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Local program helps families get back on feet and on-the-go

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

On The Road Lending (OTRL) helps families get from one destination to another by lightening the financial burden of purchasing a vehicle. By researching program structures, funding models and options currently available nationwide, On The Road Lending was born in 2013.

The idea began with Michelle Corson, OTRL's founder, desiring to have more of an impact in the community besides merely writing a check. She was searching for innovative solutions and looked around the community, seeing many wonderful programs providing services. However, a recurring issue always came up in her research - transportation. It did not matter what programs and services were available if the people it was designed to serve could not get there.

OTRL has helped more than 200 families statewide and provided more than \$3 million in loan capital to clients. These families would otherwise not be able to receive such affordable loans, based on their current credit history.

"Our program offers families and individuals a second chance when it comes to getting into an affordable and reliable vehicle," Shaylon Scott, the Program Outreach Coordinator for On the Road Lending said.



On The Road Lending, a relatively new assistance program, helps families get cars and financial help. (Image: Courtesy photo by On The Road Lending.)

Financial education is a crucial component of the program.

"With our vehicle selection assistance and long-term financial mentoring we help to address a little understood, but substantial problem—providing a way for low-income individuals and families to overcome transportation barriers so they can get to work, lead healthier lives, and avoid predatory lending."

This program helps families and individuals get affordable and reliable transportation not based on their credit score, but based on their character and making positive choices going forward in their lives.

"For myself, working with OTRL

allows me to continue to give back to an organization that helped me when I was in need," Scott said. "I am a former client of the program that went through a tough divorce and had to start my life over. When I encountered OTRL, they not only helped me maintain the stability in my life at a difficult time but also how to overcome the huge financial barriers that a lot of single mothers and divorcees face.

"When they helped my family I was so moved to volunteer for them in any way that I could and continued to be an advocate for the pro-

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Young Sung

Councilman Young Sung, Place 6, was elected in May 2017 and his term will end in 2020, has been elected as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem by all council members for the City of Carrollton.

"I am humbled by the support shown by my fellow City Council members in their nomination and my selection as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem," Sung said. "I hope to serve in this position as an advocate for the Council's shared priorities: public safety, economic development, positive redevelopment, strong infrastructure, and fiscal responsibility."



Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sung went on to say Carrollton is a place with social and economic diversity, beautiful and varied amenities, the highest quality first responders, supportive staff, and wonderful residents.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sung, a Newman Smith graduate, was an Honor Student and All American Collegiate Soccer Player at Breward College in North Carolina.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management at Tennessee's Maryville College, and received his MBA from Le Tourneau University. Sung pursued legal studies at USC.

His election to office came after serving various voluntary roles throughout the Community as follows:

- Board of Directors for the Carrollton/Farmers Branch Rotary Club
- City Capital Improve-

ments Plan Advisory Committee

- President of the Korean-American Soccer Association

- Team Liaison/Translator for the 94' Korean World Cup Soccer Team

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sung is a licensed Real Estate Broker and Certified Court Interpreter and Mediator.

He is a member of the DFW MetroTex Realtor Association, the Association of Realtors at the state and national level, the Texas Association of Judiciary Interpreters & Translators, and the Korean Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the Ko-

rean United Central Methodist Church. He and his wife Susan have been married for 20 years and have two children, Joshua, a senior at University of Dallas in Richardson and Jessica, a graduate of Newman Smith High School 2018; she is following in the steps of "dear old dad."

"I pledge to work in support and enhancement of, each of these special Carrollton qualities," Sung said. "It is an honor to serve citizens in this new capacity." For more information on the Carrollton City Council, visit cityofcarrollton.com/council.

At the same meeting, John Sutter was appointed Mayor

Pro Tem. Sutter was recently re-elected to Place 7 in May; his term will expire in 2021.

"I take the honor of serving as Carrollton City Council Mayor Pro Tem very seriously and accept the position with great humility," Sutter said. "I look forward to further enhancing this community by working with our new City Council to bring in new businesses, redevelop aging neighborhoods, strengthen our public safety, improve our streets, alleys, and parks, and continue the close relationship with our school districts. Carrollton is a great place to live, work, and play because of its dedicated staff and involved citizens."

Dr. Leonard Moore

AUSTIN — Professor of History Leonard N. Moore has been named vice president for diversity and community engagement at The University of Texas at Austin. Moore, who served as interim vice president this year, was selected after a national search to fill the position.

"During Dr. Moore's time as interim vice president, he built upon his years of teaching and research and further established himself as a leader on our campus and throughout the greater Austin community," President Gregory L. Fenves said. "He



reaches out to people in all walks of life and builds connections with them. He is a brilliant scholar who inspires those around him, and he listens — to students, faculty members and staff members.

That's why he's the right person for this role."

A faculty member at UT Austin since 2007, Moore was the senior associate vice president for diversity and community engagement from 2013 to 2017, managing about 30 programs and initiatives.

He regularly teaches more than a thousand students during the fall semester in his two undergraduate classes: History of the Black Power Movement and Race in the Age of Trump. During the spring semester he teaches classes in the UT School of Law and the Texas MBA Program at the McCombs School of Business.

"I am elated to take this position on a permanent basis," said Moore. "As the nation's premier unit of its kind, DDCE will continue to impact the campus and community through its longstanding programs, while simultaneously launching a series of new initiatives around the concept of inclusive innovation. These new programs will help us maintain a healthy campus climate and allow us to serve as a connector and incubator for leaders tackling some of our greatest social challenges."

Moore begins as vice president effective July 1.

UT Austin is a nationally recognized leader in promot-

ing diversity in higher education. It was one of 13 U.S. universities honored as a 2016 Diversity Champion by INSIGHT into Diversity magazine. In 2017, the university developed a Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan that is serving as a blueprint for creating a more inclusive campus culture and embedding those efforts in all areas of university life.

Central to those initiatives is DDCE's work in advancing socially just learning and working environments and fostering a culture of excellence through diverse people, ideas and perspectives on campus. DDCE also develops partnerships between the

greater Austin community and the university.

Moore is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He earned his B.A. from Jackson State University in 1993 and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1998. He was a history professor at Louisiana State University from 1998 to 2007, where he also directed the African and African American Studies Program and the Pre-Doc-toral Scholar's Institute.

At UT Austin, he serves as the George W. Littlefield Professor in American History and is also a Fellow of Lee and Joseph D. Jmail Chair in African American Studies.

PO2 Juan Romero

By Mr. Dusty Good
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

NORFOLK — A 2012 Rowlett High School graduate and Garland, Texas, native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Assault Craft Unit TWO (ACU 2), one of the Navy's most advanced amphibious warfare units.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Juan Romero is an engineman with the group operating out of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A Navy engineman is responsible for maintenance and operation of small engines.

"My job allows me to be hands-on," said Romero. "I like being able to train others to pass on knowledge."



Romero credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in their hometown of Garland.

"My hometown taught me the importance of being respectful to others," said Romero.

ACU 2 is one of the components of Naval Beach Group TWO (NBG 2).

Commissioned in 1948, just after World War II, NBG 2 trains and equips military forces for deployment overseas. Sailors with NBG 2 serve a vital role in the Navy our nation needs by ensuring that amphibious operations remain ready to defend and protect America at all times.

ACU 2 operates landing craft, which are specialized to transport personnel and equipment from surface ships to shore. The LCU is a displacement craft capable of carrying a payload of more than 170 tons. The LCU can be used to transport weapons systems, cargo and personnel of Marine assault units. The current LCU fleet has been in naval service since the late 1960s. Gun mounts on the craft can support .50 Cal machine guns, M240 machine guns, and 40mm grenade

launchers.

The exercises and real-world operations that ACU 2 sailors participate in include evacuation of American citizens from a hostile territory, delivery of food and medical supplies after a natural disaster, and many other tasks that involve movement from ships off-shore to the beach, according to Navy officials.

"I liked being able to deploy with this command and completing our mission," said Romero. "I've made great friends here who help being away from family."

Jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the command running smoothly, according to Navy officials. The jobs range from operating boats to maintaining engines and handling weaponry.

