administration preferred, and formally presented, would have yielded more than \$42 million for the district without impacting taxpayers. The funds were to be used for programming in our schools, and to fulfill a promise the Board made to employees of the district to provide them with a much-needed pay raise.

The *Dallas Morning News* editorial board wrote an opinion piece that was very misleading, resulting in many readers believing Trustees Joyce Foreman,

Bernadette Nutall and Lew Blackburn, voted to not give the citizens of Dallas the right to vote for a tax increase. This is wholly incorrect. We voted for two of the four options made available that night. Regarding the .13 option, Trustees Flores, Blackburn, Foreman, and Nutall voted against it. Regarding the .06 option, Trustees Blackburn, Foreman, and Nutall voted against it. For the .02 cent "swap" Trustees Blackburn, Foreman, and Nutall voted in favor. For the .02 cent tax increase, Trustees Flores, Solis, and Marshall voted against it. We supported both of the .02 options, either of which would have gone to the voters as a TRE.

We voted against the .06 and the .13 proposal because both would have resulted in the district being pushed into a tax recapture designation (Robin Hood). This designation once imposed will not go away, meaning that for every dollar collected from the tax increase, approximately .30 cents would be sent to the state, and not used in Dallas ISD. With the .06 tax increase, the District would have paid more than 13 million local tax dollars to the State. The .13 cent tax increase would have sent more than 38 million local tax dollars to the State. We also ask your readership to reflect on the 2015 bond election in which the Board promised that Dallas ISD would not raise taxes.

In what was touted as a cost saving move, the district paid \$47 million cash for a building to house administrators that had a taxable value less than half of that amount. The building needs

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Sexy, sculpted arms in time for holiday dress season

By Sloane Davis

We usually think of summer when bearing our bathing suits and tank tops, but the Holidays are approaching and we will be getting dressed in our holiday formal wear which will be baring our arms as well – not to mention Fall wedding season! We all want to look our best regardless of what time of the year it is, and it's true that there is no "season" for getting into shape. We must maintain our healthy and fit lifestyle all year long if we really want to see results.

With that being said, we have a little over 3 months to get those arms looking sexy and sculpted and that is more than enough time! So if you follow these exercises you are sure to go into the holiday season with a bang sporting that sexy dress or top that you plan on wearing!

My favorite part of the body and the area that most people will see are the



shoulders! And the good part about sculpting sexy shoulders is that you don't need heavy weight, a gym or any fancy equipment. If you have dumbbells in the house or go to a gym, fantastic! But if you don't grab water bottles, or anything with a bit of weight that you can hold in your hands.

Some of my favorite shoulder exercises are:

- Side Lateral Raises - start with weight in front of your thighs and lift out to the side. Do not lift the weights past your shoulders and the weights should be

in your peripheral vision, a V shape, not hyper-extended out to the side.

- Front Raises - take the weights and extend them out to the front. Again, don't lift higher than shoulder height. Elbows should not be locked but keep arms straight. Legs should be a few inches apart for stability.

- Seated Shoulder Presses - sit on a back supported chair and press the weights above your head. Palms should be facing out. This is great for your core too as sitting engages it a bit more.

- Training triceps is also a great idea. Triceps are those "bat wings" that most women love to hate. While many people focus on the biceps, the triceps are a much larger muscle. So if we can begin to grow the triceps your arms will take on a much more toned shape as they are located on the outside of the arm.

Tricep exercises include:

- Overhead Extension - place dumbbell directly over your head, holding with both hands. Bend just the top portion of your arm (elbow to wrist) back. This is a very isolated move so your back should not move in any way.

- Tricep Kickbacks - get into a lunge position and lean forward holding on to something if you need to. Your chest should be leaning forward and you will start with holding your arm straight with dumbbell in hand. Bend the top part of your arm (elbow to wrist) in and squeeze the tricep when extending out.

Your back is always important to train and build muscle on. The goal is to widen your back so that you create the illusion of a smaller waist. While we don't get to see our own backs very often, it is extremely flattering to have a sculpted, toned back. All sorts of rowing exercises are excellent for building muscle in your back. Because our back has much larger muscles than our shoulders and triceps, we are able to push a bit heavier weight. Don't be afraid to test your strength! You

are much stronger than you think!

Back exercises include:

- Arm Row 1 - place a leg up, knee on bench (or ottoman or chair at home), leaning forward, row with the dumbbell in the opposite hand. You never want to be leaning over - chest should be pointed out and butt should be out. Good form is very important!

- Arm Row 2 - Bend your knees, push chest out and butt back, and row both arms simultaneously. Arms should come down all the

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went to jail, and had time to think about the direction of her life. Jail didn't stop her from dealing—she kept it up until well after she met her current husband. While she was committed to stop selling drugs, she couldn't find work, until one of her social workers remarked that she'd make a great comedian. Why? "Because things that other people find tragic are funny to me," she says. "When my sister-in-law died in the middle of an Atlanta Falcons' game, I burst into tears. I don't know if I was crying, because she died or because she never got to see the Falcons finish losing that game."

