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Wells Fargo and the 'Cherry Picking' of the Black community

By Dr. John E. Warren

(NNPA) Recently Wells Fargo bank's Office of Corporate Communications responded to our series of articles by stating that African American newspapers were included in their "Open Letter" ad campaign which was suppose to "rebuild trust." The inference was that because we used a "few" African American newspapers, in some communities, that should be sufficient for all members of the Black community. Perhaps Wells Fargo does not understand our communities and our newspapers are in the very communities in which their banks are located. Let us not forget the grocery stores where we shop and our predominantly Black college campuses with Wells Fargo ATM machines.

As a government regulated business, Wells Fargo is required to provide its services without discrimina-



Wells Fargo has a task ahead of it to rebuild trust in the Black community after selective communication following their "Open Letter" campaign. (Photo: Mike Mozart / Flickr)

tion as a matter of public policy. This is why the Office of The Comptroller of the Currency exercises oversight as well as the House and Senate Finance Committees in the U.S. Congress. This means the bank should not be putting out fewer efforts to reach some areas of the community while professing to rebuild trust within only parts of the banking community.

Perhaps someone at the recent Annual Shareholders Meeting should have raised the question as to why Wells Fargo Bank engages in "cherry picking" it's outreach to our ethnic banking community. The

same group of people who were among the victims of the fake accounts created by bank employees. For clarity, the term "cherry picking" means taking what one considers the best or necessary and making a conscious decision to ignore all the rest.

This spring campaign season is a good place to start correcting this process with an attitude of inclusion of all our communities since Wells Fargo does not use the same process in selecting customers.

Dr. John E. Warren, is the Publisher of the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper.

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Theresa McLellan

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police Department paused to recognize individuals' actions during their annual ceremony Tuesday, April 18. Dozens of officers and staff received recognition and praise for their bravery, dedication and outstanding performances in 2016.

Individually recognized were Fare Enforcement Officer Zachary Lacey as Staff Specialist of the Year, Officer Theresa McClellan as Officer of the Year, Sgt. Tony Hinojosa as Supervisor of the Year and Lt. Kevin Lindsey



as Manager of the Year.

Chosen as Team of the Year was the National Night Out team of Officer Melanie Cade, Officer Eva Pipkin, Officer Justin Ellis, Lead Telecommunicator Brenda

Lee and Police Specialist Mary DeLira.

The ceremony included a special tribute to officers and individuals thrust into precarious situations on July 7, 2016 when an armed gunman began shooting at El Centro College near three DART properties: West End Station, West Dallas Transfer Center and Rosa Parks Plaza.

DART's first Medal of Honor was bestowed posthumously to Officer Brent A. Thompson who was tragically killed that day. Thompson also received the department's first Police Cross.

Medal of Valor awards were given to Officer Kristopher Stewart, Officer Lee

Canon, Officer Robert Craig and Officer Kristopher Carter. Police Commendations went to Lt. Don Hyder, Sgt. Chris Hunt, Sgt. Tori Hutchins, Sgt. Crystal Parker, Detective Joseph Stinson, Officer Shamika Sorrells and Police Specialist Michelle Killinger. The Life Saving award was earned by Officer Kristopher Carter, Officer Kristopher Stewart and Officer Temple Kramer.

Four officers were shot that day. In recognition, the Police Shield was presented to Officer Misty McBride, Officer Lee Cannon, Officer Jesse Retana, and, accepting the award for Officer Brent

Thompson was his wife, Officer Emily Thompson.

Certificates of Merit were presented for excellence in police performance to Sgt. Richard Tear, Sgt. Cesario Rodriguez, Sgt. Homer Hutchins, Sgt. Keith Austin, Cpl. Luevada Campbell, Officer Stacy Glover, Officer Johnathan Williams-Cooper, Officer Anthony Rhodes, Officer James Varney, Officer Christopher McGee, Officer Dakari Davis, Telecommunicator Angela Masterson and Telecommunicator Krysta Davis.

Letters of Commendation went to Sgt. Stephen Jones, Sgt. Warren Mays, Sgt. Billy

Rawlinson, Cpl. Gary Hutchison, Officer Christopher Cobb, Officer Wayne Walston, Officer Melanie Cade, Officer Dana Hartfield, Officer Melanie Serano, Officer Laquana Tower, Officer Delia Allison, Officer William Ouellette, Officer Justin Ellis, Officer Richard Moore, Officer Douglas Huse, Officer Miguel DeLeon, Officer Geno Maya, Lead Telecommunicator Brenda Lee, Telecommunicator Mimi Bowman, Camera Monitor Steve Wiggins, Camera Monitor Robin Payne, Monica Robledo-Jones, Angel Velez, Sonia Garcia and Jean Haertel.

John B. Smith, Sr.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) extends heartfelt, deepest sorrow and condolences to the family of John B. Smith, Sr. As publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer, and as a former Chairman of the NNPA, John B. Smith, Sr. was a respected, strong, effective, compassionate and courageous leader of the Black Press in America for decades.

John B. Smith, Sr. passed on Thursday, April 27, in Atlanta, GA. The legacy of Smith will continue to be



cherished and admired by future generations of publishers, journalists and activists.

Smith is such a publisher, was the publisher for more than 40 years at The Atlanta

Inquirer. "The Boss" was described as giving, sharing and caring about the Atlanta community and its citizens. On several occasions, Smith helped to organize several social and civic organizations for a better life for Atlanta citizens.

Active in the community, Smith served on numerous boards of directors in business, and civic organizations. Honors included "Young Man of the Year" in Business and selected as one of twenty-five "City Shapers" by Atlanta Magazine. The Atlanta Press Club inducted Smith and

the founders of The Atlanta Inquirer into its 2016 Hall of Fame. Additionally, last year the Atlanta City Council honored Smith for his tenacity and dedication to Atlanta and journalism.

His desire for perfection and knowledge of salesmanship made him effective in the field of marketing, in particular, and communications, in general. He represented The Atlanta Inquirer not only within the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, but also Atlanta's Community Relations Commission, along with other enterprising busi-

ness activities.

Additionally, Smith ascended to chairman of the board of NNPA, "the Black Press of America," from 2005-2009 commanding responsibilities of the newspaper federation, which is comprised of more than 200 African-American newspapers nationwide.

