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# An easy path to personal financial literacy? There's an app for that

By Ken Goodgames  
Special NDG Contributor

The traditional model of receiving consumer credit counseling was always done on a one-on-one basis between an individual and a budget counselor. And it probably had all the charm of a tax appointment at H&R Block. But times have rapidly changed and the pace of digital and mobile technology has astounded us all. We decided that Transformance's business services model had to change with it.

It came to me one day when I realized that my wife's grandmother—yes, my wife's 81-year old grandmother, loved spending time on her iPad. We tend to think of our children and young adults as being addicted to these types of technologies, what with the games, chat sessions, Snapchat, Facebook and Twitter posts. But I came to realize that if my grandmother enjoyed digital and mobile devices as much as my young kids, we just might be on to something.

It was decided that Transformance needed its own mobile app. So we went about creating a financial literacy and learning platform



*Pocket Change USA allows users to learn important financial concepts while they play, helping them to plan for a rainy day, while offering the opportunity to connect with financial experts when they need help. (IMAGE: Transformance)*

called Pocket Change USA. We tapped Chicago-based Noggin Labs, an award-winning e-learning studio to develop a first-class mobile learning portal. They're experts at designing and delivering interactive gamification learning platforms. What they delivered in the form of Pocket Change USA is a home run.

The free Pocket Change USA app, version 1.0, is designed to let consumers track their finances

while they learn, play, plan and connect with other learners. With the app, users now have 24/7 accessibility to Transformance's financial literacy and educational resources, delivered right to their fingertips. Real time chats, forums and questions are answered by Transformance financial coaches. The app's features are interactive, gamified

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## McCain foolishly blames Obama for Orlando shooting

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA Wire Columnist

The cretin who took an assault weapon into Pulse, an Orlando nightclub, on "salsa night" is beneath contempt. Was his target the LBGTO community, Latinos, or simply human beings? After all, it is somewhat reductive to simply describe Pulse as a "gay club." It catered to the LBGTO communities and allies. Some of those who were massacred were not gay. They just wanted

to dance.

In the wake of the massacre of 49 people, and the injury of another 53, the networks have offered sunup to sundown coverage. Analysis and opinions have been more than plentiful. Some of the most disgraceful comments came from Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), who blames President Obama for the massacre in Orlando.

To be sure the Senator quickly retracted his words

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## Monica Lira Bravo

The Latino Center for Leadership Development (LatinoCLD) congratulates Monica Lira Bravo, 34, on her election to the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) Board of Trustees, District 4. After winning the runoff election on Saturday, Lira Bravo became the third Fellow in the inaugural LatinoCLD Leadership Academy class elected to public office this year and the youngest DCCCD Trustee ever elected. In May, Jaime Resendez, 34, was elected to the Dallas Independent School District (DISD)



Board of Trustees, becoming the first Latino elected to represent District 4. Claudia Sandoval, 26, was elected to the Cockrell Hill City Council in May, becoming the youngest elected official in

Dallas County. The Academy is a year-long educational and leadership training program for promising leaders interested in serving their community through policy roles and elected or appointed office.

"Through my participation in the Academy, I felt I could make a difference in my community so long as I was passionate about the cause and willing to put in the hard work," said Monica Lira Bravo, DCCCD Trustee-elect.

Of the 14 Fellows in the inaugural class, six serve on city boards, 12 serve on city and/or organization boards, and four filed to run for office in 2016. Three were re-

cently elected. The fourth, Victoria Neave, is running to represent House District 107 in the Texas House of Representatives in the November election.

"We're pleased that the Academy served as a pipeline for these qualified young professionals to enter public office," said Jorge Baldor, LatinoCLD Founder.

"The inaugural class has demonstrated the many ways one can use their experiences to benefit our city and state as a whole."

Participants in the inaugural class have had the opportunity to interact with dozens of elected and appointed officials, thought-leaders, jour-

nalists, and campaign professionals. These individuals include: Former Mexican President Vicente Fox, Mexican Ambassador to Egypt Jose Octavio Tripp, Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, U.S. Congressman Marc Veasey, Former U.S. Congressman Mickey Edwards, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, Albuquerque Mayor Javier Gonzalez, Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez, DCCCD Board of Trustees member Diana Flores, former U.S. Census Bureau Director Steve Murdoch, Washington Post reporter Ed O'Keefe, Republican strategist Dr. Juan Hernandez, and

many others.

"The Academy is a resource for young professionals who are considering making a difference in their community through policy roles or elected or appointed office," said Miguel Solis, LatinoCLD President. "Through training and networking opportunities, the Academy serves as a pipeline to cultivate the strong policy and appointed or elected leaders of tomorrow."

"The Leadership Academy motivated me to become more involved in my community and to seek elected office," said Claudia Sandoval, Cockrell Hill Councilwoman.

## Whitney Bracey

Texas Woman's University's fashion student Whitney Bracey embodies today's Texas woman. She is an athlete and a fashionista, an entrepreneur and an advocate, an employee and a student, and she embraces each of these qualities and uses them to drive her passion to start a fashion company that is inclusive of all women.



style. Her sharp mind and keen business sense blend seamlessly with her genuine love for fashion and desire to serve others. This becomes immediately evident when she describes her

business/brand name, Mahogany Blues Apparel LLC.

Meet the Mahogany Blues woman, the type of woman Bracey pictures when she designs swim and dancewear: "She's comfortable in her own skin and doesn't mind being the center of attention, but she doesn't actively seek it out. She's confident, she does her own thing, she seeks the joy in life, and she owns it."

Naturally, this persona description reflects Bracey.

### Athlete and Fashionista

Bracey's love for fashion began at age six, when she decided her Barbie Dolls needed new outfits. She

would tear and cut her socks and shirts, and re sew them to make clothes for her dolls. Eventually, her mother caught on to what she was doing, and taught her how to sew by hand and later, on a sewing machine. Her passion for fashion extended beyond dolls, and eventually Bracey began sewing her own clothes.

"I would make my own clothes; I loved sewing my name and initials onto my shirts and pants," Bracey said. "It was my way of letting people know it was mine."

Her last name was also found on the back of an-

other important piece of clothing — her basketball jersey. Bracey was accepted to TWU in 2004 on a basketball scholarship and as a fashion major. "I was able to play basketball and learn fashion- my two favorite things," she said.

She attended the university full time until 2007, when she decided to gain more business and design knowledge. Bracey joined forces with a friend to design custom swimwear for beauty pageants. Over the years, Bracey took note of the lack of diversity in color of ballet leotards and began designing various shades of

brown leotards specifically for women of color.

### Entrepreneur and Advocate

"One of my good friends owns an organization — Brown Girls Do Ballet, and she was telling me all ballerinas of color have to dye their leotards, usually by tea dying or coffee dying them," said Bracey.

Bracey explains this process entails dipping leotards into dark steeped tea or brewed coffee until the desired shade is reached. Dancers will also "pancake" makeup onto the leo-

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## Kara Mitchell

Kara Mitchell is a rising senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she is working to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Public Policy and a minor in Social and Economic Justice. Prior to SELI, Kara served as an intern for the Historically Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, a math instructor for the Mathnasium of Durham-Chapel Hill, a policy research assistant for the University of North Carolina Public Policy Department, and a peer tutor at the University's Learning Center. She has also served as a teaching assistant in the Economics Department and is the Co-President of the Car-



olina Economics Club.

This summer, Kara is interning with Texas Appleseed based in Austin, Texas that works for justice for underrepresented Texans--including children, low income families, and those with disabilities. She will research how the school-to-prison pipeline is impacting stu-

dents in Texas this summer and strategies for improving discipline policies and practices.

"Most of my research and policy writings have been concerning the achievement gap in North Carolina public schools, early childhood education, the racial bias of standardized testing, and the school-to-prison pipeline. Through my Public Policy department, I have been able to conduct quantitative research on policies that have been used as alternatives to the zero-tolerance policies that currently harm and criminalize Black students, Latinx students, LGBTQ students, low-SES students, and students with disabilities.