Ms. Pat says she stays out of politics and "tries to stay neutral." Still, she manages to make a few pithy, funny political comments. She likens Confederate flag wavers to Cleveland Browns fans when she says, "They are used to losing. They are serious about their losing

team." She won't say much about the current occupant of the White House ("look, I want to sell books"), but she does note that he has caused, "regular Black folks to start reading the [newspaper]. I never used to read The New York Times, but I have to keep up with him." And, she notes that her family Christmas cruise was cancelled, thanks to the 2016 election; "I was not getting on a boat with that fool in office," she quips.

While Ms. Pat avoids political talk, her story can have an impact on public policy. How do young mothers support their kids, if they are too young for a work permit? How can offenders support themselves, if they can't find work because of their criminal record? Why are there so many resources now available for opiate addicts, when so few were available for those who were addicted to crack cocaine?

Ms. Pat said that, when

she was child no one told her that she was loved.

"So, now I love everybody," she says.

The woman has a heart of gold. Not only did she raise her own children, she took on the responsibility of raising four more young children that belonged to her sister who was struggling with drug addiction.

While the situation may be tragic, it is fodder for more comedy for Ms. Pat.

Ms. Pat calls her 31 and 30 year-old, who her "Medicaid kids" and her 17 year-old and a 19 year-old that she has with her current husband, her "Blue Cross kids."

Some have called her "The Black Roseanne," because she has a sitcom in the works (produced by Lee Daniels). I just call her funny, poignant, and blunt.

Like Dick Gregory, Ms. Pat, uses comedy to blunt the outrage of tragedy.

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Feed Children Everywhere effort coming on Sept. 10

Organizers of an upcoming event hopes to yield 100,000 bagged meals

The Richardson Interfaith Alliance, in partnership with The Richardson Chamber, is hoping to prepare 100,000 meals to distribute in the community and internationally. We need your help to make it happen.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, a Feeding Children Everywhere meal bagging event will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center. Individuals from local houses of worship, corporate entities, non-profit organizations and neighborhoods are needed



to make a local as well as international impact on hunger.

"The wonderful thing about this event is that all ages can participate. Last year our kids learned about the needs that were being

addressed, and they could see the fruits of their work as those bags of food piled up," said Saint Luke's Lutheran Church Reverend Kristine Totzke. "The added bonus was that we joined in this activity with a diverse

group of people from various faiths. This was a fun activity, an educational opportunity, an excellent service project, and a great relationship-building event!"

photo: Revathi Srinath, a member of the Hindu Temple Society, along with Saint Luke's Lutheran Church Reverend Kristine Totzke on the right.

How you can help

People - Employees and their families are encouraged to join us to help prepare the meals.

- Each timeslot is approximately one-hour long.

- Approximately 250 volunteers are needed each

hour (1000 for the day).

- Individuals of all ages are welcome to participate (including children).

- Participants may sign up by visiting www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/richardson2017.

Donations - Organizations and Individuals are encouraged to consider making a financial contribution to help raise \$25,000 to assure a successful event.

- Donations may be made by visiting www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/richardson2017.

- Event & Table Sponsor Level donations can be made there, as well.

- Any monies collected

over the \$25,000 will be donated to a local charity focused on hunger.

On Sept. 10, join us in this act of service in honor of those dedicated men and women who work tirelessly to assure our safety and well-being each and every day. First responders and the military will be recognized at the beginning of the event.

Help stomp out hunger one meal at a time. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Charlie Barker, RIA Compassionate Action Committee Leader, at 972-835-2843 or burnerb2@gmail.com.

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over \$14 million to make it viable for district staff. That's \$61 million the district is not collecting interest or investment income on. The district has sold prime property for far less than its market value. There was a marketing campaign that touted that most funds from a .13 cent increase would be spent in our individual districts. While

that may seem admirable, there was no guarantee the schools would have received the funds, after presenting a proposal, that required several levels of approval. Also, this was marketed without regard for federal comparability guidelines, which requires that student funding be comparable to similar schools throughout the dis-

trict.

We thank those who have provided an outpouring of support for us, and we hope to have at least provided clarity regarding the Board's actions. Even though some may disagree about our vote that night, please understand that we always strive to act in the best interests of children, while being good stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to the Board.

El Centro College to host open house/mini health fair

El Centro College's Center for Corporate Training and Wellness is hosting an Open House/Mini Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Check out our state-of-the-art cardio and resistance equipment. Participate in FREE group fitness demos-

start every hour. Low cost Flu Shots, Shingles, Hepatitis A/B, Tetanus vaccines will be available. Blood Pressure/Spinal Screenings...

Representatives from these companies will be present at the fair. Group Classes being offered during

the Open House: (9am) Foam Rolling Stretch Therapy, Cardio Conditioning, Yoga; (10am) Cardio Conditioning, TRX; (11am) Awareness Through Movement, Spin.

For questions or to register for a FREE Group Class call 214-860-2607

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"When you came in the building you felt the warmth, the love and the encouragement from the people that were participating. It was a great, great way to start the school and the kids enjoyed it," advises South Oak Cliff PTO President and parent, Pastor Mattie Johnson.

According to a 2002 study conducted by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, which examined the relationships between role model characteristics, psychosocial functioning and health-risk behaviors, found 56 percent of adolescences identified better with role models and those who identified with role models they knew on a personal basis showed higher levels of self-esteem and stronger academics.