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Four lessons the NFL could learn from ABC

By Terrance Woodbury

Following Roseanne Barr's obscenely offensive comments about former Obama Senior Advisor, Valerie Jarrett, ABC took immediate and decisive action to demonstrate that her words describing an accomplished Black woman as an ape did not reflect the network's values. The network's cancellation of its highest rate show - a move that prioritized integrity and a commitment to decency over money, ratings, and even political expediency - surprised many. The NFL, as it faces continual media and public scrutiny, could stand to take a knee and learn a lesson from ABC.

To be fair, ABC faced well-deserved scrutiny regarding its decision to re-boot Roseanne in the first place, given Barr's previous divisive and racist comments. The cancellation, nonetheless, has been generally well-received by the public, or at least Black Twitter, as a bold and affirming commitment to the diverse audience that ABC serves.

ABC and NFL - both massive media corporations - are at two ends of a spectrum with handling racism in the Trump era. Under pressure from President Trump and donors, the NFL recently decided to censor its players' peaceful protest by forcing them to stand for the National Anthem or to invisibly protest in the locker room. The new policy, set to go into effect in the upcoming NFL season, poses a serious question: How will this decision affect players who feel silenced and fans who feel ignored by the League's aggressive stance against such a pervasive social justice issue.

A poll that I conducted earlier this year on behalf of BlackPAC, an organization committed to increasing political participation of Black voters, showed that in the previous NFL season, 21

percent of Black consumers watched less football and 14 percent stopped watching football all together due to the treatment of Colin Kaepernick's peaceful protest. This downtick in viewership should've served as a warning to the NFL. Instead, the League decided to censor the peaceful protest of every single player.

Many spectators, myself included, are waiting with baited breath to see how this decision will affect NFL ratings in the upcoming football season. But while we wait, there are a few lessons the NFL should have learned from ABC's decisive response to bias and racism.

1. Do not mistake the aggressive banter of a few loud racists as an erosion of American ideals and values. ABC understood the Barr-fiasco for what it was: an opportunity to declare that the normalization of hateful and divisive language does not reflect the values of this nation, no matter who they come from or how loudly they are tweeted.

2. The NFL had an opportunity to make a similar declaration about American values. Despite the feeble attempt of some to co-opt a movement about justice and dignity into a debate about white nationalism thinly veiled as patriotism...we still hold some truths to be self-evident. That freedom of both speech and protest are inextricably woven into the fabric of our nation. In the coming season, athletes that choose to accept punishment over censorship, as many undoubtedly shall, will be remembered on the right side of history and justice, just as Muhammed Ali has been honored for protesting the Vietnam draft.

3. Stand up for and defend the dignity of the people responsible for making your brand among the most valuable in the world. ABC built one of the most diverse audiences in entertainment

by ushering in content that is created by, starred in, and catered to minority audiences. Blackish, Scandal, How to Get Away With Murder, and Grey's Anatomy - successful shows created and produced by women of color whose appearance Barr presumably equates to apes. ABC made the bold, or maybe just fiscally prudent, decision to stand in solidarity with its diverse audience and talent pool.

4. However, after multiple demands and complaints from Donald Trump, including that the "ungrateful son of a bitch" should be forced off the field, the NFL acquiesced and forced every player off the field or to their feet. Adding insult to censorship, they did so without condemnation of the President or the resentful fans who have used racial epithets in reference to protesting players. The NFL demonstrated zero allegiance to the players that made it the most profitable athletic enterprise in America. Not exactly the best way to inspire morale and loyalty.

5. Do not capitulate to a tyrannical President's attempts to use his political pulpit to bend the private sector to his will. Prior to Barr's insidious remarks, Trump raved about her ratings and boasted about their close relationship. Naturally, following her departure he did what we all expected...defended Barr and attacked ABC for previous statements made towards him. Many expect Trump's attacks toward ABC to continue and possibly escalate, but the network has remained unwavering, and I sure hope they continue to.

The NFL failed to demonstrate the same fortitude toward sustained attacks from Donald Trump, who has had the League in his crosshairs since they blocked him from buying an NFL team over a decade ago. Following sustained attacks against the players

and encouraging fans to boycott professional football, the NFL commissioner and team owners (a group of all white men with one single exception) made a unanimous decision to comply with Trump's demands.

This leads me into the final lesson the NFL could learn from ABC.

Put some women of color in charge at the NFL front office. It took less than 3 hours for ABC President Channing Dungey, a Black woman, to cancel the highest rated show on her network following Barr's comments. In today's atmosphere of heightened expectations of corporate responsibility many enterprises can learn from such decisive action. There is simply a greater social consciousness, sensitivity, and responsibility amongst communities that are most affected by oppression. And in American society, over the longest sustainable time, that community has been women of color.

A League that spent decades covering up irreparable physical and psychological trauma to its players, that shows more contempt toward peaceful protest than it does toward domestic violence, and that is more concerned with white comfort than it is with Black lives, is a League that can take notes from an institution that was bold enough to get it right...despite what it might cost.

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People living with Alzheimer's encourage earlier conversations about disease warning signs after learning from personal experience

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, and the Alzheimer's Association, together with advocates in the early stages of the disease, are encouraging families to talk about memory and cognition concerns sooner. These advocates know first-hand that an early diagnosis offers many benefits, including access to more effective medical and lifestyle interventions and the ability to take an active role in planning with family members for the future.

"While working as a project manager, I started to notice my performance declining. I was making mistakes and forgetting things which were uncharacteristic for me. My husband, Randy, and I spent more than six months going to multiple doctors eliminating potential physical issues before I was finally diagnosed with MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment)," said Jan Haberer, a local member of the Alzheimer's Association DNTX Early-Stage Advisory Group, which is composed of people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease in the Dallas and Northeast Texas area. "This was very difficult news to



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digest after going through the journey with my mother less than 10 years ago. Since I was still working and didn't know how my employer would react, we didn't share my diagnosis right away. We believe there is still a lot of confusion out there as far as how companies should handle cognitive issues."

Randy agreed and added "not being able to share Jan's diagnosis made it more difficult to process and accept. Once we filed for disability, and we were able to share our story, it

was a big relief and helped us discuss it with more family and friends. I feel blessed we received an early diagnosis and I am convinced that is the reason why Jan's condition has stabilized. That is why we try to help educate people as much as possible and encourage them to get a diagnosis as soon as they can."

To help people understand early symptoms of Alzheimer's or behaviors that merit discussion, the Alzheimer's Association offers 10 Warning Signs. Should these signs appear, it

is important to talk about them with the person experiencing symptoms and encourage them to speak with a medical professional.

"Unfortunately, there still exists a stigma about Alzheimer's and other dementia which interfere with an individual or family seeking help when they begin to notice memory challenges," said Debra Adams, Director of Community Relations at the Alzheimer's Association Dallas and Northeast Texas Chapter. "Early diagnosis is critical to creating a support system that will enhance quality of life for those faced with the diagnosis of Alzheimer's or related dementia."

To help families overcome common communication obstacles, the Alzheimer's Association is offering 6 Tips for Approaching Alzheimer's, a list of best practices for talking about the disease with someone who may be experiencing symptoms. These include:

- Have the conversation as early as possible
- Think about who's best suited to have the conversation

- Practice conversation starters
- Offer support and companionship
- Anticipate gaps in self-awareness
- Recognize the conversation may not go as planned

For more on these tips, go to alz.org/6Tips.

Understanding the Value of an Early Alzheimer's Diagnosis

There are many medical, financial, emotional and social benefits to receiving an early Alzheimer's diagnosis – both for those living with the disease and their families. These include:

- Accurate diagnosis – Can help determine if someone's cognitive changes are truly due to Alzheimer's or some other, perhaps even treatable, condition.
- Medical benefits – Allows individuals to explore medications for memory loss, sleep changes and behavior changes resulting from the disease, as well as to adopt lifestyle changes that may help preserve their existing cognitive function for as long as possible, such as controlling one's blood pressure, smoking cessation

and exercise.

- Participation in clinical trials – Enables individuals to enroll in clinical trials that advance research and may provide medical benefits.

- Planning for the future – Allows individuals more time to plan for the future while they are cognitively able to make legal, financial and end-of-life decisions.

- Emotional and social benefits – Provides individuals with the best opportunity to spend time doing meaningful activities and interacting with the most important people in their lives. It can also open doors to many educational and support programs.