In addition to my classes, I work as a math instructor at Mathnasium, where I tutor k-

12 students in math. Also, as a member of Black Student Movement, I volunteer as a tutor and mentor in Chapel Hill-Carrboro public schools. Many of the students I tutor in the public school where I volunteer are Black or Latinx, and most of them come from families with lower socioeconomic statuses (SES). The work I do with my students, both at Mathnasium and in the public middle school, allows me to hear from students who are currently being impacted by the pipeline.

I am excited about SELI because I will be near so many people who are invested in making public education equitable for all students, particularly students of color and students from low SES families," said Kara.

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# Where are the African American and Latina Mark Zuckerbergs and Cheryl Sandbergs?

By Hill Harper  
NNPA Guest Columnist

The question, which came from a participant in a minority business empowerment seminar, quieted the room. The answer is simple: “They’re out there. But they don’t have a data plan.”

That seems glib. But truth comes best in a simple package. The digital divide is real. Millions of brilliant, creative thinkers are still left behind, because they don’t have affordable access to the Inter-

net. So what can we do to change this paradigm? We can go mobile.

Mobile technology has changed our world. Those of us who are already part of the mobile revolution know this innately: to be without our smartphones is to be isolated. It’s standing in a field, watching the train flash by. It’s trying to find a book in the dark when others are holding flashlights.

But we’re not done yet – not until we’ve brought that change across the digital di-

vide. We know what it means to be connected. And we know that to fully bring change, we have to bring that connection to the populations who today may not have access. Mobile tools don’t work when you can’t get to them.

This issue matters more than ever because being “unconnected” now means so much more than not having the chance to stream Netflix or send tweets. It means being unable to access the myriad of business and entrepreneurial opportunities that

exist across today’s vibrant technological landscape. It means not having an on-ramp to healthcare and educational information that could transform or save a life. It means being stuck in the 20th century at a time when the 21st century economy is finally kicking into high gear.

Imagine someone who isn’t connected or someone that has a mobile device, but can’t access more online data because they exceeded their

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## Letter to the Editor: Follow-up on the stigma of chronic disease

Congresswoman Johnson’s recent op-ed sheds important light on a national epidemic. Seven out of every ten individuals nationwide will eventually

succumb to chronic disease. While chronic illness afflicts people regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, it can have a far greater impact for those of us who are

unprepared for the high costs of medication and treatment.

At this very moment, millions of Americans are forced to go without med-

ications that can better their lives. Although most chronic disease patients have valid insurance, it’s es-

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and said that he “misspoke.” But he started out by saying that he held President Obama “directly responsible” for the massacre in Florida. He explained that, because President Obama pulled U.S. troops out of Iraq, he created the vacuum that ISIS came to fill.

McCain was harsh in his excoriation of President Obama, and his harshness was misplaced when it was issued, on the same day that President Obama visited Orlando to meet with the families of those murdered. If you look into a dictionary under “sore loser” you will find a photograph of Arizona Senator John McCain. He still has not recovered from the whipping he took when then-Senator Barack Obama beat him for the Presidency.

While he can only blame himself, his poorly executed campaign, and his poor choices (Sarah Palin, anyone?), he is far more comfortable venting against President Obama than he is exploring his own failures.

Florida’s Republican Governor Rick Scott is another politician who has made unfortunately inappropriate statements. Deflecting

questions about assault weapons, he says he prefers to talk about eliminating ISIS. He behaves as if legislators have only a one-track mind.

While it is appropriate to talk about managing ISIS, it is also appropriate to talk about the easy access that anybody has to assault weapons. If you are on the no-fly list, the adage goes, you ought to be on the no-buy list. Not that it helps as much as it should – there are too many ways to buy guns, ammunition, and body armor legally and under the table.

It does not erode anyone’s second amendment rights to restrict their right to assault weapons. One does not need an automatic weapon and thousands of rounds of ammunition to protect oneself or, for that matter, to “hunt.” Whenever those NRA folks start talking about hunting, though, I really want to know what (who) it is they want to hunt. It is entirely appropriate to restrict access to assault weapons, but for some reason rabid Republicans resist.

President Barack Obama has had to take on the role of

Empathizer-in-Chief several times during his presidency. In the last year, he has had to deal with the shootings at Emanuel AME Church (June 2015, 9 casualties), at the Chattanooga Recruiting Center (July 2015, 4 casualties), Roseburg Community College (October 2015, 10 casualties), the San Bernardino Community Center (December 2015, 14 casualties), and now the tragedy in Orlando. He has been consistent in calling for assault weapons bans, and his opponents have been consistent in opposing such bans. And they have been irresponsible in their rhetoric of opposition. Senator John McCain stands at the tip of the iceberg.

Donald Trump is worse than Senator McCain. He has said that our President is sympathetic to ISIS terrorists. Like McCain, he quickly suggested that President Obama has some culpability in the Orlando massacre. What nonsense! Trump should be ashamed, if he is capable of such, for turning a tragedy into political manipulation. So should McCain.

McCain says he “misspoke,” but what he really

needs to do is apologize. He has no right to accuse President Obama of being “directly responsible” for the Orlando killings. He was wrong, simply wrong. His statement was not a slip of the lip, but a calculated attempt to disparage our President for partisan purposes. McCain has been a victim of Donald Trump’s venom.

In the wake of a tragedy, our nation’s leaders ought to follow our President’s leadership in offering empathy. We ought also look at ways to prevent further tragedy. Banning assault weapons is one way to offer some solutions, and some Democrats have attempted to deal with that, despite resistance.

Loose lips are inappropriate in the wake of this tragedy. Shame on you, Donald Trump and John McCain, for attempting to turn tragedy to your political advantage with your foolish words.

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# The world is 71 percent water, children are 100 percent curious

FORT WORTH – Last year, there were 14 fatal drownings in Tarrant and Dallas counties, including four deaths at apartment complexes.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth’s “Safety Around Water” program is diving in to make water safety more accessible through water safety lessons for resident children at 20 apartment complexes in the Fort Worth area. Children at the apartments will receive four-week sessions, with two free water safety instruction each week – both in water and on land – through the Y’s second an-



YMCA

nual “Safety Around Water” program.

- A total of 20 apartment complexes will be included this year, thanks to additional funding from donors.

- Sessions are four weeks each, meeting two days each week for 30 minutes each

- First sessions begin June 6 and run through June

30 at nine apartment complexes; two sessions per apartment complex.

- The second sessions at 11 apartment complexes will begin in July with the same structure.

- No advance registration for participants required.

“All children need to be equipped with the tools they need to be confident in and around water,” said Tony Shuman, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth. “Teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Our ‘Safety Around Water’ program equips kids with basic

water safety skills, all at no cost.”

The YMCA also offers both group and private swim lessons for people of all ages, including trained instructors who emphasize five components of swim lessons: personal safety, personal growth, water sports & games, rescue and stroke development. Learn more about swim lessons offered at 11 Fort Worth-area branches at [www.ymcafw.org](http://www.ymcafw.org). Scholarships are available based upon need.

An additional component of the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth’s Safety Around Water initiative has

been funded by the National Swimming Pool Foundation, with a Step Into Swim Campaign Support Grant to provide swim instructions for day campers who do not pass the Y’s swim test. Those campers can receive four free lessons for the rest of their day camp, along with a 50 percent discount on YMCA swim lessons.

“With these two components, our Safety Around Water efforts just enhance the YMCA’s traditional swim lessons to reach even more kids with vital water safety instruction,” said Shuman.

# AARP: 1 in 5 Texas nursing home residents are given unnecessary drugs

AUSTIN – Nursing homes in Texas rank among the nation’s worst offenders in improperly prescribing antipsychotic medications, according to new data that sheds light on the state’s inadequate attempts to deal with the problem of chemical restraint of vulnerable people in long-term care facilities.

In the latest report on the issue from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Texas ranks 48th in the nation in the prevalence of antipsychotic use for long-stay nursing home residents. The report shows that roughly 1 in 5 residents -- or about 19,000 people each

month -- in Texas’ 1,200-plus nursing homes are being inappropriately given the powerful drugs, which can result in serious harm.