"Children need your presence, not your presents," states Battie regarding the value and importance of having mentorship pro-

grams like Black Men Care.

As an educator, Battie understands how powerful the image that Black Men Care provides and how that image of successful African American men can serve as a vital tool in inspiring and motivating students to believe they can also achieve that same type of success; especially those students South of Interstate 35 who may not see those images displayed on a regular basis.

"We want them to see us in our suits and let them know you can make it and all you have to do is put forth the effort," he adds.

The concept behind BMC to provide mentoring, coaching, and support to students within DISD is gaining a lot of traction within the Metroplex and it is exactly what Judge Lander is hoping will continue to happen as more schools become aware of the program and its mission.

One core value each vol-



unteer shares among those affiliated with BMC is their desire to give back to the community. The hope is that by giving back they can help eradicate some of the societal ills perplexing many minority children, young males respectively; living in vulnerable communities where they are at a greater risk of choosing a life of crime.

BMC is committed to being a catalyst for change through its mentoring program with the desired outcome of providing students with positive role models to emulate throughout their high school tenure.

"Black Men Care has

been vital to the students, especially the male students because a lot of those kids that are male do not have a male presence in their life, so to see those men {BMC} come in with leadership ability and some of them come from the same situation as some of the male students; and to see the outcome these men {BMC} have created for themselves is encouraging to them." explains Johnson on the unique way Black Men Care is able to appeal to the male students of SOC.

Black Men Care wants to implement this program to other high schools within Dallas ISD and possible in

the future bring the program to middle and elementary schools within Dallas. With over 35 high schools in DISD, BMC has the potential to reach and make a difference in the lives of thousands of high school students.

"My intent is to have representatives where they can go visit and try to go to every high school on a monthly basis in Dallas, as that is my short-term goal," explains Lander with respect to his vision of extending the program to more high schools for this current school year.

Lander hopes to be able to send between three to five

BMC volunteers to the various high schools to broaden their presence and impact throughout the District.

His vision is to provide one-on-one mentoring to providing classroom presentations and school assemblies; along with providing consultation for students on various topics ranging in career opportunities, life skills, interpersonal/social skills in addition to other topics that will help students achieve success.

Those interested in learning more about upcoming volunteer opportunities and/or provide mentoring in the areas of teaching students how to dress for success as well as donate business attire for students who need clothing for interviews can visit as well as like the Black Men Care Facebook page: www.facebook.com/search/top?q=black%20man%20care and post a comment on how you would like to assist and/or volunteer.

Entry-level career program launched to benefit graduating Black college students

A partnership has been announced between Merck, a global biopharmaceutical company known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, and HBCU-Connect.com, the largest social network and career site targeting the students, faculty, and alumni from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The partnership is designed to introduce graduating seniors (and graduate students) from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to Merck's Leadership Development Program. The Leadership Development Program is an entry-level program designed to act as a conduit for emerging talent to train for leadership positions of increasing responsibility and visibility within key divisions of Merck's business.



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"Merck is a great company with great opportunities. They just needed a channel to communicate these excellent opportunities to the many talented students emerging from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities," said Will Moss, founder and CEO of HBCUConnect.com. "These are the types of opportunities that are especially important for us to communicate within the

African American and HBCU community, because they are opportunities that transform into leadership positions within a global company!"

HBCUConnect.com will host a free webinar on Friday, September 8th for interested candidates and HBCU faculty and staff members interested in spreading the word.

Webinar Details

Friday, September 8th @

12pm
 Webinar Link -
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More About the Merck Leadership Development Program

Merck is looking for HBCU Students primarily graduating in December of 2016 and May of 2017 as the program will start in the summer of 2017, however, recent graduates interested in learning more about the program are also encouraged to apply.

The Leadership Development Program is designed for candidates with the following majors:

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Founded in 1999, HBCU-Connect.com, is the first and largest media outlet targeted towards the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) community. Boasting over 1.5 million registered members and encompassing a complete web portal, magazine, recruiting engine, social networking site, forums, blogs, news feeds and shopping, HBCU-Connect.com serves the needs of HBCU aspirants, students, alumni, faculty and staff by providing a single destination and launching point for the entire diaspora.

Texas Exes Black Alumni Network to honor trailblazers at Legacy dinner

The Texas Exes Black Alumni Network (The Network) will tip its hat to three outstanding titans of industry, community activists and educational advocates at the group's annual Legacy Dinner Friday at the University of Texas @ Austin.



Pictured above (left to right) Alshare Hughes, Henry Keculah and Lonnie Fogle. (Courtesy photos)

The Network will present its Young Alumnus, Unsung Service and Alumnus of the Year awards to Houston educational consultant Henry Keculah, Jr; Dallas community activist and minister Alshare Hughes; and Houston community leader and retired engineer Lonnie Fogle.

"The Black Alumni Network is honored to recognize these individuals for their trailblazing contributions to their professional fields and communities as well as for their continued support and commitment to UT," said

Network President Stephanie Johnson. "They truly personify the Longhorn spirit."

Young Alumnus of the Year Awardee – Henry Kopia Keculah Jr. graduated

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Kick the school year off with a peanut butter donation

Help fight hunger here at home with a donation to the 4th Annual Plano Peanut Butter Drive.