Funeral arrangements are the following:

- Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College, 830 Westview Drive SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30314

A graduate of Morehouse College, John B. Smith, Sr. is survived by his wife, Francis, his son John B. Smith, Jr., his daughter Lori Smith, and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, brother Robert Smith and sister Sarah Alexander, as well as, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives.

The staff of the North Dallas Gazette extends our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Smith who always extended a gracious smile and willingness to help lead the NNPA and his colleagues forward.

NDG Readers Sound Off...

Dwaine Caraway throwing his hat back in the ring for Dallas City Council Place 4

I think you're right about the financial details associated with Caraway's campaign. At least that's the rumor I've heard, but ultimately I feel like he's a good guy and a good fit for city council. *Editor's Note: Comment is in response to a reader's comment published last week.*

-- Brian Miller

Dallas Police and Fire Pension rescue

threatens DART funding

Significantly reducing bus and rail service within Dallas seems like a disaster waiting to happen if you ask me. I hope it doesn't come to that.

-- Adrienne

The Irving mayoral election offers choices for change

If you want to drive the car you need to ride in it for awhile. City Mayors don't start out as Mayors, they have to know how to do business within the system. They should work on a committee or as a coun-

cilperson first.

-- Bob Harris

I have known and observed Rick Stopfer for as long as he has been in Irving. He is a fair, level headed man who has great knowledge and experience in all matters of Irving City Government. During my years as a Utility Company Manager, I had direct working business relations with Rick and noticed his calm, level headed approach to major issues challenging his role in representing the residents of Valley Ranch. He demonstrates Fair, Sound, and Equal Judgement in his ap-

proach to vital decisions facing him. His vast experience in the business of City Hall makes him the most effective and correct choice for Mayor. It would be a great detriment to our City to miss this opportunity to have Rick as our Mayor.

-- Al Jarrell

5 in Dallas area guilty of health care fraud

Not Good

-- Alice Decker

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John Wiley Price and justice in Dallas



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The trial of the century is over, and Justice has prevailed! Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price has been proven not guilty! The personal nightmare for Commissioner Price is over. However, how many in the community are still living in a perpetual purgatory of Injustice.

Justice is often in the eyes of the beholder. In many cases due to circumstances of jury selection, justice is

denied. When Commissioner John Wiley Price was found not guilty of corruption charges, locally the Black community rejoiced. The previous week, Officer Bryan Burgess of the Dallas Police Department was found not guilty of criminally negligent homicide in running over bicyclist Fred Bradford. In this case, the Black community was enraged.

We had one man, Commissioner Price in the battle for his life against the United States government. We had another man Fred Bradford, deceased whose reputation and life were embattled. Both men stood in front of the juries. One man literally on trial, the other man symbolically on trial. In America, all Black men are on trial either symboli-

cally or otherwise. In the American justice system, most black men face and are judged by juries with an implicit bias of guilt.

The judicial system is based on the theory you are innocent until proven guilty, unless of course you are Black. If you are Black the burden of proof is about as heavy as grandma’s black cast iron skillet. We must level the playing field of justice, to the point that justice truly is Equal for All!

Many people do not realize, how critical jury composition is the key to justice! In both of the aforementioned cases, the juries making the final decision were predominately White. We as a people must get beyond running away from serving on juries. When the jury summons arrives in the

mailbox, answer the call. Many people have been convicted because of jury composition. Enlarge the jury pool, so people like Commissioner Price will not have to say, “I’m the luckiest Black man alive.”

Fred Bradford was not lucky when Officer Burgess ran him over twice. Officer Bryan Burgess was lucky when the jury said “Not Guilty.” Then again perhaps Burgess was not lucky, because after all Officer Burgess is White.

Jury composition and justice is more than just blind luck.

Editor’s Note: Following a nine-week trial Commissioner Price was found not guilty on April 28 on seven of the 11 charges he faced. The jury was hung on four income tax related charges.

Our thoughts on the upcoming May 6 election

Incumbent Casey Thomas is facing opposition from Joe Tave again, as well as, Sandra Crenshaw. NDG believes Thomas deserves a second chance to build upon the experience he gained over the last two years.

Tammy Johnston is seeking to replace incumbent Tiffanni Young and NDG sees her as representing a new and fresh vision

for District 7.

NDG believes Scott Griggs has served his constituents well during this first three terms, and is the right man for the position to serve for a fourth term.

In our view, Dwaine Caraway is the Renaissance Man in this election and should replace the woman he helped to elect, incumbent Carolyn King Arnold.

NDG supports Tennell Atkins to return to the City Council, putting his experience, knowledge and understanding of Dallas City Hall to work again on behalf of the voters.

Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce Foreman has been a tireless champion for District 6. Foreman is a woman with strong convictions and is never afraid to speak up on behalf of these students,

parents and educators she represents.

With his diversified and in-depth background, we feel Young Sung is an ideal choice for the Carrollton City Council.

In the Irving race, NDG supports both mayoral candidate Rick Stopher and Place 5 candidate Oscar Ward to push the reset button and get city government back on track.

NDG endorsements for city council and school board elections on May 6



Dallas City Council, District 1
Scott Griggs



Dallas City Council, District 4
Dwaine Caraway



Dallas City Council, District 8
Tennell Atkins



Carrollton City Council, Place 6
Young Sung



Irving City Council Mayor
Rick Stopher



Dallas City Council, District 3
Casey Thomas



Dallas City Council, District 7
Tammy Johnston



Dallas ISD Board Trustee, District 6
Joyce Foreman



CFBISD School Board, At-Large
Candace Valenzuela



Irving City Council Place 5
Oscar Ward

Tips on how to react to a potential drowning incident

PHOENIX, AZ – Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. On average, 3,533 people die as a result of drowning each year, and most of those deaths are children under the age of four who drown in backyard swimming pools. The tragedy of these statistics is nearly all drowning deaths are preventable. However, if a drowning incident does occur it is vital that parents and children know how to react. A proper response could save a life. The United States Swim School Association (USSSA), a leading swim school organization in the country, has created guidelines that can be fol-



lowed during a drowning incident.

Additionally, USSSA recommends several standard water safety precautions to parents to help avoid drowning incidents by being proactive and creating a safe swim environment including: keeping children under

constant supervision, enrolling children in swimming lessons, knowing CPR, having pool fences and barriers installed.