“The misuse of antipsychotic drugs as chemical restraints is an all-too-common but preventable practice,” said AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson. “It’s time for the industry, state regulators and legislators to end this harmful tactic.”

Antipsychotics are approved mainly to treat serious mental illnesses like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. But federal and state reports show that nursing home residents are receiving antipsychotic drugs

for off-label uses, sometimes to suppress the anxiety or aggression that can go with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia.

For elderly residents who have dementia, medical experts and government officials say antipsychotics are only appropriate in a small number of instances. Significant morbidity -- including higher blood sugar and cholesterol levels, weight gain, increased risk of falls, and decreased cognition -- also are associated with the use of antipsychotics. These complications can lead to or cause a worsening of heart disease, cancers and other diagnoses known to affect

older adults.

In 2015, the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission found serious flaws in the oversight of nursing homes in Texas. It called on the Legislature to enact a slate of reforms to clamp down on bad actors in the nursing home field. Though widely supported in the Legislature, most of the recommendations have not been enacted into law.

“When the Legislature reconvenes in January 2017, AARP Texas will again urge lawmakers and other state officials to prioritize and pass legislation to improve nursing home quality in Texas,” said Jackson.

Several years ago, in response to concerns that nursing homes were routinely administering antipsychotic medications inappropriately, federal officials established a public-private alliance to promote changes. In Texas, there are

several state-led initiatives to help nursing homes reduce the unnecessary use of the medications, including programs for patients with dementia that work to help residents reconnect with the world through specific, music-triggered memories.

# Reminder to not leave children in hot vehicles this summer

With hot summer days ahead, McKinney Fire Department is warning parents and caregivers to take extra precautions to prevent leaving children alone in cars. Nationwide in 2015, 25

children died from heat stroke in cars and already this year 13 children have died in hot cars, a 240% increase from where we were nationwide this time last year. Temperatures in North

Texas are climbing, and the McKinney Fire Department (MFD) reminds parents and caregivers to take precautions to avoid leaving a child in a vehicle.

A child’s body tempera-

ture climbs three to five times faster than adult’s, especially in a hot car. In less than 30 minutes, the temperature inside a car can in-

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timated more than 30 percent of them still cannot afford their treatments.

As the executive director of a co-pay charity assistance that helps under-insured patients access expensive specialty therapeutics, I want to echo support of Rep. Johnson’s statement that “the appearance of someone

with a chronic disease is often a poor indicator of how their illness affects them.”

For those people out there struggling to manage the costs of a chronic illness, know there are organizations out there that may be able to help – including with direct financial assistance, premium assistance and help

with any travel expenses.

Many of the diseases that impact the most people, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and obesity, are largely preventable or manageable with the right treatments – much like Rep. Johnson, I too am committed to spreading education and awareness so that we can help people across this country live healthier, longer

lives.

- Clorinda Walley

Walley is the executive director of Good Days, a national, independent 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization based in Plano, Texas, that helps underinsured patients with chronic disease, cancer, or other life-altering conditions obtain medications they need but cannot afford.

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# Dallas police officer delivers baby in backseat of car on I-35N last Thursday

*It's a Girl!*

Thursday morning as rush hour was slowing down, Senior Corporal Rocky Munster, was driving along I-35N in a marked Dallas Police squad car when he was flagged down by Ms. Nafeesah Iddeen,

the sister of a woman who was about to give birth.

Senior Corporal Munster asked the woman to pull over and she pulled over to the right lane where she stopped alongside the freeway. Senior Corporal Munster got out of his vehicle

and approached Iddeen's car. When Iddeen opened the back door Senior Corporal Munster realized a baby was coming – NOW!

Senior Corporal Munster delivered the baby on I-35N, in the back seat of the vehicle. Dallas Fire Rescue

arrived to the scene minutes later.

Little Ms. Jaliah Wade, and mommy, Aysha Iddeen-Wade, are doing very well. And Senior Corporal Munster is happily returning to his regular duties the Southwest Patrol Division.



Senior Corporal Munster holds little Ms. Jaliah with proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Wade

# A Small Taste of Fashion will feature Dallas youth designers

S.A.U.C.Y. (Sewing Applications, Uses & Choices for Youth) debuts "A Small Taste of Fashion", a local fashion network experience featuring youth designers ages 8 – 17. This is an opportunity to meet rising local design professionals.

The fashion show is a graduation for the SAUCY

students as they complete their semester of learning apparel construction and design. Seven novice students began studying in January. They started with no knowledge of a sewing machine, equipment, fabrics, or design. After learning basic construction and receiving a foundation for

fashion illustration, they have combined their newly found knowledge into their first clothing originals of which they will debut on July 16.

The young designers will showcase their creations alongside professional designers in the industry. Program designers include:

Fabian Bailey, Sebastian McGowan, Chelsea DeGray, and Ineyes Wright.

In the words of one SAUCY parent, Tamera Witchard Johnson, "My child is learning a lost art that our culture used to pass down like a tradition. SAUCY sewing class has been so much more than

learning how to use a machine. Carmen is learning a craft, a trade, entrepreneurship, a means of supporting herself in the future. She is creating!"

Ms. Johnson's daughter, Carmen stated, "This class has been inspiring. It is teaching me to never give up on my dreams."

The purpose of the fashion network event is to give the students the experience of the full gamut of life as a designer. They will journey from the cutting room, to model fittings, to the runway as they no longer imagine, but live out their

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# Record \$675,000 raised for charity by Texas Rangers and Park Place Dealerships

If you think the Texas Rangers players are competitive on the baseball field, you should see them compete in games like Fielder's Feud and Minute to Win It. These overgrown boys took to the stage recently to raise money for charity and fans laughed until their sides ached.



Earlier this spring the Dallas Chamber Symphony featuring Saetbyeol Kim on the piano and Richard McKay conducting (IMAGE: DCS)

The 14th Annual Park Place Dealerships Texas Rangers Triple Play Game Show Spectacular, held recently at the Hilton Anatole

Dallas, raised more than \$675,000 for the Texas Rangers Baseball Founda-

tion, which supports numerous initiatives including the construction of the Texas

Rangers MLB Youth Academy at Mercy Street Sports Complex in West Dallas.

"Park Place Dealerships

and the Texas Rangers developed this fun event in 2002 as a way to connect fans with the players and

coaches while raising money for a great cause."

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## Dallas Hispanic Chamber awards \$2.5 million in local scholarships

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This year's corporate scholarship donors and/or sponsors include: Ford Motor Company Fund (presenting sponsor and \$420,000 donor), Fossil, Texas Instruments, Coca Cola, Oncor and UPS. Other scholarship donors were Mr. and Mrs. Eric



*Stars on The Rise : Superintendent Michael Hinojosa joins members of The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as Dallas ISD is presented a check for the group's annual Stars On the Rise scholarship funds collected. (Photo Courtesy: Dallas ISD)*

Reeves and the Latino Center for Leadership Development.

Scholarship donors in the education sector include: Austin College, Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College,

North Lake College, Richland College, SMU, Texas A&M University Commerce, Texas Tech, Texas Woman's University, UT Dallas and Dallas ISD.

"We are very proud to partner with our local dealers to contribute \$420,000 in scholarships this year,"

said Joe Avila, community outreach manager, Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Company. "We are delighted to be this year's Presenting Sponsor and to work with The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber to help make a college educa-

tion possible for so many deserving students in North Texas."

"It's been said that life is about opportunity. The Stars on the Rise program provides just that by supplying students with seed money needed to pursue their studies at the college or university of their choice," said Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa. "Dallas ISD is thankful to be a part of such a charitable community that supports college and career readiness."

The scholarships will be awarded at the Stars On The Rise Scholarship Reception and Awards Ceremony, which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 at the InterContinental Hotel at

15201 Dallas Parkway in Dallas. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Hinojosa, Dallas ISD Superintendent. The event will be attended by scholarship recipients and their families, leaders in the education and business communities, as well as elected officials.

"Year after year, these scholarships are possible because of the generosity of our many partners in the corporate and education sectors," said Rick Ortiz, president and CEO of The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "Their generous scholarships and donations help create brighter futures for thousands of students in North Texas, and we are extremely grateful for their support."

