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Shareholders react to Wells Fargo Board at annual meeting

By Dr. John E. Warren

(NNPA) As if the stories of the sins and lawsuits of Wells Fargo were not enough, the shareholders vented their reactions at the annual shareholders meeting held in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida at the Sawgrass, Marriott on April 25. Angry shareholders demanded to know where the 15 member Board of Directors were when an estimated 5,300 employees opened as many as 2 million fake accounts for customers.

The annual meeting was a lively one as some shareholders questioned board members and others spoke of replacing all 15 with new or fresh faces. Although Wells Fargo fired thousands of employees including the former CEO and the consumer banking chief - that was not enough to satisfy the shareholders. Even though the bank took back more than \$180 million in executive pay received over the phony accounts scandal, angry shareholders still demanded more accountability from and more blame on the bank's board of directors.

Reports say a proxy adviser earlier recommended shareholders vote to replace at least 12 of the 15 board members of the Wells Fargo board. At one point during the board meeting, it was reported the board members were fighting for their jobs. Although all were eventually re-



Following a string of lawsuits and customer complaints, Wells Fargo is now having to deal with an angry shareholder base. (Mike Mozart / Flickr)

ected, the vote was much lower than anticipated with four of the board members receiving less than 60 percent of the vote.

It is reported that New York City Comptroller, Scott Stringer, voted against 10 of the directors and called the results evidence "investors had lost faith" in the board. It is also reported CEO Timothy J. Sloan, who joined the board in October of last year, received 99 percent of the shares voted at this meeting for Sloan to keep his job. At least one shareholder questioned who was speaking up for "the employees who were terminated and now live in fear?"

In an action questioned by some, the same board approved KPMG's role as the bank's independent auditor. This vote came despite concerns over the firm's handling of the scandal over the fake accounts and the oversight leading up to it. Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren wrote a letter recently complaining of "KPMG's failure to prevent or even publicly disclosed the fraud that affected hundreds of thousands of customers."

KPMG has said in its own defense that it takes its role as Wells Fargo auditor "very seriously" and its re-

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Amber Griffin



Cecilia Marshall

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Amber Griffin

Amber Griffin, an international model, is looking for interested girls ages 11 through 17 to offer a training program which cannot only prepare them for a career in the fashion industry, but arm them with tools to increase their self-confidence. Model Prep aims to guide young girls to become the best they can be, inside and out, through expert coaching and guidance. These skills will help the young ladies to be a success in whatever endeavor they pursue.

"Model Prep is centered around growing self-confi-



dence, because this is something I struggled with throughout my teenage years. I didn't have a big sister or someone to mentor me through life's ups and downs, which is something every

girl needs and will find in Model Prep."

Model Prep's aim is to help the ladies:

- build inner strength, while making lifelong friends
- gain confidence by walking the runway next to some of the industry's top models
- learn table manners other rules of etiquette
- makeup application tips
- understand their body types and how to select outfits which flatter them

The program is offering enrollment for its annual four-day interactive workshop for girls ages 11 through 17. The students do not need to be models or

from Dallas to attend. Model Prep will take place in June 2017 at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas.

Griffin began her modeling journey in her late teens. She went on to model internationally for various fashion designers and brands in Europe before arriving at The Campbell Agency in Dallas. With more than a decade in the industry, Griffin discovered hardships, criticism and confusion, and the self-doubt that many women face at a young age. She saw the need for a program to teach the importance of selfconfidence and personal strength to young girls everywhere,

whether they're interested in modeling or not.

"We want to provide the right tools and guidance for young girls to navigate their teen years with confidence and poise," said Founder Amber Griffin. "Being a mentor is a passion of mine, and I can't wait to meet our first Model Prep girls! Whether they have ambitions of one day walking a runway, or just walking confidently through the halls at school, Model Prep will be there to guide them through these impressionable years."

Workshops will feature one-on-one coaching with top industry professionals and personal mentoring with

the founder herself.

Key skills the girls will learn include:

- Beauty, including hair and makeup application techniques
- Styling, including appropriate dressing for each girl's body type and age
- Runway, including confidently walking with poise and grace
- Health, including fitness and nutrition guidance

The first Model Prep workshop will be held June 14 - 17 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Las Colinas.

For enrollment information, please visit www.modelprep.com.

Cecilia Marshall

Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Contributor

Cecilia Marshall never imagined that the battle for equal rights in schools and elsewhere would still be as vital today as it was six decades ago when her husband, United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, fought to end legal segregation as a civil rights lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"We haven't made too much progress," said Cecilia Marshall, 88. "Sixty-three years later, we're still fight-



ing in the courts for equal treatment and that's not what my husband, nor I would have imagined would be going on today."

There's little argument that one of the greatest achievements in the long and

illustrious career of the late-Justice Thurgood Marshall, who died in 1993 at the age of 84, was the landmark decision in the 1954 Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*.

According to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, in 1940, "Marshall became the key strategist in the effort to end racial segregation, in particular, meticulously challenging *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Court-sanctioned legal doctrine that called for 'separate but equal' structures for Whites and Blacks."

The *Brown v. Board of Education* lawsuit began as

five separate cases filed in South Carolina, Delaware, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Kansas. The plaintiffs in all of the cases alleged that the civil rights of their children under the 14th Amendment had been violated.

A biography about Justice Marshall that appears on The Legal Defense Fund's website said that, "Marshall won a series of court decisions that gradually struck down ['separate, but equal'], ultimately leading to *Brown v. Board of Education*, which he argued before the Supreme Court in 1952 and 1953," finally overturning the doctrine and acknowl-

edging that segregation greatly diminished students' self-esteem."

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that separate educational facilities were "inherently unequal" and that racial segregation of public schools violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The *Brown v. Board of Education* decision came more than a decade before Marshall's appointment to the Supreme Court. The decision has been credited with inspiring the Civil Rights Movement that unfolded

over the next decade and it also led to Marshall being recognized as one of the most successful lawyers in America.

"He accomplished so much and worked so hard, but I thought by now we would have come so much further. He would have thought that, too," said Marshall, whom loved ones and others affectionately call "Cissy."

Her work continues in her husband's memory.

On the 63rd anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Marshall and the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

Wells Fargo and the 'cherry picking' of the Black community

WellsFargo sucks!!!!!!!
Withdrawing today!!!!!!!
-- Rhonda Kaye

They treat their employees the same way...I worked for them 16 years. I didn't know any better.
-- Brandelyn Ells

I was very confused. Wells Fargo opened up a separate account in my name without my knowledge or approval. You

should have seen their faces when I tried to withdraw the money. If you need copies of my statements to run with any article, I am all end and support the National Black publishers.
-- Peggy Hunt

John Wiley Price and justice in Dallas

Hopefully it is a good article (Commissioner John Wiley Price). Can't read it. The *North Dallas Gazette* endorsed dwaine caraway. Can never read that paper again
-- Vincent L. Hall

Possible Protest in Balch Springs

Via Facebook a question was asked: *In light of the Balch Springs cop being charged with murder for the shooting death of unarmed 15-year-old Jordan Edwards, is the possible protests being discussed still necessary right now? Below are a few of the responses received, but to find out what NDG's Senior Columnist Ed Gray thinks - read his column next week.*

I think it will help keep pressure applied. - TSH

Yes. Charged vs. convicted. It isn't about convicting a token. It's about stopping the behavior. - AJ

I think we should show support for actually doing the right thing this time. People actually respond better to positive reinforcement. - SW

A charge is not a conviction. This last egregious murder is just part of the greater pattern of brutality. Protest. Unity. - JFB

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Blackonomics: Time for black fraternities and sororities to step up

By James Clingman
NNPA Newswire Columnist

Remember the scene from "New Jack City" when Nino Brown (Wesley Snipes) told Scotty (Ice-T), "This ain't personal; this is business?"