Living with Alzheimer's

In addition to encouraging families to talk about Alzheimer's openly and to seek diagnosis earlier, Alzheimer's Association Early-Stage Advisors are sharing their stories about life after an Alzheimer's diagnosis, including steps individuals can take to move forward and live their best lives.

The Alzheimer's Association offers comprehensive support and resources on alz.org.

WomenHeart celebrates heart disease heroes, survivors

By Lauren Poteat
NNPA Contributor

In the battle to save the lives of our mothers, daughters and sisters, "WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease," is one of the greatest allies that families have against the deadly disease, the leading cause of death among women in the United States.

WomenHeart, "the nation's only patient-centered organization solely serving millions of American women living with or at risk for heart disease," according to the group's website, recently celebrated the peo-



"Grey's Anatomy" star Chandra Wilson (left) and actor Lamman Rucker pose for a photo right after Wilson accepted her award for "Excellence in Media," during WomenHeart's 18th Annual Wenger Awards in Washington, D.C. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

ple and organizations that are on the frontlines of that battle, during the 18th Annual Wenger Awards in Washington, D.C.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an astounding one in four women die from heart dis-

ease every year.

Nearly 8 percent of Black women have coronary heart disease—the highest rate among all women; about 6 percent of White women have coronary heart disease.

As an actress and a natural advocate for healthy living, Chandra Wilson, who plays Dr. Miranda Bailey on the hit ABC television show "Grey's Anatomy," highlighted the importance of regular heart screenings and the need for better health-care access for women, during the awards ceremony. Wilson was honored with the "Excellence in Media"

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Rep. Eric Johnson files a brief pushing for removal of confederate plaque

AUSTIN - State Representative Eric Johnson (D-Dallas) submitted last week a brief to the Office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton regarding the authority to remove the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque currently

located inside the Texas Capitol. The Office of the Texas Attorney General had requested briefs from interested parties by June 5.

"When I met with Governor Abbott in Dallas over seven months ago and asked him, as Chairman of

the State Preservation Board (SPB), to assist in the removal of the 'Children of the Confederacy Creed' plaque from the Texas Capitol, he told me that although he agreed that historically inaccurate objects such as the plaque should not be on

display in the Texas Capitol, he did not know who has the authority to remove the plaque. He committed, however, to finding out," stated Representative Johnson in a released statement.

Rep. Johnson expressed disappointment in lack of

response from Governor Gregg Abbott following their meeting in Dallas more than seven months ago.

"I hope that once we receive a formal opinion of the Texas Attorney General stating in no uncertain terms

that the SPB has the unilateral authority to remove this odious plaque, that Governor Abbott and the SPB will stop their delay tactics and commence with removing the plaque as I requested over seven months ago," Johnson added.



Two of the biggest needs heard from organizations working with the homeless are that they need mens clothes and they need clean socks. FiveStone Community Church responded with a boatful of both. (Courtesy photo)

Church to give away a boat load of clothes and 1000 socks to homeless for Father's Day

In an effort to serve an increasing number of homeless men in Downtown Dallas, FiveStone Community Church, one of the most established churches in Garland, has announced that, in honor of Father's Day, they will give away a "boat load" of donated clothes and 1000

pairs of new, clean socks to two local organizations (King's Closet, SOUL Ministries) that serve that community on a weekly basis.

The largest clothing drive in the church's history is simple. They have placed a boat in their lobby with the intention of filling it with

men's clothes and new socks to honor the homeless men of Downtown Dallas for Father's Day. Members of the church and surrounding community are expected to donate thousands of nearly new or gently used shirts, coats, pants, and shorts to be distributed to local homeless

men in the weeks after the clothing drive.

"It's important that we give back. Reaching people and living on mission are two of our core values as a church," Said Jerry Zucha, Lead Pastor of FiveStone for over 20 years.

Irving among top North Texas cities for apartment affordability

Despite steady increases in rent, Dallas is still the most affordable place to live in the Metroplex for apartment dwellers.

Irving comes in at number three on the list, behind Dallas and Fort Worth, with a median two-bedroom apartment currently costs \$1,200.

According to a report by Apartment List, rents have ticked up 1.1 percent from

last year in Dallas, where a median two-bedroom apartment currently costs \$1,105

But when compared to nine other large cities in the Metroplex, the report found that renting an apartment in Dallas is comparatively cheaper.

Chris Salviati, housing economist at Apartment List, said the cost difference shows the growing desire of young people to live in the

city.

"There has been sort of a move back to the city and back to urban areas with lot of jobs – lots of high-paying jobs," Salviati said. "Millennials maybe have more of a preference to that urban lifestyle."

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the median age of people living in Dallas is 32.5 years, and the 20- to 39- year-old age

group makes up about 34 percent of the total population.

Plano has the highest me-

dian rent – \$1,420 for a two-bedroom apartment – out of the 10 largest cities in the metroplex.

A median one-bedroom in Plano costs \$1,140. In

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Irving gears up for Juneteenth

For more than 23 years, the city has hosted a Juneteenth event, commemorating the date that Texans first learned of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Join the City of Irving and the West Irving Improvement Association for the 2018 celebration 4 to 7 p.m., June 16, at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, 3925 Jackson St.

This year, the Texas Native Plant Garden, located at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, will serve as a backdrop for an outdoor art exhibit featuring Dallas artist Guinn Powell. Artwork will vary in theme and will feature landscapes, abstracts and African-American themed art.

The celebration also will feature free concerts, a community picnic sponsored by In-N-Out Burger, outdoor games and children activities.

Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for the concerts.

Event Schedule

4 to 5 p.m. – Meet the

Artist Guinn Powell at Texas Native Plant Garden, museum tours, children's games and community picnic.

5 to 6 p.m. – Main Stage gospel music performance.

6 to 7 p.m. – Main Stage performance featuring All Funk Radio Show Band.



The Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center will serve as the setting for this year's Juneteenth activities. (Photo: City of Irving)

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Sherice and Tim Brown to co-chair Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Dallas' 2018 Big Black Tie Ball

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Greater Dallas today announced Sherice Brown and her husband, former Oakland Raider and Pro Football Hall of Fame member, Tim Brown, will serve as co-chairs for the 2018 Big Black Tie Ball on Oct. 13.

"Tim and I are incredibly excited to be a part of such an important fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Dallas," Sherice Brown said. "Big Brothers Big Sisters' mission aligns very closely with our own values and philanthropic focus on child and family services. We consider it an honor to help more children across the Greater Dal-



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las area fulfill their fullest potential by becoming a part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program."

A wife, mother, author and entrepreneur, Sherice Brown is known for her philanthropic leadership and is a

founder of Off the Field Players' Wives Association. Comprised of active and retired NFL players, the association raises funds for organizations that focus on children's health and strengthening the family

unit. She is also president of three successful businesses, including The Lanette Group, a special events and catering boutique, and She's Brown's Fitness, where she serves as a fitness coach and nutritionist. She is also a dedicated realtor in the Dallas area, and is involved with several other charities as a Christian leader in the community.

Tim Brown is a husband, father, author and one of the greatest wide receivers to play in the National Football League. A Dallas native, he is known for his illustrious 16-year career with the Oakland Raiders. He is a member of the Pro Football Hall

of Fame, a Heisman Trophy Winner, and was selected for the Pro Bowl nine times. The two have been married for 20 years and have four children.

"We're honored for Sherice and Tim Brown to serve as co-chairs for the Big Black Tie Ball this year. Here at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Dallas, we love to see Dallas natives like Tim give back to their community in such meaningful ways," said Bill Chinn, president of BBBS of Greater Dallas. "The Browns' focus on families and children across Dallas aligns well with our mission and we know they will help make the 2018 Big Black Tie Ball one of our

best events yet."

The Big Black Tie Ball is BBBS of Greater Dallas' largest annual fundraiser. More than 500 guests attended the Big Black Tie Ball in 2017 and the organization raised over \$540,000 through the event.

The 2018 Big Black Tie Ball will take place at the Omni Dallas Hotel at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 and will include a cocktail hour, dinner, live and silent auctions and special entertainment.

Individual tickets, tables and sponsorships are now available. For more information, visit www.bbbstx.org/big-black-tie-ball.