## Dallas ISD starts summer food program

A program aiming to help promote a love of fresh fruit and vegetables was the backdrop to officially kick-off the Summer Meals program at Dallas ISD. Just in the second week of the program, students in the Summer Sprouts class at Balch Springs Middle School had cooked and sampled a few recipes with fresh items from the school's garden.

On Tuesday, June 14, students shared fresh Texas peaches and also a simple,



*Students file in the Balch Springs Middle School cafeteria for lunch during the Dallas ISD summer meals kick-off event, which will provide about 300,000 meals to children up to 18 years old during the summer months. Photo courtesy: Dallas ISD*

low-sugar peach sorbet. Teacher Denesyn Figueroa-

Freytes said the class also put an abundance of carrots

to use by making carrot cupcakes.

The girls in the Summer Sprouts program will attend Balch Springs Middle next fall, when it becomes the Young Women's STEAM Academy at Balch Springs. The school will have a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) throughout its curriculum.

After students presented a couple of the recipes they've tried so far, they

headed outside to show off the school's fledgling garden – planted in April and replanted after vandals ripped some of the items out of the ground.

Finally, students and special guests enjoyed lunch courtesy of the Summer Meals program.

More than 200 Dallas ISD schools and public facilities across the city are hosting free meals for children and youth 18 years old and younger during the

summer.

No registration is required to receive breakfasts and lunches through the program. Find nearby sites through a locator tool here, call 211 or text FOODTX to 877-877 for information.

The meals are provided by Dallas ISD Food and Child Nutrition Services in conjunction with the Texas Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program.

## Dillard's to kick off Miss Texas Week with fashion show this weekend

The 80th Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant will kick-off the week long pageant with a Texas-sized Fashion Show sponsored by Dillard's NorthPark Center on Saturday, June 25 beginning at 1 pm at the Dillard's mall entrance fountain. The 57

Miss titleholders and the 43 Texas Outstanding Teens will be introduced wearing the hottest head-to-toe summer trends provided by Dillard's.

The Dillard's/Miss Texas Welcome Fashion Show is free to the public, and includes special appearances

by Miss Texas 2015 Shannon Sanderford and Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen 2015 Addy Jackson. Titleholders from around the state will show off the latest fashions from partners such as Adrianna Papell, State, Cynthia Steffe, Nicole Miller, Vince Camuto, Gi-

anni Bini, Tadashi, Keepsake, Delvin, Wayf, Lucy Paris, Band of Gypsies, and Sanctuary and Buffalo.

The final crowning of Miss Texas 2016 will take place on Saturday, July 2 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Eisemann Center in Richard-

son, TX. Tickets are available online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

The Miss Texas Organization, affiliated with the Miss America Organization, exists for the purpose of providing personal and professional opportunities for young Texas

women and promoting their voice in culture, politics and community. The competition was founded in 1936 by a group of individuals concerned with providing higher education opportunities for women. The Miss America

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## Youth Citizens Police Academy has August openings

Several spots are still open in the August version of Murphy's Youth Citizens Police Academy, targeting boys and girls entering the sixth to 12th grades.

"We are now recruiting young men and women for the one-week academy class

in August," said Officer Kris Riebschlager, the program's coordinator.

The class is set for Aug. 8 to 12, and is held in various Murphy locations, including the Police Department and the grounds of the City Hall complex.

"We set up various scenarios around the City Hall campus and run the academy participants through them," he said. "Our goal is to bring realism and a sense of actual police work to the academy, giving participants a good look at what police officers

deal with on a daily basis."

The academy is free and lunch is provided on the Friday of the class week. Water and snacks are provided on the other days. Monday through Thursday classes begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Participants may bring a lunch or have a lunch delivered to the class location during these class days.

On Friday, class starts at 9 a.m. and concludes with a graduation ceremony at 6 p.m.

Applications are available under the Community Relations page of the Police Department site at [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org) or by visiting the Police Department headquarters at 206 North Murphy Road.



Plano is planning on engaging local residents in the world's largest swimming lesson.

## Plano to participate in world's largest swim class

Swimming lessons save lives. On Friday, June 24, tens of thousands of kids and adults at aquatic facilities in Plano and around the world will unite for the seventh year in a row to promote the message "Swimming Lessons Save Lives." The World's Largest Swimming Lesson (WLSL) will take place over the course of 24 hours at three locations in Plano and 500 other locations in more than 20

countries.

The Plano event times are as follows:

- 8 a.m. Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center
- Noon Oak Point Recreation Center, course
- 2 p.m. Harry Rowlinson Natatorium, course

Since its inception, more than 155,000 children and adults have participated in WLSL lessons emphasizing the vital importance of learning to swim. The 2015

WLSL event included 38,170 participants from 22 countries.

Tragically, drowning remains the leading cause of unintended, injury related death for children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause of accidental death

for children under 14. Research shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children ages 1-4, yet many children do not receive formal swimming or water safety training.

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and outcome-driven with both measurements and analytics.

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supports to low-income families using an integrated approach specifically designed to make it easier for low-income families to obtain critically needed work-support services. Program services focus on "Earn It, Keep It, and Grow It" to create economic security through both earning and asset building strategies.

We hope to reach up to 10 million young adults and families with Pocket Change USA, over 80 percent of whom are in the aged 18-44 target market, where financial lessons matter the most. Users can download the free Pocket Change USA app from Apple's App Store or the Android-based Google Play. In addition, an online version of the app and its features is now available on the Pocket Change USA official website, [www.pocketchangeusa.org](http://www.pocketchangeusa.org).

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I've seen a lot of changes at Transformance since having the honor of becoming its CEO over a year ago. We've transitioned to a fully integrated services delivery model and made some incredible strides in what we can provide to local communities most in need of our assistance. Now we're making incredible strides in how we reach our target market of consumers. Pocket Change USA is a cornerstone project in our mission to adapt to our audience, reaching them at an optimal point — their fingertips.

*Ken Goodgames is the CEO of Dallas-based Transformance Inc., formerly Consumer Credit Counseling of Greater Dallas.*

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Organization is the largest donor of scholarship assistance for young women. Miss Texas 2016 will receive a \$15,000 cash scholarship and the use of an Infiniti from Grubbs Infiniti during her

reign.

The contestant that receives the most People's Choice votes will automatically be in the Top 15 semi-finalists to compete for the title of Miss Texas on July 2.

The winner of the Miss Texas 2016 title will compete for Miss America held in September in Atlantic City. The Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen 2016 will compete for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen in August in Orlando, Florida

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**ALLEN**

**Outlet Mall adding new features**

Allen Premium Outlets has launched an expansion expected to include an estimated 30 new specialty retailers that will be added at the heart of the shopping center near Neiman Marcus Last Call in hopes of enhancing the center's experience. The existing center of Allen Premium Outlets will be renovated with new features and amenities including updated seating, a new play area, WiFi service, landscaping and architectural adornments to match the new structures.

Allen Mayor Steve Terrell said, "Allen Premium Outlets put our city on the map as a true shopping destination. Simon has been a great partner since the day the development began, creating jobs, supporting the community and attracting visitors from all over the world. We look forward to their continued investment in Allen with these expanded options."

The expansion is expected to be completed by Fall 2017.



*If you are looking for a new furry friend, now is the time to act. The Carrollton Animal Shelter is overflowing, and to make room they are offering free adoptions for a limited time.*

**CARROLLTON  
Three positive mosquito traps; ground spraying continues**

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed three mosquito traps testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in Carrollton from this week's cycle of tests. These traps were collected from the mosquito management areas 2A, 5A, and 7A. Area 2A is located between Chickasaw Drive, Old Denton Drive, Hebron Parkway, and Sam Rayburn Tollway. Area 5A is located between Cambridgeshire Drive, Dickerson Parkway, Frankford Road, and Old Denton Road. Area 7A is located

between Whitlock Lane, Broadway Street, Belt Line Road, and Josey Lane. These areas can be viewed in greater detail at [cityofcarrollton.com/westnile](http://cityofcarrollton.com/westnile). The City of Carrollton conducts mosquito trapping in seven areas of the City each week of the mosquito season, April-October, and has collected a total of 60 samples so far this year.