If you encounter a potential drowning situation, recommendations include:

- Throw, Don't Go – a young child struggling in the

water can easily cause an adult attempting a rescue to drown as well. Panic can cause a child to obstruct an adult from being able to swim or stay above the water. It is safer to throw a lifesaving device, towel, rope or even a pool noodle to the person in the water, wait until he or she grabs hold and then tow the person safely.

- Call for Help – alert others around you that a drowning is occurring before you take action to try to save the victim. In case something goes wrong it is vitally important that other people know you may need assistance with the rescue.
- Approach from Behind –

if you need to enter the water to save someone from drowning, it is best to approach the person from behind to lessen the likelihood the person will grab on to you and pull you under the water as well.

- Wear a Life Jacket – If you are attempting to rescue a drowning victim in an open body of water like a river or lake put on a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket before you enter the water and if possible secure yourself to your boat or shore with a rope. Conditions in the water will be unknown and you will not know if you will be fighting currents or an underwater log. The life jacket could

save your life and the victims.

- Watch for Signs of Secondary Drowning – people who experience a drowning incident can still have water in their lungs hours after and need to be watched closely for signs of trouble breathing which could indicate a secondary drowning emergency. If difficult breathing is noted after a drowning, immediately seek medical help and call 911.

To find a USSSA affiliated swim school near you, or for details on becoming a member of the nation's leading swim school organization visit: <http://www.usswimschools.org>.

Your child's mouthwash might be putting harmful substances in their bodies

Consumers have become increasingly aware of the hidden toxins in foods, beverages as well as eating and drinking utensils. They avoid high fat and high sodium foods, sulfates in their personal care products, aerosol sprays and toxic chemicals in their household cleaners.

Yet, when it comes to mouthwash, they will let their children take a product that

contains harsh substances.

"There has been a surprising lack of attention to mouthwash and how it affects children," says Dr. Harold Katz (www.therabreath.com), a bacteriologist, dentist and developer of TheraBreath for Kids Oral Rinse.

Many ingredients in some commercial mouthwashes are of questionable benefit

and some are just plain bad for you.

- Sodium Lauryl Sulfate. This harsh detergent leads to canker sores and causes microscopic damage and shedding of vital oral tissue.

- Saccharin. This sweetener is found in drinks, candy, cookies and medicines. It has also been shown to cause bladder cancer when tested on laboratory rats. In

humans, it can cause allergy-related symptoms, skin disorders, nausea and diarrhea.

- Artificial Colors and Flavors. Studies by leading health researchers have found a link between children's use

of artificial colors and flavors with learning disabilities and hyperkinesis.

Katz suggests that all consumers take the time to read labels and understand what is going into their children's

bodies.

Dr. Harold Katz received his degree in bacteriology from UCLA and is the founder of The California Breath Clinics and author of "The Bad Breath Bible."

African-American women and police have a 'conversation'

By Jackie Blalock Robinson

If it is to be, it's up to me! This is the message that nearly 100 African-American women heard when they came together with several black officers of the Dallas Police Department on Saturday, April 22 to discuss issues involving African-American women and the police. The attendees discussed the realities of negative encounters with the police and how to start healing and find solutions.

The event, held at the Black Police Officers Building in Dallas, was facilitated by Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Communication Officer, The United Methodists of North Texas. Dr. Patterson, the daughter of a Charlotte, North Carolina police officer, was passionate about strengthening the relationship between police and the African-American community. She remembers the time as a youth when police



(L to R) Sergeant Logan, Major Richardson, Lieutenant Hadnot, Chief Shead, Dr. Patterson Officer Gates, Major Porter (Courtesy photo)

officers were heroes.

"Black police were a gift to the black community. They were adored; they were loved; they were needed," said Dr. Patterson.

However, in recent years, and the easy accessibility of cameras on cell phones, videos have surfaced showing negative and abusive encounters between police and African-American women. First, last summer a teenage African-American girl was tackled by a white police-

man in McKinney. Then, last month an African-American mother and daughter in Ft. Worth were thrown to the ground by a white policeman during a police call. In 2015, Sandra Bland, an African-American woman traveling in South Texas was confronted and then arrested by a white policeman. She was found dead later in her jail cell of an alleged apparent suicide.

So how did we get to the point? Dallas Police De-

partment's (DPD), Major Latoya Porter, shared insights into a little known historical fact about Slave Patrols. According to Maj. Porter, these patrols terrorized black people to get them to not run away from plantations, or to get them to be 'good' slaves. These patrols lasted about 173 years. This history transcends where we are today. But

terms like 'bad attitudes, de-escalate, disrespect, deep-seated fears' that stir up many more conversations about African-American women and the police.

"What you saw (in Ft. Worth) encourages other police officers to do the same thing in every other city around the nation," said Dallas Police Deputy Chief Katrina Shed. "That lady was a mother trying to stand up for her son. It hurt my heart to see a woman treated that way." Shed added police can de-escalate a situation with improved communication skills.

"We do have de-escalation training along with understanding biases and cultural diversity. But you're always going to have individuals who do what they want to do; you're going to have bad apples. Yes, they (policemen) attend the training; they're paying attention,

but they are still could do the absolute wrong thing. It is unfortunate, but no class can change some biases."

Once the concerns were discussed, the two groups united to look ahead to the future. All attendees said this event was a good start in making change. "We need to build community with the police," said Porter.

"DPD's Community Engagement manager, Joli Robinson, is really focused on being involved in the community." Robinson said she has a passion for working with the community and shared some of the tactics she uses.

"To build community with the police, DPD brings out vendors to provide free services and information for the community," Robinson said. "We offer free 'Coffee with Cops' regularly as a way to

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DISD, DCCCD and TEA partnership allows students to early college credits

Dallas ISD and the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) are set to operate 23 Early College High Schools (ECHS) in the 2017–2018 school year. This will make Dallas ISD and the DCCCD a statewide leader in providing an opportunity for students to earn up to 60 hours of college credit or an associate degree — at no cost to them — while earning a high school diploma.

The Texas Education Agency in April announced the ECHS designations. The TEA only grants the ECHS



Image Courtesy DISD

designations to schools that are on track to meet six rigorous benchmarks and operate best practices.

Additionally, Dallas ISD and the DCCCD are build-

ing on the ECHS model by incorporating the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) framework. The framework brings together

the high school, its college partner and one or more industry partners to provide students with real world knowledge and skills.