And at the end of the movie, Scotty said to Nino, "This is personal," as he proceeded to give him a beat-down. Well, this article is both personal and business. It's a call to the Alphas, Omegas, Kappas, Sigmas, Deltas, AKAs, Zetas, Thetas, Iotas, known as the "Divine Nine," and the fraternity I was apart of back in the 1960's at North Carolina College at Durham (now North Carolina Central University), "Groove Phi Groove."

The latent collective power within these organizations is mind-boggling. Their members are conscientious, which is demonstrated by their friendship and loyalty to one another. They rally around their members during crises; they support one another when they get married and have children; they work together, locally and nationally, on community projects across this country. They even formed a national collective organization, The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.; the group's stated purpose and mission is "Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the con-

duct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

I especially like the part about "mutual interests." I know it's a hard question to answer, based on our individualistic and proprietary approach to solving many of our problems, but what are the mutual interests among not only sororities and fraternities, but all Black organizations? Is there one thing that all of us can and should do together without compromising our various missions and such? I believe there are several things we can do together, but reality tells me that all Black people will never do any one thing together. So in light of that reality, we must come up with something that is simple yet powerful and will demonstrate our collective resolve, not just to the world, but to ourselves and our children. Keep in mind I said, "Simple."

On the business side of things, this is a call—a challenge—to each member of the abovementioned Black, proud, historic, and venerable organizations to purchase at least one bag of Sweet Unity Farms Tanzanian Gourmet Coffee. The coffee is grown by family co-ops founded by Jackie Robinson's son, David, twenty years ago. April 15, 2017

was the 70th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in major league baseball; we can break the economic barrier by collectively propelling his son's company to unimagined heights by purchasing his coffee. In case you didn't know, Jackie Robinson went to work for a coffee company when he left baseball.

On the personal side, Black folks are taking an Ice T beatdown like Wesley Snipes received, only ours is an economic beatdown, much of which we are doing to ourselves by not supporting one another more than we do presently. What could be more personal than family? Again, one simple solution is for our Black sororities and fraternities, comprising millions of members around the world, to take this challenge personally and buy at least one bag of David Robinson's coffee, a fitting tribute to his father's legacy. By doing so, the world would witness a Black-owned company, operating in Africa and the U.S., become a billion dollar firm virtually overnight, all because a group of conscientious Black folks individually spent a very small amount of money on a Black owned product. A veritable, Black economic renaissance.

After accomplishing that simple goal, we could repeat

it hundreds of times with other Black companies, thus, creating larger firms that have so much business they would have to hire more employees. In the words of the soul singing group, Atlantic Star, "Am I dreaming?" Maybe I am, but it's a great dream, and I pray it will come true.

From what I observe among our social organizations, members of sororities and fraternities are the most conscientious; therefore, I am calling on the Presidents of the Divine Nine to spread the word to their members to take this simple action step toward economic empowerment. In addition, I want all HBCU student associations, Greek Letter organizations, and individual students to insist that their cafeterias serve Sweet Unity Farms Coffee. Now that's really a no-brainer, isn't it?

Order your coffee at www.iamoneofthemillion.com (Click on the products tab.) No excuses, y'all. If you don't drink coffee, give it as a gift to someone who does. C'mon, let's do this.

James Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His latest book, "Black Dollars Matter! Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense," is available on his website, Blackonomics.com.

Atkins urges voters to resist outside influence

(Editor's Note: The North Dallas Gazette has received a copy of the following letter from Dallas District 8 candidate Tennell Atkins to his constituents in regard to the upcoming runoff race)

Dear Constitutents,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the May 6th City Council Election.

Because of your support, my campaign received the most votes of all the four candidates with 42%, but less than the 50% required to be declared the winner. A runoff election is necessary. Please mark your calendars

and go back to the polls:

I am asking you to please vote again because this is a critical election that will have a great impact on how and who will make decisions for our district. Inform your family and friends, even if they did not vote on May 6th, that they must vote on June 10th to ensure we have leadership that truly represents our district and community.

If you followed my campaign or my prior service, you know I have a history of achieving progress for District 8. I am from this community. I have represented

this community before, with success. I will be your voice and fight for the economic opportunities, jobs, infrastructure improvements, and amenities our district deserves. Most importantly, I am not in anyone's back pocket, and I am nobody's rubber stamp. My opponent in this race is backed by For Our Community PAC, a small group of wealthy North Dallas donors who are trying to dictate control the city and go around established campaign finance rules to exert undue influence on the diversity of leadership, perspectives and

voices our city needs.

I thank you for your vote and continued support. I need you and others to vote in the June 10th Runoff Election to ensure strong, representative leadership for our district. Please spread the word. Remember...even if you did not vote in the May 6th City Council Election, you can and must vote in the June 10th Runoff Election.

Thank you for your support and your vote!

Former Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins Candidate for Dallas City Council District 8

Parkland nurses empower mothers to become confident parents

Jessica Herrera knows what it was like to be 19, pregnant and full of questions. But today, as a registered nurse with Parkland Health & Hospital System's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program, she spends her days allaying some of the same fears she experienced as an expectant first-time mom.

"It was hard being 19 with a newborn. I was scared and didn't have anyone who could guide me along the way," Herrera,



Parkland nurses partner with new mothers to provide support as they navigate parenthood. (Image: Via Twitter @NYCommTrust)

who also has her BSN, provide answers to questions that everyone has but these young women don't know

who to ask."

Like other healthcare organizations across the U.S., Parkland is celebrating the contributions of its nursing professionals during National Nurses Week May 6-12. More than 3,500 nurses are employed at Parkland, providing compassionate care and supporting patients and their families as they navigate their healthcare journeys.

The Nurse-Family Partnership is designed to transform the lives of vul-

nerable first-time moms and their babies. Through ongoing home visits from registered nurses at Parkland, low-income, first-time moms receive the care and support they need to promote healthy pregnancies and help mothers boost their babies' brain development and language skills so they can be better prepared for school.

Eight Parkland registered nurses, half of whom are bilingual, conduct home visits with first-time moms

from pregnancy until the child turns 2 years old. Depending on their stage of pregnancy or the child's age, visits are conducted weekly, biweekly or once a month. Each nurse carries a caseload of approximately 25 clients. Prior to going in the field, nurses receive a month of preparation studying the program's protocols before traveling to Denver for a week of in-depth training on how the

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Kicking the salt shaker habit itself may not be enough for best health

Restaurant foods and commercially processed foods sold in stores accounted for about 70 percent of dietary sodium intake in a study in three U.S. regions, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal Circulation.

Sodium is an important contributor to high blood pressure, one of the leading causes of heart attack and stroke. The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of 2,300 milligrams (mg) of sodium a day, which is equivalent to 1 teaspoon of salt. For

nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults, the maximum sodium intake recommendation is even lower – 1500 mg/day – based on their age, race or ethnicity, or existing high blood pressure. Sodium can be difficult to avoid, especially when people eat a lot of processed food from grocery stores or restaurants. In fact, the average American adult consumes more than 3,400 mg of sodium per day. To address this serious health threat, in 2010 the Institute of Medicine recommended gradually decreasing sodium levels in commer-

cially processed foods.