The Mayor and City Council have partnered with the North Texas Food Bank to help our hungry Plano children and families. Our goal is to collect 30,000 pounds of peanut butter. Help by donating plastic jars of regular-sized peanut butter throughout September. The three drop-off locations are:

- Davis Library, 7501-B Independence Pkwy.
- Plano Municipal Center,



1520 K Ave.

- Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 W. Parker Rd.

The 4th Annual Peanut Butter Drive not only supports Plano families, but it also helps replenish the

North Texas Food Bank. The warehouse is stocking extra ready-to-eat food during a critical time as the food bank responds to Hurricane Harvey. Donations provide assistance to evacuees and local families who are hous-

ing displaced family and friends affected by Hurricane Harvey. Get details on

drop-off locations and jar requirements at plano.gov. Results will be announced

in mid-October. Help us share the message with #SpreadTheHopePlano!



New Whole Foods Market location to open Sept. 28 in Las Colinas

Whole Foods Market will open its fourteenth Dallas-Fort Worth area store in the Las Colinas community on Thursday, September 28. The opening day celebration will begin at 8 a.m. and shoppers will be greeted with an array of product demonstrations and samples.

The community is invited

to join Whole Foods Market for a soft opening pre-shop event on Tuesday, September 26, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ten percent of sales from the pre-shop will benefit local nonprofit Irving Cares, an organization that provides focused assistance for Irving residents when addressing financial crisis.

For event details and to RSVP visit www.wfmlascolinaspreshop.eventbrite.com.

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way, and back up to a rowing motion. Do not round back or bend over.

• Renegade Row - Get into a push-up position with hands holding dumbbells and row. This is great core work as well while building muscles in your back.

Perform 3-5 sets of 10-15 reps for all of these. It's important to always add progression to your workouts. So if you can only do 3 sets of 10 reps the first time, aim for 11 reps the 2nd time! When you reach a 12 reps, it's time to move on to 4 sets! We must always push our muscles out of their comfort zones! Remember,

muscles grow when they are fed and rested.

So be sure to include a healthy, nutritious diet into your lifestyle so you can reap all the benefits!

So as you can see, all of these exercises can be done at home, at your own leisure and convenience.

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City Briefs

DALLAS

African American Leadership Institute Fall Policy Summit

Elizabeth Frizell will be a panelist (along with the other DA candidates) at The 2nd Annual AALI Fall Policy Summit. COME SUPPORT FRIZELL Saturday, Sept. 9 Paul Quinn College 3837 Simpson Stuart Road Dallas, Texas 75241 8 a.m. - 1:30 pm The panel discussion is from Noon 1:30 pm

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A healthy pet is a happy pet! Throughout September, take advantage of low-cost pet vaccination clinics hosted by Garland Pawabilities and Garland Animal Services. Clinics will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 7, 14, 20 and 21 at the Garland Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St. See a complete list of services at GarlandPAWS.org. For ques-

tions and to schedule sterilization, call 940-566-5551.

McKINNEY 10th Oktoberfest slated downtown

Step into your lederhosen and refresh your schuhplattler dance moves for McKinney's 10-year Oktoberfest celebration in Downtown McKinney Sept. 22, 23 and 24 presented by the City of McKinney and McKinney Main Street. This three-day event is a family favorite, offering authentic German food and drinks, entertainment, children's activities and fun. Patrons will feel like they are right in the middle of Munich and enjoy authentic German fare like bier, brats, strudel, pretzels and live music.

PLANO Annual Chamber Golf Classic

Tuesday, Oct. 3 | Check in: 11 am | Shotgun: 12:30 p.m. Canyon Creek Country Club (625 W Lookout Dr, Richardson 75080).

The 28th Annual Golf Classic is more than just a day of golf. Some of the biggest business deals and job offers are made on the golf course. The Chamber Golf Classic helps you connect with current and potential clients, suppliers, employees and employ-

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Board Room

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Ezekiel Elliott cleared to play for first Cowboys game

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports Special



Dallas Cowboys Running Back Ezekiel Elliot (Image: Dallas Cowboys)

That dark cloud hanging over the Dallas Cowboys' head because of the NFL-imposed six-game suspension to running back Ezekiel Elliott has been lifted.

Well. Sort of.

The NFL suspended Elliott for six games without pay on Aug. 11 for violating the league's personal conduct policy. A hearing was heard in Sherman on Tuesday on a temporary restraining order to block that suspension until the case can

be decided in court. But a ruling on that hearing is not expected until Friday. That means Elliott will be able to play in the Cowboys' regular season opener Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. against

the New York Giants at Arlington's AT&T Stadium, regardless of the outcome of the hearing.

Before Tuesday's dramatic court proceedings unfolded, Cowboys coach Jason Garrett went about his business as if he truly expected Elliott to play against the Giants.

"Zeke will practice until someone tells him not to, and the other guys will get ready to play," Garrett said. "I think Zeke has done an excellent job focusing on what he needs to do to get himself ready to play."

Elliott's ex-girlfriend,

Tiffany Thompson, accused him of domestic violence — incidents she alleged occurred in July 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. But after an investigation by Columbus authorities, investigators discovered conflicting stories by witnesses, thus no charges were filed.