“We are extremely proud that Dallas ISD received these new ECHS designations for all 17 of our collegiate academy programs,” said Usamah Rodgers, Dallas ISD executive director of P-TECH and Early College Programs. “Dallas ISD now has 23 TEA-approved ECHS in conjunction with the DCCCD and the University of North Texas at Dallas, which demonstrates

our commitment to graduate students who are college and career ready.”

More than 46 industry partners are partnering with the DCCCD and Dallas ISD. The industry partners will provide students with mentorship, job interviews, site visits, and some will be selected for internship opportunities.

“We are excited that opportunities for Dallas ISD students continue to expand when it comes to preparing them to enter tomorrow’s workforce,” said Israel Cordero, Chief of Strategic

Initiatives and External Relations. “These Early College High Schools add to existing district programs that are successfully making college a reality and supporting career-readiness even before students graduate from high school.”

Dallas ISD and the DCCCD have seen remarkable interest in the collegiate academies. The collegiate academies received more than 4,800 applications for about half that many spots during the last application period that was open Dec. 5 – Jan. 31.

UNT’s ArtWear 2017 highlights talents of graduating fashion designers

The sleek and stylish models strutting down the catwalk May 6 will be displaying the culmination of University of North Texas’ seniors hard work and dedication.

ArtWear, the annual juried exhibition at the UNT Union Ballroom, located at 1155 Union Circle, Denton, is showcasing the work of 32 students from the College of Visual Arts and Design fashion design program this year. Students spend at least five months working on these pieces. They began with sketches, prototyping and research during the winter break, and they made the outfits during the spring semester.

“ArtWear feels more like



Image Courtesy UNT

my actual graduation – what I’ve been waiting four years for,” senior Brittne Grono said.

Grono was inspired by Joan of Ark’s devotion to Catholicism and has created a line of modern evening/bridal suiting reflecting not only Joan of Ark’s

dedication but also her strength.

“I’m so excited for ArtWear this year,” said senior Sara Bennack, who will be showing her collection of women’s sportswear about falling in love that was inspired by artist Erin Armstrong, a Canadian expres-

sionist painter.

Each garment is treated with some form of hand painting, embroidery and beading, as well as carefully thought-out texture and color

details. “Because this is one of my last chances to express my creativity in school, I decided to incorporate all aspects of design in my collection pieces.”

Tickets are \$40 general admission or \$25 for UNT student/faculty/staff and may be purchased online. Parking is available in Lot 54 near the Welch Street Complexes.

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Study shows that Plano Parks and Rec worth millions to local economy

At an April 24 Plano City Council preliminary meeting, the Trust for Public Land shared its findings from a study conducted to explore the economic benefits provided by the city's park and recreation system. Plano Parks and Recreation engaged the TPL in a professional services contract last year to measure the department's overall performance and how such has impacted the community at large.

"We know parks and recreation facilities have benefits to our community, but a lot of times we don't know what those hard economic benefits are," Plano Parks and Recreation Director Robin Reeves said.

The Trust for Public Land is a national nonprofit organization that has protected nearly 40k acres of Texas' most important natural places since 1979, including 1,800 acres in North Texas. The study



Michael Barera / Wikimedia

found that Plano's parks and recreation system contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to the local economy each year by enhancing property value, boosting local tourism and economic development, and providing an array of recreation opportunities, which in turn leads to health cost savings.

Key findings from the study include:

- Plano's parks increase the value of nearby homes by 5 percent, equaling to about \$337 million in enhanced property value.
- Parks, trails and recre-

ational facilities attract many nonresidents to the area. Sports and tournament events hosted in Plano alone generate \$39.2 million annually.

• Many residents also visit Plano's parks and recreation facilities at least once a year (90% of children and 82% of adults), which equates to \$31.8 million in annual recreational value.

• Independent research has shown when people exercise it reduces illness, therefore reduces medical care costs. Recreational activity in Plano generates

\$21.2 million in health care cost savings annually.

• 71 percent of businesses who decided to locate in Plano said the quality of the area's parks and recreation was an important factor.

• \$32.7 million is spent on recreation-related spending by Plano residents each year. This activity also supports local businesses (54 stores and \$109 million in sales).

"All of this makes Plano an attractive place to live, work and play. People want to live here and businesses want to locate here because of your high quality of life," said Jessica Sargent, conservation economics director for the Trust for Public Land, during the April 24 meeting.

"In short, your parks are an important part of the local economy that provides hundreds of millions of dollars annually benefitting residents, businesses and the local government."

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meet police in a non-emergency setting throughout the year to get to know all of the officers from my district. It also gives the police officers an opportunity to meet the people that they are serving. When the people know the officers, they can call them and feel at ease."

Dr. Lawana Gladney, a local psychologist, also known as the "Mind Doctor", offered the community, and the police, ways to heal hurts and some practical solutions.

"If you can refocus your anger in another way, you can get so much more done," said Gladney. "Embrace this, and understand that life is not fair. People are not fair, and they will never be

fair. People will mistreat, misuse, and abuse you. They did that to Jesus, why do we think we're any more spe-

cial? He was mistreated because of the perceptions people had about him, his ethnicity, and the side that he stood on. So all of this is an example for us to keep the

proper perspective on all of this."

For more photos and to read more about this event, visit NorthDallasGazette.com.

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Families should discuss a home fire escape plan before an emergency

The Irving Fire Department wants everyone to know the importance of having a home fire escape plan and practicing it with your family.

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

• Make a Home Escape Plan and discuss the plan with everyone in your home.

• Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading out-

side open easily.

• Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

• Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.

• Practice using different ways out.

• Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

• Close doors behind you as you leave.

• And most importantly – If the alarm sounds...GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for items, people or pets.

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City Briefs

CARROLLTON Carrollton Gears Up for Summer with the Opening of Thomas Splash Park

The W.J. Thomas Splash Park (1955 N. Perry Road) is officially open for the season. This free facility is open from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily. To start the water features, park visitors simply touch the silver sensor on top of the red fire hydrant water feature in the splash area.

Located within easy walking distance from the popular W.J. Thomas and Josey Ranch sports fields, this is the perfect site for free water play and family picnics. The deck, tables, and any shaded areas are all first come, first serve.

For more information about summer fun in Carrollton, visit cityofcarrollton.com/splashpark.