Between December 2013 and December 2014, researchers recruited 450 study participants in Palo Alto, California; Birmingham, Alabama; and Minneapolis, Minnesota; divided evenly among each location. Half of participants were female, and equal percentages, overall, were Hispanic, African American, Asian and white. They ranged in age from 18 to 74 years old.

Researchers found:

- Sodium added to food outside the home was the leading source (70.9 per-

cent) and sodium found naturally in food was the next highest (14.2 percent);

- Sodium from salt added in home food preparation (5.6 percent) and added to food at the table (4.9 percent) were next highest.

- Sodium in home tap water, dietary supplements and antacids contributed minimally (less than 0.5 percent).

"Telling patients to lay off the salt shaker isn't enough," said Lisa J. Har-nack, Dr.PH., study lead author and professor at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "Rather, commercially processed and restaurant foods should be the primary focus when educating patients on strategies for lowering sodium in the diet. Food manufactur-

ers and restaurants should be encouraged to lower the sodium content in their food products to support Americans in consuming a diet consistent with sodium intake recommendations."

"If you're aiming to limit your sodium intake to the recommended level of less than 2,300 milligrams per

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The Hamilton Park Community receives official Texas historical marker

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized The Hamilton Park Community as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Texas Historical Marker through the Undertold Marker Fund program. The designation honors The Hamilton Park Community as an important and educational part of local history.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the event, and officially unveil the historical marker is planned for Saturday May 13 at Hamil-



Hamilton Park, originally an all-black planned subdivision located north of Dallas Texas (file photo)

ton Park Pacesetter Magnet. Speakers include Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, and George Keaton Jr., Ex-

ecutive Director of Remembering Black Dallas. The Hamilton Park Civic League, Dallas City Councilmember Adam McGough, and the Richardson Independent School District invites the public to share in and witness this exciting historical event.

"We must remember and remind future generations of the stories and the struggles that got us to where we are," McGough said. Hamilton Park and the people who have called it home for generations deserve this

honor, this marker, and our respect. This is one small, but meaningful step, and we will never forget."

The Undertold Marker Fund Program intends "to address historical gaps, promote diversity of topics, and proactively document significant underrepresented subjects or undertold stories." In July 2016, THC Commissioners selected The Hamilton Park Community as one of 15 historical Marker paid for through the

Marker Application Fund Undertold Program.

"The Official Texas Historical Marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our State's history. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of important

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Carrollton chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha voted Regional Chapter of the Year again

For the second consecutive year, the Carrollton-based Rho Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. was voted the 2017 Southwestern regional alumni chapter of the year at the fraternity's regional convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, in

April. The distinction is awarded annually to the alumni chapter that exhibits the high standards of the fraternity through its commitment to the fraternal aims, community impact, and overall leadership.

"I am proud of the strides that the Rho Nu Lambda

chapter has made in the past four years during my tenure as Texas district director," says Tarrynce Robinson, Texas Council of Alpha Chapters district director. "I watched the chapter evolve from 'just trying to make it' to 'the chapter to emulate' in a short period. This chap-

ter is only as good as its leadership, and President Corey Wilson is the cream of the crop. From day one, he had a vision and he put the plan in place to make the vision a reality."

Among its many commu-



Metrocrest Thanksgiving Food Giveaway: Alpha brothers Greg Green (left) and Chris Thomas (right) help with set-up during annual Thanksgiving Food Giveaway sponsored by Metrocrest Social Services.

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day, you'll need to choose foods wisely when grocery shopping and dining out," Harnack said. "For pack-

aged foods, the nutrition fact panel may be useful in identifying lower sodium products, and for menu

items diners can request sodium content information. Also, if you frequently add salt to food at the table or in home food preparation, consider using less."



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view of the bank's practices was appropriate.

In a separate story, CNN reported on April 10 that in a 2004 internal Wells Fargo report warned employees had an "incentive to cheat" based upon fear of losing their jobs. This was a fear resulting from the belief they were unable to meet the bank's unrealistic sales goals.

Speaking of employee terminations, the same report found "mass terminations for sales abuse went back at least to 2002, and continued sporadically over the next 10 years." A few of these terminations resulting in legal action and the records show judges commenting on the sales practices.

The one question remaining after this annual board

meeting and the reinstatement of directors is will anything really change at Wells Fargo?

Especially when one considers the consistent pattern of behavior or what might be called misbehavior through more than 10 years of government fines, lawsuits, losses and settlements.

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

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Prepare your kids for the real world by turning monthly bills into lessons

By Nathaniel Sillin

When you're a kid, a few dollars can seem like all the money in the world. It can take weeks, sometimes months, to save up your allowance. When you finally decide to spend it, you might realize that \$10 or \$20 isn't as much as it seems.

As a parent, you can help your children build important money management skills by providing experiences for them at a young age. Leading by example is a good way to start, and it can help instill good values and money habits. However, you'll also want your children to get their hands dirty.

Open up your books. The value of money is a lesson you learn over time. For young children, games,



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such as Peter Pig's Money Counter, or activities that help them identify coins and bills could be a good place to start. Older children may be ready to see how much things really cost. Going over bank or credit card statements, you could explain why you made each purchase and look for savings opportunities.

You can also turn a

monthly bill into a teaching moment. Children might not realize how leaving the lights, heat or AC on can affect your monthly bills. You can sit down together and compare each month's bill to the bill from the previous year. The practice of reviewing and comparing bills can help children understand that their actions have financial consequences.

They'll also start to learn how much it costs to keep your home comfortable. That's a valuable lesson, one I didn't truly learn until I had my first apartment. You could take a similar approach to the groceries or other monthly expenses.

Help your children earn an income. Knowing the numbers is only part of the picture. It'll be difficult for children to practice managing money if they don't have any money to manage. But how, when and why children should receive an allowance is a debate for many parents.

Whether you pay a chore-based allowance or offer payment based on extra work, you could use a personal finance app that lets children see how much they'll earn for each task. There are a variety of apps

designed for different age groups, and some let kids create virtual accounts where they can track their earnings, spending and progress towards financial goals.

You can also help children find ways to earn money from outside the family. Organizing a yard sale could be a chance for them to help you clean out the home, practice bargaining and learn valuable lessons in entrepreneurship. Even a lemonade stand or bake sale requires that they buy supplies, work to earn money and put aside some of their earnings to pay for more supplies later.

Make your kids responsible for their bills. With a steady income comes increased responsibility. Make teenagers the boss of a bill, with real conse-

quences for late payments.

The mobile phone or internet bill could be a good place to start. Figure out an appropriate portion for them to take on and require them to pay you each month. If they're late, they lose internet access or their phone until they can pay their balance. When they don't have enough saved to pay the bill, offer work opportunities for them to make money.

Once they take responsibility for their first monthly bill, you can also share how you manage the household's finances. Show them what it's like to keep multiple bills organized each month, make payments by writing checks or setting up auto-pay. Then explain how late payments can lead to fees,

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Nimitz innovators win award...