However, later on, the NFL performed its own investigation into the matter. The results: Elliott was handed a six-game suspension last month by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Elliott and his attorneys appealed the decision, and

Tuesday capped a whirlwind day where, for now, Elliott will be able to play against the Giants. However, he still could be suspended from Games 2-7 — depending on what happens Friday.

Defensive lineman Tyrone Crawford said the court room drama put the Cowboys "through stress that we don't need to be in right now." Crawford went on to say: "Hopefully it works out well."

"We need him on the field, so hopefully everything works in his favor."

The Cowboys chose El-

liott with the fourth overall pick of the 2016 NFL Draft, and he paid immediate dividends. The 6-foot, 228-pounder used his exceptional power and gazelle-like speed to lead the NFL in rushing with 1,631 yards.

Elliott's spectacular performance is why he was named first-team All-Pro while also collecting Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

Had Elliott been ineligible to play against the Giants, the Cowboys were prepared to bolster their

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NDG Book Review: For some, *Soul Survivor* may be a hard sell

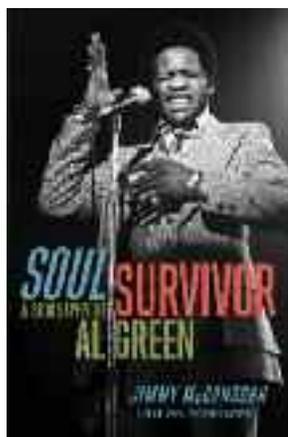
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Difficult.

We all know someone like that, who could charitably be called a challenge. Someone who swims against the current, who rubs people the wrong way, who makes you growly. In the new book "Soul Survivor: A Biography of Al Green" by Jimmy McDonough, ruffled feathers can come from surprising places.

Born to sharecroppers, Albert Leorns Greene (he later dropped the "e") entered the world in April, 1946, on the floor of a two-bedroom house near a town so small it barely registered on a map. Greene's family was church-going and always had food on the table but life was hard, and young Greene's father often didn't have but a few hundred dollars to last a year. Some people said he had a temper.

"Those who know Al,"



says McDonough," described him much the same way."

Even so, the family was close and singing was an important part of their lives. When Albert was still a child, his father assembled a gospel group with his sons, leaving Albert out of the mix. McDonough says that Al "watched with envy" as his brothers performed, and vowed that he would become famous one day.

He was a "different" child, a "sensitive" one, but determined: all he ever

wanted to do was sing and if he had to, he'd do it "on my own without anyone." Despite his set mind, Al was shy, and didn't make friends easily; a family move north didn't help.

After a successful second try at high school, Al Green scabbled to find fame in Michigan and in New York before heading for Memphis, a recording hotspot. He wrote songs and had a few minor hits, although McDonough says he was "an... idiosyncratic songwriter"

and had a "strange relationship" with the guys in his band. Still, what he had, "odd" as it was, worked: by 1972, he'd finally achieved his fame.

Today, the Reverend Al Green has returned to his roots, at his own church. He's supposedly reticent to talk about parts of his past, or about the women who came to him in lusty waves. He's, in fact, sometimes said to be reluctant to talk about much at all; he even turned author Jimmy McDonough

away. McDonough was able to interview some of Green's friends and family – or he tried to – and what he learned, plus what he gleaned from elsewhere, is the basis of "Soul Survivor."

Here, McDonough offers a level of respect and praises Green's musical genius, even as he interjects second-hand anecdotes of Green's quirks and conflicting stories. He says Green is "the crazy-old-coot uncle" who's perpetually unpredictable, which underscores a biogra-

phy that's interesting but shockingly less-than-complimentary. McDonough says he'd been thinking of writing this book "for over twenty years" but, based on narrative here, readers may rightly wonder why.

With the feel of side-whispered gossip in a dark alley, scandal fans may enjoy this book but, for others, it might be a harder sell. "Soul Survivor" is good enough, but wanting it on your bookshelf may be a decision that's difficult.

Bishop Arts Theatre announces premiere of 'In the Tall Grass'

Oak Cliff's premier theatre company, Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC), has modified its final show of the 23rd anniversary season to include *In The Tall Grass* (ITTG), a verbatim play by British playwright Paul Kalburgi. In the Tall Grass takes the place of BATC's annual PlayPride Series to bring awareness and a voice to the transgender community at large and will be on stage Sept. 14 -24.

The world premiere of *In the Tall Grass* is set to return to Dallas on the BATC stage after its 2016 R&D reading at the South Dallas Cultural Center. The current cast includes transgender actors Shannon Walker and Mieko Hicks double cast as Cindy/Tracee and as Imani/Letitia for this staged iteration.

"Transpeople are people with heart & compassion. This production shows the

real struggles transwomen of color face every day. [*In The Tall Grass*] is an opportunity to show the audience how they can relate to transpeople as human beings," states ITTG actor Shannon Walker.