Jarvis Christian College, UT Tyler form new partnership

HAWKINS – Jarvis Christian College has formed a partnership with the University of Texas at Tyler to offer seamless pathways for students to earn degrees and further enhance higher education in East Texas.

"We are forging a relationship that will provide better opportunities for all of our students to advance their education and be better prepared for the 21st century," said Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt, Jarvis Chris-

tian College Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "With this new partnership, students will have an opportunity to choose from an array of academic and career pathways."

Under the agreement, undergraduate students from Jarvis will be able to transfer into selected undergraduate programs at UT Tyler. The selected programs will not duplicate those offered by Jarvis. Also, UT Tyler students will have an oppor-

tunity to pursue majors at Jarvis that are not offered at UT Tyler.

"The partnership is a win-win for both The University of Texas at Tyler and Jarvis Christian College, and especially for students and the region," said Dr. Amir Mirmiran, UT Tyler Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We welcome this partnership that will not only further the friendly relationship and collaboration between our two institutions, but also

help advance higher education in East Texas."

The agreement also will allow qualified Jarvis students to begin limited study in selected master's degree programs at UT Tyler as they complete their bachelor's degrees from Jarvis.

Jarvis President Dr. Lester C. Newman and UT Tyler President Dr. Michael Tidwell made the partnership official by signing a memorandum of understanding June 7, 2018, on the UT Tyler campus.



Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman (right) and UT Tyler President Dr. Michael Tidwell shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding, making the partnership between the two institutions official. Also shown are UT Tyler Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amir Mirmiran and Jarvis Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt. (Courtesy photo)

Landmark exhibition – Slavery At Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox Of Liberty – to be unveiled on Juneteenth

On Juneteenth (June 19) – an important day in Texas history – leaders from the African American Museum, Dallas City Council, Visit-Dallas and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello will unveil plans for a landmark exhibition coming to Dallas this fall. A program will be held at 10 a.m. with a reception immediately following.

Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty brings to life the story of slavery at Monticello through more than 300 objects, works of art, documents and artifacts un-

earthed at the storied plantation.

Joining civic and community leaders that day will be featured guest Gayle Jessup White, Monticello's community engagement officer and a descendant of the Hemings family and Thomas Jefferson.

Juneteenth is the day when African Americans commemorate emancipation from slavery in Texas, which took place June 19, 1865.

This widely acclaimed exhibition was organized by Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

In 2012, in partnership with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the exhibition premiered at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and, due to popular demand, has since traveled to museums in Atlanta, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

Thanks to a National Endowment for the Humanities exhibitions grant, Monticello has since expanded the landmark exhibition Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty

with new content, including a feature on Sally Hemings – one of the most famous African American women in U.S. history. As an enslaved woman at the age of 16, Hemings negotiated with one of the most powerful men in the nation to improve her own condition and achieve freedom for her children. Jefferson fathered at least six children with Hemings, four of whom survived to adulthood.

The African American Museum of Dallas will be

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Dallas, a median one-bedroom would cost \$889.

"As millennials get older and get into homebuying, they're looking back to the suburbs to find a place where they can settle-down," Salviati said.

According to the Apartment List report, rents have been increasing throughout Texas at a rate of 2 percent, whereas the national rate is at 1.5 percent. Both statewide and nationwide trends are higher than that of Dallas.

The cost difference in

renting a median two-bedroom apartment in New York City and Dallas is more than a thousand dollars. And renters in San Francisco pay more than twice the amount than renters in Dallas.

"The level of rent increment in Dallas is pretty flat," Salviati said. "I think that tells the function of the fact that the area has done a pretty good job of suppling housing. You know, Dallas has a strong local economy."

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Wells Fargo launches \$60 billion plan to increase African American homeownership

After years of moving and renting, novelist Randa Camp, recently became a first-time homeowner at age 55.

"It feels good," said Camp, a resident advisor at a youth services agency in Des Moines, Iowa. "There's this idea of 'this place is yours, so now make sure you take care of it and enjoy it.' I also did it for my children. As I get older, I realize the importance of having an asset for them."

In an effort to make homeownership dreams a reality for others like Camp, Wells Fargo has launched a 10-year diversity initiative to provide \$60 billion in home loans, supporting at least 250,000 African American homeowners by 2027. As part of the plan, the company also intends to significantly increase the diversity of its mortgage sales force.

Working with the National Urban League and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Wells Fargo announced the initiative Feb. 28 at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta.

The company aims to help reverse the decreasing homeownership rate in the African American community, said Brad Blackwell, head of housing policy and homeownership growth strategy for Wells Fargo.

Blackwell added that the company also plans to invest \$45 million in a wide range of initiatives that promote financial education and counseling for African American homebuyers over the next 10 years. The company will also boost its recruiting, hiring, and retention of African American home mortgage officers, he said.

Year of transformation at Wells Fargo

In a letter published in the 2017 Wells Fargo Annual Report, CEO Tim Stone had this to say about the past year:

"This was a year of transformation at Wells Fargo. We achieved a great deal in 2017 and look forward to building on our momentum in the months ahead. Our top priority remains rebuilding the trust of our customers, team members, communities, regulators, and shareholders. We have made foundational changes to identify and fix problems so they do not happen again and achieved significant progress in our commitment to make things right for our customers and build a better bank. Our transformation is grounded in our vision of satisfying our customers' financial needs and helping them succeed financially. While we have more work to do, I assure you that the Operating Committee and I are fully committed to building on our accomplishments. In addition, we take very seriously the consent order we entered into with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in February 2018, and we will work diligently, yet swiftly,

to meet the requirements.

In response to feedback from our team, we introduced a streamlined Vision, Values & Goals of Wells Fargo in late 2017 — replacing what previously was a 37-page expression of our culture. Today the wallet-sized booklet focuses exclusively on our guiding principles and goals, clearly expressing the beliefs that guide every team member as we work together to build the best Wells Fargo possible.

We have overcome challenges many times during our history. We have a solid foundation, exceptional businesses, and an outstanding team. Our more than 260,000 team members are dedicated, talented, and committed — and, without a doubt, they are our most important resource. Thank you for placing your trust in Wells Fargo and for your support. Our commitment to you is unwavering as we continue our transformation into a better, stronger company.

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New Wells Fargo structure focuses on customer experience "Change for the Better"

After a successful pilot in select locations across the U.S., Wells Fargo branches have rolled out the first phase of changes designed to transform the customer and team member experiences.

One of those changes is to put in place a new compensation program for retail bank team members to focus on the customer experience within its branches. The new compensation program took effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and applies to all branch team members, including managers, tellers, and personal bankers.

The changes have also simplified complicated processes, replaced required questions with tips and suggestions relevant to customers, eliminated sales pressure, and allowed bankers and tellers to simply talk to their customers, ask questions, listen, and meet their financial needs by offering the right products and services or referring them to the right partners.

A celebration of black entrepreneurs

Celebrity chef Robb Ali joins Wells Fargo in a salute to African American small business owners who are working to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

As early as middle school, Mandy Bowman knew she wanted to be an entrepreneur. The Brooklyn, New York, native went on to study entrepreneurship and global business management at Babson College in Massachusetts, and then took a job as a social media manager by day, while she worked on developing her own business at night.

By October 2017, Bowman was a full-time entrepreneur and had launched her business — the Official Black Wall Street app. "I wanted to support black-owned businesses in my local area, but was unable to find a directory that was current or easy to use — so I created my own," said Bowman. The app is now the largest directory of its kind in the world, according to Black News, and allows users to find and rate black-owned businesses in their neighborhoods and nationwide.

Bowman's business, like other small businesses, required hard work, dedication, and, most of all, support to succeed. Currently, there are more than 2.6 million black-owned businesses in the U.S., according to the U.S. Small Business

Administration's Survey of Business Owners Facts (PDF). In support of these businesses, and in an effort to strengthen communities, Wells Fargo is saluting and highlighting Community Builders — the African American small business owners who go above and beyond to make things better for their businesses, their customers, and their neighborhoods.

"Initiatives like Community Builders help encourage and inspire black entrepreneurs, and we hope this initiative will encourage others to seek out and support the Community Builders in their neighborhoods," said Candace McCullum Gaines, Wells Fargo's head of African American integrated campaigns. Wells Fargo launched the Community Builders initiative in 2017 by spotlighting the stories of African American business owners nationwide who were working to give back to their local communities. In honor of Black History Month, Wells Fargo is once again celebrating Community Builders.