Nimitz High School students Harrison Nguyen (left) and Luis Solano (right) won the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce Innovation Award. The Innovation Award is an annual competition intended to spur innovation and inspire creativity. Participants had to identify a problem and try to solve it by employing their engineering skills. Harrison and Luis created a reusable bag coated with a hydrophobic layer that prevented the bag from getting dirty and could be reused, eliminating the need for plastic bags. The students received a \$2,000 check and will have the opportunity to work with engineers and industry specialists this summer to further develop their innovation. (Photo: Irving ISD)

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Former Irving Central Library now a hub for leaders

Beginning in May, business and community innovators will have the opportunity to soak in a 180-degree view of downtown Irving while leveraging support and professional guidance from business leaders, colleges and professional organizations.

The Irving Innovation Center will be renamed The Study: Irving's Innovation Center, and will open its doors in the former Irving Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. The facility is a public-private partnership with the City of Irving and Indigo Group.

"For years we have worked tirelessly to bring corporate engagement to the Heritage District," said



Irving City Manager Chris Hillman. "It is fulfilling to see this dream become a reality and to know that residents and companies will have many opportunities through this center."

Innovative Ideas

Thomas Foley will spearhead The Study. Foley said the goal is to "con-

verge, collide and create" a collaborative environment where entrepreneurs, professionals, residents and students can foster creative development, technological advancement and networking skills.

The Study is an addition to the Heritage District, which during recent years

has seen redevelopment in the Main Street shopping and dining corridor, as well as construction of The Delaware at Heritage Crossing, a single-family residential development near Delaware Creek. The Study is an accessible resource to local and area residents' walking distance of the Trinity Railway Express' Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing Station.

The Study will feature coworking space, private meeting rooms and a game lounge. It will provide a resource for small-business professionals looking to utilize the space periodically or on an extended basis. There is no set blue-

print for participants. Residents, professionals and students of all backgrounds can benefit from the center's programs and learning opportunities. The Study will serve as a valuable resource for those seeking professional development, such as women's and veterans' entrepreneur empowerment programs; training, certifications and STEM programming; continued learning opportunities for adults; partnerships with corporate and academic institutions; and a digital database connecting job seekers with potential employers.

The Study will host

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affect your credit and (just like with their phone) get services shut off.

Bottom line: Understanding how much it costs to manage a home and the importance of paying your bills on time can help you avoid costly mistakes. Some people learn these lessons once they're at college or living on their own, but you can help give your kids a leg up by taking a proactive approach to their financial education.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

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Senior Service Coalition

Allen Chamber of Commerce's Guest Speaker: Investment Services, Shirley White-Stevens. Pilot Wealth Advisors, LLC. April Smith Insurance Agency, April Smith at PAM Rehabilitation Hospital of Allen, 1001 Raintree Circle on May 26 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

DALLAS
2017 State of Dallas County

Join Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins for an annual update of Dallas County.

The conversation will be moderated by Sam Baker with KERA News on Wednesday, May 31 at the Hilton Anatole from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

GARLAND
Water utilities scam alert

The City of Garland Water Operations Center has received resident complaints about a man who

claims to be a City employee and asks to enter homes to collect water samples.

The City is not collecting water samples at this time and would not ask to enter a resident's home without appropriate notice or opportunity to schedule such a visit. If you have received similar requests or have any information, please call the 24-hour Water Operations Center at 972-205-3210.

May 11 Is My Red Thumb Day

Thursday, May 11, is My Red Thumb Day. The goal of My Red Thumb Day is to reduce road traffic casualties by encouraging as many people as possible to stop using handheld mobile phones while driving. Simply paint your thumbnail with red nail polish to remind yourself not to use your cell phone while driving. Show your willingness to end distracted driving by posting photos of your red thumbs and tagging them with #myredthumbNTTA.



Red Thumb Day is an initiative to promote safer driving. (Photo: City of Garland)

Older Americans Information and Health Fair May 11

Seniors are invited to Age Out Loud at the Older Americans Information and Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Centennial Hall in Fair Park, 1121 First Ave. in Dallas. Held in conjunction with Older Americans Month, this annual event includes free screenings, health information, live entertainment and prizes. Register by calling 214-794-3494 or visit DART.org/seniors.

GRAND PRAIRIE
Oasis of Appreciation for Teachers

Oasis of Appreciation for Teachers presented by CollegeMode Academy, 5:30-9:30 p.m., at Concorde Career College, 3015 West Interstate 20, Grand Prairie. Free prizes, giveaways, comedy, makeovers and other relaxing activities. Complimentary RSVP required for teachers at www.oasisofappreciation.com.

IRVING
Businesses invited to Midtown Express open house

SouthGate Constructors, the lead contractor for the Midtown Express project, will host an open house 4 to 7 p.m. May 18 at Christ Church, 1750 E. Airport Freeway to update residents and businesses on the progress that has been made to date on the \$847 million project, as well as what is still to come for State Highway (SH) 183, SH 114 and Loop 12.

LEWISVILLE
Members sought for Youth Action Council

City seeks civic-minded students for Youth Action Council

The City of Lewisville is looking for exceptional local teens with a desire to improve their community to serve on the Youth Action Council.

Members of this Council will advise Lewisville City Council members on youth-related issues; assist with special projects and events; research, assess, and evaluate existing youth

and community programs; design and plan new youth events and activities to encourage youth involvement in the community; and serve as ambassadors for, and inspire, other young people by completing service projects and sharing their stories.

A qualified applicant must be a Lewisville resident, a high school student in grades 10-12, age 15-18 as of September 1, 2017, commit to a term from September 2017 through May 2018, demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities, express an interest in learning more about their community, and be open-minded and willing to work with their peers.

Applications are available for download at city-of-lewisville.com/yac. Completed applications should be emailed to Assistant City Manager Melinda Galler atmgaller@city-of-lewisville.com by close of business on Friday, May 26. Completed applications also can be hand delivered to Galler's office at Lewisville City Hall, 151 W. Church Street.

Collin County Voters approve College's \$600 million bond package

Saturday, May 6 voters approved Collin College's \$600 million bond proposal to facilitate a long-range plan to accommodate the projected population growth in Collin County over the next two decades. "We are grateful for the

community's support of our vision for the future," said Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president. "Our master plan will now become a reality, allowing us to serve more students, residents and businesses than ever before."

With the passage of the bond issue, the college will address several priorities over the next five-to-seven years. Several new facilities will be built, including a public safety training center already under construction in McKinney.

Other projects include a technical center in Allen, a campus in Wylie, educational centers in Celina and Farmersville, and an information technology center at the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco.

"This is a win-win for Collin College and the community," said Dr. Bob Collins, board chair and founding member of the Collin College board of trustees. "The programs and facilities included in the master plan will enable

us to truly serve all of Collin County in the future."

For more information about the college's Master Plan, visit www.collin.edu/master-plan/.

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plan to host a fundraising gala to observe the historic decision and to announce a call to action, which she's titled, "Equal Education for All Based on the Brown Decision."

The event will be held at the Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage in Northwest, Washington, D.C.

"The problems remain and this event, this anniversary, comes against the backdrop of a significantly troubling retrenchment of access to education for African-Ameri-

cans, Latinos and other children," Marshall said.

She cited a Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights report that said there are numerous factors that appear to have combined to cause the rapid re-segregation of schools since 1991, the year her husband retired from the bench.