**Carrollton Shelter overflowing, offering free adoptions**

The City of Carrollton Animal Adoption Center (2247 Sandy Lake Road) is brimming with animals and needs help from the community.

The Center holds more

than 100 animals as of Monday, June 20. Because of this, adoption fees will be waived, and the first 10 dogs and the first 10 cats to be adopted will come with a free \$50 voucher to use at a veterinarian of the adopter's choice.

"Even with the expected influx from the spring season, we are housing an especially high number of animals," said Carl Shooter, Animal Services Manager. "Kitten season, puppy season, it's happening and we need help placing these animals in good homes."

The Animal Services team is working tirelessly to serve all of the animals in the shelter right now. If an adoption isn't feasible, donations are always welcome in the form of cash, food, litter, towels, blankets, or toys.

The want the public's help to work together to make this Carrollton's most successful spring ... they mean Kitten Season ever.

For a complete list of acceptable material donations, visit [cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices](http://cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices). For more information on the adoptions, call 972-466-3420.

**GARLAND  
Historical Sounds at Senior Social Hour**

Celebrate Independence Day with the Heritage Fife and Drum Corps during Senior Social Hour at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Central Library, 625 Austin St. The volunteer reenactment band will present military and popular music from historical periods, along with a discussion of each musical piece. Senior Social Hour programs are open to anyone age 55 years and older. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

**RICHARDSON  
Library Friends issue scholarships**

The Friends of the Richardson Library presented the 2016 Dorothy E. "Dot" McCalpin Memorial Scholarships at Monday's City Council work session. Megan Hertel, recent gradu-

ate of Bishop Lynch High School, and Siman Shrestha, recent graduate of Plano East Senior High School, each received \$2,000.

The scholarships are presented each year to college-bound teens who have served the Richardson Public Library in a volunteer capacity, demonstrating the volunteer spirit of the late Dot McCalpin. (McCalpin founded Helping Agencies Serving Richardson and spent more than 40 years in Richardson serving on numerous civic and community boards.) Hertel plans to major in zoology at the University of Florida and Shrestha will pursue a degree in computer engineering at Texas A&M University.

Teens in grades 7-12 are eligible to volunteer at the Library through the Teen Advisory Board. For more information, call the Teen Librarian at 972-744-4358.

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tard in certain areas like straps, to ensure the color matches their skin.

Recognizing the need for a change, Bracey begin sewing leotards in a variety of shades to match the endless variety of ballet dancers skin color. Instead of dying white leotards, she orders fabric in a spandex blend and hand sews the leotard together.

As a young black woman, Bracey identifies with the lack of representation in the fashion industry, and feels called to use her design talents to ensure inclusivity of all skin types. "It's simple: I believe everyone should feel represented," Bracey said.

She added, "I feel God wants me to do something

with the talent I've been blessed with, I want to help change the world and impact lives and making dancewear in a variety of shades is a good place to start."

Full time employee, business owner and engaged student

After a four year hiatus, Bracey decided to return to TWU in 2011 to finish her bachelor of arts in fashion, noting that it is her belief that if you start something, you finish it. She speaks of her time at TWU with gratitude, thankful that she has the business acumen and collaboration skills necessary for managing her burgeoning business.

Bracey has 24 hours of coursework to complete, is

working full time as a Quality Assurance Technician at Peterbilt in the evenings and designing and sewing with her team for Mahogany Blues Dance Apparel during the day. She's taken one or two classes a semester for the last two years, working to fit them into her already packed schedule.

Bracey says retired TWU faculty Nancy Pickett, Ph.D., gave her a serger — a machine that gives a nice finished edge on clothing — which she still uses to sew today.

"The faculty believed in me," Bracey said. "They have pushed me to my limits and beyond what I thought was possible, and I'm very grateful to them and TWU."

While Bracey acknowledges that it will have taken

her 11 years to earn her TWU degree, she is quick to connect how the journey to finishing her degree mirrors that of business ownership.

"Every day, there is a battle, and once you've conquered one battle, there will always be another. You just figure out how to keep going, and come out on top," she said.

As a young, professional business owner, Whitney Bracey represents the entrepreneurial mind and service spirit of Texas Woman's University. As she embraces her unique life experiences, dedicates herself to her goals, welcomes challenges and designs fashion with the goal of empowering young women, she truly represents Texas Woman's University.

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# Dallas Theater Center's *Dreamgirls* does not disappoint

*Dreamgirls* is on stage in Dallas until July 24 and it is not a show to miss! The Dallas Theater Center's (DTC) production does not attempt to recreate the Beyonce movie version of the well-known story, but brings to life the ups and downs of the rise to the top, against a political and social backdrop of the era represented. The music and dancing is wonderful, but the audience will also find the story riveting and inspiring.



Kristen Bond, Alexis Sims, Marisha Wallace are the Dreamgirls at DTC - Photo by Karen Almond

The performers certainly deliver, but this is one production where the skill and talents of the leadership backstage shines. Starting with DTC's associate artistic director who helmed this production, Joel Ferrell. The music is never allowed to overwhelm the story, which can be a delicate bal-

ance in shows like *Dreamgirls*. Each component complimented the other. Thanks in large measure to the choreography of Rickey Tripp and music direction of Michael O. Also, Bob Lavallee's set designs seamlessly changed to fit the moment and spirit of the scene.

Of course, without talented singers and dancers

featured in a story so well-known, all of the work behind the scenes would not matter. DTC's production does not disappoint, starting with Broadway veteran Marsha Wallace as Effie White. Wallace is an incredible singer and delights the audience, but she is also pivotal in showing that life is not all sunshine and roses for those who have "made

it" and their sacrifices on the climb to the top. Her experience and talent shine through with her commanding her stage presence, leaving her the focal point even when she is not actually leading the scene.

Dallas theater fans will recognize Hassan El-Armin, who has shined throughout the year as DTC's resident acting company member. While he may not be the star of the show, he closes his year with another solid performance. Dallas native, Kristen Bond portrays Dreamgirl Lorrell Robinson who exhibits great chemistry with Eric LaJuan Summers, the male lead of the show. His singing and dancing shined in his role as James "Thunder" Early.

*Dreamgirls* is at the

Wyly Theatre until July 24, available at [dallastheater-tickets.com](http://dallastheater-tickets.com) and information are available at [dallastheater-center.org](http://dallastheater-center.org).

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## Texas company buys iconic *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines

*Ebony* magazine and the digital version of *Jet* magazine, two of the most popular publications that have chronicled African-American life for the past 71 years, have both been sold to Clear View Group – a private equity firm based in Austin, Texas. The sales price was not disclosed by Ebony Media Operations, but Michael Gibson, chairman of Clear View Group, says the company will retain its Chicago headquarters and much of its staff.



### What happened?

The exact details are not clear, but after the founder, John H. Johnson, died in 2005, his daughter, Linda Johnson Rice, took over as president. Soon after, the company began to take a hit from declining circulation and low revenue generation.

In 2014, *Jet* discontinued in print, and shifted to a new digital approach – being only available as an e-magazine on smart phones

and tablets. *Ebony*, however, continues to be available in both print and digitally, but is noticeably a lot thinner than it used to be.

The company's fall has been blamed on new competition from other African-American focused publications including various web sites and blogs.

### The history

A young 24-year old John H. Johnson founded Johnson Publishing in 1942 with the launch of the first issue of a magazine called *The Negro Digest*. He was able to do so with some financial help from his parents and a \$500 loan, and the maga-

zine was an instant hit. It's name was later changed to *Black World*, and it had a peak circulation of 100,000 – a huge accomplishment in those days for an African American entrepreneur.

It was also a stepping stone to a bigger, better, and bolder magazine that would be called *Ebony* magazine. What made *Ebony* so unique was that the articles were designed to look like those in *Life* or *Look* magazines, and emphasized the achievements of successful African Americans.

It also was the first major

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# This weekend in Dallas, 'Let's Do Something Different Tonight'

By McKenna Wierman  
NDG Special Contributor

You say it over and over again, but do you ever really mean it? You really did have every intention of going out last weekend and doing something besides ordering a pizza and renting a movie, or maybe you went out to the same bars and clubs you do every weekend.