BATC is currently one of the few theatres in the DFW area employing transgender actors to play transgender roles on the live stage. Recognizing the obstacles transgender individuals face when it comes to make a living wage, BATC welcomes the opportunity to provide a safe working environment to express themselves and represent their community. In the Tall Grass was written in response to the 2015 murder of a transgender African-American woman, Shade Schuler, whose decomposing body was found

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Inaugural class of DCCCD's ESL Entrepreneurship program graduates

When Hugo de la Mora immigrated to the United States 13 years ago, he saw a “whole world of opportunities,” as he put it, all around him. He started a job in the fast food industry; eight years later, he launched his own company, The Best Hot Dog.

De la Mora now owns several hot dog vending carts, provides catering services and has six employees, but he felt he could improve his English and business practices.

De la Mora recently graduated with the inaugural class of the ESL Entrepreneurship program, a collaborative effort between the Dallas County Community College District and the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The free program teaches small business owners greater fluency in English and basic business practices at DCCCD's Bill J. Priest In-



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stitute for Economic Development.

The ESL Entrepreneurship program was the brainchild of Gloria Smith, DCCCD's district director of adult education and literacy services, who said she saw small business owners struggle to access resources that are available to them.

“We saw this (program) as an opportunity to help small business owners who are non-native English learners,” Smith said. “They work hard and have the big potential, and the resources

we provide can help them expand and grow their businesses. We are teaching them how to run their business and also how to improve their English fluency.”

Smith added that she wanted to support small business owners by providing the right tools and resources so that they can create jobs and improve their ventures.

“On the surface, they look fine, but if you ask to see their books, they'll pull out a shoebox,” said Smith. “They don't know how to

structure their businesses. They don't know that they need to pay taxes quarterly. I want to reach those at-risk businesses which have great potential, but they don't know the technical requirements that they need to comply with.”

This partnership helps small businesses

Gabriela Carvallo, vice president of economic development at the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said the GDHCC was approached by DCCCD to put a course together that combined English as a second language with entrepreneurship. She added that some of the biggest challenges Hispanic entrepreneurs face include language proficiency, education and finance. In addition, many of those entrepreneurs are not technologically-savvy, so the program teaches them financial software.

“We have learned a lot about how entrepreneurs develop,” Carvallo said. “When we ask them to provide us with their financials, a general ledger or an income-and-loss statement, they bring their income tax statements. For them, that's how much they make after expenses. As a result, we try to teach them early on that they really need to have documentation to be successful and to be able to make decisions.”

Carvallo said the two-month-long program committed to having 15 participants in the first cohort, but they accepted 16, all of whom graduated. However, they also put many other applicants on a waiting list for the next cohort, which starts after Labor Day.

“As soon as we said we had a class that combined ESL with entrepreneurship, we had 37 RSVPs,” Carvallo said. “We already have

43 applicants for the second cohort.”

Rick Ortiz, GDHCC's president and CEO, said the idea was so successful that they didn't need to do any outreach in the Hispanic community.

“The demand is there, but it's also a matter of being able to meet the demand,” Ortiz stated. “We'd love to be able to help as many of our clients as we can, but we want to make sure we do it right. We don't want to do something halfway.”

Participants put their knowledge in practice

Diana Nava, who owns a financial services consulting company and who was one of the program's graduates, said she was an entrepreneur in her native Colombia. She came to the United States with “a great desire to succeed.” However, she didn't know how to be a business

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running attack by employing a combination of Darren McFadden, Alfred Morris and Rod Smith.

“We're ready for whoever is back there,” guard Zack Martin said. “We've got a ton of confidence in Alfred and D-Mac and Rod back there.”

Martin acknowledged that regardless of whoever is the Cowboys' running back, not much changes for the offensive linemen.

“Obviously (Elliott is) a very talented back and when he gets to the second level he does some special things, but so does these other guys,” Martin said. “So for us up front, nothing changes.”

“We still have to block our guys and make holes for the guys running.”

Dak not worrying about sophomore letdown

And the offensive line still also have to block for quarterback Dak Prescott, who additionally was very impressive as a rookie last year after being a fourth-draft pick out of Mississippi State. Prescott, who completed 311-of-459 passes (67.8 percent) for 3,667 yards and 23 touchdowns with only four interceptions last season, spent part of the offseason fending off questions about a possible sophomore jinx.

That is, players who have a spectacular rookie season, but somehow just can't get it together during their second year. Prescott described that analogy as hogwash.

“All I've ever known is hard work, and hard work pays off,” Prescott said.

“That's what I did in this offseason and what I've done every offseason in my career.”

Behind Prescott and Elliott, the Cowboys won the NFC East last year and tied the franchise record for wins in a season with 13. But they lost the divisional playoff game at home to the Green Bay Packers (34-31), and two of their three regular season losses were to the Giants.

While Prescott knows he's far from perfect, he admittedly doesn't focus on improving just one aspect of his game.

“I try to get better at everything at this position,” Prescott said. “It's hard to say I'm only going to work on this because then you're letting something else fall behind.”

“If I only work on my arm accuracy, then I'm letting

my feet down. For me, it's just about taking everything, figuring out ways to make it my strengths, and then continuing to get better at every aspect of my game.”

Can the Cowboys break Giants win streak?

The Giants have won their last three meetings against the Cowboys. That success came mainly because the Cowboys' defense couldn't hold its own.

That defense has its feet to the fire again this season.