The courts began turning against desegregation plans in the 1980s—denying new petitions to desegregate schools, ending previous court imposed plans and even striking down volun-

tary plans created by local school districts, according to the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a diverse collective of more than 200 national civil and human rights groups.

Further, executive branch agencies topped the aggressive campaign to enforce the Brown decision and the Civil Rights Act that proved successful in the 1960s and 1970s, the Leadership Conference reported.

In a statement about the report, the Leadership Conference said that the rapid growth of the Hispanic and African-American popula-

tions and growing income disparities have increased the concentration of minorities living in high poverty districts.

Leaders from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and others plan to join Marshall at the historic event to celebrate the life and legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall.

"The NNPA reaffirms the living legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA. "We note this month the 63rd anniversary of the

landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision. Marshall utilized his legal genius and courage to win that case."

Chavis continued: "Today, it's important to reassert the critical importance of continuing to demand equal, high-quality education for Black American students and all students across the nation."

Marshall, she said that, she still gathers with the wives of former and current Supreme Court Justices.

"We're a big family, we call ourselves 'sisters,'" she said.

Those get-togethers, as

well as the success of her two sons—Thurgood, Jr., and John W.—serve to further validate her husband's legacy.

"Seeing his sons grow up to become adults—Thurgood, Jr. a lawyer; and John serving in civil service—has been a great joy," said Marshall. "My husband gave me and all of us a great life and his favorite slogan was something we've always lived by and I still live by today, especially when I think of the state of things in this country."

She said that slogan is, "Never give up."

NDG's 2017 Mother's Day Gift Guide

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

The second Sunday in May is the time Americans set aside to honor the backbone of most of our families: Mothers! It is a time to say thank you for everything the women who are often the center of our universe. Moms help to lay the foundation for how we see ourselves, and the world around us. We can often rely on our mothers to be our rock of support when that same world appears to turn against us.

While there is no gift available for sale that can truly repay our mothers, outlined below are a few gifts to consider which will perhaps to speak to her unique interests and favorite things.

Probably since the beginning of time, moms have been sharing favorite recipes and from there a passion has grown to collecting cookbooks. Two we suggest are actually on two opposite ends of the healthy eating spectrum. First, is **Big Bad Breakfast** by John Currence a James Beard

Award winner and Top Chef Masters Contestant.

The book features 125 recipes inspired by the dishes served at his popular restaurant in Oxford, Mississippi. With recipes that are described as hearty, you know this is not likely on the Weight Watchers plan. After all the cover features fried bacon and eggs in skillet with a rather thick slice of bread, most likely covered in butter. The southern flair shows up with the Chorizo Migas and Louisiana Crab Cake Benedict. If mama likes sweet and savory most likely the Sausage Cinnamon Rolls are the answer.

Now if your mother is trying to watch her figure, she might prefer **Pure & Simple: A Natural Food Way of Life** by Pascale Naessens. This book does not emphasis counting calories, but enjoying foods in their more nature state for



(At Left) *Lola by Tablescapes* is durable enough for everyday, but pretty enough for a summer brunch. (At right) *Moscow Mules* are quite the craze right now, but they were certainly taste better in this artisan crafted, Texas made copper mug by Sertodo Copper

an uncomplicated, but delicious meal. Naessens, a former model and bestselling culinary author in Belgium offers recipes such as Fish Wraps with Soy-Sesame Dipping Sauce or a Cajun Chicken Salad with Guacamole. So don't think this is just about celery and carrot sticks to be healthy.

Now if your Mom is the hostess with the mostess, meaning she loves to entertain, why not surprise her with a home cooked meal

for Mother's Day prepared by you – with a few bonuses. First, serve it on the **Lola 16-piece Dinnerware Set** from Gaia Tablescapes, which is made of stoneware in Green Sprout and Sea. The set is durable for everyday use, but decorative to fit summer dinners with friends. If she is more into modern metallic looks, it is also available in Flint, Brushed Gold and Molten Silver. Visit Wayfair.com for price and more details.

Since they are based in Austin, I can't exactly say #ShopLocal, but I can suggest #ShopTexas by treating your mother with a beautiful gift from Sertodo Copper of a set of the gorgeous **Moscow Mule Mugs** created by Master Copper Artisans based in Austin and Michoacán, Mexico. Any outdoor dinner party will be glammed up with set of mugs and the glorious

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The Tupac biopic is headed to Dallas for May 18 debut

Morgan Creek, Program Pictures and Codeblack Films, a Lionsgate company kicked off a mobile cinema tour on behalf of the highly anticipated biopic of hip hop icon Tupac Shakur, "The All Eyez on Me Experience" Cine-Transformer Tour at the Power 106 Powerhouse Concert in Los Angeles last week. The movie theater on wheels arrives in Dallas on May 18.

ALL EYEZ ON ME tells the true story of prolific rapper, actor, poet and activist Tupac Shakur. The film follows Shakur from his early days on the East Coast to his evolution into being one of the most recognized and influential voices before his untimely death at the age of 25. Against all odds, Shakur's raw talent, powerful lyrics and revolutionary mind-set propelled him into becoming a cultural icon whose legacy continues to grow long after his passing.



ALL EYEZ ON ME stars Demetrius Shipp, Jr. as Tupac Shakur alongside Kat Graham, Lauren Cohan, Hill Harper, Jamal Woolard and Danai Gurira.

In what they promise is an experience befitting a beloved, "larger than life" artist like Shakur, "The All Eyez on Me Experience" Cine-Transformer is a 53-foot, double expandable, state-of-the-art mobile cinema that will literally go di-

rectly to fans, offering them a special experience as it travels through various cities, from coast to coast.

The Cine-Transformer houses 91 seats, full projection and space inside for guests to enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of the movie. Outside, the vehicle features an outdoor video monitor and a creative space for fans to grab a selfie and share their experience on social media.

Of its premiere one reporter wrote, "Move heaven and earth to see this wonderful adaptation!"

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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

The 16th annual 24-Hour Video Race is slated for May 13

The 16th Annual 24-Hour Video Race, presented by The Video Association of Dallas, will commence at the Angelika Film Center in Mockingbird Station (5321 E Mockingbird Ln, Dallas) at 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 12. Saturday, May 13 is the Video Race and ends 24 hours later at midnight.

Anyone with a camera and the willingness to race can participate. Past teams have included elementary school students to professional filmmakers. Student teams compete against other student teams and adult teams are categorized by team size rather than skill level.

- Super-8 Division (10th grade and under)
- 16 MM Division (11th-12th grades)
- Animal House Division (college)



- One-Person Orchestra (individual adult)
- Old Enough to Know Better (team of adults)

Day-of registration starts at 6 p.m. Fri. May 12 at Angelika Dallas or register early on www.24hourvideorace.com or email info@videofest.org.

All participants must sign in by 11 p.m. Fri., May 12 at Angelika Dallas.

Once all participants have

signed in at 11 p.m., Bart Weiss, founder of Dallas VideoFest, will reveal the elements, which MUST be a part of each entrant's video.

All teams will be assigned critical elements, which must be used in every video created:

- one theme
- one prop
- one location
- one line of dialogue

and perhaps a surprise element.

Dallas film and video makers of all levels of experience are invited to participate in the race, both creatively and literally. Teams that do not make it to the finish line at midnight will not be included in the judging; however, they will all be shown at the screenings.