Well Dallas, this week it's time to shake thing up--really get out there and try

something new. Step out of your comfort zone and into the night, the wonders of the weekend await you!

**Friday 6-10 p.m. - Commerce Street Night Market - 444 W. Commerce Street Dallas** - Love the farmer's market vibe? Love art, music and food? Love the cool darkness of a summer night? Then you're going to love the Commerce Street Night Market. Check out art installations, pop-up classes, food, beer and music--all local and all

amazing. There will be something for everyone to see, so ditch your couch, gather up your gang and come to Commerce St.

**Saturday 10 a.m. - Yoga at Community Beer Company** - So, this event isn't really at night, but it involves beer, which people sometimes drink at night, right? Besides, maybe this weekend you decided it's finally time to do something healthy, wake up early and exercise, and skip a night out. Well, if that's the case,

you'll still get your bar fix and your healthy living at Yoga at Community Beer. What better way to start the day, really? You're bound to have an interesting weekend after a nice stretch and a good brew ([www.communitybeer.com](http://www.communitybeer.com)).

**Saturday 8-11 p.m. - Movies in the Park - Klyde Warren Park** - If you really can't shake that "must watch a movie" habit this weekend, at least move your seat. Head out to Klyde Warren Park for a

screening of "Star Wars: the Force Awakens." It's time you stopped promising yourself you'd actually make it out to one of these movies in the park -- you know they sound fun, and you know you want to go, so text your Saturday night date and let them know you have something special planned.

**Saturday - 11:59 p.m. - Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Inwood Theater** - If you haven't gone once, now is the time. And

even if you have gone before, it's time to go again.

There's nothing like stepping into the marvelous and mysterious movie magic of Rocky Horror Picture Show, and getting to see it at midnight at the Inwood is a real treat. This week will feature Los Bastardos as the live shadow cast. Just be sure to let everyone know if it's your first time--before you know it, you may have yourself a new weekend tradition!

# Now You See Me 2 is the perfect start to the Summer movie season

By McKenna Wierman  
NDG Special Contributor

If you ask anyone who has seen the first "Now You See Me," featuring a star-studded cast including Jesse Eisenberg (J. Daniel Atlas), Mark Ruffalo (Dylan Rhodes) Morgan Freeman (Thaddeus Bradley) and Woody Harlson to name a few, you'll probably start to notice it was kind of hit-or-miss.

Some were captivated by the smart-magic, others thought things started out



okay, but got so over-complicated and twisted, that by the end, it was nothing but a mess.

Normally when the first movie merits this kind of

mixed reaction, one would expect a pretty sub-par if not terrible sequel. But there, you'd be mistaken.

"Now You See Me 2" was smart, funny and best

of all theatrical. While it's by no means the blockbuster of the summer, it's a movie you could take your younger kids, little brother or second date to without freaking out too much about it.

Sure, you might get a little lost in the plot if you haven't seen the first movie, and things get a little cheesy at the end, but all in all Now You See Me 2 accomplishes what everyone seems to forget movies are supposed to do; it politely deceives, delivers that

wicked humor and movie magic we all love, and most importantly, it entertains.

It's also worth noting that a few more silver-screen champions join the "Now You See Me" cast, including Daniel Radcliff playing a deliciously evil and hilariously sociopathic villain, and the return of Lizzy Caplan as the quirky new addition to the notorious Horsemen.

At times, the plot feels a bit predictable, and so it might feel a little boring,

but if you are willing to actively participate in watching "Now You See Me 2," you will also remember that you're not always seeing what you think you are. If that concept in and of itself seems stupid or unnecessarily overcomplicated for you, then maybe this movie isn't the right fit. But if you're looking to go to the movies to relax, sit back and enjoy yourself, "Now You See Me 2" should be top on your list of movies to check out this month.

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publication for African Americans that featured photo essays about current events, and articles about race relations.

Later in 1951, *Jet* magazine was launched as the first ever weekly, pocket-size publication for African Americans. Both publica-

tions were very successful for more than seven decades.

### So what now?

Although under new ownership, both magazines will continue to be published as usual.

Linda Johnson Rice, Johnson's daughter and former president of Johnson Publishing, comments, "This is the next chapter in retaining the legacy that my father, John H. John-

son, built to ensure the celebration of African Americans.

"I am pleased to continue as Chairman of Johnson Publishing Company and serve as Chairman Emeritus and

member of the board of the new African American led media entity, Ebony Media Operations."

For more details, visit [www.Ebony.com](http://www.Ebony.com) or [www.JetMag.com](http://www.JetMag.com)

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said Rob Sumner, Park Place Dealerships' director of marketing. "The event has grown every year which allows more funds to be returned to community projects. Watching these guys cut up and tease each other on stage during the game shows is a lot of fun. Their true personalities really come out. These guys are fiercely competitive but it's all in good-natured fun."

The game show fun started with "Minute to Win

It," which featured four teams of two Ranger players competing in several rounds of silly parlor games.

The loser of each round was eliminated until there was only one team remaining. The teams consisted of Derek Holland with A.J. Griffin; Martin Perez - Robinson Chirinos; Prince Fielder - Bryan Holaday; and Shawn Tolleson with Colby Lewis.

In the first round, each

player put a sweatband around his head with a Slinky attached. The object of the game was to balance the toy on their foreheads without using their hands. Just imagine professional baseball players flailing about with Slinkys flying all over their face and head. I'm not sure who was laughing harder: fans or the other players and coaches sitting at tables with the fans.

Do you remember the "Coneheads" from the late 1970s episodes of Saturday

Night Live? The second round of games at Triple Play had one player on each team don a conehead cap while his partner tossed a ring across the stage in an attempt to ring the conehead.

Colby Lewis and Shawn Tolleson easily won this round, demonstrating that pitching skills come in handy off the field as well.

The final round involved trying to flip a small rubber ball into a net that was strapped to the player's hip. Fox Southwest Sports an-

nouncers Emily Jones and John Radigan, who acted as the evening's emcees, joked about Colby Lewis having an advantage with his new bionic hip. Indeed, Lewis and Tolleson were the final victors.

In between game shows, the Texas Rangers rookies continued the tradition of dressing up and performing for fans, much to the delight of the veteran players.

The final game of the evening was the fan favorite "Fielder's Feud," a fun parody of the TV game show

Family Feud, featuring infielders Rougned Odor, Mitch Moreland, Adrian Beltre and Elvis Andrus competing against outfielders Shin-Soo Choo, Ian Desmond, Drew Stubbs and Ryan Rua.

The players had fun with good-natured ribbing during the game, including several references to Odor's recent brush-up with Toronto's Jose Bautista. The outfielders won and each received a mini trophy plus bragging rights for the year.

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# Get the kids involved in family business this summer

With high schools and colleges out for the summer, young people are looking for short-term employment, enjoying vacations or participating as volunteers for numerous causes.

But anyone who owns a family business also can take advantage of summer break by putting their offspring to work for Mom and Dad, and that doesn't mean a favored position in management for the fortunate son or daughter.

Instead, they should be going out with a construction crew, handling a cash register, dealing with paperwork or working at whatever entry-level position



*Your children are considered "digital natives", put their skills to use at your family business this morning to get them involved and teach them valuable lessons. (IMAGE: Flickr user i a walsh)*

might apply, says Henry Hutcheson, president of Family Business USA, a consulting firm.

"They can come in as regular hires, get to know

some of the employees and gain an understanding of the business," says Hutcheson, who also is author of "Dirty Little Secrets of Family Business."

That learn-the-operation-from-the-ground-up philosophy can help pave the way for the day when Mom and Dad want to retire and the next generation needs to take over.

"To start preparing your children for the top position, they need to spend some time at the bottom," Hutcheson says.

Among the lessons the summer will provide the younger generation:

**They'll start to learn if**

**the family business is the right fit.** The children can begin to gauge how interested they might be in the business, and the parents can begin to evaluate whether they are cut out for it. Often, families carry the expectation that the next generation will take over, but that's not always the best scenario. Sometimes both the business and the child will be better off if the child chooses another career.