"Supporting small business owners is critical to the success of our communities and a priority Wells Fargo takes seriously," said Lisa Faison, multicultural segment strategy leader. Wells Fargo has helped small businesses in local communities through

focused investments and by providing small business tools and resources.

The company also supports small businesses through Wells Fargo Works for Small Business® and the Wells Fargo Works for Small Business Diverse Community Capital program. The Diverse Community Capital program, established in 2009, provides capital to Community Development Financial Institutions, or CDFIs. CDFIs provide technical assistance, financial services, mentoring, and other resources for diverse small businesses that may not qualify for conventional bank loans.

Throughout February, Community Builder recognition events are taking place in Atlanta, Houston, and New York City. The marquee event in New York City will feature Bowman and special host, entrepreneur, and celebrity chef Robb Ali.

"I'm excited to work with Wells Fargo to celebrate Community Builders," Ali said. "Simply trying to run a business as an entrepreneur takes a lot of work, so going above and beyond that takes even more effort, but also brings even more rewards. I am proud to be in a position to acknowledge other entrepreneurs who are doing great business and serving as Community Builders for their neighborhoods."

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Arlington

The **Downtown Library Grand Opening** will be held on June 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Arlington Public Library in Arlington. The three-story, 80,000-square-foot facility sets a new standard for public programming tailored to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population. The first floor will have customized collections, play areas, interactive activities, technology dedicated to children from birth to 12 years old. A digital creativity lab with a STEAM focus, computing space, and small group study rooms are provided on the second floor and aimed at teen patrons. An adult literacy area, also on the second floor, includes a large classroom and small

tutoring space to support adult literacy programs and workforce development. Genealogy and history enthusiasts will enjoy the section of the third-floor housing material, displays, and computers for research.

Carrollton

The **Lava Luau** will be held on June 16 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Downtown Carrollton. This family-fun event centered in the Downtown Square will host a summertime kick-off party complete with live music, vendors, contests, photo opportunities, festive foods and hula dancers. Their luau focuses on aspects of the traditional luau celebration. These feasts typically marked special occasions, such as reaching a signifi-

cant life milestone so they are welcoming the summer season, officially, with the Lava Luau! It's the gathering of family and friends; welcoming the summer season here in Texas, exhibited through music, through color and decoration, food and dance.

Dallas

The 2018 **North Texas Black Restaurant - Kick Off** will be held on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Southwest Center Mall, in Dallas. This event will promote African American Restaurants, Caterers, Scratch Kitchens and Food trucks serving the Dallas / Ft. Worth Area. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. featuring chef demonstrations, spotlighting catering ven-



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dors. Attendees will be able to purchase food and meet new Dallas Restaurant owners. To purchase or find out more information on this free event visit Facebook.com/events.

Irving

The **Huevos Revueltos Tour** will be held on June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory, in Irving. For more information and to pur-

chase tickets visit Ticketmaster.com

Lewisville

The **King George and Honkytonk Bar Association** (Garth Brooks) will be held on June 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Hat Tricks, in Lewisville. Hat Tricks is putting together a concert with King George and Honkytonk Bar Association, the DFW Tributes to the greatest country singers of our time, George

Strait and Garth Brooks! 21+ Event, VIP Reserved Stage Table (Includes Admission up to 4 Guests) or General Admission Tickets available here. For more information visit <https://hat-trickslewisville.ticketleap.com>.

Plano

The **Juneteenth Celebration** will be held on June 16 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County, in Plano. Bring your entire family for a fun and educational day! The event will feature a vendor marketplace, food, games, art, live music and so much more. Be sure to use #JuneteenthCC2018 for a social media contest. To volunteer and/or donate please contact: Juneteenth-CollinCounty@gmail.com.

Carrollton appoints new Pro Tem positions

The Carrollton City Council appointed members John Sutter and Young Sung as Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, respectively, during the June 5 meeting.

Sung was elected to Place 6 in 2017 and will complete his term in 2020.

"I am humbled by the support shown by my fellow City Council members in their nomination and my selection as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem," Sung said. "I hope to serve in this position as an advocate for the Council's shared priorities: public safety, economic development, positive redevelop-

ment, strong infrastructure, and fiscal responsibility."

Sung went on to say Carrollton is a place with social and economic diversity, beautiful and varied amenities, the highest quality first responders, supportive staff, and wonderful residents.

"I pledge to work in support, and enhancement of, each of these special Carrollton qualities," Sung said. "It is an honor to serve citizens in this new capacity."

Sutter was recently re-elected to Place 7 in May; his term will expire in 2021.

"I take the honor of serving as Carrollton City Council Mayor Pro Tem very seri-

ously and accept the position with great humility," Sutter said. "I look forward to further enhancing this community by working with our new City Council to bring in new businesses, redevelop aging neighborhoods, strengthen our public safety, improve our streets, alleys, and parks, and continue the close relationship with our school districts. Carrollton is a great place to live, work, and play because of its dedicated staff and involved citizens."

For more information on the Carrollton City Council, visit cityofcarrollton.com/council.

Plano Fill the Boot Collection sets record

Plano firefighters surpassed last year's record collections by more than \$12,000 during their Fill the Boot campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last month.

At Friday's Fill the Boot check presentation, Plano Firefighters Local 2149 Vice President Wesley Holland presented the MDA with a check for \$215,000, the amount surpassing last year's collection of \$202,000.

Plano firefighters collected for MDA Monday, May 14 through Saturday, May 19 at various intersec-



Courtesy photo

tions in the city. The funds collected go directly to the MDA to help families living with muscular dystrophy and related diseases through research, care, services, and support.

The check presentation

was held at Plano's Fire Station 8 on June 11 so the firefighters at Station 8 on C shift could be recognized for collecting the largest amount of all Plano fire crews. In two days, the firefighters at 8C collected \$22,316.

JOIN US AND OUR SPONSORS ON JUNE 17TH

An insightful journey back to the 'Neighborhood'

By David Wolfing
NDG Contributing Writer

When people reflect on the life and work of Fred Rogers, they often see it as a look back to a more peaceful, simpler time. But in truth, it was quite the opposite.

"Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" debuted in a very tumultuous time in our country's history. The United States deeply mired in Vietnam and internal protest. It was a rough, chaotic period. The first episodes aired in 1968, and they have been a part of America's cultural landscape ever since.

The irony of the era in which Mr. Rogers first hit the airwaves was pointed out immediately in the new film, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" which arrived in select theaters on June 8.

"Love is at the root of everything," Rogers said. "Love, or the lack of it."



Mr. McFeely (played by David Newell, at left) and Fred Rogers visit on the set of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," the subject of a new documentary film by Focus Features. (Courtesy photo)

Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, had a simple philosophy and goal in his television career. Whatever crisis hit the country as a whole, or a child's family in particular; Rogers was always there to tell them calmly, "I like you just the way you are." As TV entertainment raced forward with sensationalism, shock and conflict; Rogers extolled the simple pleasures in life.

When the media pushed on-screen antics at a mile-a-minute pace to keep their audience's attention; Rogers would quietly feed the fish.

In that simplicity, Rogers became an icon.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" takes an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at Rogers' career. Through interviews with those in his family and professional circle, the film out-

lines the rise of one of the most prominent children's shows in the history of television.

In addition to providing an opportunity to reminisce (since almost everyone in today's movie-going audience is young enough to have been a viewer), the film shows the parts of his life and working environment which do not fit the flawless persona. Rogers had a few struggles in his early life. There were some doubts and disappointments in his career. He dealt with apathy in Congress toward public television and a film crew who could sometimes be downright bawdy.

Through it all, the film does a great job of memorializing the story of a man who had a positive, lasting impact on generations of children. It points out radical statements on our culture, made with the simplest

words and gestures. Its message of unrelenting love and acceptance is timely in our culture today.

Best of all ... it gives us

hardened adults an excuse to follow the trolley one more time, into the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Most of us are overdue for a visit.

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award during the event.

"Nobody knows your battle better than you do...there are things that you need a physician to specifically listen for," Wilson said. "You need to know your statistics, specifically women of color."

Wilson also talked about the impact of heart disease on her own family.