Water Restrictions in Effect

Each year, the City of Carrollton's Water Conservation Plan calls for restrictions on time-of-day watering beginning April 1. The use of a permanently installed automatic irrigation system is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 through October 31. Time-of-day restrictions conserve water by minimizing evaporation and wind drift during the warmest hours of spring and summer days.

This allows more water to penetrate deep into the soil which promotes healthier roots for plants and turf grass.

Protect your landscape and your wallet by watering early in the morning (well before sunrise) and deeply by breaking long watering cycles into two or three shorter cycles. You can find more detailed instructions about outdoor watering at cityofcarrollton.com/water.

DALLAS MLK Multicultural Affair

The 2nd Annual MLK Multicultural Affair is a unique presentation of the vibrant cultural and artistic expression found in the D/FW area focused on art, music, dance and fashion. This is a fundraiser for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and its social services department, which provides financial assistance and support to more than 29,000 families annually in the form of food, utility & rental assistance, and more.

The event is scheduled for Friday, May 26 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum from 7 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets are \$30 and guests are required to wear all white attire with accents of only gold or silver (no exceptions).

walkSTEM is May 6
walkSTEM is a guided

math walk through the Dallas Arts District created in partnership with the National Museum of Mathematics in New York. These free walks are designed specifically to engage elementary and middle school-aged children and their families in learning how math is a relevant and dynamic part of our everyday surroundings.

Open to families with kids of all ages, teachers, school groups, and interested grown-ups. No unaccompanied minors permitted. You must register in advance to reserve your place as spaces fill up quickly.

The elementary walk is geared toward kids ages 6 and up.

United We Stand Anti-Bullying Rally

Anti-Bullying Teen Rough-Ing Foundation non-profit and Exall Recreation Center invite families and organizations to the United We Stand Anti-Bullying Rally on Saturday, May 13 (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) located at 1355 Adair Street, Downtown Dallas. The major goal for the 'Anti-Bullying Rally' is to bring awareness to bullying.

Guest Speakers: Former Professional Baseball Player Omar Washington, Star Strong Founder of Anti-Bullying Teen Rough-Ing Foundation, Marine Veteran Floyd Scott Board Certified Anger Management Specialist, Dallas ISD

and several other awesome speakers.

Free food, games, workshops, self defense classes and more. Info at AntiBullyingRoughing.org.

GARLAND Engage Garland Survey: Interstate 30 Corridor

As the City of Garland continues its efforts to revitalize the Interstate 30 corridor, residents are encouraged to provide their thoughts. A five-question survey is available at EngageGarlandTX.mysidewalk.com until May 31. Call 9725-205 with any questions.

RICHARDSON Richardson Woman's Club Golf Tourney May 5

The 10th Annual Richardson Woman's Club Golf Tournament is Friday, May 5 at Sherrill Park Golf Course beginning at 11 a.m. This year's festivities will include 18-20 teams, with lunch and dinner provided for the golfers and their guests, and a 30-minute pro clinic. Other activities include a silent auction, hole-in-one contest and longest drive competition. The event benefits student scholarships for RISD high school seniors.

Individual entry fee is \$125. For more information, visit www.rwctx.org.

All eyes on Austin...



North Dallas Gazette's Publisher, Thurman R. Jones (pictured on the right), had an opportunity with Mollie Belt, Publisher of the Dallas Examiner (center) to visit the state capitol in Austin on May 1 and listen to proceedings which included Rep. Eric Johnson (pictured on the left) testifying before a committee on legislation under consideration.

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Treat mom to jazz on Mother's Day

If your mother enjoys listening to jazz in a quiet setting, then a visit to the 2nd Sunday Jazz Jam is an opportunity to enjoy a special evening. The Labyrinth Walk Coffee House at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff located at 3839 W. Kiest Blvd. in Dallas on Mother's Day May 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. is the scheduled timeslot. There is no admission fee, but donations are shared among the performers.



Regular musicians include Steve Horn on Mandolin, Napoleon Martin on sax, Gerald Wise on Trombone, DeePoores on trumpet, John Ellard on guitar, Mike on keyboard, and Buffy on flute, with vocals

provided by Cora Coanady and Gloria Watts.

If you just want to sit and listen, bring your soft drinks, wine or beer and food, if you wish. The LWCH is a non-profit organization run by volunteers presenting a variety of live musical programs. Watch for more information at www.labyrinthwalk-coffeehouse.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LabyrinthWalk-CoffeeHouse.

Leela James releases new single 'Hard for Me'

Leela James, an R&B and soul singer-songwriter on tour this spring, is following up with recent hit, "Don't Want You Back" with a new single entitled, "Hard for Me." James may be young, but her singing is vintage R&B. Her inspiration includes Gladys Knight, Mavis Staples and Toni Braxton. Fans have compared her deep, rich, gritty vocals to the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin and Chaka Khan.



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In 2005, she lent her voice to the posthumously released Ray Charles album *Genius & Friends*, duetting with the singer on the song "Compared to What".

James' debut album, *A Change Is Gonna Come*, was released on June 21, 2005. The album was conceived as a throwback to an

earlier era of American soul music, building upon the legacy of 1960s and 1970s soul singers while incorporating elements of contemporary R&B, funk, and gospel.

Her talents and aspirations are not limited to just singing on stage and in the studio, she has done televi-

sion also. First in 2010, James appeared on the BET television series *My Black is Beautiful* as a co-host alongside of Tasha Smith, Kim Coles, and Alesha Renee. Fans of the of the TV One reality show *R&B Divas*: Los Angeles may recognize her from appearances during 2014 and 2015 in seasons 2 and 3.

Former Dallas Police Chief David Brown launching book tour on May 7

Retired Police Chief David O. Brown returns to the spotlight when he discusses his life and the challenges of modern law enforcement.

The program is the debut event on Chief Brown's tour for his biography, *Called To Rise: A Life in Faithful Service to the Community That Made Me*. Each ticket purchase includes a free autographed hardback copy of the book.

David O. Brown is a thirty-three-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, from which he retired as chief in October 2016.



Now a correspondent for ABC News, he is also an adviser for Texas organizations focused on positively influencing early childhood education efforts, mental health awareness and treat-

ment, and assistance for formerly incarcerated persons. Chief Brown lives in Dallas with his wife and daughter.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Win-

Jazz in the Park this Spring...