Now the fun begins for movie lovers

The screenings of the work of all the entrants will be Tuesday-Thursday, May 14-16 with the finalists screened on Monday, May 19 at the Angelika Film Center.

Team members should bring Race badges for admission to all screenings. (This includes teams who did not finish the Race.) Members of the general public can also at-

tend.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. The screening schedule will be posted Monday, May 15.

The winning videos are eligible to be screened on KERA-TV Channel 13's program "Frame of Mind" and will be featured on the website.

For information, visit www.24hourvideorace.com.

Food, Fun and more on the Menu for Taste of Irving slated for May 20

Everyone is invited to bring their hearty appetites to this year's Taste of Irving from noon to 6 p.m. May 20 at Cimarron Park Recreation Center, 201 Red River Trail.

Taste of Irving is an outdoor festival featuring family friendly activities and food from a variety of area restaurants and food trucks. The event also offers live music, a fun zone, a large craft marketplace, culinary entertainment and other attractions.

Inexpensive food items from more than 24 vendors can be sampled at the event. Each restaurant sells menu items for \$5 or less.

Enjoy cooking demonstrations and interactive presentations throughout



the day, led by the chefs and culinary students at the Art Institute of Dallas – International Culinary School.

During the event, be sure to stop by the City of Irving Spring Open House in the Multipurpose Room of the Cimarron Park Recreation Center. Guests will have the

opportunity to visit with City of Irving staff from several departments.

Taste of Irving is free, with complimentary off-site parking and an event shuttle bus. For more information, visit CityofIrving.org/1282/Taste-of-Irving.

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How to check your credit score for free



Dr. Daniel B. Prescott
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Most of us are on some form of social media these days. I'm sure many of you reading this have a Facebook account, a Twitter account and maybe even an Instagram account. Posting updates is a way for you to share what's going on in your life with your friends and family. People typically share photos, stories they've read and even inspirational quotes. As soon as the post goes live, what happens next? We sit back and count the "Likes", "Retweets" and "Comments" that come rolling in, tallying up the score as a form of bragging rights. "I got 125 likes on my last Instagram photo!"

What if we cared the same

way about the important things in life? What if we put the same effort into "Liking" a good credit score, earned by making smart, financially literate choices? Wouldn't that be worth bragging about too? I think so, and I'm here to tell you how to begin. Because you can check your credit score for free.

First, what is your credit score?

So what is a credit score defined? It's a number that represents your creditworthiness. Scores can also be referred to as credit ratings, and sometimes as FICO(r) scores, published by the Fair Isaac Corporation, and typically range from 300 to 850. A score of 300 is bad-really bad. And 800 is about as high as you can get. The U.S. consumer average is 637, which isn't great, but workable.

If you don't have even a passing familiarity with your own credit score, it's time you did. How many of you

could make an educated guess on your own score right now? Would it be below 600? Above 600?

Your credit score should be taken seriously because it defines your ability to borrow money for important things in life like buying a car or even securing a mortgage on a house or an apartment of your own. A good credit score means you'll borrow money at a lower interest rate, saving you tons of money over the lifespan of a loan. A good credit score also means you can secure and open a line of credit. Simply put, a good credit score means you're a safe risk to take when borrowing money for the things that matter in life.

Here's an added bonus—your credit report can also identify irregularities in your financial history which can often be rectified to your benefit going forward. For instance, you may have an

outstanding bill which you reconciled, but has yet to be removed. With proper documentation, you can wipe the slate clean. Credit reports are also good for turning up fraud and identity theft.

Here's how to find out where you stand. Consumers in the U.S. are entitled to one free credit report per year, but it must be requested from any of the big three credit reporting agencies. These include TransUnion, Experian and Equifax. But you can get started as simply as going to the website: www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling their toll-free number at 877-322-8228.

You should also know that, in addition to getting a free annual credit report, you're also entitled to see your credit report within 60 days of being denied credit. Your credit report is also free of charge if you are on public assistance, unemployed, or if your report is inaccurate.

Can you improve your credit score?

If you make smart choices with your money, you should be pleasantly surprised with your credit report score. These choices include the following: having a stable form of banking and positive account balances. Paying all of your bills on time or within the stated grace period. Resisting the urge to open unnecessary lines of credit, such as retail stores. Paying off the balance of all credit card balances each month. Someone who has done these things consistently over a period of time can expect to receive a score of 680 or higher.

If you've made poor financial literacy choices in the past, it's never too late to begin the clean-up process. But you must begin by ordering your own credit report and seeing for yourself what the current results look like. Think of it this way—if you're sick, you go to the doctor, get

medicine and get well. Treat the process of discovering your credit history the same way. Initially, you may not like what you see, but ignoring it won't solve the problem. Once you know the score, you can begin working toward building it up.

If you contact Transformance and make an appointment, we can walk you through the process step-by-step. We'll pull your report, assess the results and work with you to identify the reasons your score is impacted, while creating an action plan for improving it. Transformance is always available to answer your questions and assist you, either through our website or by calling 800-249-2227.

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program works, what they may encounter and how to handle certain situations. While building their case load, supervisors and colleagues are readily available to assist when needed. The program receives the majority of referrals from Parkland's 10 Women's Health Centers located throughout Dallas County.

Michelle Valdespino, RN, BSN likens her role in the Nurse-Family Partnership as that of a one-on-one version of the book, *What to Expect While You're Expecting*.

"Little by little we go through all of the different phases of pregnancy and then what to expect after the baby comes home," she said. "We discuss everything from labor and delivery to breastfeeding and what to eat to stay healthy. We also talk about the hormonal changes – the mood swings – that come before and after the baby is born. These are normal pregnancy changes, but we

want to make sure mom and dad know what is taking place."

For Stardette Furlough, RN, BSN, who has been with Parkland's Nurse-Family Partnership for just over two years, the most rewarding experience is seeing the children grow up and develop.

"I worked in a hospital nursery for several years and we'd see the babies when they were born and after two or three days they'd be discharged. Or, there would be a baby who was hospitalized and after they recovered, they went home and we never saw them again," Furlough said. "Now I have the opportunity to impact the lives of newborn babies while watching them grow up."

At a recent reunion of moms, toddlers and their nurses, several clients spoke of the special bond forged during their participation in the program.

"The program is very

helpful for a first-time mom especially during all the different phases that you go through," said Ariel Hornsby who attended the reunion with her 8-month old daughter, Leira. "It's nice to have someone to talk to who understands what you're going through and who can show you the ropes."

Although the May delivery of his son will mark the arrival of Cleo Ingram's third child, this is his first with his new love, Chalin Wright. Wright describes herself as an "older mom" who was filled with anxiety and almost didn't stick with the program, but after an initial meeting with her nurse she immediately signed up.

"Stardette [Furlough] has been incredibly supportive. She's told me not to be anxious and what I'm feeling is normal," Wright said. "But as a first-time mom, I didn't know what to expect or feel because it's all new for me. It's good to have that person who understands and can help you

through it."

The program has provided an added benefit for Ingram, too.

"It's brought us closer together," Ingram said of his partner Chalin. "We understand each other more and it's given me the strength to be more supportive of her and her needs."

"There are so many stories and positive outcomes from those who have enrolled in the program and stayed with it," said Beverly Merritt, RN, MS, supervisor of Parkland's Nurse-Family Partnership. "Dreams really do come true and you see it on the faces of the moms, dads

and in the smiles of their babies."