"Even though, women face challenges with heart disease that are somewhat different from men, my father passed away from heart disease at age 55," Wilson said. "And while he was aware of heart disease, he was never taught 'Okay, this is what you do. Here are the things that can help,' which is so important."

During the Wenger Awards ceremony, Dr. Roxana Mehran ("Excellence in

Medical Leadership," Dr. Clyde W. Yancy ("Excellence in Medical Research") and Rep. Debbie Dingel (D-Mich.) ("Excellence in Public Service") were also recognized for their efforts in fighting heart disease. Actor and activist Lamman Rucker served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

Evan McGabe, the chair of the board of directors for WomenHeart, rallied attendees to get active and involved in learning more about their own heart statistics and overall health status.

"We really can't believe that so many women still don't know their risk of heart disease in this country," McGabe said. "In our organization, we teach women how to be proactive

about their health. We want to help women, not to dismiss their symptoms."

McGabe added that WomenHeart works to empower women so that they can empower others.

According to the CDC, the most common symptoms of heart disease include chest discomfort, upper back pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea/vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, shortness of breath, sudden weakness, paralysis in the limbs, blurred vision and impaired speech.

The risk factors for heart disease include high blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, poor diet and physical inactivity.

To reduce the chances of getting heart disease, the CDC recommends that people monitor their blood

pressure on a regular basis, receive regular screenings for diabetes, limit smoking, eat healthy, lower stress and limit alcohol consumption.

Closing out the event, Rucker gushed over the opportunity to be able to be a part of such a powerful movement.

"I've had a relationship with the Association of Black Cardiologist for a number of years and have done heart health work with the American Heart Association," Rucker said. "As an artist, a big part of our purpose behind the work that we are doing is to not just live out our dreams and be stars, but to inform, uplift and inspire people through the work that we do."

Rucker continued: "Just being able to be a part of [WomenHeart and the Wenger Awards] is tremendous."



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NDG Gift Guide for Fathers Day

Haven't picked up a Father's Day gift yet? Don't panic! The *North Dallas Gazette's* Father's Day Gift Guide includes several suggestions you can order online and still receive it by Sunday or take Dad out to eat.



If Dad loves steak, he might enjoy dinner at Mimi's with their Ribeye Steak for Father's Day (Courtesy Photo)

Feed your Dad!

First, you can take your favorite chef to **City Men Cook** at Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. CST, at Gilley's Dallas, at 1135 S. Lamar St., in Dallas. Keep your eye on CityMenCook.com for tickets and more details.

Mimi's Café will offer a specialty cocktail, The Bromosa, a blend of Corona and orange juice, in addition to its 28-day aged Ribeye Steak, served blackened or grilled, for the entire Father's Day weekend (June 15-17).

As a special treat, all dads who dine with Mimi's on Father's Day will receive a

free entrée with second entrée purchase offer to use on a future meal through July 7. Menu, reservations and locations at mimiscafe.com.

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If the kids are treating dear ole' Dad to dinner, what beats free? **Pizza Inn Rewards** members can enjoy a free Adult Buffet with purchase of an Adult Buffet on Father's Day only.

Snuffer's also has BOGO sandwich or hamburger with two drink purchases.

Keep Dad looking good!

Dad still got game and wants to look good. So, you can still order **Redken Brews** on Amazon, at one of their salons, ULTA or JCPenney. They offer a complete grooming collection that includes stylers formulated for endless looks, beer-inspired, malt-infused haircare formulations, skin solutions for shavers and non-shavers, beard care and no foil, no fuss color services for men.

Who said spa days are for mom's only? Not **Hiatus Spa + Retreat**. They are offering The Front Runner which includes a sports massage, facial and massage for his feet and hands. This two hour package costs \$210.

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Dad will enjoy rolling his way to victory in this addicting backyard game



Rollors is a unique outdoor game (Courtesy Photo)

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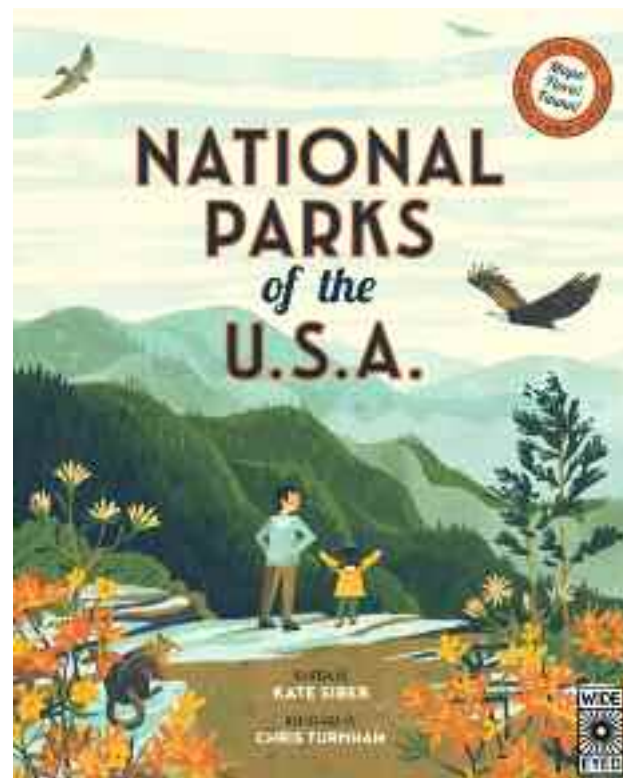
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parks. Explore Florida's river-laced Everglades, travel down the white water rapids of the Grand Canyon, trek across the deserts of Death Valley and scale the soaring summits of the Rocky Mountains with this book that brings you up close to nature's greatest adventures.

Packed with maps and fascinating facts about the flora and fauna unique to each park, this fully-illustrated coast-to-coast journey documents the nation's most magnificent and sacred places—and shows why they should be preserved for future generations to enjoy.



NDG readers can win free tickets to DCT's *How I Became a Pirate*

Ahoy matey! Sail off on a swashbuckling excursion with Jeremy Jacob and his pirate friends, as the cast of Dallas Children's Theater's (DCT) National Touring Production of *How I Became A Pirate* returns to the city for a summer run. Visit our Facebook page and tell us if you were a pirate and could sail away anywhere – where would you go? Join our FB community by liking the page so you can stay informed on upcoming entertainment giveaways.

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How I Became A Pirate is on-stage at DCT (Courtesy Image by Karen Almond)

Melinda Long, this joyful family musical is sure to leave all budding pirates singing and dancing in the

aisles. *How I Became A Pirate* runs from June 15 – July 8 at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts. On board

the ship, Jeremy travels to new worlds while learning the rules of pirate life, and searches for the perfect place to bury treasure. While Jeremy enjoys life on the high seas, he is schooled in the pirate code, manners, and etiquette – or lack thereof! But it isn't long before he misses his family and yearns for someone to tuck him in at night back home. A story of adventure and finding one's own heart – a path that can't be found on any map.

"I was fortunate enough to play the amazing role of

Captain Braid Beard, perform in some of the country's coolest theaters, and travel with an amazingly talented cast and crew. To top that off, we got to perform for children, who were truly some of the best audiences of my entire life. This has been a real privilege, and I am so incredibly grateful for this experience," said Steven Miller, who plays Captain Braid Beard.

Can't make it to the beach this summer? Come to DCT for fun in the sun during the run of *HOW I BECAME A*

PIRATE. Arrive early and color your favorite pirate image, or try your hand at mads libs or a treasure hunt word find. Young buccaneers will also have a chance to design their own Jolly Roger. Do one or all and you just might earn a prize... or two! All would-be swashbucklers will also have a chance to decode their official pirate name.

And of course, pirate garb is welcome! Photo ops, fun and more... All aboard.

Visit DCT.org for tickets and more info.

NDG Book Review: *How to Trick the Tooth Fairy* ain't no joke

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



The joke's from you! That's because you're a pretty funny kid. You're always being silly, pranking friends, goofing around, and joking to make people laugh – although sometimes, you have to admit that things get out of hand. In “How to Trick the Tooth Fairy” by Erin Danielle Russell, illustrated by Jennifer Hansen Rolli, they also get out of um, mouth.

Kaylee was the Princess of Pranking.