“We're going to control what we can control,” Garrett said. “We control our preparations as players and coaches — and that's everybody — and you just go to work, and that's what we've been doing since we started the offseason program.”

“Obviously it's a real big challenge against the Giants this week. We respect them a great deal — they're an aw-

fully good football team.”

Meanwhile, as the Cowboys remain in limbo in regards to Elliott's playing status beyond Sunday's game, at least they now know they can focus on having one of the game's most feared players lining up against one of their NFC East rivals.

“Certainly Zeke has done a lot of good things throughout his career, both in college and in the NFL,” Garrett said. “He's had

some situations that have happened off the field as well, and hopefully, like all of us in life, you learn from both of those situations.

“And he's a smart guy and we'll go through this process and try to handle it as best as we can from a legal standpoint and fight it the right way. He and his team are doing that. But then you learn from the different experiences you have in life and you move forward.”

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dumped in a field in the Medical District of Dallas.

Told through first-hand testimonies of transgender women of color in Dallas, playwright Paul Kalburgi

brings audiences a “form of documentary theatre in which plays are constructed from the precise words spoken by people interviewed about a particular event or

topic,” thereby bringing a true sense of realness and grittiness to the stage. In the Tall Grass is relevant and timely of the issues facing the transgender community today.

Parents please note this

production is mature audiences only. Contains adult language and situations not suitable for young audiences.

For tickets and more information visit bishoparttheatre.org.

Paid Internship opportunity for writers, college students in the Dallas Area

The North Dallas Gazette has an internship position available. The goal is to provide students and aspiring writers an opportunity to gain published clips, experience and professional feedback. The position is for up to 20 hours a week at \$8.00 per hour. Applicants must have reliable transportation.



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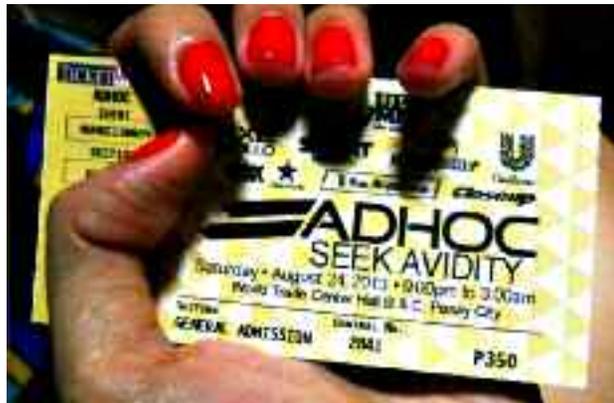
Attending an event or concert soon? Here's how to avoid ticket scams

With the summer in full swing, many places will be hosting tons of concerts, festivals and other exclusive events. While you can't put a price on fun or the memories you'll make this summer, scammers will take a crack at guessing what you'll be willing to pay to have a good time. They'll be hard at work creating ticket offers that seem legitimate, but will cause you financial harm, embarrassment and ultimately prove to be a waste of time. Here's what you should know in order to avoid ticket scams this summer.

What are ticket scams?

Ticket scams don't refer to a single type of scam, but rather a set of scams designed to trick you out of your money or personal information – either through false advertising or through “ticket scalping.” These scams tend to revolve around concert tickets, theme park tickets, art festival tickets and sporting event tickets, but can conceivably be applied to any type of ticket purchase, like airline tickets to a popular destination. While there are likely dozens of these scams, such as sweepstakes scams, most stem from resellers.

Sometimes when major



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ticket vendors sell out of tickets, third-party sellers pick up the slack and can provide relief for last-minute buyers. Not all sellers are equal, though, as there are a lot of people, especially on the Internet, who either don't hold up their end of the bargain, or who provide you with less than you were expecting, leaving you high and dry without a ticket or the money you fronted. Either way, these types of financial losses usually occur when someone is scammed after they purchase a ticket from an individual or through a third-party, like Craigslist.

How do you know if a reseller is scamming you?

Not all resellers are bad, but there are some signs that might hint that a reseller has less-than-genuine motives:

They use sites that provide

a high degree of anonymity. You can often find tickets for many things on sites like Craigslist or eBay at reasonable prices. And while not every ticket reseller on these sites is a scammer, the anonymity afforded by these sites makes it far easier to get away with scams. In addition, most users are left with little recourse when they are scammed, as these sites don't always have quality assurance or compensation for losses. As such, purchasing tickets from these sites is especially risky because even if you're given a ticket, you might not find out if it's legitimate until you're in line trying to use it. As such, if you opt to use a site that offers the seller a way to post things anonymously, you may want to proceed with caution.

They request hard-to-trace

payment methods. Like most scammers, devious resellers prefer that their actions remain hard to trace. They'll ask for payment in things like Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies or gift cards, wire transfers and money transfers. When you're asked to make such a payment, you should recognize that you're likely dealing with a scammer and deny to purchase anything from them. As such, if you're purchasing tickets (or really anything) online, you should use a credit card because it offers the most fraud protection if things go unexpectedly. You can also consider using payment services that shield your credit card credentials like PayPal or Venmo for additional options and protection.