For more information on the Nurse-Family Partnership program, visit www.nursefamilypartnership.org. For information on services available at Parkland, please visit www.parklandhospital.com.

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How abusive bosses make themselves miserable

When leaders abuse their power over others, they end up feeling the negative effects, too, a new study suggests.

"We always think those who have power are better off, but having power is not universally or exclusively good for the power holder," says Trevor Foulk, who led the research as a doctoral student at University of Florida's Warrington College of Business.

Foulk and his fellow researchers found that leaders who acted abusively to colleagues had trouble relaxing

after work and were less likely to feel competent, respected, and autonomous in the workplace. The findings, published in the Academy of Management Journal, stem from surveys of 116 leaders in fields including engineering, medicine, education, and banking over a three-week span.

Rather than structural power—a leader's position in the hierarchy—the study looked at psychological power, or how powerful a leader feels, which changes as they move through the workday. When leaders felt

powerful, they were more likely to act abusively and perceive more incivility from their coworkers, which in turn harmed their own well-being.

"This flips the script on abusive leadership," Foulk says. "We tend to assume that powerful people just go around and abuse and they're totally fine with it, but the effect of power on the power holder is more complex than that."

Side-stepping the negative effects of power might require us to rethink the qualities we look for in a

leader. Foulk's study suggests that agreeable leaders—those who value social closeness, positive relationships, and workplace harmony—may be less susceptible to the misbehavior brought on by psychological power.

It's also possible that, over time, the consequences of psychological power are self-correcting. If a leader acts abusively, then goes home and feels bad about it, he or she might come back to work the next day feeling less powerful and behave better—a phenomenon

Foulk is studying for a future paper.

Although a boss who yells, curses, or belittles might not seem to deserve our sympathy, "they're suffering, too," Foulk says.

"Even though your boss

may seem like a jerk, they're reacting to a situation in a way many of us would if we were in power. It's not necessarily that they're monsters," he adds.

Source: University of Florida

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nity service initiatives, the Rho Nu Lambda chapter is an active participant in helping to resolve the social injustices that continue to plague Dallas and many other American cities. As part of this stance, Rho Nu Lambda, along with the Arlington-based Nu Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will co-host a panel discussion/ice cream social called "Cops on I.C.E." on Saturday, May 13, at the Univer-

sity of Texas at Dallas. During this event, local and regional law officials will openly discuss various community policing topics and how our local youth can positively engage law officials in our community and at school.

The chapter continues to partner with various local and national service organizations and programs such as Metrocrest Social Services, Upward Bound, North Texas Food Bank, Dallas

Life, Special Olympics of North Texas, and Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. Through its 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Onward and Upward Empowerment Foundation, the fraternity provides benevolence care and support to families in need and academic scholarships to local high school students. Through this foundation, the chapter also coordinates a federally funded mentoring program called Alpha Scholars, which aids in addressing the academic

needs, personal development, and cultural enrichment of minority male students in the greater Dallas area.

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Services are free and the

clinic can assist with the following matters:

- Legal counsel on starting and organizing a new business
 - Drafting or reviewing formation documents, contracts, or leases)
 - Legal advice regarding business permits and licenses, and other applicable laws and regulations
 - Referrals to lenders and other assistance programs
- Small Business Clinics

are held bi-monthly, on the third Thursday at 5:00 p.m., in conjunction with the East Dallas Legal Clinic. If residents need assistance before or after the Small Business Clinic, they can attend one of the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's other legal clinics held in the Dallas area several times each month. For a full listing of the clinics, log on to www.dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/get-help/.

Lone Star cards may soon require photo for use

This week the Texas Senate approved a bill that would add photo identification to the front of Lone Star cards. These cards are used to provide federal and state food and cash assistance to needy individuals, and work just like a debit card. SB 1443 author Senator Brandon Creighton of Conroe said that with so much money

being spent on these programs, Texas must do what it can to reduce waste and abuse.

"Increasing accountability through fraud prevention measures is a good policy and it serves all that are relying on the use of this card and these programs," he said. "These measures will ensure that benefits go to intended recipients and tax payer dollars are used for their in-

tended purpose."

The bill would also require Lone Star cards to feature the number of a fraud hotline that can be used to report suspected fraud. The new photo requirements would not apply to people over the age of 65, under the age of 19 or people who are blind, disabled or the victims of domestic abuse.

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cultural resources," Wolfe said.

Texas has the largest marker program in the United States with approximately 15,000 markers, and Dallas County is home to 378 Historical Markers. Of these 378 markers, The Hamilton Park Community is especially unique. As Patricia Price Hicks noted in her successful application, Hamilton Park tells the untold story of middle-class African Americans in north Dallas "Aware of a racially motivated African-American housing shortage in Dallas, philanthropist Karl S. J. Hoblitzelle and his foundation coordinated with the Dallas Citizen's Interracial Association to se-

cure funds for the purchase of a 233-acre site for the development of a planned African-American, middle-class community. Named for surgeon and civic leader, Dr. Richard T. Hamilton, the Hamilton Park community opened in May 1954 as a family-oriented community of two-parent households, with shared values, morals and traditions.

By 1961, the determined African-American men and women, some of whom returned to Dallas following brave service during WWII, completed the community with 742 single-family dwellings, an apartment complex, shopping center, a segregated twelve grade school, churches of differ-

ent denominations, and a park with a swimming pool, tennis court, and baseball diamond.

Today, Hamilton Park is a jewel in North Dallas, known as a quiet, stable, and responsible community with dedicated professionals, educators, clergyman, business owners, entertainers, scholars, and blue collar workers. The essence and pride of this historic community has been enriched as new generations, guided by the teachings of their parents and mentors, continue to serve in a variety of community and civic roles throughout Dallas County and the world." (Patricia Price Hick's 2016 Untold Marker Application to the Texas Historical Commission)

"When Hamilton Park was established in 1954, no one saw it as history or a great story, but that's exactly what it was," said Hamilton Park Civic League President Thomas Jefferson Jr. "The untold story might not have been told, or gotten this far, if it were not researched by the second generation, who wanted their parents, their educators, and their faith based family to know what Hamilton Park is and what Hamilton Park will always be."


With the support of the Richardson Independent School District Board of Trustees, The Hamilton Park Community Historical Marker will permanently reside at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet where the community's original, seg-

regated twelve grade school was located.

"Hamilton Park is a critical part of RISD's history and tradition of achievement," said Richardson ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Stone. "This historical marker, and the recognition that comes with it for this community, is very well-deserved. On behalf of RISD, we congratulate Hamilton Park on its rich legacy and look forward to our contin-

ued partnership in educating our future leaders."

Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel presented The Hamilton Park Community with a proclamation at Commissioners Court on Tuesday May 2, 2017, and the Community will celebrate with a dedication ceremony, unveiling and reception at the Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet, 8301 Towns St. at 2 p.m. Saturday May 13.



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May 17, 7 p.m.

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May 14, 8:45 a.m.

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May 17

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May 14, 10 a.m.

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May 15, 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 17, 7 p.m.

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May 15-21

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May 17, 7 p.m.

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A tribute to Godly mothers



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There are news reports describing mothers that are abusing, and killing their children because of the stress in their lives.

The news carried a story about three young children that died within the last three months by the hands of their mother.

Being a mother has never been easy, but especially in this day and time with self-imposed pressures, lack of moral values, leaving God out of lives, and just daily decision making.