“Mischief” was practically her middle name because there wasn't one sin-

gle day in a year when she didn't play a prank. She was known to prank her sister awake. Kaylee even pranked on Christmas. All her friends knew the score and they were careful around her. No sense in being her next “unsuspecting victim.”

But, believe it or not, Kaylee wasn't the biggest prankster in the world.

No, that would be The

Tooth Fairy.

Seriously, have you ever actually seen The Tooth Fairy? Yeah, what can you say about pixie dust and swift fairy wings? Not much, except: can you spot trouble here?

Anyhow, one night, right after Kaylee lost a tooth, The Tooth Fairy came to visit. She was expecting to find a small, hard, white object beneath Kaylee's pillow but we are talking about Kaylee here and instead, The Tooth Fairy got a frog.

When you pillow-prank a professional with a rubber frog, you get dozens of real frogs in your bedroom in an-

swer.

From there, it was “Game On!”

Kaylee pranked The Tooth Fairy with a slice of chocolate pie and hot-sauce topping. Ugh. The Tooth Fairy retaliated with a roomful of sticky ice cream with whipped cream and cherries that landed absolutely everywhere. What a mess! Of course, Kaylee couldn't leave things well enough alone so she retaliated and The Tooth Fairy retaliated again and before long, payback was no fun. Nobody meant to hurt anybody.

What happens when two big pranksters have to call

off their epic prank-off? Is it possible for them to keep a long-term truce?

So you say you've got a mischief-maker in the house. The sillier, the better for her and the more laughs, the more fun. That's why you need “How to Trick the Tooth Fairy” around: this book is a perfect giggle-generator.

Part of the reason is that author Erin Danielle Russell's Kaylee is pure playfulness, which makes her easy for fun-loving kids to understand and identify with. Kaylee's pranking isn't malicious misbehavior or worthy of scolding; it's messy in

a colossal way, but it's really just kid stuff. The Tooth Fairy, on the other hand, lends a bit of magic pixie influence to the tale. Her pranks really go over-the-top; with artwork by Jennifer Hansen Rolli, mayhem adds to the free-wheeling free-for-all feel of the book.

For four-to-eight-year-olds who know how to get a little wild, this book will become a favorite pretty quickly. It's also for kids who love a good prank, and for children who haven't met The Tooth Fairy yet. The fun they'll find inside “How to Trick the Tooth Fairy” ain't no joke.

CFPB's acting director is acting up: Mulvaney joins payday industry to fight regulation

By Charlene Crowell

Everyday American school children are taught about this country's founding. Untold generations were taught that in a democracy, government is “of, by, and for the people”.

Yet when it comes to consumer finance, some who serve in government seem to have forgotten whom they work for.

Mick Mulvaney, the illegally appointed Acting Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is a glaring example of one who appears to consistently relegate the financial concerns of America's people in favor of businesses that harm instead of help consumers. His support of the payday and small-dollar lending industry is a prime example.

In January Mulvaney announced it was time to “reconsider” the Bureau's payday rule that was announced

by his predecessor after five years of public forums, research and more than one million comments. He also encouraged the industry to apply for waivers that would exempt them from the rule's first deadline this April. More recently, he publicly sided again with the payday industry's efforts by joining the leading payday lenders' association in filing a joint motion to delay the compliance date for the CFPB's rule on payday loans for 445 days after the final judgement of litigation challenging the rule.

Among consumer advocates, Mulvaney's actions are as unprecedented as they are bizarre. For more than a decade, research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) has consistently found that these small-dollar loans pick the pockets of working people at a rate of \$8 billion in fees ever year.

“Mick Mulvaney has been doing the bidding of payday

lenders for years; but putting the CFPB's weight behind a joint legal motion with their lobbyists is a new low, even for him,” said Jose Alcott, the Payday Campaign Manager with Americans for Financial Reform.

“It is appalling that an agency with a primary mission of protecting consumers is now teaming up with a payday lending industry that is notorious for trapping people in debt,” said Scott Astrada, CRL's Director of Federal Advocacy.

“It is despicable that the consumer bureau's interim director Mick Mulvaney is colluding with payday lending lobbyists who push unconscionable loans up to 400 percent annual interest on struggling families who can least afford it”, said Lauren Saunders, Associate Director of the National Consumer Law Center.

This multi-billion-dollar industry has launched a legal

challenge to a rule that provides only two basic provisions: an ability to repay, and payment protections. The first requires lenders to make a reasonable determination before loan approval that consumers can afford to repay the loan. The latter provision denies lenders from taking repayment from checking accounts after two consecutive efforts failed.

The average payday loan may only be \$365 but comes with an average triple-digit interest rate of 361 percent and \$458 in fees – payable in full, usually within two weeks. The lender requirement of full payment triggers a long-term trap for borrowers: 75 percent of all payday fees are stripped from borrowers stuck in more than 10 loans a year. Similarly, 85 percent of car-title loan renewals occur within 30 days of a previous one that could not be fully repaid. Additionally, one out of every five

borrowers end up losing their vehicle to repossession.

Today, 15 states and the District of Columbia have enacted interest rate caps on payday loans. CRL research found that consumers in these states save \$2.2 billion each year that otherwise would have been paid for predatory fees.

In 2006 the Military Lending Act was approved with bipartisan support and authorized the Department of Defense to protect active duty members of the military, their spouses, and dependents with a 36 percent interest rate cap. In 2016, the regulations were expanded to include a wider range of credit products.

But for those who aren't active military and who live in the 35 states without meaningful payday car title loan regulation, the debt traps continue. A fair federal rule was previously promulgated and should be allowed to take ef-

fect.

The consumers whose lives will be either helped or hurt most by the eventual judicial ruling will be people of color. There are reasons why civil rights organizations like the NAACP, Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, UnidosUS, and the League of United Latin American Citizens all vigilantly oppose these small and predatory loans.

“Instead of letting Mulvaney feed consumers to loan sharks,” added Astrada, “the Trump Administration should appoint a permanent director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a commitment to protecting consumers.”

That kind of move would give renewed meaning to “government of, by, and for the people”. Stay tuned.

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Lessons From the Financial Independence and Early Retirement (FIRE) Community

By Hugh Norton

How do you envision your retirement? For some, there's an idealistic image that many share of days spent walking along a warm beach, endless travel and a leisurely lifestyle. On the other end of the spectrum, some people haven't had the opportunities that would afford them the

ability to stop working when they want, never get to retire in the traditional sense and struggle to live on a fixed income once they're no longer able to work.

There's also a middle ground, those who can afford to stop working and live a modest lifestyle. But the financial requirements for seniors have changed and

grown over the years, and so this middle option may be less common as a result. Employer pensions and other retirement benefits aren't as prevalent or plentiful as they once were. Longer life expectancy and a rising cost of living can make it more difficult to live purely on Social Security benefits and retirement savings alone.

However, there are individuals and families who have been lucky enough to be in the position to retire decades before their 60s. They're part of a social movement known as FIRE – financial independence and early retirement – that has its own values, rules, subgroups and lingo.

What is FIRE?

The idea of becoming financially independent, when you can live off the income from your savings and investments, and retiring early, a notion that can seem too good to be true. Even if the end goal is desirable, it may not be possible for many, and in cases where it is possible, some may not be up for the journey. Early retirees may

live in small homes, drive old cars and avoid eating out prior to retirement – all with the goal of accumulating enough savings to live on after retirement.

There is more than one way in which people have achieved FIRE. However, there are a few basic rules to

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Dallas residents turn in more than 120,000 petition signatures for paid sick time

On Monday, June 11, Dallas workers, community members, business owners, faith and labor leaders gathered at city hall to submit more than 120,000 petition signatures to place paid sick time in the hands of Dallas voters in November.

"The last 60 days, we have gone out into the Dallas community to speak and listen to workers about the realities of living and working in Dallas," said Diana Ramirez, Deputy Political Director of Workers Defense. "Far too many workers are working paycheck to paycheck and risking their jobs when a family member

has fallen ill. Today, we say 'no more' as we bring Dallas workers closer to the ability to earn paid sick time."

"As a born and raised Dallas resident, it fills me with joy knowing that we're putting the power to improve our city in the hands of the people," said Mary Guzman, Texas Organizing Project Education Fund board member. "Together, by turning in these petitions today, we are one step closer to ensuring more dignity for everyone who works and fairness for all of our families."