Their prices are suspiciously low. If you're buying tickets from a reseller for an event that's sold out, seeing prices that are low or at standard market rates should be an immediate red flag that you're getting scammed. Some sellers will give you stories about how they just want to get rid of the tickets or how something came up last minute, but these are excuses that can't be verified. As such, when you come across a

deal that's too good to be true, it's usually in your best financial interest to pass it up. If you want a good deal on tickets, it's better to simply buy them in advance from a reputable source.

How can you avoid reseller ticket scams?

While these scams can be hard to detect, some basic advice and common sense can go a long way to help you avoid them:

Purchase your tickets in advance. As stated above, a lot of these scammers take advantage sold out events, so by planning out your activities in advance and buying tickets early, you're more likely to avoid the worst of the worst when it comes to ticket scams.

Stick to purchasing from legitimate sources. Legitimate ticket distribution companies like Ticketmaster, StubHub and Eventbrite are safe bets when it comes to buying authentic tickets. So in the event that you can't get tickets from the organization or group putting on the event, you may want

to choose to get your tickets from these legitimate ticket reselling websites.

Watch out for phishing. Even if you stick to buying from legitimate sellers you'll want to be on the lookout for signs of phishing. Scammers try to impersonate these organizations all the time, usually through fake email threads that use fake domain names resembling those of real companies. When you purchase tickets through sites like Ticketmaster or StubHub, know that you'll never be sent an email asking for repayment or for your personal information. Usually, these sites only send receipts and confirmations via email, but if you're ever unsure, don't click on any links, and instead open your browser and visit the site using the domain name you already know.

For more information on how to keep you and your family safe from scammers all summer and year-round, take a look at our scams blog.

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from UT in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. After graduating, he joined the Teach for America Corps, to more positively impact the lives of inner-city children. He is the founder and executive director of 4.0 Growth Productive Accountability, a Houston-based education consultant firm that prepares students for college and provides motivational speeches to schools.

Unsung Service Awardee – Houston native and longtime Dallas resident Alshare Hughes earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from UT in 1999. The registered professional engineer currently works in regulatory compliance for a major Dallas-based public utility com-

pany. Hughes also is the co-founder and serves as the Chair Emeritus of the Black Ex Students of Texas Association (BEST). In addition, he is the founder and executive director of Real Life in Christ Ministries, a non-profit ministry focused on building disciples of Jesus Christ who live out their faith. Hughes graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Christian Education earlier this year.

Alumnus of the Year Awardee – In recognition of his extraordinary vision, civil rights activism and outstanding leadership both then and now, Nacogdoches native Lonnie Fogle will receive the Alumnus of the Year Award. Fogle, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in

Chemistry from UT in 1966, is retired senior engineer from DuPont. The longtime Houston resident has worked tirelessly to recruit African American students to UT and to help them to successfully matriculate through the university.

“My life has been enriched by my experiences at UT,” said Dallasite Hughes. “I owe it to future students and to the University to actively promote black students being a part of the student body. All parties benefit from this presence. Black alumni are a critical piece of telling the UT story to potential students, and future graduates, who look like us.”

Hughes added, “An alumni presence can help encourage students to matriculate to graduation as well by providing needed encouragement, mentorship and shared

experiences of being a Longhorn.”

The mission of the Black Alumni Network is to identify, inform, and involve African-American alumni in all aspects of The Texas Exes; to recruit and retain African-American students and connect them with alumni through networking and scholarships. The Black Alumni Network is an official network of the Texas Exes.

The honorees will be recognized during the annual Legacy Celebration Dinner at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 8 at the UT Etter-Harbin Alumni Center. Additional information about the annual homecoming weekend may be obtained at <https://www.texasexes.org/chapter/black-alumni-network>.

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It might be your dream job. The fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel by the Galleria at 4801 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75251.

Oct. 12

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Oct. 19

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Oct. 26

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September 13, 7 p.m.
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The one thing our Lord never did," said Oswald Chambers. The psalmist describes what it means to live in our own strength:

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep

to those He loves" (Psalms 127:1-2.

How does one die so that Christ can be our all and all? It usually takes a crisis of significant proportions for most people to relinquish the control of their lives.

It means we come to the end of ourselves and our striving to control the events in our lives and we finally come to the place where we can say, "Lord, I surrender. Please take full control of my life."

Have you come to this place with God in your life? Let go and let God make

you a success His way.

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person here, and she faced a language barrier.

"I had to start from scratch because the laws and the culture were new to me," Nava said. "I had to familiarize myself with small business procedures because I didn't have enough knowledge, and I needed guidance. In addition, my lack of English presented a great challenge."

Nava said one of the best parts of the program was getting to know and network with the other students. "It was good to combine the learning aspect with the practice. I heard many colleagues talk about their challenges - some failed because they didn't know how to do a contract or deal with competition. Our instructor

taught us how to deal with adversity."

De La Mora said, while he was in the program, that he woke up at 5 a.m. daily to run his business and then went to class for another three hours. While it seemed exhausting at the time, de la Mora said it was all worth it.

"One of the reasons I have been successful is because I have my family's support. But I also employ six people, so six other families depend on me," de la Mora said. "I was never a salesperson, so I needed to learn more about how to run a business."

For more information about the ESL Entrepreneurship program, send an email to Gloria Smith at GSmith@dcccd.edu.

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