The African American Museum is sponsoring Jazz in the Park at the Band Shell in the Historic Fair Park. The event is spread over three weeks with two headline performers each week. The May 11 show features Thom Brownlee Jazz Quartet and Sheran Keyton performing with the Joe Rogers Trio. On May 25 Thaddeus "Fabulous" Ford and Lenny Nance perform and it closes out on June 8 with the Dallas Jazz Quartet and Candice "Mahogany" Miller. Free parking is available at Gate 6 for each show. The tickets cost: \$10 pre-sale, \$20 Cabaret Seating (must be purchased in advance) at aamdallas.org.

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CIRCUS 1903 to make Dallas debut

The producers of the world's biggest magic show, The Illusionists are bringing a turn-of-the-century circus spectacular. CIRCUS 1903 – The Golden Age of Circus will play at the Music Hall at Fair Park May 23 – June 4 presented by Dallas Summer Musicals. This North Texas premier promises all the thrill and daredevil enter-

tainment one would expect from the circus, with a new twist.

Puppetry puts Elephants back in the ring, introducing the largest ever performing African elephant and her baby, along with a huge cast of unique and dangerous circus acts from all four corners of the world, from strong men to contortionists, acro-

bats to musicians, knife throwers, high wire and more.

The award-winning team of puppeteers and model makers who created the National Theatre's War Horse have designed, built and brought to life two stunningly beautiful elephants for CIRCUS 1903 –The Golden Age of Circus. Fea-

turing advances in design and expression, the puppets appear throughout the show as the mother teaches her calf the tricks of the trade.

Single tickets for CIRCUS 1903 – The Golden Age of Circus, starting at \$20 (pricing subject to change), are now on sale at DallasSummerMusicals.org or by phone at 1-800-745-3000.



Musical line-up announced for 48th Cottonwood Art Festival

Richardson's Community Events Department announced the entertainers who will perform at the May 6-7 Cottonwood Art Festival at Cottonwood Park. In addition to a juried art show, food, beverages and kids' activities, the

event will offer music on two stages in a variety of genres including rock, country, jazz, blues, swing and folk. The schedule includes:

- Saturday, May 6**
Courtyard Main Stage
 • Gunplugged (10:45

- a.m.)
 • Warehouse—A Dave Matthews Tribute Band (12:15 p.m.)
 • Sweet Crooner (2:15 p.m.)
 • Mr. Inez Band (4:15 p.m.)
Food Court Stage

- Davis & Rose (11 a.m.)
 • Darrin Kobetich (1 p.m.)
Sunday, May 7
Courtyard Main Stage
 • Victor Andrada (10 a.m.)
 • Ashley Bradberry (11:30 a.m.)

- James Mahler (1:30 p.m.)
 • The Free Loaders (3:30 p.m.)
Food Court Stage
 • Landon Lawhon (11 a.m.)
 • Victor Andrada (1 p.m.)
 Now in its 48th year, the

semiannual Cottonwood Art Festival takes place May 6-7, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Cottonwood Park is located at 1321 W. Belt Line Rd. For more information, visit www.CottonwoodArtFestival.com.

'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' now on stage in Plano

Collin Theatre Center closes out its 2016-2017 season with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," in Collin College's Black Box Theatre.

Directed by Collin College Professor of Theatre Robin Armstrong, "Spelling Bee" is a musical that tells the story of five eccentric kids vying for first prize, bragging rights and, most importantly, a trip to the National Spelling Bee Competition.


"Mathlete, athlete, theatre geek or cheerleader, whatever your school days legacy, you'll connect with the plucky courage and got-to-win energy of these spelling bee contestants," Armstrong said.

The final show is Saturday, May 6. Advance purchase tickets are required and seating is limited. The Black Box Theatre is located on Collin College's Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

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Black Chamber of Commerce aims to increase access to capital for Dallas' minority businesses

The USBC Community Economic Development Corporation (USBC CEDC) on Friday, May 12 in partnership with the US Black Chambers, Inc. and the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce will hold Capital Pathways. The event is a free workshop for minority businesses to showcase growth strategies to expand their enterprises. Business owners will learn ways to leverage credit and financing options, and will meet with experts who will guide them on the path to scale to the next level.

"There are 2.6 million black owned businesses and their number one concern is access to capital," said Ron Busby, Sr., President and



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CEO of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. "Since 2009, the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. has led the way to ensure that our small businesses are in the best position possible to succeed. With Capital Pathways, we are helping Dallas's small businesses grow and scale to build a stronger economy and more

productive communities." The Capital Pathways-Dallas workshop is designed for minority business owners with at least \$100,000 and more in annual revenue. The goal is to foster local partnerships, highlights local CEOs and promotes inter-generational connections for collective economic growth and

empowerment. Participants will learn how to effectively fund and expand their business ventures, and become a part of a network of the nation's most established entrepreneurs.

"Access to capital is one of the biggest challenges that many minority businesses face," said Charlotte Key, President of the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce. "The Capital Pathways program helps to bridge that gap. Participants will receive invaluable information to not only grow their

business, but also learn how to sustain that growth for years to come."

The Dallas workshop is part of a series of 10 workshops led by the USBC CEDC which provides ongoing training and development from top lending and credit experts in the field. Participants will learn how to effectively fund and expand their entrepreneurial ventures, and become a part of a network of the nation's most established entrepreneurs. Presenters include representatives from the National

Foundation of Credit Counseling, Small Business Administration, BB&T Bank, Minority Business Development Agency, and SCORE.

The workshop and business networking will be held at Paul Quinn College, located at 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd., in Dallas. Online registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/dallaspathways>. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the program runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided for attendees.

Richardson Chamber's study proposes 'area of innovation'

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce's East Arapaho/Collins Task Force recently presented to City Council during a work session a proposed creation of an "area of innovation" district to promote redevelopment in the East Arapaho/Collins area.

The Task Force was created last year to study ways to further enhance economic vitality in the area

bordered by Campbell Road to the north, Plano Road to the east, Apollo Road to the south and Greenville Avenue to the west. The region was identified by the City in 2009 as one of six locations ripe for enhancement and redevelopment.

Innovation Districts are geographic zones, particularly urban, where leading-edge anchor institutions and companies cluster and connect with start-ups, business incubators and accelerators. They are also physically compact, transit-accessible, and offer mixed-use housing, office and retail.