**They'll develop a deeper understanding of the business.** If they do eventually inherit the business, they will perform much better in their leader-

ship role if they have been exposed to all aspects of the job. Summer break is a good time to initiate them without making it a sink-or-swim endeavor. "Many family business owners go

astray by giving their kids more responsibility than they should have or by shielding them from hard work," Hutcheson says.

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monthly allotment. For them, free data could be the key. Free data is an offering that allows you to use more mobile content without having to worry about exceeding your monthly data allotment. This leaves more data to use on other things like social media, and gives you the option of switching to a lower cost plan, if you have too much data left over, because the content you love is covered by free data program. It's expanded opportunity at no cost. If you see that you can watch an unlimited amount of video as part of a plan, then that might just be

enough to entice you to cross the digital divide. And once online, you'll inevitably use your mobile device to explore the web, allowing your device to be the transformative tool that it can be.

Until we get people online, they may not know the resources on which they'll build.

Creators and innovators need access to the Web to connect with others and to expand their world.

Indeed, our embrace of mobile innovations like streaming media and free data can serve as the light we use to illuminate the world

around those who remain in the digital dark. Dr. King's vision of a "world-wide brotherhood" comes from those connections, those ties that grow a fully empowered and engaged community that refuses to let any more opportunities pass us by.

Our vigilance and advocacy will build the momentum we need to close the digital divide once and for all. Join me in this monumental task and be #MobileLikeMe.

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# Dallas millennials are preparing for retirement

By H. Whitman  
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Like every generation before them, millennials get criticized by their elders. Some don't like the fact that millennials are the first generation to be moving back in with their parents after college graduation. They also are cited for overuse of social media like Facebook and texting, letting face-to-face communication take a back seat.

But here's one fact the criticism doesn't take into account: Millennials (whose age ranges between 18 and 34) are saving much more for retirement than the generation before them. A recent study by Merrill Lynch showed that 77 percent of Dallas millennials are mak-

ing saving for retirement a priority over the next year.

Not only that, but they started saving when they were 22. Their savings are higher than those of the Baby Boomers at the same age, and they prioritize retirement much more than previous generations.

## Making up for Absent Employers?

The statistics are startling — 77 percent is a large figure. The dedication and intent to save are very admirable, especially as forecasts are that Social Security payments in retirement will increasingly fall short of fully covering living expenses.

It means that millennials are taking a sober look around them at fairly young ages and planning for their

future.

That's highly admirable, especially considering that just 34 percent of Texans have ever attempted to figure out how much they need for retirement.

The long-distance view Dallas millennials are taking could also be spurred by an increasingly smaller number of employers in the area who offer retirement plans for employees. The entire state of Texas is in the lowest 25 percent nationally when it comes to how many workers have access to retirement plans through their jobs.

Texas has company in the states of California and Florida, whose workers are also in the lowest quartile nationally. In Dallas-Ft. Worth itself, 46 percent —

nearly half — of people employed in the private sector don't have access to retirement plans.

That's sobering news for that 46 percent in general as well, not just for millennials. Dallas-Ft. Worth isn't at the bottom in the state, though — that distinction belongs to McAllen, where just 23 percent of workers have access to a retirement plan through their job. And our region also does better than either Houston, Austin, San Antonio or El Paso.

In other regions of the country, the rate of access to retirement plans through work is much higher. In Grand Rapids, Michigan, for example, it is more than 70 percent.

The low rate in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area is especially

concerning since retirement savings have a major impact on life choices as we age.

A large number of retirees are now looking for something beyond the traditional care home or community, with a 2013 poll showing that 84 percent of prospective residents preferred the name "life plan community" instead. This clearly signals a change in how many wish for their retirement years to be spent, preferring an active lifestyle over something more sedentary. As the millennial generation age, it is likely that this will only continue to grow in importance and lifestyle choices will be to some degree determined by the amount of money available.

## Saving as a Way of Life

It could be that the low rate

of employer retirement plans has caused millennials to be pioneers, just like generations before them. The move-in-with-parents rate allows them to save on rent, perhaps to put those savings toward retirement.

Millennials also work more side hustles — part time jobs in addition to regular employment. Being an Uber driver. Brokering on EBay. Working for Task Rabbit — and then they save the money.

Our Dallas millennials are to be congratulated, not criticized. They are preparing for non-working years under their own steam and are showing both discipline and foresight. That's something the rest of us can take a few notes from.

# Why neglecting your personal brand can torpedo your career

AT&T understands the importance of promoting its brand.

So do Toyota, Disney and McDonald's, just to name a few.

But individuals often don't understand just how critical it is for them to promote their personal brands as well. In fact, their careers depend on it.

"No one from the CEO to the secretary can afford not have a strong personal brand (online and off), if they want to succeed in today's job climate," says Karen Tiber Leland, a branding expert and author of "The Brand Mapping Strategy: Design, Build and Accelerate Your Brand."

A personal brand — much like those corporate brands — tells the world about you. It's a way of selling yourself and your image in a way that leaves a positive impression.

Leland points out that personal branding is not a new idea. She notes the article that Tom Peters wrote in 1997 titled "The Brand Called You" which helped give rise to the popular idea that an individual can be just as much a brand, as a soft drink or laundry deter-

gent. She also points out that people such as Napoleon Bonaparte, Winston Churchill and Charlie Chaplin were carefully nurturing their brand images decades and even centuries before it became fashionable.

"Even though personal branding has been with us for decades," says Leland, "the advent of social media as a daily part of all our lives, has brought it to the forefront and made it a priority in today's wired world."

Leland says there are several reasons why it's important for everyone to follow Churchill and Chaplin's lead and cultivate a personal brand. A few of those reasons include:

- You need to outshine the competition. The job market is a competitive place and it's easy to get lost in the clutter of all those other applicants. You can stand out from the crowd by carefully crafting your brand with elements that can range from the way you dress to the way you tell the story about the accomplishments you have achieved.

- Social media is forcing your hand. "It's critical to

make sure your online presence (including Facebook, LinkedIn etc.) represents you in the most powerful and professional way," says Leland. Why? Because potential employers will check them out to check you out. According to a 2015 CareerBuilder poll, 52 percent of employers use social networking sites to research job candidates. And not having social media accounts isn't a good option because 35 percent of those employers say they are less likely to interview someone who doesn't have an online presence.

- A negative image could undermine your career goals. While social media sites can help promote your personal brand, Leland says, they can also be your worst enemy. That same CareerBuilder study reported that 48 percent of employers chose not to hire someone based on social-media content. So ditch inappropriate photos, references to drinking, critical comments about former employers and anything else you wouldn't want a prospective employer to see.

"Anyone who plans to wait out the personal-branding trend until it passes

needs a new plan," Leland says. "It's no longer an option in career management. If you don't define your

personal brand, someone else will define it for you."

Karen Tiber Leland is a branding expert and author

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The City of Lewisville is joining with the Lewisville Area Chamber of Commerce and other area partners to present a hi-tech hiring event on Thursday, June 30, 3-7 p.m., at Lewisville

Convention Center, 785 State Highway 121.

The purpose of this event is to connect hi-tech employers with qualified, educated employees. Michael Howard, Senior Principle

Cybersecurity Architect for Microsoft, will provide a 45-minute presentation as part of this event. This is a free event, and parking is available on the west side of the hotel at the convention

center entrance.

Job seekers must register to take part in this event. Call Cristina Rodriguez at the Lewisville Area Chamber of Commerce, 972.436.9571, to reserve a spot.

## Dallas City Council discusses solutions for homeless

This week the hot topics at the Dallas City Council meeting included housing for the homeless, the amount of money in the bank and how the city can utilize the funds to help the community.

The homeless problem in Dallas is not improving simply because Tent City was recently dismantled. Chronic unemployment, mental health and other is-

suues are contributing factors of why many find themselves looking for a place to live.

Mayor Mike Rawlings has a solution, "We need more facilities to shelter homeless people, they are citizens as well and we need to treat them like they are and they matter to the community."