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. My column this week is a tribute to all Godly mothers. Godly mothers are not just birth mothers; they are stepmothers and mothers that have adopted children too!

There are grandmothers and some great grandmothers, mother-in-laws and church mothers.

There are little old ladies in neighborhoods that help watch out for children.

Also, mothers that gave up a child for adoption be-

cause she believed (right or wrong) that it was better for the child to give him or her up.

There is no comparison to Godly mothers; may God continue to richly bless each and every one of them.

This Sunday, if you wear a red rose (for a mother who is alive) a white rose (for a deceased mother) or like I have done since my mother's death in 1984, no rose at all (at first because it was too painful for me to wear a white rose; and because I know that my mother is alive in Heaven.)

Thank God for your mother. No one else will love you more, or as unconditionally!

Mother, These Are the Gifts that I would Like to Give to You: A Heartfelt Thank-You for all of the things you do or have done for me. My Assurance that I really do remember the things that you taught me; and I always will. Plenty of Reasons for you to feel proud of me, which I will achieve by always striving to be, and to do my best. A Sincere Apology for any and all headaches that I caused you when I was growing up. A Gift Certificate of Love to be redeemed anytime, and as many times as you want for anything

that I can ever do for you. My Promise that no matter how far away from home that I may travel, you are never far from my heart. My Continued Commitment to our family and the values that you have taught me. My Recognition for all the great things that you have done in your life (not the least of which was me!) An Invitation to always be a

part of my life, and to never feel that you have to ask. A Bunch of Wishes that you have the peace, joy, and happiness in your life, which you are so deserving of. My Love forever and always. —Anna Marie Edwards.

I Love You, Mother: Mother, you have always been to me a blessing and an inspiration, giving me

security within your love. I know that I do not always follow the path that you might choose. I realize how much you wish to save me from the hurt of life, wishing for me to make only

wise choices. Your pride in me is one of my most valued treasures, and when you are disappointed in me, I hurt too.

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Sister Tarpley and company wish all mothers a Happy Mothers Day.

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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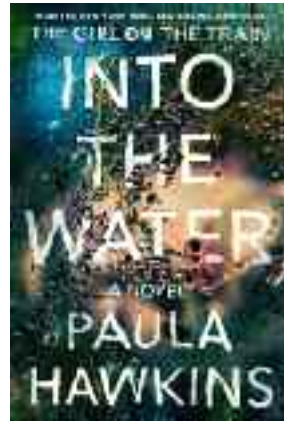
NDG Book Review: *Into the Water* is a novel lover's dream

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Row, row, row your boat. That's not the only way to get around in the water, but it could be the driest one going gently down the stream. Still, you must do it carefully, carefully, carefully, carefully because, as in the new novel, "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins, there's no merrily when someone dies.

Danielle "Nel" Abbott didn't jump.

Then again, maybe she did. Or maybe she merely got careless at the top of the cliff overlooking the river that locals called the Drown-



ing Pool, and she slipped. Everybody knew Nel was doing research on the Pool and the women who died there through the centuries, beginning with the teenager accused of witchcraft; Nel's own drowning in the Pool

would've been the last chapter.

For the people of Beckford, Nel's death might've been just another unfortunate part of the Drowning Pool legend, just a sad single mother who had too much to drink... except that Katie Whittaker went into the river just weeks before. Poor Katie had loaded her backpack with stones, and drowned herself one summer afternoon. Her family, of course, still grieved – as did her best friend, Lena, Nel's daughter, who knew exactly why it happened.

Jules Abbott hadn't spoken to her sister in years. She

hardly knew Nel anymore, not since they were kids, not since Nel betrayed Jules in the most horrible way. They'd never really been close anyhow, and that estrangement complicated things: as Lena's next of kin, Jules was faced with raising a fifteen-year-old she barely knew, a girl who seemed to hate her.

And so Jules began talking to the ghost of her sister. Nickie Sage, the "psychic" in town, said she couldn't reach Nel clearly, but Jules could. She felt Nel's presence in the house, in the town, by the river. She could hear Nel's voice, and the

words Nel wrote in her manuscript: "Beckford is not a suicide spot. Beckford is a place to get rid of troublesome women."

For the first many pages, reading "Into the Water" is a lot like looking up toward the surface from the bottom of a lake: everything's murky and slow and you really can't quite make out who or what you're seeing. Slowly, though (ever-so-slowly), author Paula Hawkins pulls readers up through the depths, character by clue, until we're grounded and panting from the adrenaline rush that is this novel.

Indeed, it's difficult to tell which is more heart-pounding: the eerie ghost-filled past that haunts Beckford, or the creepy residents who seem to know a little bit too much about one another. Both, perhaps, added to the universal fear of drowning, make this a novel that will literally keep you guessing (and shivering) until the very last chapter.

You may struggle with the beginning of this book, but stick with it. It takes awhile to get settled but once you do, this is the most unsettling book you'll read this spring. For you, novel lover, reading "Into the Water" is a dream.

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The keys are only \$6.99 and shipping is free, so not a bad idea to purchase a few others for graduation or birthday gifts.

Moms are generous to a fault often, and if they love

the outdoors they will be delighted to have a charitable gift given in their honor. **Klyde Warren Park is offering personalized chair plaques** for \$150 each and all proceeds being used to maintain its pristine greenspace and 1,300 free programs a year. They can be

purchased at KyldeWarrenPark.org.

If Mom does not plan to spend time in the kitchen on her special day, and perhaps cooking is not your specialty visit NorthDallasGazette.com for info on dining specials available around town this weekend.

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training, networking and investor events. Events will be held throughout the year including a U.S. Chamber of Commerce regional event on June 13; Women's Leadership Live, scheduled for June 25; community engagement opportunities for students; and Share Tank, a program that matches busi-

nesses looking to improve the community with non-profits that administer services in Irving.

Transformed Workspaces

The City of Irving Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Equipment and Building Services departments partnered on the project. Construction,

which began in January on the \$400,000 project, moved at a swift pace. The first and second floors of the facility were transformed to create a modern, industrial aesthetic. Some of the renovations include polished concrete floors and additional workspaces on the second level, light and dark gray interiors, remodeled bathrooms, up-

dated light fixtures and additional electrical outlets on the second floor. The facility also features electronic badge access for The Study participants through the use of an elevator or through a glass-enclosed staircase.

While the second floor is open only to The Study participants, the first floor is accessible to the public

and will include a coffee shop. Currently housed on the first floor are the Irving Archives and Ruth Paine House Museum Visitors Center. Future expansion of the first floor will include the Irving Museum and Heritage Center, which is scheduled for completion in late 2018. For more information on the facility, visit TheStudyUs.com.

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You have taught me through love an experience those things that make me who I am, and you give me the strength to believe in myself. You have shown me my ability to fulfill the potential that we all have. I may not always choose the easy path, and I may sometimes be wrong, but I have learned to make my own decisions, based on what I believe is right at the time – realizing that time may change my decision. Though you may not always understand my actions or my deeds, please know in your heart and soul that you, dearest Mother, are important to me.

Regardless of the path I walk, I will always respect your judgment, though I may not always accept it as my own. I love you, Mother, and I only hope that I can give to others as much of myself as you have given of yourself to me. – Teresa L. Cornett.

Please feel free to use anything you see in this column to use as a basis for you to pay a tribute to your mother.