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Upcoming DFW job fairs happening in May

As we march toward summer, while the unemployment rate in the DFW area is low, there remain plenty of opportunities for those seeking new careers, summer internships and jobs. Spotlighted below are six job fairs covering everything from jobs for teens, Dallas ISD and those interested in working with senior citizens.

The Dallas Engineering, Technology, and Security Clearance Career Fair is Tuesday, May 23 at the Crystal Banquet Hall located at 6300 Independence Pkwy, Suite B in Plano from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests will have a chance to meet face directly with hiring managers onsite.

All jobs require US citizenship and a minimum 2 years of industry experience on top of a degree. Some jobs require an active Clearance.

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For more information on the employers attending, requirements for job opportunities and directions please visit: <http://www.expoexpertsllc.com/>.

Goodwill Job Connection is hosting a free Job Fair on Thursday May 11 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Flower Mound YMCA.

The YMCA is located at 2021 Cross Timbers Rd, in Flower Mound

Employers represented include:

- Public Storage
- Real Estate Personnel
- Denco 911
- Brookdale Assisted Living
- Accurate Temps

Teen Job and Career Fair on Saturday May 13 at 2976 Cummings Street in Dallas. Employers looking to hire students for the sum-

mer include:

- Six Flags/Hurricane harbor
- City of Dallas/Garland Pools
- Quick Trip
- Local YMCAs
- Toys R Us and more

For more info contact Verelandria Lockridge at 214-382-8896.

The 100K Opportunities Initiative Fair promises a job interview for registered attendees on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twenty of the employers representing are planning to offer jobs on the spot. The companies attending include Starbucks, FedEx, Pizza Hut, Hilton, JCPenney and more.

The agenda for the day includes:

- Practice your interview skills with one-on-one coaching
- Create or improve your resume with personalized support
- Get help with job appli-

cations

• Learn about options to complete high school and explore college

• Tap into legal resources for youth involved with the justice system or interested in immigration services

• Find a mentor, a job training program, and much more!

More information available at GetSchooled.com.

Dallas ISD Teacher Job Fair is May 20 at Emmett J. Conrad High School at 7502 Fair Oaks Avenue in Dallas from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Dallas students have big dreams for the future, but they also face big challenges. Dallas ISD is seeking to provide talented educators a chance to become one of those teachers and make a difference for kids in the Dallas community.

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An annual highlight of the Summit is the presentation

of the nation's top awards for African American business achievement and community involvement. The Black Enterprise A.G. Gaston Award will be presented to MLB Hall OF Famer, Entrepreneur and humanitarian, Hank Aaron; and Corporate Champion Award to civil rights leader and attorney, Vernon Jordan, at the BE 100s Gala on Friday, May 19.

This awards recognizes the outstanding achievement of individuals who has had broad and positive impact on his or her industry as well as the community at large, while serving as a champion of entrepreneurship and business growth,

employment opportunities, and wealth creation for African Americans.

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sions on critical business topics such as "Business Coaching: Crafting Your Game Plan," and "BE Talk: Innovation and Funding," just to name a few.



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quired for entry. Also attendees are required to bring a teaching certificate or proof of teaching eligibility.

Limited parking is available so they are scheduling shuttles to run from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at parking lots located at Fair Oaks Park, Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School and Sam Tasby Middle School.

To register visit EventBrite.com and search for Dallas ISD Teacher Job Fair.

Social Service Career Fair hosted by Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas is scheduled for May 31 at the Irving Workforce Center, 2520 West Irving Blvd, Ste. 100 in Irving. The fair is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Tonight, May 4, 7 p.m. (Every 1st and 3rd Thursday) Teenagers, young adults and mature adults, are you discouraged, bewildered, do you have questions about the Bible and no one to ask; and do you feel imitated in churches? Bethel now has two Connect-2-Reflect (C2R) groups.

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May 6, 10 a.m. Ladies, you are invited to our Women's Ministry meeting (W.O.R.T.H.) where plans are in the making for our out-reach services in the community.

May 7, 9:45 a.m. You're invited to our Sunday "Prayer and Meditation" at 9:45 am. You will be blessed and inspired. You don't want to miss this!

May 10, 7 p.m. Join us in Wednesday's Prayer and Bible Study Class with Pastor Brenda Patterson, Senior Pastor Woodson, Pastor Larry Gardner, Bro. Brad White and others teaching a series on "Design for Discipleship and understanding the Bible, Book 7, Chapter 2." Spiritual maturity is God's desire for you. It's Time to Grow; Ephesians 4:12 & 13.

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May 6, 7:45 a.m. Our Men's Ministry presents Men with Purpose. Hang out with the men of Christ Community to discuss C.E.O (courage, excellence & ownership) principles! Breakfast will be served. For information, contact David Woodruff or Keith Robbins @ men@ccrichardson.org.

May 7, 8:45 a.m. You're invited to our Morning Services as we worship, honor and praise God for His blessings.

May 10 Join us at 12 Noon with Rev. Viveca Potter teaching on the Word of God; come back at 6:45 p.m. for Corporate Prayer and stay for Senior Pastor Autry at 7:30 p.m. teaching the Word of God. Our youth will come for Food and Fellowship at 7 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

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May 10, 7 p.m. Join us in our Wednesday's 12 Noon-Day Live, Prayer and Bible Study and/or our Wednesday Night Live, Prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. to learn more about God's Word. Be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and His glory; and

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May 7, 10 a.m. You're invited this Sunday as we praise, worship, honor and magnify God's Holy name.

May 8, 7 p.m. Join us in Monday School as we grow in God's Word and learn what God has to say to us.

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May 7, 10 a.m. Join us for Worship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory; and don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

May 10, 7 p.m. You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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May 10, 7 p.m. You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study to learn more about God's Word. Come and be encouraged by God's plan for your maturity and growth; it's all

for His glory and His honor. We are, "Growing in Christ through the study of His Word."

May 15-21 Women's Day Celebration; ladies join the Women of Shiloh for their annual Women's Day Celebration activities starting the week of the May 15. Call the church for details.

Our church ministries offer opportunities for motivation and growth; join us and see. Be blessed of the Lord.

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"Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou went, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth."

2 Samuel 7:8-9 (KJV)

David was nearing the end of his life; and the prophet Nathan was responding to David's idea to build a temple where the Ark of the Covenant would stay.