In order to help the homeless, there is one thing that

is critically needed: money. Right now, the city of Dallas has around \$2.6 million in the bank.

The money in the bank can be used to build new facilities, like parks, shopping centers, museums and other things.

However, it was suggested that first in order to make sure that Dallas becomes a better place, Dallas should focus on facilities

dedicated to getting the homeless off of the streets.

Reportedly, the city will have nearly \$3 million in the bank. However, at least \$1 million of the \$2.6 million will go away if it is not used before the fiscal year ends.

The city also looked at ways to strengthen the partnership with Greyhound, which has been serving Dallas residents for 101 years.

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dreams.

For the audience's entertainment, the show will interweave brilliant fashions with theatrical excerpts of the fashion life, presented

by Soul Repertory Theater, a supporter of the event. Clothing, accessory, and body care vendors will be available on-site to provide style and healthcare for

your satisfaction, and the evening will end with an award ceremony and reception for the SAUCY students to commemorate their completion of the program.

The event will take place July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Latino Cultural Center, located at 2600 Live Oak St. in Dallas. This is an opportunity to meet rising local design professionals. SAUCY requests a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children five and older for admission.

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crease 35 degrees. An infant can die in as little as 15 minutes even on a mild 75-degree day.

Unfortunately, even the most conscientious parents can overlook a sleeping baby in a car. "The biggest mistake people make is thinking "It couldn't happen to me".

To prevent vehicular heat stroke deaths, McKinney Fire Dept. recommends

learning the following safety tips. You can also tape them to the dashboard.

**Back seat** – Put something in the back seat so you have to open the door when leaving the vehicle – cell phone, employee badge, handbag, etc.

Every child should be correctly restrained in the back seat.

**Stuffed animal** – Move it from the car seat to the

front seat to remind you when your baby is in the back seat.

Ask your babysitter or child-care provider to call you within 10 minutes if your child hasn't arrived on time.

**Focus on driving** – Avoid cell phone calls and texting while driving.

Every time you park your vehicle open the back door to make sure no one has been left behind.

McKinney Fire Dept.

also urges security personnel, parking lot attendants and the public to watch for children alone in a vehicle. Call 911 immediately. If the child seems hot or sick, they should get them out as quickly as possible.

For additional information on heat-related illness, tips on avoiding the effects of high temperatures, and a variety of other life safety topics, visit [www.mckinney-fire.org](http://www.mckinney-fire.org) or call 972-547-2893.

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"You want to avoid setting them up for failure, but you also don't want to encourage a sense of entitlement."

**They'll profit from other viewpoints.** Parents shouldn't assume that only they can judge how well the son or daughter is doing during this summer exploration. "Find employees who can give you honest opinions on how well your children are working out," Hutcheson says. "Your children likely act differently around you than around

others, so a third-party assessment can help in evaluating their strengths and weaknesses."

"One of the other lessons they will learn from this summer experience is the same one all teenagers and young adults learn when they take a summer job – the value of hard work," Hutcheson says. "It's easy sometimes to create a comfortable ride for children, but the most valuable dollar they'll ever get is the one they earn on their own."

*Henry Hutcheson is president of Family Business USA and specializes in helping family and privately held businesses successfully manage transition, maintain harmony, and improve operations. He is a popular speaker at professional, university and corporate-sponsored events, and is author of "Dirty Little Secrets of Family Business."*

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# Your defining moment with God



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"And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved." **Genesis 32:30.**

Every believer in Jesus Christ must have a defining moment in their life; a friend and I were discussing this fact one day because a man that we both know personally is fighting a drug and alcohol problem.

He constantly says that he wants to stop and straighten his life but doesn't seem to make any head way toward his desire.

My mind began to reminisce of my defining moment, when I came face to face with God. I went to church regularly but something was missing from my life and I didn't know what.

However, I knew that my

oldest sister, Eloyd, had been praying for me all through my college years that I would come to the Lord, confess my sins and seek His guidance for my life.

What made this moment so different? I began to think of how good God had been to me and to my family. I began to count my blessings one by one and I realized that only a God that loves me so unconditionally understood my misery and only He could help me and give me His peace.

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in one of his famous speeches, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" on April 3, 1968, he closed the speech with, "And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord! I believe that was his defining moment.

The last time that Jacob, in the Bible, saw his brother Esau after years of separation was when he manipu-

lated the birthright from Esau. Jacob assumed that his brother was going to try and kill him.

Jacob sends gifts ahead as a peace offering. He spends a restless night in prayer asking God to spare his and

his family's life when he met his brother.

Jacob had lived a life of control and manipulation. Yet, there is something in Jacob God finds worthy of redemption (only God knows the mind, thoughts and motive of any man.)

Jacob now has a heart that wants to serve and be used of God. But God must do something in Jacob to carve away the bad traits in his life.

God sends an angel in the form of a man to wrestle away the ruthlessness in Jacob. "When the angel

saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that the hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man." **Genesis 32:25 & 26.**

Jacob's natural abilities were so great that God literally had to make him a weaker man, physically, in order for God's power to be manifested in his life. I believe that this was Jacob's defining moment; he came face to face with God.

If you let God do the work needed in you, even your enemies will be at peace with you.



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# NDG Book Review: *Running with the Champ*

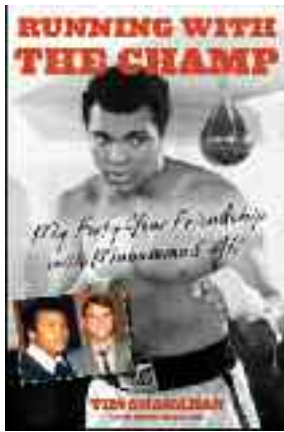
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Two heads are better than one.

Another body can make work lighter, both in mood and in task. A partner can support you, encourage you, inspire you, and sympathize with you. You solve easier with another mind on the problem. Yes, two heads are better than one, and in the new book "Running with the Champ" by Tim Shanahan (with Chuck Crisafulli), so are four feet.

People who knew Muhammad Ali probably wouldn't be surprised that he met Tim Shanahan in 1970 because of a charity event.

Shanahan was working with a Chicago organiza-



tion, and needed big-name sports heroes to "deliver a motivational speech to the students." His connections led to Ali, who invited Shanahan into his home and his life. They were friends almost instantly; days later, they became regular running partners.

It was a rather informal situation, says Shanahan: they ran when they could, near a park in Chicago. This was after Ali's three-year boxing suspension, and both knew that the Champ needed encouragement; Shanahan, the better runner, gave it to him. The unlikely friendship began to take deepen: the black Muslim athlete who came from the wrong side of the Louisville tracks and the Catholic white guy born in Wisconsin would lay in the grass after their run, discussing their childhoods, favorite things, dreams, and life in general.

Being Ali's friend was a wild ride through the years.

The Champ was often abrupt with his demands, both to Shanahan and to oth-

ers; he didn't suffer fools gladly, and expected his wishes to be quickly granted. He was generous, monetarily and time-wise, with nearly everyone he saw, giving away a good portion of his income (and, supposedly, some of Shanahan's, too). Ali loved meeting celebrities, hated unsolicited advice, could be stubborn (especially in his career), and had a surprising jealous streak, but he was funny and larger-than-life. Then, around the time Ali retired, things changed: he started uncharacteristically losing his patience with many in his inner circle – in-

cluding Shanahan.

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In many such memoirs based on celebrity, you'll often find a distracting amount of name-dropping and braggadocio. You might even expect that in a memoir about Muhammad Ali, but the surprise is that author Tim Shanahan (with Chuck Crisafulli) doesn't focus on that alone. Instead, "Running with the Champ" is a loving tribute to a friendship.

And yet – as in so many relationships between famous and not-famous, there

were the not-so-good-times, and Shanahan includes those among his stories. Here, we see a big-hearted athlete in action, and sometimes struggling. We also get a heartbreaking glimpse of Ali and his determination to hang on to the shreds of a career that was done.

For fans who've read everything they can on Ali's fights, this is a look from a different angle at the man himself, from a fan-turned-friend who may've never really known Ali at all. If you need a book about The Greatest, then, "Running with The Champ" may be one of the better ones.

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