"As union members we know that all working peo-

ple - regardless of income, age or background - need to be able to meet their basic needs to take care of themselves and their family members," said Mark York, Dallas AFL-CIO. "What this campaign is working towards - a minimum standard for all workers in Dallas - will increase protection for our families and communities and strengthen our economy."

"CWA Local 6215 and all locals believe that paid sick time isn't just a need, it is a must," said Earnest Tilley, CWA Local 6215 Executive Vice President. "Things happen in life that are often

unforeseen, and employees that work to make a decent living should be afforded the opportunity to accrue paid sick time and use it when they need to."

"As socialists, we recognize paid sick time as an valuable measure and an important step toward a broader conversation about health justice," said Kristian Hernandez, Co-Chair of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) North Texas. "Workers deserve to care for themselves and for their families. We view healthcare not as a privilege, but as a human right."

"This is a really great day

for Dallas and its workers," said Lee Daughtery, owner Alexandre's. "The service industry is excited this is headed to the ballot in November for the chance to bring much needed relief to the industry and keep the people preparing and serving your food and beverages healthy."

"No worker should ever have to choose between self-care or going back to work. Paid sick time benefits both employee and employer," said Pastor Dr. Jaime Kowlessar, City Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Faith in Texas' Clergy Table Leader. "When workers are

at the best they can offer an optimal level work, and productivity."

"As a council member, it is a beautiful day in our democracy to lift up the voice of so many Dallasites who believe in the rights and humanity of their fellow residents," said Omar Narvaez, Dallas City Council Member. "Now it is time to lift their voices to the City Secretary and show a United Dallas that protect families' health and their jobs without losing pay."

Workers and advocates kicked off the Dallas campaign for paid sick time on April 13.

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live by that could help you get there:

- Live a modest and frugal lifestyle and put most of your earnings (often over 50 percent) into savings and investments.
- Try to find ways to increase your savings rate by cutting expenses and increasing your income. Creating and closely monitoring a budget can help.
- Look for opportunities to increase your investment returns and grow your money faster.
- Aim to have enough in your savings that you can retire early, perhaps in your 50s, 40s, 30s or even earlier.

Reaching financial independence doesn't necessarily mean you have to quit your job. However, you now have that option and the freedom that comes with it.

How to apply the movement to your life

Realistically, reaching FIRE may not be an option for everyone. But increasing the gap between your income and expenses such that you have more money coming in than going out could help your financial situation even if you don't think you can retire early (or even want to).

Here are a few ways to incorporate the guiding princi-

ples of the FIRE movement into your life without going to extremes:

Evaluate your priorities.

This is always a great place to start. No one else gets to decide what's truly important in your life. If you take the time to evaluate what you want and what's important to you, it can help you set clear goals to strive for and a benchmark by which to measure the decisions that shape your financial future.

Decrease expenses. No matter your aptitude for a frugal lifestyle, look for ways to cut costs in different areas of your life. Housing, transportation and food are often major monthly ex-

penses, so it could help to focus on these areas. Some FIRE devotees sell their cars or trucks and walk or bike to work. Organizing a carpool or taking public transportation could be a better fit for your lifestyle.

Increase your income.

There are many ways to increase the other side of the equation as well. You could look for a side gig or negotiate a raise with your current employer. If you have the funds to make it work, taking on an investment property could also be a key to higher income.

Avoid lifestyle inflation.

It can be tempting to "upgrade" your lifestyle when

your income increases. However, if your goal is to increase the gap between your income and expenses, you'll want to maintain your lifestyle while your income rises.

Aim for higher returns.

Whether you're a savvy investor or don't know a stock from a bond, a little research and planning could help you make more money with your money. Even low-risk actions, such as moving your money to a bank or credit union that offers a higher interest rate, could help. Lowering the fees you pay on checking, savings and investment accounts could also help increase your returns.

Bottom Line:

Even if early retirement is not in your game plan, there are still valuable lessons and takeaways from the examples of those who have been able to achieve this goal. If you're intrigued by some of the concepts or think you may want to join others on the path to FIRE, there are resources and tools that can help. You can use basic online calculators to create a budget or check your savings progress and help you determine when you'll be able to retire.

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gram until 2016 when they hired me to do so full time," Scott said. "Now I am able to share my story and ensure our families that they are not their credit score and that they can get out of the vicious cycle of poverty and debt."

OTRL relies on learning about a client's cash flow, circumstances, motivation and desire to improve their current situation to get them qualified for an affordable loan. Their vehicle selection specialists consider their budget, vehicle use, and family size, and then work with their community of car dealerships to find them a reliable car under warranty.

They have partnerships with a community of car dealerships to help us find a reliable car under warranty. Once the client selects an approved dealership, OTRL ensures they understand how the program works.

After the family receives their car, OTRL continues to provide support and advocate for the families throughout the life of their loan. The objective is to help the client to improve their credit and financial position while assisting them to get back on the road to economic mobility.

For people who are not ready for the regular Mobility Program, OTRL offers

the KEY program.

The Keys to Empowering Yourself program is a provisional transportation collaboration offering temporary vehicles and intensive financial coaching while these clients find employment, gain job stability and financial skills. They are also working to accumulate savings. The KEY cars are slightly older and higher mileage than the typical vehicles in the other program.

"Our network of community partners asked us to find a transportation solution for their most vulnerable clients taking their first steps toward financial stability," Scott said. "This includes people looking for jobs, those without consis-

tent employment history, victims fleeing domestic violence, individuals who have been recently incarcerated, and students. In other words, clients who may not have a positive history of paying bills due to their situation, stability at an employer or a residence."

Their lending arm also supports the KEY Program. The client now has access to a loan for a lower-tier vehicle for about 12 months while they work, to qualify for the Mobility Program. At that time, they will trade out of the older vehicle and into a newer car with less mileage.

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June 16 Uplift Education Child Nutrition Job Fair

The Uplift Education Child Nutrition Job Fair will be held on June 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at pin Uplift Education, in Dallas.

June 19 Dallas Job Fair

The Dallas Job Fair will be held on June 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sheraton Hotel Galleria, in Dallas. There will be live interviews with AT&T, Lockheed Martin, Starbucks, American Airlines, City of Dallas, Vasayo, Texas Health Resources, Kroger, Maverick Enterprises Inc., T-Mobile, Bank of America and many more! Be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress professionally.

June 21 Some Like it Hot - Job Fair

The Some Like it Hot - Job Fair will be held on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at pin

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June 20, 7 p.m.

Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, and others conducting a new book study with "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan, 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times, with supporting chapters and verses. Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you; it's Time to Grow in the Word of God.

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June 20

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June 20, 7 p.m.

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-- 2 Timothy 3:5.

God never called you to live by Christian principles. He calls you to live in relationship with the living God, Jesus Christ. One of the weaknesses of the Christians today is that we teach people principles without having a relationship with God.

The western church is big on ten step programs, "how-to" methods and acrostics to illustrate memorable ideas. There is a place for establishing principles to change negative behavior. However, we are not called to have a relationship with principles, but with a living God.

Living by principles is the equivalent to living by the law in the Old Testament. It is rooted in the

Greek system of learning and is dependent upon our strength instead of being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Principle-based living is powerless living. This only makes our Christian experience a religion instead of a relationship. "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." (Galatians 5:18).

We read about principle-based followers in the book of Acts, "And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women," (Acts 5:12-14). There was a group of followers who liked being taught but never entered the game.

The prophet Jeremiah tells us about the nature of God and His desire for every believer. This is what the LORD says: " Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty

man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in he earth.

For in these I delight," says the Lord," (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Friend, have you been guilty of living a life based on principles instead of knowing the One who au-

thored the principles? Invite Jesus to be Lord over your life and begin to spend time with Him (God) every day, by reading the scriptures to see what Gog has to say to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you through every moment of your day.

Are there any areas in your life that have not come under the lordship of Christ?

Is there any lack of obedience that will prevent you

from being used fully by God? Ask Him to search you, since He alone knows your heart; to try you, to show you your anxieties; and see if there are any wicked ways in you.

Ask God to lead you in the everlasting way. (The above paragraph is based on Psalm 139:23-34). Praise God and lift Him up, for He is God Almighty and worthy to be praised.



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