God was reminding David through the prophet, Nathan, of his roots and where He had brought him from.

God took David from the fields of pasturing sheep to being the Leader of a nation.

He also reminded David that He had cut off all of David's enemies for his sake and the sake of his nation. David never lost a battle; he was what we call today 'very successful'.

Have you ever felt tempted to look at your accomplishments with pride as if you were the reason for your success?

Have you been tempted to think that your prosperity was due to your ingenuity?

Has your material success been a testimony to others that God is the ruler of all aspects of your life, even the material side?

Or, do you say, as my Pastor Brenda Patterson says at the end of her texts and emails, "All about God! In Him-For Him To Him"

The greatest temptation for many people is the pride of ownership. If we think our success is a result of our own effort we offend God and open the door to pride, just as Satan did before he was thrown out of Heaven.

"A man's pride shall bring him low: But honour shall uphold the humble in spirit." Proverbs 29:23 (KJV)

After becoming a Christian, I was on my way to church one Friday evening, in the process I passed a club and said to myself, "Look at all those people going in and out of that club, they could be on their way to a church revival like me."

At once I heard God say to me, "If it wasn't for My grace, you would still be doing the same thing." From that day forward, I

stopped taking credit for any successes in my life.

Success can be a greater test than any adversity you may face. It as been said that not every man can carry a full cup, a sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall; and the most exacting test of all to survive is prosperity.

Success can be a breeding ground for complacency

with God and pride of ownership.

Do you really understand who you are and where your successes come from? Do you understand that it is God who has given you the ability to work and achieve? God is the true source of all good things. Does your life reflect this belief?

Good Things to Consider: There are no short-

cuts to any place worth going. Vitality shows not only in the ability to persist, but in the ability to start over.

Accept challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory. Excellence is

not a skill; it is an attitude.

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. Freedom is not worth having if it does not

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Two of Sister Tarpley's favorite college students (L to R) Kelsey Jones, a member of Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Carrollton, her parents are Mark & Tammye Jones) and Kiersten Goff, her parents are Carl & Sharon Goff at their Induction Ceremony into the prestigious Alpha Sigma Omega Honor Society at the Dallas Baptist University, May 1, 2017

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**

Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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NDG Book Review: Jake the Fake Keeps It Real

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You got this.

You know what's up. You've been schooled and you know how things work, how it is, how it goes down. You can do it, no problem. You got this – except when, as in the new book "Jake the Fake Keeps It Real" by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach, art by Keith Knight, you don't.

Jake Liston plays the piano.

But he really doesn't. He made people think he does, though, just so he could get into the Music and Art Academy, a magnet school for



creative kids. His older sister, Lisa, goes there so Jake's parents thought he should, too, but Lisa is cool, smart, beautiful, kind, and talented... and Jake is not.

Actually, Jake is cool. A

guy has to be cool to fake a piano recital with a simple song he knows by heart, and fool a board of admissions. But talented? He's only talented at faking everything, and nobody gets good grades doing that. You can make friends by making things up, but you don't get A's.

Or maybe you do: Jake's best friend, Evan (who is talented at basketball), pointed out that grades aren't all that important at MAA; even Mr. Allen, Jake's homeroom teacher basically ignores them. Creativity, however? That's very important, which means that Jake could be

himself (weird, in other words) and ace all of sixth grade.

And so the next day, Jake goes to school and tells everyone to call him "The Dentist," for no reason at all. He makes eggs out of garbage and glue, and starts a fake band with no instruments. He fakes assignments, and he has a whole list of possible weirdness he could fake if he needs to fake more.

Unfortunately, there was one thing that was not on the list: the end-of-year talent show. The show that every single student at MAA has to participate in. The show that

Jake is not prepared to do: five minutes on a stage, performing for a huge audience.

And that is something Jake could never fake...

Here's another authentic thing: the humor that's inside "Jake the Fake Keeps It Real." The story is hilarious, the asides are side-splitting, and if that's not enough, there's the artwork by Keith Knight.

Any way you cut it, there isn't a lot of seriousness here. Authors Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach really know how to tickle a kid's funny-bone with a story of a school full of chaos that masquerades as

creativity, and a boy who takes full advantage of it. Even Jake's teachers and friends will make your child LOL because of their totally natural but totally weird personalities. Of course, there's a subtle lesson here, too: Jake's experiences teach your kids that being themselves is always correct, and that everybody has something they do best.

For middle-school Class Clowns, the school slacker, or for Artsy Kids who feel misunderstood, this book is a winner. For 10-to-14-year-olds who love to laugh, it's "Jake the Fake Keeps It Real." Yeah, you got this.

Six Dallas ISD receive \$20,000 Fairway to Success Scholarships

Deloitte LLP, The Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) and United Way have announced the recipients of the 2017 Deloitte/NTPGA Fairway to Success Scholarships. Six students will be awarded and join the 38 previous recipients. Each student will receive a \$20,000 scholarship towards his or her continuing education. The recipients were honored at a breakfast on May 1 at Lakewood Country Club.

The selected students are:

- Maritza Aguilar (W.W. Samuell High School)
- Craig Jackson (Lincoln High School)



(L to R) Keja Johnson, Craig Jackson, Maritza Aguilar, Tania Sierra, Stephanie Vargas, and Adriana Lopez were awarded \$20,000 scholarships. (Photo: Northern Texas PGA)

- Keja Johnson (Lincoln High School)
- Maritza Aguilar (W.W. Samuell High School)
- Tania Sierra (Thomas Jefferson High School)
- Stephanie Vargas (Thomas Jefferson High School)
- Adriana Lopez (Thomas Jefferson High School)

to students based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. Fairway to Success is helping to impact and change the lives of young people in our community. The program is conducted at three Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) high schools – W.W. Samuell, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln high schools – and includes exposing students to golf and the life lessons of discipline, honor and integrity that are central to the game. These schools were originally selected by DISD for their level of need, lack of outside resources and by virtue of concurrent participation in the Destination: Graduation program offered through United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

During 2016-2017, the five-week after school golf program, conducted in the fall and spring, boasted high participation with 137 DISD high school students learning the basics of golf from PGA golf professionals.

To read more about this scholarship, visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com.

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include the freedom to make mistakes. If you want to stand out, don't be different; be outstanding.

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